



# Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh-USA

*In witness to God's love,  
Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh-USA (LHCB-USA) supports  
the work and growth of Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB)  
in providing health care and community development for the  
people of southern Bangladesh with a focus on women and children.*



## The Need in Bangladesh

- 156 million people living in an area the size of Wisconsin (population 6 million).
- A woman is 100 times more likely to die in child birth in Bangladesh than in Minnesota.
- An infant is 10 times more likely to die at birth in Bangladesh than in Minnesota.
- Half of the children under 5 years of age are malnourished, and 1 in 6 children will die before the age of 6 years.
- Adult literacy rates are significantly low especially in the rural areas: 50% for men and 33% for women.
- Nearly half the population lives under the poverty level for the country. 36% live on less than a dollar a day.

## The LHCB Story

- In 1992 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) commissioned a study to improve Christian/Muslim relationship in the world community. The health care needs of the poor women and children of rural southern Bangladesh were identified as most needed and most underserved.
- In 1994 LHCB was established by the ELCA and a consortium of Lutheran Churches in Minnesota. The first patients were seen in a rental property in the village of Dumki in 1995, and the hospital opened in November, 1997. Shortly after, the community development programs began serving the women, children and families in the surrounding villages.
- LHCB continues to be the only Christian mission in southern Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country where 83% of the population are Muslim, 16% Hindu and less than 1% Christian.
- LHCB is a living example of God's word in action: Christians living and working together with Muslims and Hindus in an area where some of the world's poorest people with the greatest needs are served by the fewest missionaries and resources.

For more information about

**LHCB-USA**

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# Our Work in Bangladesh



## Health Care

- 44 bed hospital (women & children's ward, male ward)
- Operating Room
- Labor/Delivery Suite
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Outpatient Department with Immunization Room
- Medical Staff (including 4 doctors and 15 nurses)



## Community Development

- Mobile Health Clinics
- Primary Health Education and Gender Awareness
- Traditional Birth Attendant (midwife) Training
- Training for vegetable gardening; poultry & livestock rearing; fish ponds
- Primary School with a focus on ESL

## What can your support do?

LHCB's operations are funded primarily by LHCB-USA and the ELCA. LHCB-USA is funded by our church partners and by individual donors, whose support accomplishes so much.

- \$25 will pay for the training of a Traditional Birth Attendant (midwife) who will help village women have safe deliveries and healthy babies.
- \$45 will pay a senior nurse's salary for 1 week.
- \$220 will pay for a c/section and hospital stay for a mother and her baby.
- \$500 will pay the full costs for medical and laboratory supplies for 1 month.

We need your support now more than ever to expand our outreach to our brothers and sisters in Bangladesh. Together, we are transforming lives through health care and education.

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore,  
the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*

*Matthew 9:37-8*

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