

# Aloshikha Centre, Bangladesh



New dental surgery building



The Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic

**Aloshikha Rajihar Social Development Centre** serves an area with a population of approximately 10 to 12 million people. The communities in this area regularly face natural disasters. Most people are poverty stricken and illiterate; working as low-paid labourers, fishermen or cultivators. There is very little awareness of health care, hygiene, sanitation or especially oral health care.

**Aloshikha** was founded 22 years ago to serve and work towards the well being of under privileged people; supporting the holistic development of the poor and landless people in the rural marshlands of Southern Bangladesh. In 1997 Aloshikha received a grant from the Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh to establish a small community clinic. Recently, seeing the developments made at Aloshikha, the Japanese gave a further grant to upgrade facilities and extend the clinic. Aloshikha now runs an extensive rural health programme including, The Maria Mother & Child Health Care Clinic and ten satellite clinics.

**The oral health needs** in this area are critical, especially among children, due to poverty, lack of awareness and lack of education on oral health issues. Of the 1100 children enrolled in Aloshikha's pre-school programme in 2011, 30% are suffering from dental caries and 10% are in constant oral pain. Aloshikha are attempting to address this issue by providing all the children with toothbrushes and toothpaste four times a year and providing oral health education. However, with no dental equipment the clinic is unable to offer any proper dental treatment to help those in pain. The grant given by the Japanese has funded an extension to the clinic to house a dental surgery.

**Dentaid** wish to supply a full surgery and ongoing support to Aloshikha in order that they can properly care for the oral health needs of their patients and give much needed pain relief to many people.

## Please sponsor Aloshikha's dental surgery

Full refurbishment and supply of one surgery	£3000
Crating and shipping to Bangladesh	£700
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3700</b>



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