

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Thanarbaid Clinic, Bangladesh

A rural health movement, promoting health for all people by the people

In their own words

'Without this programme, diseases such as malnutrition and diarrhoea would be rampant in this region.'
 Thanarbaid Health Care Programme website



Bangladesh factfile

Capital: Dhaka
Languages: Bangla (official, also known as Bengali), English
Religion: Muslim 83%, Hindu 16%, other 1%
Export: garments, jute and jute goods, leather, frozen fish and seafood
Life expectancy: 63 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Bangladesh

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The Thanarbaid Health Care Programme (THCP) is the only source of healthcare for tribal and Bengali communities in the northern district of Tangail, in Bangladesh. Set up 26 years ago by the Church of Bangladesh, the programme is providing basic healthcare training in an impoverished rural area. The basic problems of malnutrition, diarrhoeal diseases, worms, pneumonia, mother and child health, TB, peptic ulcer and anaemia are aggravated by the impending epidemic of AIDS, and the new epidemics of diabetes and poison from

drinking water contaminated by naturally-occurring arsenic. The poor suffer the most. So healthcare must be simple and low cost, and the poor must do it themselves. The aim is health for all. The beneficiaries and staff are all local. Patient fees cover 6 per cent of total costs, the balance coming from donations. 'As the poor come forth to be the driving force for change, so those with means come forth to join them for its empowerment and sustainability!' Your donations to this Project will help ensure that this vital work can continue.

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