



PROGRAM UPDATE: HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Your Impact: Helping Children out of Poverty

Worldwide, 333 million children live in extreme poverty. Poverty is more than a lack of money; it limits children’s access to healthcare, education, nutritious food, clean water, and more. Living in countries caught in conflict, in places impacted by extreme weather events, or in places where education is inaccessible increases the likelihood that children will experience the impact of poverty.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries’ child development model seeks to holistically address key aspects of a child’s life—spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social. Through this model, children gain skills and opportunities to interrupt the cycle of poverty, dream about their futures, experience God’s love in tangible ways, and grow into the people God created them to be. This looks different in each center as the centers strive to meet the particular needs of their community.



Holistic care for children at centers like the one Aakashi* attends aims to provide children the skills and support to flourish within their communities.



There are child development centers in **36** countries across the world.



14,378 children are cared for through child development centers worldwide.



Staff and volunteers work **15,337** hours weekly to provide children with holistic care.



There are **10,340** active children in the child sponsorship program.

Children find success in Bangladesh

Worldwide, NCM helps to support 213 child development centers. A number of those centers operate in the country of Bangladesh. After the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, the child development programs in Bangladesh particularly emphasize emotional development, guiding children to become confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals as they grow. This year, 57 students in grade 12 have successfully graduated from school.

Aakashi* is a student at a child development center in Bangladesh. When she started, she didn’t know how to read or write. But as time passed and she regularly attended the center, she grew academically and was accepted into a public school. She now completes her schoolwork with honors and is in 8th grade. Things have changed at home, too, through the ministry of the leaders of her center. Her father’s attitude and countenance have changed, and he has begun to pray and seek God. Aakashi’s family is very grateful for the ministry of her development center.

**Child’s name is changed for safety.*