

## Inclusive Support Program for Marginalized Communities

In Bangladesh, vulnerable groups such as the third-gender community, physically challenged individuals, and elderly citizens face systemic exclusion, economic insecurity, and social neglect. The third-gender community struggles with identity-based discrimination; persons with disabilities often lack access to income and care; and a growing elderly population is exposed to poverty, isolation, and health deterioration. A structured, compassionate approach is needed to ensure these groups live with dignity, independence, and hope.

### Objectives:

1. Promote **social inclusion and economic empowerment** of the third-gender population.
2. Support **physically challenged individuals** with tools for self-reliance and basic services.
3. Ensure **elderly care** through food, health, and shelter via Old Home Service.
4. Foster a **dignified life** for marginalized communities through sustained support.

### Interventions by Category:

- **Third-Gender Support (3,000 people \$275):**  
Vocational training, small business grants, and social acceptance campaigns.
- **Physically Challenged Support (5,000 people \$300):**  
Assistive devices, livelihood skills, micro-grants for adaptive income activities.
- **Elderly Rehabilitation (Old Home Service) (1,000 per year \$500):**  
Food, medical care, psychosocial support, and dignified residential care.

### Budget Overview & Yearly Breakup (5 Years)

- Program Duration: 5 Years
- Total Beneficiaries: 13,000 individuals
- Total Budget: \$4,825,000
- Equal Annual Allocation: \$965,000 per year
- Implementation by: Education and Development Research Council (EDRC)

Component	Unit Cost	Total Beneficiaries	Total Budget (5 Years)	Year 1 (US\$)	Year 2 (US\$)	Year 3 (US\$)	Year 4 (US\$)	Year 5 (US\$)
Third-Gender Support	\$275	3,000 (600/year)	\$825,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000
Physically Challenged Support	\$300	5,000 (1,000/year)	\$1,500,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Elderly Rehabilitation (Old Home Service)	\$500	5,000 (1,000/year)	\$2,500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	—	13,000 persons total	\$4,825,000	965,000	965,000	965,000	965,000	965,000

### Appeal for Support:

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