Empowering Trans-Gender People Through Social Business

Vision / Mission:

- Dignified employment opportunity and respectful work environment for neglected trans-gender segment of the population.
- To empower Transgender people in **Sadar Ghat**, **Sutrapur**, **Dhaka** area to build economic stability through employment or business development.



Examples of handicrafts:

Clay showpiece, candles, jute bags, embroidered pillow cover, bed sheets, table mat, jewellery box etc.



Business objective:

Manufacture handicrafts items by training employees to produce different products to be sold domestically in Bangladesh and exported to various vendors abroad.



What is the social problem?

- Stigma, social exclusion, and discrimination are givens for transgender people in Bangladesh
- Undignified treatment and lack of employment for trans-gender in our society makes them unable to earn a dignified living.
- Trans gender resort to begging and hassling people on the street and during big occasions such as weddings, births, etc. for money.

How can it be overcome?

 Provide dignified work environment and employment opportunities for trans-gender by training them to produce handicraft items.

Employment opportunity:

- Exclusively hiring trans gender so that they may participate in the economy through employment opportunities.
- Initially hiring 25 employees.



Similar businesses:

- A replica of this business model already exists in Brahmanbaria.
- Beauty parlors around Dhaka tend to employ some trans-gender people.

Social Impact:

 Improving the livelihood of a neglected segment of the population and improving their social standing.

How do you measure social impact?

- Semi-annual independent survey of employees to find out about working conditions and general well being of the labor force.
- Improvements made in working conditions based on survey.



Locality:

- The trans-gender people usually stay in groups.
- They usually are located in various areas of Dhaka namely: Shampur, Sutrapur, Demra, Azimpur, Khilgao, Dhamrai, Hatirpool and Mirpur.

Project Location:

- · Gazipur, Dhaka.
- Project will start on a trial basis and include 25 people from various areas.

Marketing:

- Various departmental stores around Dhaka region.
- Long term plan: To attract foreign market for export

What is the investment size?

Investment Size: 50.00 Lacs

Land & Building: 35.00 Lac

Office Equipment: 5.00 Lac Working capital: 10.00 Lac

Source of fund:

Searching for Investor.

Break Even Point: 1 st Year

Pay back period: 3 years