

## Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program

Anabaptists Partnering with SIM-Bangladesh

Helping Provide Water Fit for Life

**BEFORE IT'S  
TOO LATE!**

Bad news for this small farmer!

Jahangir arrives at the clinic with a warm smile for the doctor. At first sight you can't tell anything is wrong. Then he lifts his shirt. There are pus and blood coming from a bandaged open wound. The doctor seeing him says nothing much can be done except refer him to a cancer specialist.

Jahangir, age 45, is a poor farmer. He describes his slow deterioration from a once-healthy young man. It started out with dried, cracked skin, often painful, on his hands and feet, gradually developing marks on his chest and back; then more significant wounds on his feet and these wounds on his chest and side. He lost strength, lost energy, lost weight, lost the ability to work. And with that, lost his family's income! It is questionable how much can be done about his skin cancer.

This is what the arsenic program, run by SIM Bangladesh, which we as former MCCers help support, tries to keep from occurring. It tries to warn people that arsenic is a silent poison. Arsenic is not immediately visible, but when it accumulates in the body, it can cause a variety of fatal diseases.

Today, we pray that the program will reach those who need it most before it's too late. We also hope that, through your prayers and support, this program can reach even more areas before it's too late.

We sincerely appreciate your support for the Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program (APPP).



### The APPP program – Where does Money Go?



We want to make it clear what happens to money that is donated to the arsenic project.

Money goes directly to helping people that are dealing with arsenic in the 50+ villages where the program currently works. All donated money goes to the project. All our expenses, including travel and purchasing crafts to sell in support of the project, are exactly that – our expenses.

Examples of what donated money does (US dollars):

- Annual screening for 10 patients: \$25

- Kit to test 50 wells: \$70
- Household filters for 10 households: \$200 (filters last 5 years or more)
- Project worker monthly salary: \$300

Here's an approximation of what is being done over a two-year period (this is expected to increase, as the fall 2023 expansion area continues to build out):

- Water Tests: 4,500
- Water Filters: 2,100
- Medical Exams: 1,700
- Education Sessions: 1,600

We are dedicated to seeing the new expansion project continue and serve more people, helping them escape the ravages of arsenic in their lives and keep families together. Many families lose loved ones and/or have members suffering physically and mentally.

## Who we are and what we do

As former workers with an Anabaptist group in Bangladesh, we are partnering with SIM-Bangladesh on a long-term project to help many more people escape the ravages of arsenic poisoning in drinking water in the south of the country.

## Will you partner with us? Donation Information:

To make donations to this project, use the information below to give online, or by mail or phone to your country's SIM office. By phone or check, **be sure to specify Project #98335 Bangladesh arsenic**. Although all donations are welcomed and needed, the project could especially use recurring donations, to provide long-term stability. Donations are tax deductible.

**SIM USA:** 704-588-4300  
14830 Choate Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28273

### Online donation details:

<https://www.simusa.org/give>

- Under *Give to a Missionary or Project* click *Give Now*
- In the *Select Designation* box, type 'arsenic' and select the project
- Select your contribution amount
- If desired, check 'make this an ongoing monthly gift'
- Fill in payment details & your info, then click *Submit Donation*

**SIM Canada:** 1-800-294-6918  
10 Huntingdale Blvd.  
Scarborough, ON M1W 2S5

### Online donation details:

<https://www.sim.ca/ways-to-give>

- Click on *Donate*
- Select *Give Once* or *Recurring*
- Enter donation amount
- In the *Designation* box, type 'arsenic' & select the project; then click *Confirm Selection*
- Click *Next* & follow the remaining prompts