

# Oasis Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, Oasis wants to see young people leading, growing and impacting the lives of others, through both business and community based projects.

Since starting work here in 2003, Oasis staff have set up a technical training centre for a local partner, are working with children at risk in the heart of a Dhaka slum (Duaripara), and have recently established a new transformational business.



The vision is to expand business activities and to start a range of community and social justice initiatives.

## Oasis Transformation Ltd



Oasis Transformation Limited is a new commercial, transformational business committed to excellence, innovation and a passion for social justice and environmental responsibility. The company will employ people from marginalised communities in which Oasis is working, and draw on renewable resources in Bangladesh in a way that is positive for the environment.



The company is located on the edge of a Dhaka industrial area, where many young people are at risk of exploitative labour. In Bangladesh, up to 35% of young people are either unemployed or underemployed.

With technology transfers from India and China the company will produce quality bamboo products, using material from rural areas, and processed by urban slum dwellers. Research is also going on in the areas of Jute, Solar Energy, Food Processing, IT and Management Consultancy.

## Oasis Community Programmes



Oasis will be registering a not-for-profit organisation in Bangladesh during 2008. The plan is to start-up initiatives addressing the following issues.

**Exploitation of garment factory workers**—Girls as young as 10 years old work in garment factories. Oasis will start a training unit that will enable women to get better jobs and encourage girls to continue their education.

**Human trafficking**—Each year thousands of vulnerable people are trafficked out of Bangladesh. Oasis is taking a leadership role in the Stop the Traffik campaign and expects other projects to follow-on from this.

**Children at risk**— Children on the streets, in the slums or working as domestic helps face many challenges and are at risk of abuse or exploitation.

**Leadership Development**—Oasis will work with emerging leaders in churches, organisations and businesses.



## More Information



- <http://www.oasisbd.org/>