

## **Appeal for emergency assistance for one of our own and for the victims of recent communal violence in Bangladesh**

Dear Jexcaites of North America:

Shelly Bhabi, widow of our Late Jexcaite Aminul Islam (JCC 2nd Intake, Cadet No. 82) and their son (Tahsin) were severely impacted by the recent tropical storm Ida flooding of New York (in Astoria) in September. They lost all their belongings and had to walk out of their apartment empty handed in clothes they were wearing and had to take shelter with friends.

After a lot of calling around and a visit to the nearest FEMA field office they got emergency housing at a hotel. FEMA declared their apartment unlivable. Their hotel allowance is set to expire 31st October and their application for Section 8 housing will take 2-3 years. Any suitable apartment will cost them \$1000 more than what they were paying before or they can afford to pay. We are, therefore, asking the community to lend a hand so that we can help with this extra cost so that our Amin bhai's family can live in a decent apartment for at least the next six months. We will continue to monitor their progress in securing long-term affordable housing. If needed, we may ask you to step up again.

As we take care of our own Amin bhai's family, we must also pay attention to the victims of recent communal violence in Bangladesh. During the recent Durga Puja celebration, violence broke out in multiple places in Bangladesh including Choumuhony of Noakhali, City of Cumilla, Hajiganj of Chandpur, and Pirganj of Rangpur. These are violence against humanity and caused by no fault of those communities. In this violence many families have lost their homes and livelihoods. JEXCA NA denounces these violent acts and would like to help the victims. JEXCA NA will likely partner with another US non-profit, Ankur in this effort. Ankur has already raised close to \$40k and will widen and deepen the services they have already planned with our funds. Planned services include building houses for 60 families, providing food, cash, and purchasing livestock. The goal is to bring these back to their normal life or better. Let's show our empathy and compassion for these victims in our motherland.

We have set a target of raising \$20k for these causes. If we surpass our goal, JEXCA NA will save extra funds in the general charitable pot and the EC will disburse them for any future charitable causes the community desires to support.

Please visit the [JEXCA NA Charitable Fund page](#) where you can find the JEXCA NA Charitable Fund Policy and make your donation through PayPal. You can also send your contribution directly to the JEXCA NA bank account through Zelle. You can find JEXCA NA Inc. in Zelle with the phone number, (214) 796-7851.

Both these causes are emergencies and need your contribution fast. Please act accordingly. Let's surpass our target by the end of this month, October 2021.