



Mad about Cricket ... in Bangladesh!

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Together Making a Difference has recently teamed up with the Jersey Cricket Board to donate cricket equipment to children attending schools in vulnerable communities within Kurigram district, Northern Bangladesh. The schools received numerous bags of soft and hard ball equipment including stumps, bats, balls, batting and wicket keeping pads.

Helen Wilson, Chairman of TMAD said “wherever you looked, children and young people found open spaces to show off their cricketing skills. Adults and children were so thankful for the equipment given by the JCB. It was an honour to see the joy and delight on the children’s faces”.

JCB Cricket Development Manager, Lee Meloy added “We were delighted to be able to assist Helen and TMAD’s ongoing work within Bangladesh. I hope the donated equipment can inspire young cricketers to take up the sport we love”.

Bangladesh is a cricket-crazy country, but since being elevated to the top level of the game in 2000 it has struggled to beat a top-ranked team. However in recent times this has changed by defeating England in both the 2015 World Cup and the second Test, to the huge delight of locals.

A large part of this achievement came from 19 year old spin-bowler Mehedi Hasan Miraz. Who despite coming from a very underprivileged background became the vibrant new face of Bangladesh cricket helping his side secure a memorable victory over England amid much national celebration.

Helen Wilson said “the donation of various equipment gives a great deal of hope and aspiration to many Bangladeshis. The benefit is immeasurable and greatly appreciated by the community.”

TMAD has already supported young families throughout severely flooded areas in Northern Bangladesh earlier this year. It is looking to provide some basic education for many of the poor children in the area. TMAD is grateful for the generous support that Jersey locals have given through money and clothing for babies and young children.

Fundraising is on-going with Marks and Spencer bag-packing and car washes planned as well as other fundraisers to assist this very poor community.

The final Car Wash of the year has a Festive theme and will be on Saturday 3rd December between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at St. Brelade’s College. Further details can be found on Facebook.

About TMAD

TMAD is a Jersey registered charity. Its specialism is education although this year help was requested for needy communities affected diversely by the floods in July/August. TMAD was established in March 2015 and was inspired by the opportunities provided by the JOAC Community Projects in Bangladesh in 2012, 2013 and 2015. For more information, please visit <http://www.togethertmakingadifference.org.uk> or find us on Facebook.

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