

## সূত্র৮১ র (১৯৮১-৮৩) সমাজসেবা মূলক প্রকল্প

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### FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

#### 1. What is the purpose of this initiative?

- To assist starting or continuing education of children of our **financially challenged sutro81 friends**.
- This is NOT a donation or help. This is a '**student loan**' without any interest or provision for penalty, and the recipient of the loan will return the money after completing education and securing a job.
- The loan can be repaid in convenient installments and time, so that it won't be a burden to the borrower.
- Also, students will be eligible for merit scholarships. Based on each year's GPA, a portion of the student loan can be converted into scholarships.
- This project is NOT designed to support emergency medical needs which may need (unusually) large sums of money. We have a separate program and fund for that purpose.

#### 2. Why is it a loan, NOT a donation?

- The leadership team believes that we should treat our friends with dignity and respect. Taking donations from friends MAY make some 'not so fortunate' friends feel they are at mercy of their old good friends. Those kids may NOT feel parity with other fortunate kids.

#### 3. What is the contribution amount? Can I pay more?

- Each sutro81 family member will pay NOT more than **500 Taka per year**. You can pay less, but NOT more.
- If you want to pay more, there is a separate fund in sutro81 which can take your generous contribution and make best use of it. Please contact the Sutro81 EC team to learn more.

#### 4. Why can't I pay more than 500 Taka?

- The project has multiple purposes.
- We want to come forward as a sutro81 family where we are all equal stakeholders of this initiative. Leadership team believes that 500 taka is an amount which all sutro81 family members can contribute.
- We want to see our collective strength of doing something good together.
- We are a 300+ member team and we can raise One Lakh fifty Thousand taka per year which would be good to carry out the student loan program.
- Leadership team will never call you to request or collect your contribution. The contribution is entirely voluntary.

**5. What is the duration of the project?**

- a. First phase is a 4 year project. Based on the outcome of the project, we can all decide the future of the project.

**6. Can I pay my 4 year contribution in a single payment now?**

- a. Yes.
- b. You have to mention that so the record keeper can keep track of it.

**7. What if we can't reach our target of One Lakh fifty thousand taka?**

- a. Actually, there is no target. It is just an idea.
- b. If we can't reach the 'target', we will distribute the loan as much as we collect. If we raise, say One Lakh, we will come up with a plan to disburse one lakh.
- c. But the leadership team strongly believes that the 'target' can be reached.

**8. How will you ensure confidentiality of my contribution or participation?**

- a. Only two or three sutro81 friends in charge of maintaining funds will know about who contributed. It is their sacred oath that they will NOT share the info with anyone.
- b. At the end of the campaign, a few key members from the leadership team may look into the campaign result and may contact some of you to survey (if you contributed, why you did and if you did NOT, why you did NOT). That will NOT be tailored to solicitation of fund raising. It will be used to address the issues or concerns our sutro81 family members may have.

**9. How will I get an update about the campaign?**

- a. There will be 3 sutro81 friends in charge of the fund management.
- b. You will get a 'Thank You acknowledgement' note (in WhatsApp/Messenger/FB/Text msg) from one of them after you make your contribution. Only 3 will know about your contribution.
- c. At convenient intervals, one of them (in turns) will send a group message in WhatsApp/Messenger/FB/Txt about the total collected fund status.

**10. Would the information of the loan/scholarship recipient be public?**

- a. Yes.
- b. Leadership team will share the amount of loan/scholarships and recipients' identities with the sutro81 family (in WhatsApp/Messenger/FB etc).
- c. Leadership team believes that since it is a public fund and each contributor has the right to know every detail.

**11. What else if I don't agree with the leadership team?**

- a. Leadership team will try to carry out the duties bestowed upon them to the best of their ability. Again, you may contact the team with your concerns.

**12. How will the leadership team ensure the recipients are genuine?**

- a. Leadership team will try their best to gather all the necessary information to make the correct decision. Also, you have to understand that we are all friends trying to assist our friends and we can't act like a police and find every detail. Team will act in good faith and it will expect the recipients will also act in good faith. We all have to have some trust and respect for each other. It is NOT a huge amount of money and we should become too cynical about it.

**13. What are the major roles of the leadership team ?**

- a. Will work to create awareness of the project among sutro81 friends.

- b. Will decide the loans and scholarship amount, and recipients. The team will do due diligence (also known as 'jachai bachai committee') and make the final decision.
- c. It will publish the decision in WhatsApp/FB/Messenger etc.

**14. How do we ensure the money will be returned?**

- a. Sutro81 will NOT have any tool to get the money back from the recipients. The onus will be on the recipient to return the money when he/she will get a job and will be in a position to return the money at a convenient/comfortable pace.

**15. Would someone call me to solicit contributions?**

- a. No.
- b. At the beginning of the project you may get a phone call or some social media knock to let you know and learn about the project.
- c. If you know about the project, the caller will NOT solicit contribution. Your contribution is entirely voluntary.
- d. We also want to learn how many friends contribute voluntarily for a cause which we all want to believe is worth being part of.
- e. After some surveys, the leadership team will make some corrective action plans for future projects so that more friends become enthusiasts about sutro81 projects.

**16. How can I be part of this initiative?**

- a. Please reach out to the leadership team and share your thoughts and your scope. We always welcome our friends' enthusiasm in any sutro81 project.
- b. As a member of the sutro81 family, please reach out to friends you know, talk about the project, make them aware of it and bring them under the big sutro81 umbrella if they are not already. That is the single best thing you can do as a sutro81 family member.

**17. How is the leadership team formed?**

- a. Some early participants of this project selected some members with track records of doing voluntary work.
- b. The team tried to create a diverse group of friends so that all groups (science, arts, commerce, local, dormitory/hall, gender etc) are included in this leadership team.
- c. ***The leadership team believes the 'leadership team' will change every year with new leaders taking the roles and the responsibilities.***
- d. In case volunteers for the leadership team are not found, the current team will continue, if they want.

**18. Can I become part of the leadership team? If yes, how?**

- a. Yes.
- b. Please contact the current leadership team and explain the role you want to play and become part of the team.

**19. Can someone outside Rajshahi College 1981-83 batch get assistance from this initiative?**

- a. No.
- b. At this time, it is solely for the sutro81 family. We may revisit in future whether we can launch another project to help any Rajshahi College alumni, and then outside of Rajshahi College.
- c. If we pull out this project as a successful one, we believe that other fraternity groups of Rajshahi College and beyond will come forward and follow in our footsteps.

**20. Can we invest this fund and assist students from investment income?**

- a. Leadership team does NOT believe they have the resources and expertise to make a sound investment at this time.
- b. Also, the fund is NOT large enough to invest and serve the purpose of the initiative from the investment income.
- c. If we come to a point when that kind of situation arises, the leadership team will certainly revisit in future.

**21. Can this loan/scholarship privilege be revoked in case of breach of contract?**

- a. Yes.
- b. The leadership team will have authority to revoke in case of breach of contract (like providing false or misleading info during securing loan/scholarship, change of situation etc).