

## 115,000 students complete primary education under UCEP

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Established in 1972, around one lakh and 15 thousand students have completed their primary education under UCEP (Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs). Of them 14 thousand have completed technical training and 17 thousand are employed in various companies till 2003.

UCEP, a leading NGO (Non Government Organisation) of the country is involved in promoting the rights of child workers in Bangladesh.

Currently the UCEP operates 30 general schools (from class one to eight), three technical schools and three para-trade training centers (short term training) around the country. The total enrollment of UCEP stands at 24,000.

Coming from different slums of the city these distressed children get training on automobile, electronics, air-conditioning, printing, carpentry, tailoring and garments and textile at its Mirpur center free of cost. Moreover the UCEP gives Taka 200 to each male student as transport cost and provide transport facilities to the female students.

Some foreigners from Australia and Japan are working here as instructors along with the home instructors.

The UCEP also expands its schools and technical training centers to Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi besides Dhaka. UCEP is now working to achieve its mission to raising the socio-economic condition of the urban poor to a level that they can effectively participate in the national development with enhanced capacity and dignity.