New School for Around 200 Children in Bangladesh: PERI Supports Joint Project

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Weissenhorn/Augsburg, November 20, 2026. A new learning environment for around 200 children is being built in rural northern Bangladesh. The PATRIZIA Foundation and PERI, together with local organization MATI, are supporting the construction of a new primary school in Huzurikanda. The existing building, constructed in 1999, is no longer safe, putting the school at risk of closure.

PERI is contributing €150,000 toward the construction of the PATRIZIA Eco Primary School Huzurikanda. The designated donation will go to the RTL – Wir helfen Kindern Foundation and from there will be allocated to the PATRIZIA Foundation project. The donation handover was broadcast live on television as part of the RTL Donation Marathon.

Existing School Has Reached Its Limits

The school was originally established at the request of women from the surrounding villages. Their children had repeatedly been turned away from public primary schools, often because families could not afford informal payments. Many households of day laborers and smallholder farmers live on around €80 per month for a family of approximately five.

Today, the school's existing facilities have reached their limits. The walls are cracked, and some temporary classrooms have no windows. Meals for around 170 children are prepared outdoors, even during monsoon season, and the children eat sitting on the veranda floor. At the same time, the school is the only one in the project area that accepts children with disabilities and provides them with targeted support. For the 20 children with disabilities currently attending the school, there is no alternative.

Safe, Accessible and Adapted to the Local Climate

The temporary structures will be replaced by a two-story reinforced-concrete building, while parts of the existing structure that can still be used will be integrated into the new school. The new facilities will include five primary school

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classrooms, a preschool, a day-care facility for children with disabilities, a library with a digital learning area, a multipurpose room, as well as a kitchen, dining area and sanitary facilities. The ground floor will be elevated and fully accessible.

Rather than relying on air conditioning, cross-ventilation will help maintain comfortable indoor temperatures. The building will use locally produced eco-bricks with a high clay content, while a solar power system with battery storage will provide electricity. Rainwater will also be collected and reused. Materials, skilled trades and labor will be sourced from the region.

The school's approach to teaching is also evolving. By 2028, it will transition to the child-centered "Essence of Learning" approach, focusing on understanding and real-life experience rather than rote memorization. The gardens, fields and ponds of the neighboring EcoVillage will become part of the learning environment.

PERI employees are also supporting the project through their own fundraising initiative, contributing to the construction of the new school.

Long-Term Commitment to Education

For PERI, Huzurikanda is part of a long-term commitment to education. The family-owned company aims to enable the construction of one school per year in the Global South through 2030. In December 2025, a second school was opened in Kenya, also in partnership with the PATRIZIA Foundation.

Together with MATI, the PATRIZIA Foundation will support the Huzurikanda project from planning and construction through the school's day-to-day operations and will remain involved for at least 25 years after completion. This long-term commitment helps ensure that the school can continue to operate sustainably.

"Education is the key to equal opportunity," says Christian Schwörer, CEO of PERI. "As a company with deep roots in the construction industry, we are therefore committed to supporting the development of schools in the Global South, with the goal of enabling one new school every year through 2030. In Huzurikanda, children will have a safe place to learn, including children with disabilities."

"PERI is a partner we can rely on, and we are very grateful for that," says Astrid Gabler, Chairwoman of the PATRIZIA Foundation. "Together, we are creating a safe and accessible place in Huzurikanda for children who have no place at other

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schools. Once construction is complete, we will continue to support the school for at least 25 years, helping to shape the lives of an entire generation."

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About PERI

With a turnover of € 1,862 million in 2025, PERI is one of the largest manufacturers and suppliers of formwork and scaffolding systems. With around 10.000 employees and over 140 warehouse locations in more than 60 countries, the family-owned company with headquarters in Weissenhorn (Germany) serves its customers with innovative system equipment and comprehensive services relating to all aspects of formwork and scaffolding technology.

*The **PATRIZIA Foundation** was established by Wolfgang Egger in 1999 and has since provided more than 800,000 children and young people worldwide with access to quality education, healthcare and a safe environment, giving them the opportunity to lead independent lives. The Foundation aims to reach one million children and young people worldwide by 2030. All KinderHaus projects are supported for at least 25 years. Guided by its mission of "Building Better Futures," the PATRIZIA Foundation works with local partners to build and operate schools, vocational training centers, children's hospitals and other infrastructure, helping to create sustainable social structures. The Foundation guarantees that 100% of project donations go directly to its KinderHaus projects and benefit disadvantaged children and young people.*



Andreas Mayer, Head of Corporate Sustainability at PERI (second from right), and Wolfram Konz from RTL (right), joined by celebrities for the donation handover.

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