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Internationally-recognized photographer Shannon Eckstein has spent six weeks touring through flood-ravaged rural Bangladesh. Shannon travelled to remote regions of the country to photograph the project areas of Bangladesh NGO Friendship.

Friendship's main project focuses on a floating hospital which accesses the poverty ridden chars, monsoon-created silt islands, which are cut off from the mainland by rising water levels and flooding. Friendship provides several programs for these rural areas, including health care into remote villages, an education program for illiterate children and adults, a sustainability program to encourage livelihood training, rehabilitation of devastated areas and disaster relief.

Shannon's descriptive images provide an intimate look rural Bangladesh and the role Friendship plays with empowering these peoples.

For more information about Friendship: www.friendship-bd.org

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