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CROSSCOUNTRY'S SERINA SET FOR BANGLADESH CHARITY TRIP

A CrossCountry employee is all set for a heart-wrenching trip to Bangladeshi capital Dhaka as a volunteer in the city's slums and orphanages.

Serina Badhan, a Customer Relations Consultant based at CrossCountry's Birmingham headquarters, will be making the two-week voluntary trip to Dhaka on Wednesday 1 April and will be accompanied by six other volunteers from her home city of Derby.

Serina, 26, said: "I've heard so much about child poverty in Bangladesh and I wanted to help in some way. Therefore travelling to Dhaka, which is one of the world's most densely populated cities, is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I can't wait to go. When I'm there I will be helping in an all-girls orphanage during the day but also working with the homeless into the late evenings."

Serina added: "The Dhaka region itself has a population of 12 million people and has an extremely high poverty rate. So I hope that I can help in any way possible during my two-week stay and make a difference to the lives of the orphans and homeless people in Dhaka's slums."

CrossCountry, one of Britain's largest rail franchises, has also donated a number of items for Serina's trip which include caps, pens and other useful items for the Dhaka orphanage.

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**Please find notes to Editors, CrossCountry facts and figures below.
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Notes to editors

- Pictured is Serina Badhan at CrossCountry's Cannon House headquarters
- CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The rail franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk
- CrossCountry is part of the Arriva group which operates transport services in twelve European countries, employs more than 40,000 people and provides more than one billion passenger journeys every year. For more information about the Arriva group visit www.arriva.co.uk

CrossCountry facts and figures:

STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 293

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,700

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: 0820 Aberdeen to Penzance (774 miles)