

Giving it all back

There's still time to buy what Money considers the best Christmas card ever - one that donates 100% of the purchase price to the charity.

Started 28 years ago by British Airways flight attendant Pat Kerr, the Sreepur Village charity - two hours north of the Bangladesh capital, Dhaka - cares for up to 100 destitute women and 500 abandoned children.

The charity helps fund itself from the sale of beautiful Christmas cards handmade on the site. At its heart is a facility that produces high-quality paper from locally grown jute, which is then dyed in vibrant colours. The cards are decorated by women from the local community in return for a living wage that helps financially empower them.

British Airways, a long-term corporate



Helping hand: the Sreepur cards

supporter, flies the cards to the UK for free, where volunteers distribute them. It is the only card that can make the

100% donation claim. Guardian Money visited the site in 2009 and can confirm the money is being well spent.

As well as taking in abandoned children, in the past few months Sreepur staff have been on the Burmese border helping the 620,000 Rohingya people forced to flee Myanmar. With aid agencies providing food and shelter, Kerr and her team have been providing the women, many of whom who arrived with nothing, with much-needed sanitary products and nappies for the children.

● Each Sreepur pack contains 15 cards of three different designs and costs £14.25. For more information and to order, go to Sreepurcards.org

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