

Dear Family & Friends,

With your support, Sehberg Trust has been able to carry out a number of activities in 2012-2013 and is moving forward towards achievement of its defined organizational goals of contributing towards provision of Health, Education and Social Justice to underprivileged communities in Pakistan. Here is a brief overview of the current and future activities

Race for Survival

Committed to its goal of "Bridging the gap between rural and Urban Children", VK facilitated the participation of twenty boys and girls aged 11-13 in a marathon at Islamabad Sports Complex to highlight the issue of malnutrition on World Food Day, 16th of October, 2013. They were among the 100 children who joined 20,000 children in over 40 countries in a marathon relay, calling on world leaders to take immediate steps to tackle child mortality and malnutrition. The race was organized by Save the Children in collaboration with Child Rights Movement (CRM), Pakistan.

Trip to Islamabad

Twenty five boys and girls from different schools in rural Khanpur were taken on an exposure trip to Islamabad where they visited Fatima Jinnah Park, Faisal Mosque and Daman-e-Koh. It was the first time for many of the children to leave their village and it is hoped that the exposure will provide the children with more confidence, openness of mind, a desire to excel and achieve a better quality of life.



Racing for Survival: Team Purple from Khel Khel Mein



Visit to Daman-e-Koh, Islamabad

Bachon Ki Chopal: A platform for knowledge sharing

A cohort of about sixty children is being trained in Health, Social etiquette, Religion, Sport, English language and general knowledge in an informal manner using audio visual tools. Three local teachers have been engaged for this purpose. These children belong to the poorest of families and are socially excluded. Thirty five of these children performed at the annual school event in January and amazed everyone with their confidence and talent. The platform provides opportunities to the rural children to show case their talents through quizzes, Spellathons, sports and plays.



Children welcoming the guests at Annual Day

Sehberg Sunshine: Merit based scholarship programme

Ten schools have been identified from a rural area of Pakistan and scholarships are offered to the best three students of each school not only for their books, uniforms, transportation but also for extra coaching in Mathematics, English and Computers. This is a continuous process and our aim is that these kids should complete their professional education. In order to integrate Urdu Medium students of rural areas into mainstream professions like medicine, engineering, teaching etc the Trust is supporting a couple of identified brilliant students in their 10th – 12th grade who will be supported until they complete their professional education.

Bag Distribution amongst bright students

In June, eight schools in rural Khanpur and Taxila were approached in order to identify position holders in Primary Schools with the objective of acknowledging the effort made by these brilliant children and to focus future activities of Khel Khel Mein on them. Of these four were public schools while four were private. In total fifty-four students received Certificate of Achievement as well as a school bag as recognition of their endeavor. Twenty one of these students were girls while twenty seven were boys. The children were thrilled to be acknowledged in this manner and a record increase has been seen in the number of children visiting the Park at Mohra Moradu following this activity. Many of these children have become members of the library at the Park, Khul Ja Sim Sim.

A brilliant young boy from a very poor family in a remote village of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is being supported by the Trust to study in an Army Public School. Although coming from Urdu Medium School, he has competed well with his peers and has performed very well throughout the three years during which he was provided support. He is now the House Captain of his school and is waiting for his board results. His aim is to become a computer engineer and one day support his family of seven of which he will be the only bread earner.



Recipient of Certificate of Achievement and School Bag

Need based Scholarship for socially excluded children

This category includes orphans and victims of rape, assault & domestic violence. Our aim is bring these unfortunate children in the main stream regardless of their academic achievements.

A victim of gang rape in a remote area of Pakistan is being provided financial, emotional and educational support by the Trust. The victim is now in a boarding religious school of high esteem where she is taking a one year Taleem e Quran course. This course is a part of her rehabilitation plan as reading Quran gives her the much required strength to fight with her sad circumstances. Her aim is to become a nurse or a doctor one day.

In a family of five daughters and two sons, the father murdered his wife and the mother of their children in front of their eyes. This trauma resulted in disruption of the studies of youngest girls and acute depression. The youngest two sisters are being supported in their studies and getting counseled for depression.

Support for poorest of poor

Twenty families have been identified to be the poorest in the area and are being supported through provision of food and clothes. These families are again socially excluded and dependent on others for three meals a day. Most of these families are headed by widows who have no one to support them financially and are struggling to run their families.

Future Plans

Future plans include electrification of the park and construction of a building for a computer lab. Both initiatives are essential for providing children with quality education. We appeal to you to contribute generously for any of these activities close to your heart. These children and many more need your help in making their lives easier by offering opportunities for education and health. We feel that our Zakats do not usually reach the real deserving Muslim brothers and sisters and that is why we make a lot of effort to identify exactly such people who are way below the poverty line. Please confirm your commitment and send the funds as per your convenience to the following account or give it to the focal person as per our website.

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