

Thaakat Foundation

Jam Chakro, Karachi, Pakistan

About Thaakat Foundation: Thaakat Foundation is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization, aiming to empower, inspire and promote charitable giving and volunteer work among students and young professionals, while pushing for curiosity and care of global society. We transcend cultural and religious boundaries to create a network of individuals that looks to this organization as a project of their own; where no matter your race or creed, you are united with a group of people that share a similar desire to help. Thaakat is a non religious, non political organization.

Project Support Request: Dreams for Kachra Kundi

Where:

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This is a land surrounded by mountains in a village known as Jam Chakro village which is about 20 kilometers away from the main city of Karachi. More than 300 families are living on this land. Here, garbage from the city is dumped by trucks around the clock. All of the inhabitants of this village are engaged in collecting recyclable items like iron, copper, bones, plastics etc from the garbage and they earn their livelihood out of their collections. Every member of the family i.e. husbands, wife and their children (all old and young, minors etc) are engaged in this business.

Students:

Currently there are 440 students attending our school site to receive an education every day. We started the school by building from the ground up. Initially we had 9 classrooms and 250 children (2011), today we have 15 classrooms and 440 children. We are looking to add another 12 classrooms as there are many children from as many as 8 kilometers away who are requesting attendance.

Approximately 40% of the children are female and 60% are primary school age children.

Other facilities:





In addition to education we have a volunteer doctor, Dr. Sultan, who reports to the site to work with and treat children. Not only are children receiving an education, they are taught to keep their face and bodies clean.

Due to extreme pollution, an unhygienic environment and the nature of occupation of the people living in the wastelands they easily become victims of diseases like infection, eczema, wounds, cuts, Gastrointestinal problems, hepatitis and Asthma etc. We provide free medical treatment to all people in need suffering from illnesses due to the atmosphere of

their living arrangements.

When the garbage is burnt, smoke and poisonous gases emit in the atmosphere which is damaging to the people in this area.

Empowering Women through Our Projects

Awareness to help curb violence is just a part of the goal. We hope to bring 'Break the Silence' full circle so that our projects also create a foundation for empowering women in the communities we support.

8th grade student from 'Dreams for Kachra Kundi,' Shaheen [wrote to us this year](#). She wanted us to know the kind of struggles girls in her community face every day for the right to an education.

Rema is a 6th grade student at the same school site. After enrolling in classes, she showed up to class in tears. Our site principal pulled her aside and found she had a broken arm.

Her brother had broken her arm as a punishment for attending classes.

The mentality towards the progression of literacy and education for females is so backwards especially in poor areas. Elders perceive a girl who wants to get an education as a child who wants to SPEAK OUT against the rules. In fact, she is just trying to gain the ability to SPEAK UP for herself.

"Everyone has dreams. I too want to have a dream. These dreams are only possible through an education. When I receive that education and I start to reach my goals, I know that I will be inspired to continue to receive more learning.

I will want to set new goals. In the future I want to be able to teach other girls. I want to help those girls whose families are also stopping them from receiving an education." *Shaheen*



Our principal meets individually with families to ensure that all have an appropriate understanding of the need for educating their little girls. Our school is making strides—currently 40% of 440 students are female. The safety and future of these girls is of our utmost priority. He has met with both Shaheen and Rema's family to ensure that such issues will no longer continue.

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