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of CDSS

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empowering the girls around the
CDSS locality by providing them skills
to enable them earn good income
for improving the standard of living
for their families

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إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

At this moment of grief
BCCIANs
offer their heartfelt condolences
to the family of
Saiyed Swaleh Naqvi
the revered ex-President and
Chief Executive Officer
of former BCCI.

The **BCCIANs** in 72 countries
of the world owe their sincere
admiration and thanks to
Mr.Naqvi for his gracious guidance
and leadership.

May Allah rest him with eternal
peace in Jannah. Aameen.

Mission Continues



**Sui Southern Gas
Company Limited**

Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd,
provided financial assistance to
Centre for Development of
Social Services for procurement of
Furniture, Computer Equipments
and Library Books under its CSR
initiatives for 2018-19.

This support from SSGC will go a
long way and we look forward to
SSGC's support in the years ahead
to make CDSS more sustainable.



TWIN JOURNEYS

SIMILIAR DESTINATIONS



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Korangi Academy is a unique educational institution in Pakistan that provides quality education and enhances career opportunities for the talented and deserving children of the underprivileged families. Education is the birth right of every citizen of Pakistan and it can play a vital role in the socio-economic development of the country. The Academy serves as a model institution to educate, enlighten and empower the youth of Pakistan.

We believe that if we can transform the life of even one individual in a meaningful way, it can have a positive and far-reaching impact on the family, community and the nation.

As an institution driven by both a mission and vision towards bringing quality education within affordable reach of underprivileged communities, the Korangi Academy's values align closely with those of the Aga Khan University Examination Board (AKU-EB). It thus serves as an ideal example of the type of educational environment that AKU-EB targets as a priority.



100%
result in SSC I & II
for the year
2018-19

RAMEEZ ALI

Second position in Humanities Group SSC — 2019

Subject-wise High Achiever in Business Studies — SSC I 2018

"I failed in Grade 8; this failure taught me the lesson to learn from my mistakes and improve my performance. I aim to become a Chartered Accountant; therefore, I opted for Humanities group in SSC, as it also gave me an opportunity to study my favorite subjects: Business Studies and Accounting. I consider my continuous hard work, dedication of my teachers and encouragement from my parents as motivating factors to achieve good results and most forward in life.

Programmes offered by AKU-EB at
Korangi Academy since 2015



Middle School
Programme
(MSP)



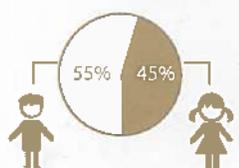
Secondary School
Certificate
(SSC)



Higher Secondary
School Certificate
(HSSC)



634
Students registered
with AKU-EB



Gender-wise breakup

KORANGI ACADEMY IS AMONGST
THE TOP 30% OF THE
BEST PERFORMING AKU-EB
AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.



- ◇ LOCATION
Ibrahim Hyderi
- ◇ POPULATION
1,045,815 approx
- ◇ STUDENT LEARNING
ACHIEVEMENT
Poor
- ◇ PRIMARY OCCUPATION
Fishing

"Illiteracy is a disease that can be cured"

Light in the darkness



AAMIR HASNAIN, GRADE 9

Hailing from Dadu district of Sindh, Aamir Hasnain is part of a small group of boarding students who not only attend classes at the school by day, but also reside on campus. Aamir arrived at the Korangi Academy with a very basic understanding of English. Three years later, his vocabulary had improved significantly, and he now speaks with eloquence and confidence.

His home and family are his source of strength. They represent a key focus of his determination to succeed in his studies and serve his community.

"Illiteracy is a disease," he says. "it can be cured. Education has taught me ethics and morals. If I received top grade in my exams but had no ethical sense and positive character, then nothing else would matter. *Insaaniyat ki zaroorat hai* (There is a need for humanity!) Education without humanity is like a body without the soul."

"Every day is a chance for new opportunities"

SYED ARIJ KAZIM, GRADE 11

In many ways, Syed Arij Kazim's journey from childhood to adolescence has mirrored that of the school he has been enrolled in for the last 13 years.

"Like me, Korangi Academy was newborn when I enrolled," laughs the 16-year old student. "My parents were so intrigued by the campus when it was being built that they decided to send me here."



For Arij, every day at school is a chance for new opportunities. "Mathematics is my favourite subject," he says. "My teachers are brilliant. Their instruction style makes me love the subject and they are willing to explain any concept to us, no matter how many times we ask."

However, Arij is also clear that the impact his studies have had on him extend beyond the classroom.

"There must be free education for everyone. I hope that one day I can help ensure children in this world never have to give up their dreams."

"A woman can do anything!"

Determination begins early

ALISHBA TARIQ, GRADE 9

A woman is able to handle her house along with her job, exclaims Alishba Tariq. "She can be a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother. A woman can do everything, and I don't understand why people think they cannot handle an office job or a career in medicine. I want to be the type of person who proves girls can stand alongside boys in any field." At the age of 13, Alishba has already decided that societal biases will not stand in her way.

"As the eldest child in my family, I am already under pressure to set a good example for my siblings," says Alishba

Fittingly, her favourite subject in school is Biology, due to its scientific process of inquiry: "I detest rote learning; it is impossible for me! Biology is a conceptual subject, which is why I enjoy it so much. Every medical student I meet tells me that the process of becoming a doctor is difficult, but I love difficulties and challenges."

"My favourite project was digital storytelling," she says proudly. "I learned how to use new types of software for the first time, and was able to develop my own digital story. I narrated the story of Aladdin and the Magic Lamp in pictures; my father was impressed by how much I was learning!"

In a moment of self-realisation, she summarises the key goal of her studies: "Right now, I am learning how to learn. These are the foundations that will guide me and my fellow classmates throughout our future."



ALVINA RASHEED, GRADE 10

I believe it is wrong to think that girls shouldn't receive education. They should go to schools just like boys, and there should be more schools in underprivileged areas. When I am older I would like to donate to schools that give free education, scholarships for disadvantaged students.



Solid foundation laying in initial years is the key to good higher education.



More students with their teacher

TESTIMONIALS

Our pursuit of quality led Korangi Academy to the affiliation with AKU-EB



"In founding Korangi Academy, our objective was to uplift the community in this area by providing them with a school that was not only equipped with good infrastructure, but also capable of providing the best education.

Nazim F. Haji S.St.
Chairman Management Committee - CDSS

"I have observed that under the training and guidance provided by AKU-EB, Korangi Academy's teachers have had their capacity developed considerably. The same is also true for our students, who are actively encouraged to develop their reading, listening, and observation skills under the AKU-EB system".



Asma Nasir
Principal, Korangi Academy

It is always a thrill to see Korangi Academy's students continue to excel year after year, doing so well under AKU-EB



"AKU-EB's mission to bring quality assessment and education to underprivileged communities would not be possible without strong partnerships that are built upon a foundation of mutual respect and trust. In this regard, the Korangi Academy is one of the model examples of institutions that have worked alongside AKU-EB towards the ultimate benefit of all involved educational stakeholders"

Dr Shehzad Jeeva
Director, AKU-EB

"AKU-EB's believes in a holistic approach towards educational development, as well as working closely with its stakeholders. Korangi Academy stands as an example where this synergistic relationship has resulted in the uplifting of educational standards and enhancement of student achievement, thus empowering surrounding communities".



Dr Naveed Yousuf
Associate Director, Assessment, AKU-EB



NBP PLANTATION DRIVE



The National Bank of Pakistan (NBP), as part of its CSR initiatives, has been ardently supporting the educational projects of the Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS) since July 2013.

As NBP's partner in its CSR efforts, it has become clear to CDSS that NBP is fully committed to running the bank as a sustainable and responsible business.

At our request, NBP agreed to sponsor Neem trees as well as fruit trees to establish an orchard. Under this scheme CDSS planted trees including Neem / Guava / Banana / Injeer. CDSS hopes that NBP will continue as a partner in all of its social service endeavours.



CONTRIBUTION / CHALLENGES

Every social service project or intervention has its unique challenges. As CDSS is located very near to the sea coast, there is generally a brisk breeze and small trees planted need protection to achieve proper growth. This adds to initial care and overall management cost.

CDSS partitioned an area of around 2.5 acres for planting of fruit trees, whereas the neem trees have been planted on the main roads of the project as per its approved Master Plan.

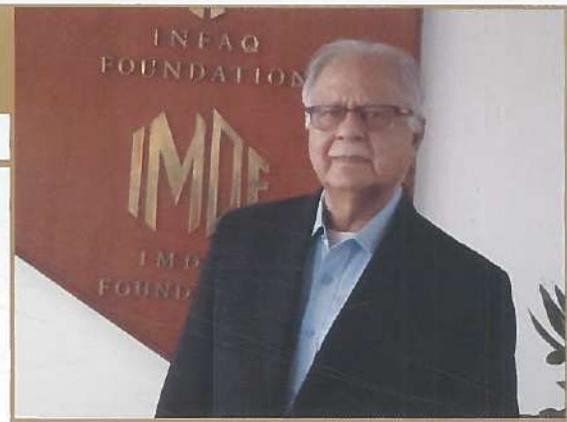
NBP's interest in sustainability and improvement of green environment at CDSS is indeed commendable. The bank has shown genuine interest, beyond words, by initiating and contributing to our efforts, for which we are immensely grateful.

CDSS's ultimate objective, viz a viz plantation, is to achieve high level of sustainable greenery at its site. It is aiming to make it a model to be emulated by others as well as serve as a 'green pocket' in an area plagued with high levels of pollution of every conceivable type.

| Existing Trees at CDSS | | NBP Contribution | |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|
| Neem | 270 | Neem | 200 |
| Lignum | 250 | Guava | 50 |
| Cheeku | 75 | Banana | 55 |
| Khajoor | 12 | Injeer (Fig) | 20 |
| Imli | 20 | | |
| Eucalyptus | 15 | | |
| Coconut | 10 | | |
| Conocarpus (periodically being replaced by Neem trees) | 650 | | |

Swaleh Naqvi – Visionary, Patron and Philanthropist

Adil Ahmad - Freelance writer



Swaleh Naqvi worked and lived during an exciting but testing time in Pakistan's economic evolution.

He was a banker who had learnt his craft from a visionary and innovative patron – Agha Hasan Abedi.

A caring family man, Swaleh Naqvi raised and tended to not only his own nine children (four sons and five daughters), he also cared for, trained and groomed a thousand young men and women transforming them into skilled and confident members of the extended UBL and BCCI families.

Being Agha Hasan Abedi's second-in-command in the BCCI hierarchy, he was peerless and priceless. When called upon to fill his chief's boots he must have felt a bit tentative and shaky, since that was a time of great stress. But he proved himself not only a brave leader but also a trusting benefactor for his grace, generosity and altruism touched many hearts and benefited many individuals and organizations. His spirit of philanthropy was never abated.

I had the rare privilege of meeting the icon of the corporate world in 2011 when introduced by Pervez Iqbal of BBCL, himself a BCCI veteran whose love and loyalty to his mentor shone through brightly. The narrative that unfolded following subsequent interactions with the great man was his exceptional resilience and courage in the face of adversity of the worst kind. He stayed true to his calling and successfully negotiated the most perilous path of his career.

In his post-banking life, Swaleh Naqvi embraced with missionary zeal the noble cause of education and welfare of the people through BCCI's INFAQ Foundation. It remains a beacon of hope for both the poor and destitute as well as for those who are on course to reach the stars in their noble

enterprises – people and organizations such as Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Science and Technology (GIK), Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology (FAST), Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT), Orangi Pilot Project (OPP) and many other beneficiaries, institutions and individuals.

The depletion of INFAQ Foundation's resources post BCCI was a matter of concern for Mr. Naqvi and his team, since people's need for services had increased exponentially. Even during this period, Swaleh Naqvi's determination remained unshaken. He always spoke with passion about the INFAQ Foundation and its work. He used to remind us that the word 'Infaq' has appeared in the Holy Quran which meant: "to spend for the benefit of the people".

Many widows and orphans, destitute families, writers, authors and a host of others bereft of education, health and employment, continued to be the beneficiaries of INFAQ Foundation.

Dr. Adibul Hasan Rizvi pays tribute to the INFAQ Foundation in these words: "INFAQ was the first organization to recognize and support the kidney transplantation program in the country. The Foundation is the finest example of sponsoring the transfer of high technology for the benefit of the people of Pakistan, particularly the underprivileged members of the society."

Agha Hasan Abidi had provided enough capital for INFAQ Foundation making the income from the endowment quite significant.





He had disclosed: "at that time BCCI had three branches in Pakistan, and instead of transferring their profits to the BCCI Head Office in Luxemburg, we donated them to the INFAQ Foundation. The endowment, therefore, became considerable and was invested in risk-free Government Securities."

The Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS) was made a reality in the year 2004 with the undeterred commitment of Swaleh Naqvi for a number of years when he used to sit in a tent to monitor the progress of the CDSS.

Swaleh Naqvi belonged to a breed of individuals who are destined to enjoy an exalted position in life in terms of credibility, respect and affection of the people. Such selfless people now seem to be becoming extinct.

If our society is to be rescued from the brink that it now stands upon, tottering precariously, then it is imperative that the example of Swaleh Naqvi and his like is narrated in order to inspire the present and future generations and kindle in their heart the spirit to redouble the efforts to make Pakistan a strong and vibrant country.

May God bless Swaleh Naqvi an exalted place in heaven. Aameen.



Reorganization of ICTLC

ICTLC previously being managed by Behbud, now operates under the Social Welfare Department of INFAQ Education & Training Centre (IETC) with effect from 1st July, 2018 and the women empowerment facilities as well as services are being extended to the community independently.



IETC Social Work Department

IETC, parallel to its academic activities has special focus on field work for community development. For effective delivery of such services, IETC has established a Social Welfare Department, with well qualified and dedicated staff.

Short Courses

In addition to regular work, IETC also organizes short courses for the academic and professional development of community girls. These courses include:

1. English Language development
2. Computer (in collaboration with Intel Pakistan I-Earn Pakistan)
3. Domestic Budget Management (Workshops).
4. Health & Hygiene (Workshops)
5. Hundreds of girls, teachers and students have benefited from the above services of IETC

INFAQ Community Health Centre – ICHC

ICHC was established in 2001 to provide healthcare services to members of communities and students of CDSS as well as their families. It has now grown into a fully-functional primary healthcare centre, catering to the needs of the surrounding population. The Centre provides consultation/medical check-up by professionally qualified and experienced doctors, medicines, basic lab tests, tuberculosis treatment, immunization, and eye treatment in collaboration with Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT). Average of 262 patients visit the ICHC daily who avail these services for a token fee of Rs. 30.



Facilities/Services

1. Consultation/medical check-up by professionally qualified and experienced doctors.
2. Patent medicines.
3. Basic lab tests.
4. Treatment of TB.
5. Immunization.
6. Eye clinic in collaboration with Layton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT).
7. Referral arrangement with other charity and government run hospitals (Indus Hospital, Civil Hospital, Jinnah Hospital, LRBT, etc.).
8. Free medical camps.
9. Periodic Health Awareness Seminars / Discussions for communities members.

Extended Teachers Professional Development Scheme

IETC is a women empowerment project. Its comprehensive working system creates empowering opportunities in education, income generation, vocational training and paradigm shift, through counselling. Since its inception in 2003, Infaq Education and Training Centre, initiated different projects to empower women and so far thousands of women / girls have benefited from these projects. It is an ongoing process as every day, new success stories increase the number of beneficiaries.

Community Counsellors Scheme

Counselling is a process which has staged great changes in the world. Inevitable clashes, near wars, bitter disputes have been avoided by the process of counselling. It can be very effectively used to change the mindset of people.

To further strengthen our endeavors, a counselling scheme was started on July 26, 2007, on the advice of Co-Chairman, of Infaq Foundation, Swaleh Naqvi Saheb, with the following objectives, to use counselling as a change agent to have a positive impact on the community.

1. To make community members aware of the measures that should be taken to improve health and hygiene.
2. To encourage skill learning and using the skills for economic advantage.
3. To encourage education, particularly amongst women.
4. To stimulate self-reliance.

The pilot project turned out successful, and it convinced all the concerned quarters that it had the required potential to be taken up as a "FULL-FLEDGED PROJECT." The project was started with six girls to work as counsellors. Two teams were formed having three members each. Team one was based at ICHC to help and guide female patients, whereas team two conducted house visits in the vicinity of CDSS.

CDSS Micro Finance Fund Scheme

In 2015, Infaq Foundation introduced a new scheme (micro-finance facility) through IETC Social Work Department as the point of disposal. The purpose of the scheme that started with Rs.250,000 later increased to Rs. 400,000/-. It is to encourage community members of CDSS projects to attain self-reliance by employing their talent and acquire skills. More importantly, if some of the beneficiaries of this facility become successful in what they are doing then their success stories will attract many youngsters. In turn they will take the same route that is polish their talent and acquire skills.

The scheme is very popular and has been successful and the repayment has not defaulted.

Visit by Dawn News TV Channel Team



Mr. Mubashir Zaidi, Mr. Wusatullah Khan and their team from Dawn News TV visited CDSS to cover the activities of Centre for Development of Social Services. It was on air in their programme "Zara Hut Kay"



12th Interschool Declamation Contest

At Korangi Academy we strive for excellence be it Academics or extracurricular activities. Public speaking is one genre where we want to witness the young minds excel, which is why we have a legacy of holding Declamation Contests.

The 12th Interschool Declamation Contest was held on October 3, 2019 at CDSS. The highlights of the event were the unique and captivating rounds that kept the distinguished Chief Guest, judges, our honorable guests from the head office and not to forget the young and energetic participants engaged throughout the competition.

Judges were invited from nonparticipating institutions and the students of Korangi Academy do not take part in the contest to ensure neutrality.

The themes of the contest were chosen to develop understanding of socio-economic, cultural and political issues among the students and to direct their energies towards creative thinking and positive approach to make them the agents of change.

Following schools honored us with their participation and were much appreciated by a large number of guests, parents and other dignitaries who attended the competition.

List of Schools

1. Al-Muratza Girls Branch
2. Habib Girls School
3. BVS Parsi School
4. Mama Parsi School
5. The Aga Khan School Garden
6. Happy Home School
7. Nasra Malir Campus
8. Nasra Korangi Campus

The judges were Mr. Ali Binjani from AKU-EB, Ms. Sania Iqbal from AKU-EB and Ms. Jennifer Marshal from PACC. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Talat Rafi from Karachi University who very graciously attended the entire competition and gave cash awards to the winners on her own.

List of winners

- 1st Position Mama Parsi School - Yusra Sarfaraz, Saba Hassan Abbass
2nd Position Al-Murtaza Girls Branch - Syeda Zubaida Jaffery, Amal Mehmood
Critique Award - Happy Home School, Urwa Abdul Rab



Happiness comes from within if one is at CDSS

One is not required to be rich and well established to be happy. At Korangi Academy Saturdays are dedicated for extracurricular activities including sports, robotics and music. At CDSS compus Saturdays are the happiest day for the students as they have a platform to explore the person inside them.



List of schools and winners for the 4th Inter-school Online Essay Competition:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Karachi Grammar School | 7. IETC | 12. Reflections |
| 2. Convent of Jesus and Mary | 8. Hamdard Public School | 13. Rehnuma School |
| 3. Al Murtaza Senior Girls Branch | 9. BVS Parsi School | 14. Jinnah Foundation |
| 4. Al Murtaza Senior Boys Branch | 10. Mama Parsi School | 15. The Intellect School |
| 5. Ghulaman-e- Abbass School | 11. Aga Khan Garden | 16. Nasra Korangi Campus |
| 6. Habib Girls School | | |

List of Winners of Online Essay Competition

Karachi Grammar School secured 1st position / Mama Parsi School secured 2nd position
Karachi Grammar School secured 3rd position.

Special Prizes in Online Essay Competition

Iman mehmoed of Convent of Jesus & Mary / Esha Kanwal from Hamdard Public School got special trophy in Online Essay

We are grateful to all who made this contest a grand success.



OBITUARY LATE SAIYED SWALEH NAQVI

Chairman / President, members of the Governing Board INFAQ Foundation, IMDAD Foundation & Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS), the management and staff announce the sad and sudden passing away of SAIYED SWALEH NAQVI on 7th September 2019 in Karachi. A former President of BCCI and Founding Member of INFAQ Foundation, IMDAD Foundation & CDSS, Mr. Swaleh Naqvi breathed his last after a brief illness.

Mr. Swaleh Naqvi served the banking sector with professional acumen, diligence and assiduousness for nearly 40 years, serving three Pakistani banks (HBL, MCB and UBL). He served the banking industry both nationally in both wings of the then Pakistan, and internationally with distinction and exposures to several foreign destinations. In less than 20 years he rose to the position of Executive Vice President.

Mr. Agha Hasan Abedi associated Mr. Naqvi as part of the Management Group who was then in process of establishing BCCI. In BCCI Mr. Swaleh Naqvi served as GM Middle East and later as Executive In-charge of the Central Office in London. He became Acting CEO of BCC Group after Mr. Abedi fell ill in 1988 and remained in this position till 1990.

Since 1981 till his death he was actively associated with three entities providing social service to the underprivileged communities and individuals all over the country. His intellectual pursuits, integrity and compassion were no less distinctive.

His remarkable achievement was setting up from scratch Centre for Development of Social Services in 2001 to execute the vision of Late Mr. Agha Hasan Abedi and continued to realize the legacies of the founder of the bank and social service institutions. This centre now serves nearly 2500 beneficiaries everyday in the field of education, health, skill development, women empowerment and community development.

All three social service entities, he was associated with, shall ever remain indebted to Mr. Swaleh Naqvi – a humane, patriotic individual with characteristic of spiritual guidance - for his contribution in development of schemes for the underprivileged, his direction, advice and his continued attendance in the office.

May ALLAH SWT grant him choicest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous and give strength to his family members to bear the irreparable loss with courage and fortitude (AMEEN).



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