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SUCCESS STORY FOCUS

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COVID-19 disrupted the publication of Empowerment for March 2020 as all printing facilities were closed. Thus this publication is being distributed in June 2020.

HAPPENINGS AT CDSS

- Art Contest
- Annual Sports Day
- Annual Prize Distribution
- CDSS Carnival
- Contest on Digital Technology

There is power in togetherness!

By overcoming challenges as a community and realizing the potential of uniting each other's strengths, CDSS was created from scratch in 2002 to Promote Education, Health, Community Development Vocational Training and above all Empowerment of Women. We invite you to come forward and make this initiative sustainable for generations to come and contribute in making Pakistan a developed country.





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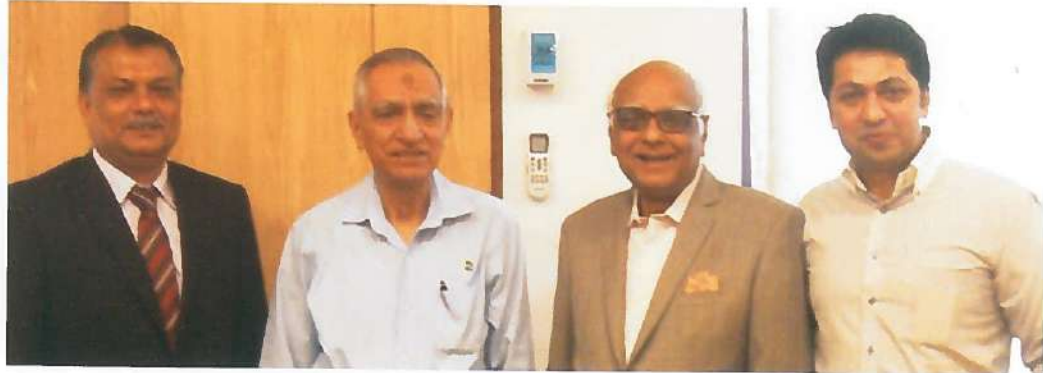
Pakistan State Oil is committed to playing an active role in supporting and working with its stakeholders for sustainable community and social development of Pakistan. CSR is one of PSO's core values and an integral part of the Company's overall mission.



Pakistan State Oil



The National Bank is the largest commercial bank of Pakistan and CSR is an integral part of NBP's corporate policy. It has institutionalized by creating a separate Division and running a full-fledged CSR Program to bring positive change and improving quality of life of underprivileged members of our society. The annual contribution by NBP include sponsorship of 35 students at CDSS Korangi Academy.



At SSGC Head Office. General Manager Shahbaz Islam, presenting cheque to advisor CDSS Akbar M. Bilgrami at a simple ceremony in GM office. Others who joined are from left Kumail Zaidi Programme Coordinator CDSS and from SSGC Deputy Manager - Sadaf Abbas, Deputy Manager- Syed Irtiza Raza, Deputy General Manager- Salman Siddiqui, Executive- Zuobia Sadiq, Management Trainee-Aamnah Khalid.





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TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE (R) FAKHRUDDIN G. EBRAHIM (HI)

Justice (R) Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim was an eminent Jurist, constitutional expert, and senior advocate of Supreme Court. He served as Chief Election Commissioner, Federal Law Minister, Governor Sindh, and Attorney General of Pakistan he breathed his last after an eventful life on January 06, 2020.

Justice (R) Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim was the Chairman of INFAQ Foundation, Imdad Foundation from 1995~2019. He was the President of the Governing Body of Centre of Development of Social Services (CDSS) from 2005~2019. He was passionate about education and development of marginalized communities. In his various speeches at the CDSS he repeatedly emphasized "to give is to gain", which remains a guiding principle for all of us.

Justice Fakhruddin or Fakhru Bhai as he was affectionately called, was an embodiment of honesty and humility. He always said, "Law practice is a bottomless, fathomless pit. You never stop learning". His simplicity and purity of heart were unbelievable.

All three social services entities, to which he was the Chairman, shall remain indebted to Fakhru Bhai for his services for the development of under privileged communities. He was a humane, patriotic individual with charismatic personality.

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QUICK SNAPSHOT

- Tribute to Justice (R)
Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim (HI)
- Mr. Zafar Iqbal Chaudhary - Chairman CDSS
took charge in October 2019
- Multipurpose Hall named after Founder CDSS
- Saiyed Mohammed Swaleh Naqvi,
- Sports, Fitness and Recreation
- Annual Sports Day
- Working Together for better Healthcare
- Enrichment Program for Home School
Teachers & Community Schools
- Impact Stories of Alumni
- Long Serving Teacher
- SheCycle – An Entrepreneur in Focus



Time to embrace and plan for decades ahead and make CDSS sustainable

On taking over the role of the Chairman effective October 2019, I invite you to discover a unique kind of Social Development Centre - one where community members who deserve our attention come together to seek direction and provide us an opportunity to create a positive change. The Centre for Development of Social Services takes full advantage of its resources and provide services in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities from all over Pakistan because of economic, health and other challenges.

We at CDSS first and foremost address their education needs and offer playgroup, primary, secondary and higher secondary education in most enabling environment comparable to any good facilities available in Pakistan.

We have embarked upon the challenging journey by introducing Aga Khan Education Board Curriculum at Korangi Academy finally since 2017. Students have the academic freedom to shape their unique, individual paths for a complex and rapidly changing world.

Over the course of almost two decades, we have developed an approach to educate and help shape the students to lay the groundwork for a bright future. Now is the time to embrace and plan for decades ahead and make CDSS sustainable through partnerships and contributions from the privileged members of the society.



Zafar Iqbal Chaudhary
President
Governing Body of CDSS &
Chairman Infaq Foundation

Whether you choose to support any of the programs given below, your gift will have a significant and immediate impact on CDSS community - and beyond.

- Sponsor a Student at Korangi Academy
- Home Schools
- Teachers Placement Scheme
- Primary School Children Support Scheme
- Health Care
- Plantation Drive

The value and benefits of CDSS are life changing as students discover ways to translate their potential and skills that shape their chosen path and transform them to be a successful and committed Pakistani.

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I started my studies at Korangi Academy in 2002. Life in Korangi Academy was very different - a proper school system with qualified teachers giving their best to teach us. In the beginning, I was not able to meet the academic standards of Korangi Academy. However, with consistent hard work and focus, my God gifted abilities with the help of my teachers took me to the level where I was one of the position holders in my class. Above all I was growing in a secure environment where I was getting prepared for my future life in engineering.

I had big plans for myself and wanted to enter a good university of my choice for my higher studies. The time was running and I found "National Textile University" as a good option as I wanted to be a textile engineer. The financial constraints again were in my way as my family's financial resources were poor. However, my plans were made a reality when I approached CDSS and again all my financial needs for the university was taken care off to allow me to study with peace of mind.

In 2018, I qualified as a professional engineer and I am currently working as a process engineer for Rehmpack (Pvt) Ltd.

Corporate Visitors at CDSS Campus



Mr. Ahmad Ebrahim, CEO and Mr. Mohsin Ahmad, Director Orient Textile recently visited CDSS campus and took keen interest in the Healthcare facility at CDSS. They talked to the Doctors as well as the patients at ICHC.



National Foods Limited, a household name is playing a major role by introducing initiatives for the good of less privileged communities. With the desire to evaluate the possibility of joining hands with CDSS, Ms. Saana Abbass from National Foods CSR & HR Department visited CDSS premises took keen interest in activities being run at CDSS. Ms. Sana Abbass assured to evaluate possibilities to join hands with CDSS and introduce sustainable projects. She pledged to send National products for students' families for the month of Ramadan.



Mr. Yousuf Husain Mirza, CEO – International Steel Limited visited CDSS and was impressed to see the consistent progress CDSS made over the years in the vicinity where they have their major production facility. During this detailed visit Mr. Akbar Bilgrami, Advisor conveyed his thanks for the past support given by ISL for CDSS and requested him to continue their support in the future as well for the betterment of the communities around ISL and CDSS area.



Mr. Yusuf Mirza - CEO, International Steel Ltd. with Mr. Saif Zaidi, Head, IETC at CDSS



Success Story - The First School (IETC)

Ms. Farzana Jamil of Ali Brohi Goth - Entrepreneur Founder

CDSS- Infaq Education and Training Centre partnered for their projects of home schools and we are thrilled that the students have made full use of this opportunity provided to them and are successfully getting admissions in recognized neighborhood schools. There are examples that girls with entrepreneurial skills have ventured in establishing their own schools.

"The outcome is something that people recognize as valuable and it's a need that people have. "It is incredibly powerful for us to realize that the people will have a different life, or have just a few more tools to succeed in life, because of what CDSS is doing."

This is one of its kind articles as we share with you the story of Ms. Farzana Jamil, Founder of "The First School" at Ali Brohi Goth. She says that on the ground, things play out really differently. The kind of work CDSS is doing in our Goth gave me a window into seeing that this is how change can happen. "There's power in Empowerment".

Ali Barohi Goth is located in Lalabad Korangi Township, Landhi. This is a slum area and most of the people living here are Balochi and Bengali. The counseling team of CDSS has been working here since 2008. Baseline survey was started in 2012. According to the baseline survey report, "Ali Goth is a rural area with nonexistence of basic infrastructure.

When CDSS started working, the concept of education was almost nonexistent. The CDSS Social Welfare Department had mohallah meetings in one of the houses at Ali Brohi Goth and it was decided mutually to get a primary school opened in the area. A Balochi lady Ms. Farzana Jameel who had enough space in her house got convinced to open a school.

From CDSS Primary School Support Scheme Rs. 25,000/ was given to start the school and two qualified teachers were placed from the Teacher Placement Scheme. CDSS administrative assistance was also provided to start the school.



Impact:

- Started with 30 students
- Presently 200 students are enrolled with proper school infrastructure
- There are 50% girls which is a paradigm shift in the thought process
- Ms. Farzana is now a confident Entrepreneur and the Principal
- Contributes for a prosperous future of her family
- School recognized for quality education in this slum area.



From a Miserable to a Transformed Life

Najma's family was in total darkness and was living a miserable life, however the Community Children Schooling Support Scheme proved to be the dawn of happiness and antidepressant for the family.

This real life story depicts the changed process of a family's psyche. The aim was to help a family, which was depressed and lost their hope due to financial crises. During the routine visits the community mobilizers met a 35 years old lady Najma and her three children at house Lalabad, Korangi. She told that her husband lost his job nearly two years ago and since then there wasn't any regular earning. The lady was very depressed she said "I am more worried about my children's future because somehow we arrange food but are not able to send them to school". Moreover, with tears in her eyes she said "are they going to have the same kind of life I and my husband are having?" When the community mobilizers informed the lady about the Community Children Schooling Support Scheme it seemed she got reason to live.



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All the three children got inducted in the scheme

Haider Ali, the eldest son has completed his Intermediate on an especial scholarship arranged by the CDSS as this scheme supports only up to primary level. This especial treatment was worth giving as it changed the life of Haider Ali and his entire family.

Bibi Fizza, Najma's daughter completed her Intermediate and now working as a Home-School teacher at CDSS and Ali Nusrat is studying in class 9th at a local school.



Haider Ali after completing his intermediate on the special scholarship is now making his mother proud as he is employed with good monthly income

It is a known fact that communities have the ability to create a change for themselves if they're given the right resources and direction." This is what happened with this family, when their children got involved in the pursuit of educational targets; the parents started looking for better avenues for the family income. They started a home business and now living a peaceful life.



SheCycle - Women Empowerment

Mrs. Afshan Sharif ud Din lives at Ali Brohi Goth

Ali Brohi Goth is an undeveloped area in the vicinity of CDSS Premises.

CDSS Social Work Department community mobilizers met Afshan while conducting door to door visits and found the lady and her family eligible for Micro Finance Loan Scheme.

Her husband worked as a laborer at a crabs shop for Rs. 180/ per day. His income was not enough to feed his family properly and kept Afshan worried about meeting her household expenses. The community mobilizers encouraged Afshan to avail loan facility under Micro Finance and she applied for the loan of Rs. 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) after completing the required formalities.

The family started their own Crab business and paid the installments regularly and honored their commitment. During the follow-up visits CDSS team noticed the change in the quality of life of Afshan family. In just two years they made enough money to buy a house in their locality and they could manage to get two of their children admitted into a school.

As the crab business is seasonal there was no earnings during off-season. Therefore Afshan encouraged her husband to buy a rickshaw for a regular income throughout the year. As the family lifestyle improved, Afshan could start her job at a boutique.

Impact

- Financial conditions of the family stabilized
- Family started sending two children to school
- Afshan started her job for additional income
- The family developed the planning skills as they were freed from the basic need of feeding their children and bought their own house and a Rickshaw
- With better awareness, hygiene is now the focus for better health



Ms. Saira Zaidi
Head CDSS - IETC

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If you want a life that you don't currently have, you have to do things that you have never done before.

Doloris Lobo

Head of Junior Section

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Doloris Lobo, Head of Junior Section at CDSS - Korangi Academy did what was required to be done in 2005. She is one of the key members who really contributed in the progress of CDSS and tasted her own success despite very challenging living conditions after the passing away of her husband.

As a single parent, Ms. Lobo had to manage the household responsibilities as well as ensure that her son gets the best possible education despite all challenges. Therefore her first step was in the right direction as she opted for a teaching job at School in the year 2002 near her residence. The Principal was very kind in guiding her to join Korangi Academy and surely she got selected because of her confidence and determination.



Travelling for longer hours had become part of her daily routine as the school transport system was very comfortable as well as dependable on the route to her success. The vicinity of the CDSS was very disorganized with almost no infrastructure and living conditions were horrible to say the least. The huge land of 72 acres was in development stage with an impressive master plan under the leadership of Late Swaleh Naqvi Sahab. His vision was to educate the very same people of this locality and show them the true light of living for which she was given required training, guidance and she wholeheartedly contributed towards the success of CDSS as a reliable team member.

Doloris Lobo stands tall amongst the most experienced teachers. The working environment and leadership brought quite a big change not only with enabling environment but also the way students were taught by her.

She carried the responsibilities as a teacher for about 15 years and her hard work, teachers' training programs and grooming clearly made her the best choice for the CDSS management to promote her as the Head of Junior Section.

She feels very happy and proud that she joined CDSS to start her success journey which was at times overwhelmed by her own financial difficulties, the CDSS Campus life in 2002 was tough at this huge piece of land because of unusual animals such as Jackals, Snakes and Lizards bushes all over which was scary to say the least. Now the CDSS Campus is comparable to any top education institutions both in terms of the quality education and the infrastructure. Ms. Lobo says that this is a dream come true not only for the inhabitants of the area and teachers expectations are addressed in the most dignified way. She was given a chance to continue her studies and to progress as a qualified professional.

She says - Late Swaleh Naqvi Sahab was her true inspiration. His qualities were innumerable. His unforgettable act of kindness and care towards her progress will always remain embeded in her memories.



Success Story of Salman

I am Salman, an alumnus of Korangi Academy. My Alma Mater helped me in realizing my potential and encouraged me to follow my dreams. It is because of this, that I was able to work on this Smart Wheelchair. Korangi Academy is a place where you learn core values such as caring for others and that was the motivation behind making this smart wheelchair.

There are hundreds and thousands of debilitated individuals looking for help and getting them the correct methods for bailing themselves out, can help them from not being abandoned. I am happy that I am contributing in a positive manner in giving back to the society.



Success Story of Syed Ubaid



I am Syed Ubaid, an alumnus of Korangi Academy. My Journey towards success started when I got admission in Korangi Academy. It was the turning point in my life. I completed F.Sc with good grades and Alhamdulillah got admission in Dawood UET on Merit because of the hard work of my supportive teachers at KA.

Life in University was an amazing journey where I worked hard for my future. I with my team appeared in different technical and extracurricular competitions and led my team towards success.

I participated in multiple competitions of different Universities i.e. NUST-Islamabad, NED, FAST, NUCES and Baharia University. I also participated in a competition held at SUPARCO and won an award.

Recently, I completed my Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering with 2nd position in the University. I also got a job before convocation.

In Sha ALLAH! I will shine in future and make Korangi Academy and Pakistan proud in the World.

Art Special Award

The students from Korangi Academy participated in art contest. Our little artists from class four to seven received their certificates of participation and appreciation, for their valued participation in the contest.



ICHC - Working together for better Healthcare

The health services is funded directly by INFAQ Foundation and serve a large population of Lalaabad, Sherpao Colony, Chasma Goth, Rehri Goth, Ali Brohi Goth, Lath Goth, Gulshan E Bonair, Swati Mohallah and Mansehra Colony areas. On an average about 300 patients from different ethnic communities visits ICHC on daily basis.

ICHC provides consultation, diagnosis and medicines free of cost and a dignity fee of Rs. 50 is charged per patient, per visit . It also has free laboratory facility for all basic tests. The Eye Department runs in collaboration with LRBT and provides consultation and medicines.

Counselors from Social Work Department of CDSS make regular visits in different areas in the vicinity of CDSS to talk about hygiene, diet and care of their children. As the surrounding areas are with bad sewerage system, poor hygiene due to lack of awareness a large population suffers from:

A large population around CDSS area suffers from:

- Skin Diseases: Scabies, Fungal Infections and Bacterial Infection.
- Gastroenteritis
- Respiratory Infection
- Viral Infection
- Tuberculosis

Moreover a large number is suffering from diabetes and dental disease.





Annual Sports Day 2019

Korangi Academy always provide the best extra-curricular and healthy activities to its students.

Following the legacy, Korangi Academy organized Annual Sports Day on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019. CDSS board member, Mr. M.R Mehkari was the Chief Guest of the event. The CE CDSS, Rear Admiral (Rtd) Syed Ahmed Baqar also attended the contest. A huge number of parents attended the event. Students from all sections took part in different sports activities. The event also included band performance, March past, P.T display and acrobatic display of gymnastics and karate. The performance by students were exclusively appreciated by the guests. At the end, all the winners were awarded medals. Yellow House won the March Past Competition while in events, Green House was at the top in house table. Yellow and Red were declared as runner up.



Annual Prize Distribution

Annual prize distribution ceremony was held at Swaleh Naqvi MPH. **Mr. Asad Ayub, CEO of The Citizen Foundation was the Chief Guest.** The Chairman Management Committee, Mr. Nazim F. Haji, Chief Executive CDSS, Rear Admiral(Rtd) Syed Ahmed Baqar, Ms. Zarjtaj Waseem and Mr. Nahyan from PSSEC, Mr. Akbar Bilgirami and Mr Pervez Iqbal also attended the event. The parents of the award winners were also invited in the event. The students from Middle, Senior and College Sections participated in different skits and tableaux. High achievers from Middle Section were awarded with prizes. High achievers of SSC and HSSC were awarded with shields and certificates along with cash vouchers for books. The two students from HSSC Science and Commerce also received laptops under Faraz Hussain Memorial Award. Teachers were also recognized for their performance and honored with shields and cash vouchers for books purchasing.



Mr. Asad Ayub, CEO - The Citizen Foundation was the Chief Guest and the parents of the award winners were also present in the event.





Inter-school Teachers Urdu Contest 2019

Korangi Academy at CDSS is an institution which focuses on language skills of both students and teachers. The initiative of (Bain-UI-Kulyati Muqabila Urdu Mubahisa) Urdu Teacher's Debate Contest is the part of the process of promoting language skills, among teachers. Eight schools participated in the contest. Board Member, Ms. Nasreen Naimat Ali was the Chief Guest of the event. The CE CDSS, Rear Admiral (Rtd) Syed Ahmed Baqar also attended the contest. The judges were from AKU-EB, Muhammad Farhan, Head Urdu, and Urdu Coordinator, Aga Khan College, Karimabad.

Mr. Hassan Abbas and Ms. Shabana from BVS Parsi secured 1st position, Mr. Ali from Al-Murtaza School got 2nd position while Ms. Shehla Saleem from Shahwilayat School secured 3rd position.



OLPC Workshop by Rahnuma School

Mr. Tony Anderson, OLPC Volunteer, conducted a training workshop in Korangi Academy of teachers of Middle Sections for effective utilization of OLPC XO laptops during teaching sessions on January 23, 2020.





BUKHARI GROUP

SOLUTIONS BEYOND NEEDS

The group commenced its journey in year 1973 with the opening of Bukhari Travels and Tourism Services at Hotel Sheraton Mall Karachi. Right from start, the vision of its founding Chairman remained focused towards provision of quality services under one roof and create maximum jobs in the market. Year after years, new businesses kept adding into and expanded gradually to cover the whole country from Khyber to Karachi. As of today, Bukhari Group operates from 15 cities of the country and abroad; providing direct jobs to approximately over two thousand people.

Beside Travel, another segment to provide quality Rent a Car Services was added, which is now the Europcar in Pakistan. The group pioneered the concept of Radio cab in Pakistan when Metro Cab services were launched in all major cities of the country. One after another, the business segments kept adding and today the Group provides one window solution to all your Travel and Tourism needs beside other diverse businesses to include Security and Guarding, Maintenance and Housekeeping, Event Management and Expos etc.

The personal passion of the founding chairman led to yet another venture with the name of Bukhari farms, which stands today as a model Green farm; raising 100% cattle, turning waste into energy and producing compost fertilizer. Concurrently, hectic efforts are also being undertaken to promote healthy and ethical farming, ameliorate the farmers and to preserve livestock in the country as CSR.

With the rich heritage of professionalism, ethical business values and the quest to provide quality services to our valued clients, our profile is gaining prestige with every coming year.

**WE TAKE PRIDE IN PARTICIPATING IN CDSS INIATIVES
& LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT
FOR THE GOOD OF COMMUNITIES.**



BUKHARI GROUP

Babar Ali was one of the 5 students from Pakistan who were sent to NASA United States. He represented Pakistan and feels very proud that this opportunity was given by CDSS.

Korangi Academy teaches the importance of visuals and their impact on the minds of people. Babar Ali took the idea of promoting the messages through and started using his skills with the camera and made several short films to communicate social injustices in the society. He went to NCA (National College of Arts) Lahore, where his skills were more polished he is now studying in the department of Visual Studies in Karachi University.

His greatest goal is that he wants to win an Oscar for his country and he is working hard to achieve his goal and make the name of Korangi Academy shine.



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