

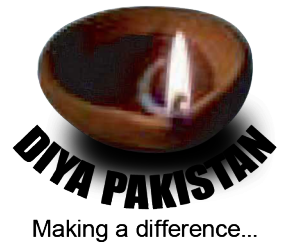
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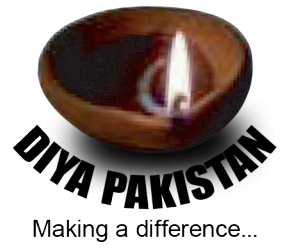
Profile

Diya, in Urdu, means, lamp, a symbol of light and thereby hope. In Pakistan, over 75 million people do not have the privilege of education. Diya Pakistan, a charitable organization, strives to mitigate poverty by promoting literacy. Diya Pakistan is synonymous with hope. The noble activities of Diya since 1988 continue to spread light and hope in the lives of millions of its beneficiaries.

Poverty is one of the most serious issues that Pakistan faces even today. Poverty forms a barrier between a child and the education he rightfully deserves. With a view to overcome this lamentable situation, Diya has formed a corpus that would fund the education of children. Diya offers merit-based scholarships to deserving students in order to fulfill their desire for higher education. These scholarships are provided directly to the students as well as through educational institutions. Diya is linked with schools, colleges and universities all over Pakistan. For the past two decades, Diya has provided scholarships to thousands of talented and deserving students in furthering their academic objectives. What makes Diya so special is the fact that it helps people, through people. Diya transfers compassion from those who have it plenty in their hearts to those who need it very badly.


The promoters of Diya are committed to make a difference in the lives of children who dream of a better tomorrow. Diya has supporters throughout the globe. Many from the Middle East, Pakistan, North America and Europe have offered a helping hand to Diya to carry out their noble action. Diya sheds light on children's lives...lives that would otherwise have been shrouded in darkness.





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For an organization that strives to reach out to the needy, a database of its activities and beneficiaries is highly essential, in its journey towards excellence. The responses from students and teachers can help us to evaluate our performance and improve our functioning. In a system where, the feedback from students and teachers are received regularly and processed, there arose a need to collate, analyze and organize the data qualitatively and quantitatively for obtaining the desired result.

Performance highlights

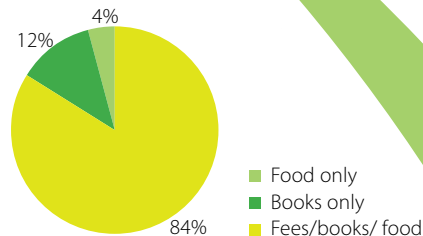
We collected feedback from students and teachers using a well-structured questionnaire. The questionnaire was very useful in gathering information regarding how the students used the stipend and how it made a difference in their academic pursuit. It also threw light on the possible enhancements to be adopted in the current system of the organization.

Applications (primary and secondary) are very useful and handy in determining the students' needs and concerns. Some are articulate and highlight their problems effectively. We consider the details/particulars that reflect essential facets while processing the applications.

Of the 500 students who participated in the survey, only the responses from 300 students were taken under consideration for the analysis. A sample of the analysis is provided.

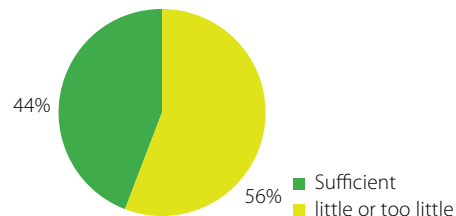
Fund utilization

Although, 12% have spent the stipend only on books and 4% only on food, most of the students have marked more than one option or even all the three options.



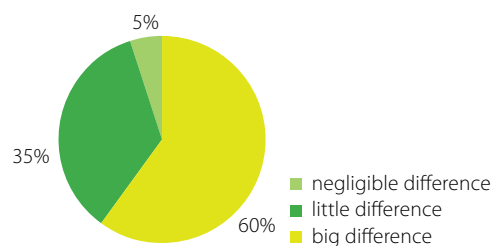
Sufficiency of the amount

44% of the students consider the amount sufficient, whereas the remaining 56% consider it little or too little.



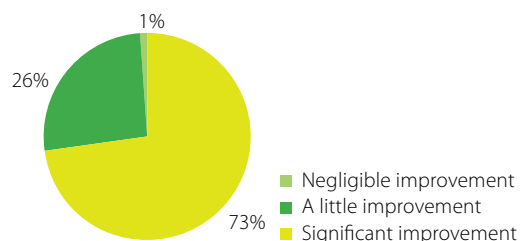
Difference made in the lives of the students

60% of the students say that the stipend has made a big difference in their lives. 35% feel that it made a little difference and 5% say that the difference has been negligible.



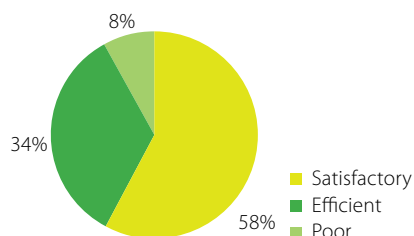
Degree of improvement in performance

73% of the students feel that their performance has significantly improved. 26% feel that there was only a little improvement in their performance and 1-2% claims that the improvement made was negligible.



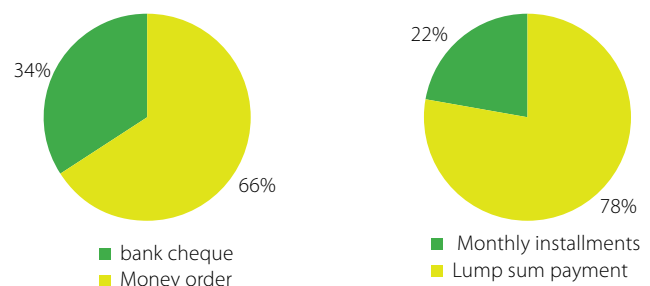
Processing of the application

34% of the students feel that the processing of the stipends is efficient. 58% feel that it is satisfactory and a substantial 8% bracket our processing procedure in the poor category.



Payment preference

66% consider money order as a preferred option rather than a bank cheque. A majority of 78% would prefer lump sum payment instead of installments.





Insights

The feedback mechanism should be a continuous process for improving our performance and bringing any modifications to our system if necessary. This is very important in order to make our system more effective. A good 44% feel that the stipend amount is sufficient but the remaining feel that it needs to be increased. We may be covering a portion of expenses involved, but are reaching out to large number of beneficiaries. This is in line with the policy set forth in the BOT meeting of 27 December, 2008.

The stipends seem to make a huge difference in the life of the students as a 60% attest this fact. The survey also indicates a majority of 73% feel that there is notable improvement in their performance. Only a marginal percentage (5%) feel that the stipend made negligible differences in their lives or that they made negligible improvement in their performance (1-2%).

Processing the students' application is a fairly long and cumbersome process and so there are some obvious concerns. 58% of the students are satisfied with our services but a sizeable number feels frustrated. This is mainly due to the delay in providing the services. Only 36% feels that our process is efficient. A dissatisfied 8% even feel that our service is poor. We need to devise measures and take remedial action to improve our system.

The students generally prefer the money as lump sum payment and through money order. The fact is that most of the students are not used to going to banks and would prefer the payment at their doorsteps. Obviously, the institutional advantage of making payment through cheques out-weighs the opinion and consideration of the students on this matter.

We have received spontaneous remarks from the principals of the educational institutions expressing their gratitude for the services being provided by Diya Pakistan.

The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and should be a source of huge comfort to the sponsors and donors. The Diya endeavour is making a huge difference in the lives of the needy and talented students which is most important. Our financial assistance is helping in making a remarkable development in the academic interests of the students and that is heartening. Students could definitely expect more money and without delay.



Principals' responses

A number of laudatory and acknowledgement letters were received from the principals' of different schools and colleges. The letters received from remote areas of Sindh and Baluchistan is evidence that Diya Pakistan has managed a wide reach.

Nayyar Yasmeen

(Headmistress, Government High School, Mastung, Baluchistan)

I hope you are well. Fortunately, we are in receipt of scholarship forms and have made efforts to complete formalities despite low literacy of parents and interruption of Eid holidays.

We have female students in class IX and X and after getting your permission, we have included them and recommended 34 female students for the scholarship for an amount of Rs 26000/-, whereas you had approved Rs 25200/-. We hope that the additional amount of Rs 800/- will be paid to us.

"We have so many students in our school who do not have the money to continue their education. It is simply wonderful that Diya has come forward to help these poor children to fulfill their dreams".

We are saddened by the shahdat of your young son. A special ceremony was held on 17th January 2009 to distribute the stipends among deserving students. Special prayers was also held to commemorate the shahadat of your son and other victims of bomb blast. (Translated)

Prof. Ghulam Sarwar Soomro

(Principal, Govt. Degree College, Kotri, Sindh)

Your Organization have shown consideration for our poor and talented students by awarding stipends. These 17 students belong to poor rural families. Your stipends have spread the light of knowledge and education in their homes. We are thankful to you from the bottom of our heart for remembering them and expect that you would continue to remember us.

May Allah bless you with faith and prolonged life to carry on with this noble cause and keep the beacon alight. I am indeed saddened by the shahadat of your son and pray for you.

I along with all the teachers of my institutions remember you in our prayers. May Allah be your protector and sustainer. Ameen (Translated)

"The stipends that Diya has provided were simply a blessing for the poor children of our college, especially those hailing from rural villages".

Principal, Swedish Institute of Technology, Multan

We highly appreciate your efforts in making the arrangements of monitorial support to the poor and needy outstanding students of the country. Your generous support is not only helping the needy students in making their future bright but also is a great service to the mankind. Certainly, God Almighty has a great blessing for the people like you.

"There are so many outstanding students in our college who do not have the financial resources to advance their studies. Thanks to Diya, this sorrowful situation is completely taken care of."

We are sending you the documents of twelve students of our institution who have been selected for your stipends and hope you will make early

arrangements of stipends for these intelligent and deserving students.

We are also thankful to you for this generous help of students of our institution
(Original)

Students' responses

Humera Zulfiqar

(Student, University of Engineering & Technology, Lahore)

I am a student of Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering from university of Engineering & Technology Lahore. My Reg # 06-IME-01. I belong to Farooq Abad a town near Sheikhpura. I live in hostel in university. My father is a driver and he drives the local van from Sheikhpura to Lahore. Total income is Rs 8000/- per month. We are four sisters & two brothers out of which four of us are college & university going students. So, it is very difficult for us to manage our expenses in such a small amount now a days. As I live in hostel so, I have more problems. Being a girl & hostelite I could not find suitable tuitions to meet my expenses. Further, it will disturb my studies a lot. My elder sister was teaching in a school but she had to leave this due to her married life now. I had been a good student uptill now. As you can see from my

Being one of the six children of a bus driver, the desire to further her education was something beyond hope for Humera Zulfiqar. Diya made her dream a reality.

documents that I obtained 913/1100 in my Fsc pre-engineering which is 83.7% and I got 712/850 in matric which is 83%. I am also a good student of my university. I have a keen desire to complete my studies but I need your support for that. I shall be highly thankful to you.

(Original)

Imranullah

(Student, University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar)

I received the scholarship letter with gratitude. I am very satisfied because my financial position will improve significantly with this amount. May Allah bless you and all those who are associated with Diya Pakistan. How should I thank you! My aging parents will forever pray for you and I promise that I shall remain in contact with Diya Pakistan when I, Inshallah, become an engineer. May your Organization grow and prosper in years to come, Ameen (Translated)

An aspiring engineer, Imranullah is filled with gratitude towards Diya, for making his dream a possibility.

Haider Ali Khan

(Student, Agriculture University, Peshawar)

Well it is difficult to express my feelings for the stipend by filling the Performa only. But I am very very thankful to you people because you helped me a lot for continuing my studies and now by the grace of Allah and your help I am in Masters and soon I will get my degree to serve my country and my parents and promise to return each penny of the stipend provided to me so that it might help someone like me. Thanks once again and may Allah keep you on the sky (Original)

Haider Ali Khan is successfully doing his Master's degree in Agriculture, an opportunity that he would have had to let go if it was not for Diya.

Mohammad Safdar

(Student, University of Engineering and Technology, Taxila)

I am grateful to you for giving me the scholarship. Sir as you know that I belong to a poor family. My father is a poor man. My elder brother is in Army serving as a clerk. He has his own family, but he supports me a lot. I'm living in the university hostel where the average mess charges exceed Rs 2000/- per month. I have to pay the term fee of Rs 10000/- per 6 months. Besides these charges miscellaneous charges of stationary etc. are about Rs1000/- per month. So the total monthly charges Rs 4500 per month. Sir I've to work hard to equalize the income and expenses. Sir, I would be very grateful to Diya Pakistan for giving me the opportunity of improving my studies.

Mohammad Safdar, a student of engineering, is grateful to Diya for providing him with that extra financial support he needed desperately for pursuing his education.

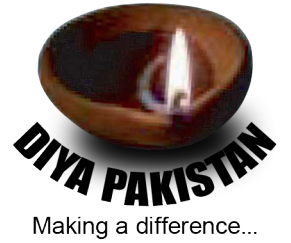
Hafiz Daulat Khan

(Student, Khyber Medical College, Peshawar)

I am a 3rd year student in KMC Peshawar. Allah has blessed me with intellect and I wish to help those who are poor and serve my people and country. I belong to a poor family comprising of 7 persons who find it exceedingly hard to meet house-hold expenses as well as huge college fee and hostel charges. The expenditure is beyond my capacity and is constantly agonizing my mind and affecting my studies. I appeal for financial assistance so that I may study with commitment (Translated)

With the noble intention of serving the poor, Hafiz Daulat Khan dreamed of becoming a doctor. However, hailing from a poor family, Khan was losing hope when Diya offered him a hand.





Your generosity will help more
children dream again

Diya Pakistan

DONATIONS

1) Your Personal Information

Name (Mr,Mrs,Miss): _____

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2) Donation Details (circle the relevant options)

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3) Getting Involved - Acknowledgment

Donations may be made via cheque, money order or bank transfer payable to Diya Pakistan. Alternatively, please contact us and our local team shall arrange to collect your donation.

Thank you for your willingness to make a difference and for taking up the Diya Pakistan cause as your own. All donations are acknowledged with a thank you note/ receipt from the Foundation. If you are making a donation in someone's honor and would like them to get involved, please include their contact details and we will send them a letter of acknowledgment. If you are making a donation in memory of your loved one, please include the contact details of the family members to be notified of your donation. Contributions can be in the form of Zakat as well.

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