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EDUCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS



Govt. Girls High School No. 2, Nowshera Kalan, 14th October 2010

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Background

While the new academic year has already begun, many students in flood affected areas are still attending their institutes without necessary essentials such as copies, stationery, uniform etc. A proposal was submitted by Mr. Gul Nawab, member of Islamia College Alumni, whereby he requested Diya Pakistan's assistance in helping the flood affected educational institutes of Nowshera revive their curricular activities with more enthusiasm.

Mr. Gul Nawab's proposal was thoroughly considered by Diya's Board of Trustees and Management Committee and it was agreed that his proposal completely aligns with Diya's long-term goals and vision. Helping the flood affected students in the shape of materials like school bags, copies, stationery etc will also be a source of satisfaction for donors who have committed resources specifically for educational rehabilitation in flood affected areas.



A procurement committee was formed immediately at Diya's Rawalpindi office and quotations for the purchase of stationery and school bags were solicited from reliable vendors. Quality and cost were the guiding criteria; Akkaz Printers from Lahore and Al-Imran Brothers from Rawalpindi were selected respectively for the supply of school bags and notebooks, both printed with Diya's logo.

Based upon need analysis, it was decided that each student will be provided with a set of copies, rough notebook, pencils, ball points, eraser, sharpener, wooden scale, geometry box. In addition it was established that students of elementary classes will require a set of 12 coloured pencils, while a scientific calculator will be required by each student enrolled in secondary science classes.



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The First Beneficiary of Diya's Educational Rehabilitation Programme in Flood Affected Areas

Mr. Gul Nawab, in his proposal for Diya Pakistan, had identified three schools located in Nowshera Kalan zone of Nowshera District. There are about 13 government schools in this zone, out of which 11 are affected by recent floods. The flood has not only damaged the building, interior, furniture, school record and library books belonging to these institutes, but the major loss has been in terms of the inability of parents to send their children to school in proper uniform and equipped with bare schooling essentials.

The first school in Nowshera Kalan zone that succeeded in becoming operational after floods is Govt. Girls High School No. 2. This accomplishment is mostly be attributed to the personal dedication of the Headmistress of the institute, Mrs. Mukhtar Begum. Without waiting for other organizations or government to approach her, she took initiative in making sure that the building is cleaned and parents are motivated to send their children to school. Her commitment and effectiveness were also observed by Diya's team during our visit to the school.



It was in recognition of her dedication and the fact that school is fully functional now, that Diya selected this institute as the first beneficiary of its educational rehabilitation program.



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We reached the school at about 9:00am. Mrs. Mukhtar Begum, the Headmistress gave us a briefing regarding the situation of flood in her area and how parents are finding it extremely hard to manage the educational expenses of their children. She also brought our attention to the fact that all blackboards of the school have been severely damaged because of the flood water and these are no longer in a position to be used as a teaching aid.



The high school has an enrollment of about 588 female students. 180 among these are students of secondary classes (9th & 10th) and 408 belong to middle classes (6th to 8th). These figures are quite encouraging as the school is located in an underprivileged neighbourhood.

Right after the briefing, a distribution ceremony took place where Diya's team passed on the school bags along with copies and stationery to their ultimate beneficiaries.

The school administration had arranged this ceremony in a hall where students of each class, accompanied by their class teacher, showed up for collecting their new school bags.

It was truly a moment of joy for all the students. The Headmistress thanked Diya and our donors for their great contribution in the educational rehabilitation process.



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Dr. Khalid A. Rehman, Diya's President, himself preparing notebooks, stationery and school bags for distribution to students in flood affected institutes.

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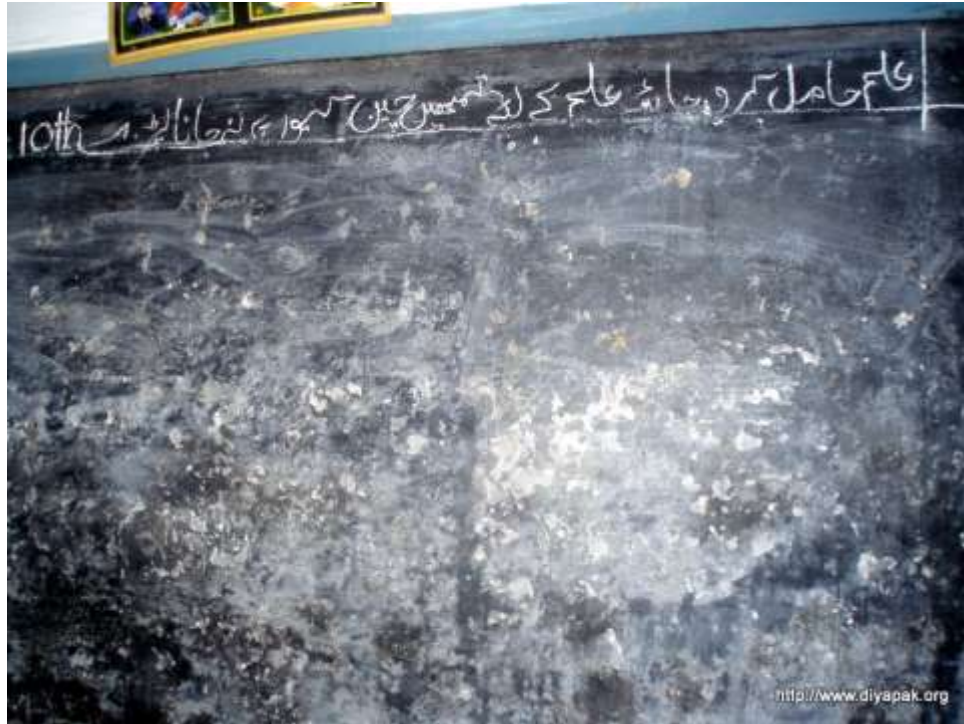
A fully loaded pickup with almost 600 school bags reached Govt. Girls High School No.2, Nowshera Kalan at 9:00 am, 14th October 2010.

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Blackboards, a vital teaching aid, have been severely damaged in floods.



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Mr. Gul Nawab, distributing school bags among the students.



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Col. (R) Javaid, a volunteer member of Diya's team.



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Brig. (R) Aftab Ahmad, Diya's Vice President at the distribution ceremony.



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