

Current Status of the Hashoo Foundation - Pakistan

Memo from: to Charlie & Barbara Clemmons, BFTW, from Cristal Montañéz Baylor I Executive Director, Hashoo Foundation USA Dated: 2/3/2016

Intro: *Books for the World, has supplied books to the Hashoo Foundation over the past few years, and Cristal has attended the bi-yearly BFTW conference in Texas to update the participants of the plans and progress in Pakistan. It is interesting to following their progress and to see how they have progressed of the years. Ward*

Hola Charlie, Barbara and Rotarian Friends,

I am delighted to share this wonderful news from Hashoo Foundation's Education Department!!

Hashoo Foundation was successfully granted the USAID-funded Pakistan Reading Project (PRP) to be executed in rural areas Bara Kahu and Nilor of Islamabad.

An agreement was signed between Hashoo Foundation and USAID-funded Pakistan Reading Project in PRP Regional office Islamabad. The project was kicked-off on Jan 1st, 2016. This initiative was shared with Rotary Club Rawalpindi and all members are excited to support this literacy mission in the rural villages of Islamabad.

The overarching goal of this project is to improve the quality of reading in 40 public schools (boys 16, girls 24) of rural areas of Islamabad i.e. Bara Kahu and Nilore by reaching over 800 Grade 1 and 2 students.

The project we have following major activities:

1. Develop small libraries in 40 government schools. Hashoo Foundation staff, volunteers, and Rotarians will facilitate and engage student and teachers to improve reading habits.
2. Develop reading corners at village level for parents and communities.

We are closely working with Federal Director of Education in Islamabad and they have requested books for their schools and college other than above 40 schools.

In summary, the USAID- Pakistan Reading Project (PRP) will benefit approximately 1,640 individuals:

- 800 parents and 800 students (At least one member, mother or father, or both, from must participate from each family).
- 40 teachers (male 16 / female 24) from 40 schools.
- 800 students (girls 560 (70%), /boys 240, (30%) from Grade I and Grade II from 40 schools, which constitutes an average of 20 student per school.

This project will support the establishment of Children Reading Places (small libraries) in the 40 selected schools. These libraries will be furnished with safe wooden bookshelves. Each school will be provided with 5 sets of 20 different storybooks (total 100) in Urdu along with the pictorial charts of different types (e.g. Flags of Countries, Vegetable Charts, Fruit Chart, Animal Charts, National Heroes etc.). Additionally, Hashoo Foundation will provide approximately 300 reading books in English of Grade 1 and Grade 2 level, **donated by “Rotary Books for the World Program”**. In overall each school library will be having around 400 books in total.

We are very excited to work with Rotary Club Rawalpindi in this USAID-Pakistan Reading Project. My colleague Shukoor Ullah Baig, Hashoo Foundation’s Education Senior Program Officer, is leading the team implementing this project.

Warmest regards,

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