

Thank You For Believing In Us!

A teacher's gratitude.

Dear friend,

Hello! Ans and I are Fellows teaching at a public school in Bara Kahu on the outskirts of Islamabad. We teach Science, Geography, English, and History to 86 bright and inquisitive 6th and 7th grade boys. Our goal has been to improve students' academic and social-emotional outcomes, alongside a deep focus on creating a joyful and engaging learning experience for our students. In just 6 months, and with your help, our students learning has grown by 2 academic years!

We're all in this together!

Upon entering our classroom, Ans and I found that our students were 3 years behind their actual grade-level. They would not work in collaboration with others, and were bogged down by low expectations of themselves and their future. Knowing that team-work and a welcoming environment is instrumental in a positive classroom culture and subsequently improved outcomes, my co-Fellow and I got to work.

Through your donations, we purchased resources such as stationery, chart papers, story books and printed materials, which we used to create a Classroom Management system based on positive reinforcement. We incentivized students each time they displayed positive behaviour – especially team-work – and linked this to our Leader Board which delegated responsibilities to students. The reward system along with increased ownership in classroom management pushed them to work harder, and in no time 22 out of 58 students had made it to the Leader Board! Our students learned that team-work and discipline are rewarded, and now work together to create a positive class culture.

Reaching for the stars

Our school, like many in underserved rural communities, experiences a dearth of resources and supplies, especially for teaching and promoting STEM subjects. Students were unable to take part in competitions simply because they did not have access to basic learning materials and science kits. With the funds that friends like you have given to Teach For Pakistan, Ans and I purchased materials to help students conduct science experiments.



Ans and Ali's students brainstorming to create shapes with thermopole sheets.

As our students' confidence and interest grew, we decided to enter the 2023 STEAM Competition in Islamabad. The materials you helped provide enabled them to create the Nail Bed project and win the competition!



Ali and Ans's students with their competition winning Nail Bed project

Previously, students were unable to avail these opportunities due to lack of resources – now, however, they do not see this as an obstacle in their growth and learning. Initially, our students were three grade levels behind in Science, but have now progressed by one grade level, all after a few months of teaching and access to basic supplies. This access has also changed our students' attitudes: they now want to learn as much as they can through experiments and projects, and push themselves to create them independently knowing they have the support of resources to enable them.

Your support to Teach For Pakistan has enabled over 150 other teachers like us to open up new opportunities for thousands of students. It is as a result of your contributions that our students can dream of what they wish, and believe that they will be supported in every which way.

With hope that your support to us continues,

Teach For Pakistan Fellows Ali and Ans

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The current economic climate has made it difficult for many to be hopeful, but we at Teach For Pakistan are sustained by your unwavering support. Your contributions are a reminder that we are not alone in this work, and provide Fellows like Ali and Ans the strength and conviction to do what they do best.

Last year, you enabled 9,700 students. This year, with growing scale, your contribution will support 12,000 students across 70 public schools.

Give your Zakat today.

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