

# **Kashmir Charitable Trust-AJK**

**Lower Plate near Four Fields Mosque Muzaffarabad AK**  
**Project: Students Scholarship Project Report**  
**Donor: Burnley for Kashmir**  
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## **Introduction**

Kashmir charitable trust was registered as a charity organization in UK with registration no. 1053171. KCT has been working since 1996 for people in Kashmir who are the most vulnerable and marginalized specially women and children. After the earthquake of 2005 KCT joined the efforts made for relief and rehabilitation of victims of quake. KCT-UK team has developed the capacity of local volunteers up to the level that in 2007 they registered a local organization in Azad Kashmir with same name and registration no. 6320. The reason for registering a local organization is local people can work for the development of their community in more efficient and effective way.

## **Summary**

The protection of children is fundamental to their survival, health, and well-being. Every day, millions of children are exploited, abused, or are victims of violence. Poverty is the main underlying cause of millions of preventable child deaths each year. It is the cause of tens of millions of children going hungry, missing out from school, or being forced into child labor.

**Kashmir Charitable Trust** is working for the assistance of minorities like women and children. We believe that everyone has a responsibility to see that children are safe. We work with individuals, civic groups, governments and the private sector to help create protective environments for them. Healthy, nurturing surroundings allow children to resist abuse and avoid exploitation. Caring environments fortify children against harm in the same way that proper nutrition and good health care fortify them against disease.

## **Case History of a School**

Some days ahead of, the team of KCT visited a primary girls & boys school identified by one of its volunteers. It is situated in Shahnara Mohallah ward # 16 & is working under the Municipal Corporation Muzaffarabad, earlier earthquake 2005. In the consequence of earthquake, the building of the school has got damaged poorly and school now, is reallocated in another official building which has two rooms one is used as a stockroom of that office and other is used to fulfill the requirement of the school whereas maximum thirty-five students belong to different classes; are getting education from this school, in single room. There is no boundary wall around the school, canopies are used as an alternative for shelter or covering; teachers are bound to perform their duties in such environment as there is no alternate while condition of the school infrastructure is most critical & noteworthy.



## **Addressed Problem**

Amongst all these problems, the main & major problem that is faced by the school administration is sudden and rapid drop-out of the children from the school & decreased enrollment in the school. When the entire situation is analyzed; it is found that the key reason for it is the unavailability of uniforms; children who are getting education from this school, belong to vulnerable families even some are orphans. Their parents or guardians hardly afford their educational expenses; they can not provide those uniforms instead they decided to take out



their children from school and gradually, as a minimum, 15 students left school and 10 are more expected to leave the school.

### **Solution**

When KCT originated the problem, it took a radical step to secure the future of those children; KCT provided them 25 uniforms donated by Burnley for Kashmir to administration of school; it is also finalized that all those children who left the school, must be turned back to the school and that they will continue their studies again.

