
Educating Girls in Muslim Countries: Possibly the single most important thing we can do to alleviate poverty.

Overview

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A project of the ICB Wayland Sunday School and Parent Association.

Agenda

■ Background

- ❑ Reason for focus on girls
- ❑ State of education in Pakistan

■ Oxfam's programs

- ❑ Oxfam International
- ❑ Oxfam's National Change Strategy 2009-2013 for Pakistan
- ❑ Girls' Education program

■ How you can get involved

- ❑ Students – fund-raising (bake sale/popcorn sale/etc) for small project
- ❑ Parents/teachers/students – ICB Sister School program
- ❑ Community – fund-raising for large project (enable up to 8 schools)
- ❑ Community – Girls' Education Project Team

Background

Research shows that educating girls is the most effective way to promote economic development

- “[E]ducating girls yields a higher rate of return than any other investment available in the developing world,” Lawrence H Summers, economist and former president of Harvard University
- "There is no tool for development more effective than the education of girls." Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations



“We've been learning how to measure things. When we buy from shopkeepers, they cannot cheat us now. “ Adeeba, schoolgirl from Khoj

Background

Pakistan has one of world's largest populations of out-of-school Muslim girls

- Pakistan has the third largest out-of-school population in the world, after Nigeria and India.
- Nearly 50% of girls never attend school.
- Of those that do attend, 59% leave before reaching 5th grade.
- Women represent only 13% of the work force.
- Over 60% of the female population 15yrs and older is illiterate.
- In rural areas of Pakistan, boys are three times more likely than girls to complete their primary education.
- Parents who cannot afford to send all their children to school usually send the boys and keep the girls at home.



Oxfam International

Oxfam is one of the world's largest and most respected organizations seeking lasting solutions to poverty and injustice

- Confederation of 14 organizations working with over 3,000 partners in approximately 100 countries
- Founded in Oxford, UK in 1942 as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
- Oxfam Great Britain is the largest Oxfam with over 6000 employees.
- Oxfam America (Boston, MA) was formed in 1970 in response to the crisis in Bangladesh
- Highest ratings: Charity Navigator, Charity Watch



partnering with:



National Change Strategy 2009-2013

Alleviating poverty in Pakistan is a multi-faceted project, of which Girls' Education is one of 4 elements

1. Land rights & economic opportunities
2. Ending violence against women
3. Girls' education
4. Humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction & climate change



Pakistan

National Change Strategy

2009 2013

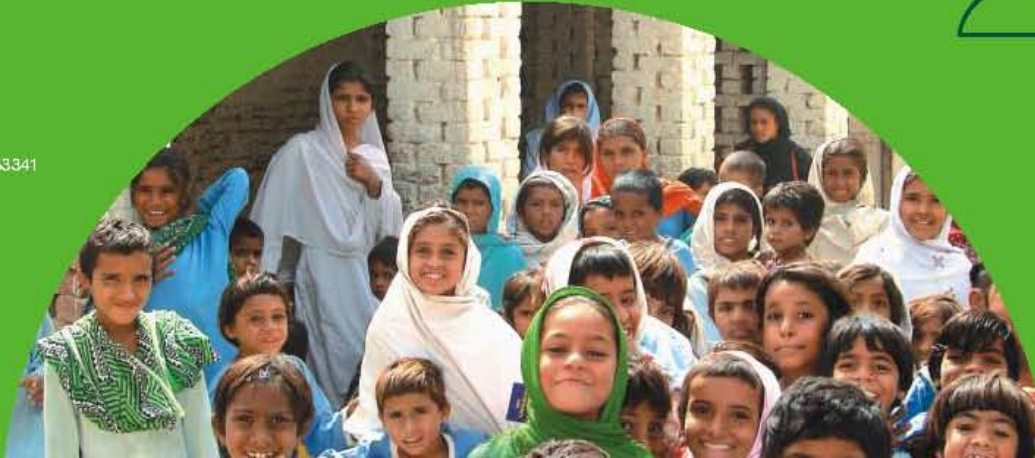


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Oxfam's Girls' Education Project

Sustainable education requires more than building schools

■ 9 Components of Oxfam's Program

1. Renovation / Rehabilitation of existing school premises
2. Provision of school supply materials
3. Teacher Training
4. Formation and Training of School Management Committees (SMCs)
5. Health and Awareness Sessions with Teachers, Students and SMC members
6. Participation of Children in School Improvement
7. Establishing links with District Government
8. Policy Advocacy
9. Capacity Building of Partners and Oxfam



“Enhancing Girls’ Enrolment in Remote Areas of Pakistan”

A specific Oxfam 3-year program targeting 35* schools

Provinces	Beneficiaries (approximately)			
	Teachers	Children	SMCs (members)	Community (members)
South Punjab and Sindh	300	8,000	280	150,000
Total	300	8,000	280	150,000

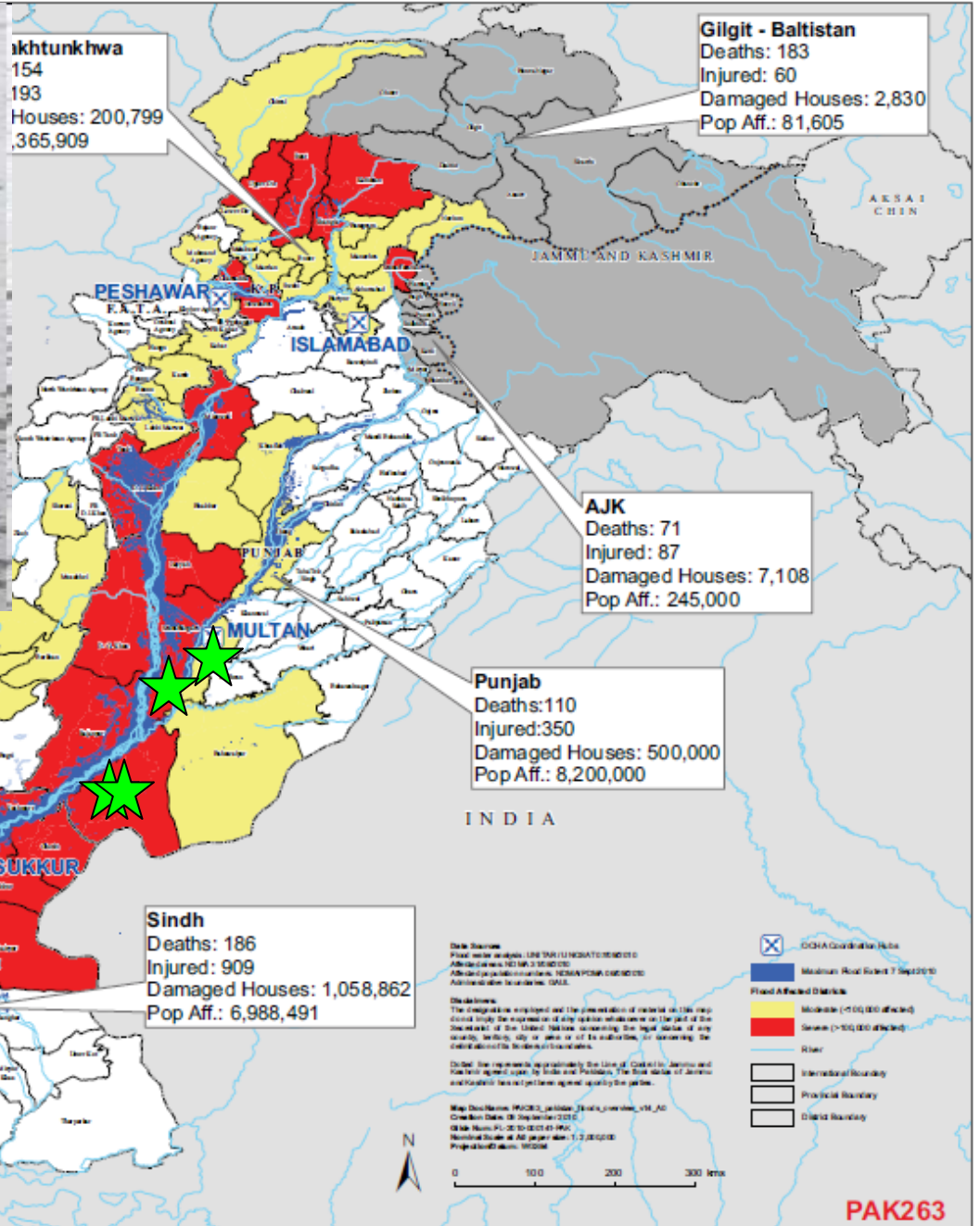
■ Schools Include

- Government Girls Elementary Schools
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- Government Girls Primary School 258,
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- Government Girls Primary School,
Tarkhan Wala, Multan District
- Government Girls Primary School,
Nanwan Noor Shah, Muzaffargarh District



Seven-year-old Shabana is a pupil at the Government Girls' Primary School in Rahim Yar Khan. “I don't like having my lessons outside in the sun,” she says. “My mother says this is what sometimes makes me ill.”

Floods have significantly set back all projects



Skhunkhwa
 Deaths: 154
 Injured: 193
 Houses: 200,799
 Pop Aff.: 365,909

Gilgit - Baltistan
 Deaths: 183
 Injured: 60
 Damaged Houses: 2,830
 Pop Aff.: 81,605

AJK
 Deaths: 71
 Injured: 87
 Damaged Houses: 7,108
 Pop Aff.: 245,000

Punjab
 Deaths: 110
 Injured: 350
 Damaged Houses: 500,000
 Pop Aff.: 8,200,000

Sindh
 Deaths: 186
 Injured: 909
 Damaged Houses: 1,058,862
 Pop Aff.: 6,988,491

How can you get involved?

■ Students

- ❑ Raise \$2,000 (2011) to support small project (e.g. books, library project, wall, etc)
- ❑ Bake sales, popcorn sales, etc
- ❑ Contact: Michelle Syed, michellesyed@comcast.net

■ Parents/Teachers/Students

- ❑ ICB Sister School program
- ❑ Under development, seeking help
- ❑ Contact: Hina Bukhari, hinz786@gmail.com

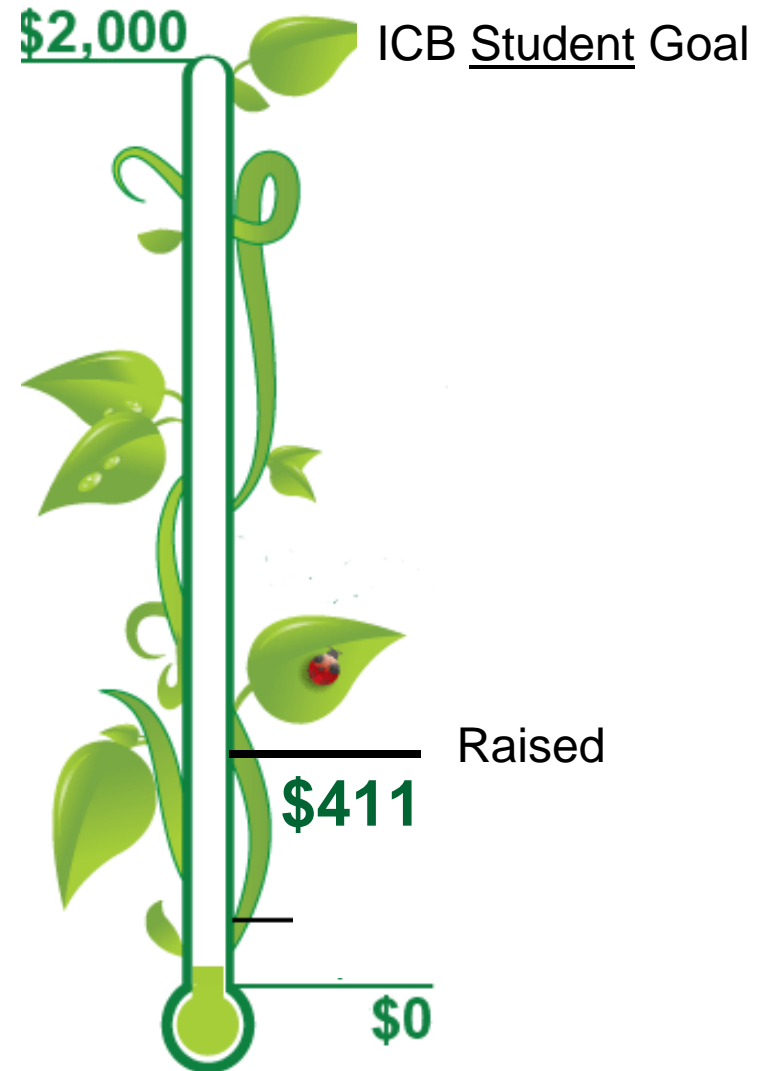
■ Community

- ❑ Raise \$100,000 (2010) to support up to ~8 large schools projects (\$72k already committed)
- ❑ Checks to “Oxfam America” with memo line “Pakistan Education Project G”, OR
- ❑ Checks to “ICB Wayland” with memo line “Pakistan Education Project G”
- ❑ Contact: Mohamad Ali, mhsali@gmail.com

■ Community

- ❑ Participate in Girls’ Education Project Team
- ❑ Though leadership and program planning
- ❑ Seeking ~5 founding members
- ❑ Contact: Mohamad Ali, mhsali@gmail.com

Students have already started



More Information

- Website
 - http://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam_in_action/where_we_work/pakistan.html
- Video #1, part 1
 - <http://www.youtube.com/user/whitericecom#p/a/u/1/PuMRkgXkSHo>
- Video #1, part 2
 - http://www.youtube.com/user/whitericecom#p/a/u/0/WgcGENJZ_4I
- Video #2
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eS1GXe1-vCY>