

A photograph of three children, two girls and one boy, smiling and holding hands. The girl on the left is wearing a patterned top and a green headband. The girl in the middle is wearing a red top with gold embroidery and a blue headband. The boy on the right is wearing a blue patterned shirt and a necklace. The background is a blurred blue and white structure.

THAAKAT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

HELLO!

We're the Thaakat Foundation and we're excited to share our story of impact with you, our donors.

While every human worldwide was pushed to their boundaries this year due to COVID 19's impact on our health, homes, and livelihood, we know that the pandemic hit the poor the hardest. While our staff was out of school due to pandemic lockdowns, we mobilized them to uplift our villagers during their most difficult times.

We focused on:

- Increasing access to health services
- Protecting and supporting their livelihood
- Ensuring we could get our students into learning programs and eventually back to school as soon as possible

Please join us as we share our 2020 story of hardship, perseverance, and promise.

With Gratitude,
The Thaakat Foundation Executive Board

WHAT IS THAAKAT FOUNDATION?

Our mission is simple. Protect, serve, and uplift people around the world who need us most. We are united in our passion to serve without exclusion. From struggle to strength, thousands of people now have access to basic rights such as healthcare, education, clean water, and financial independence.



We invest **100%** of all public donations in our communities.



17 board members work around the clock as volunteers to ensure we keep our mission in high stride.

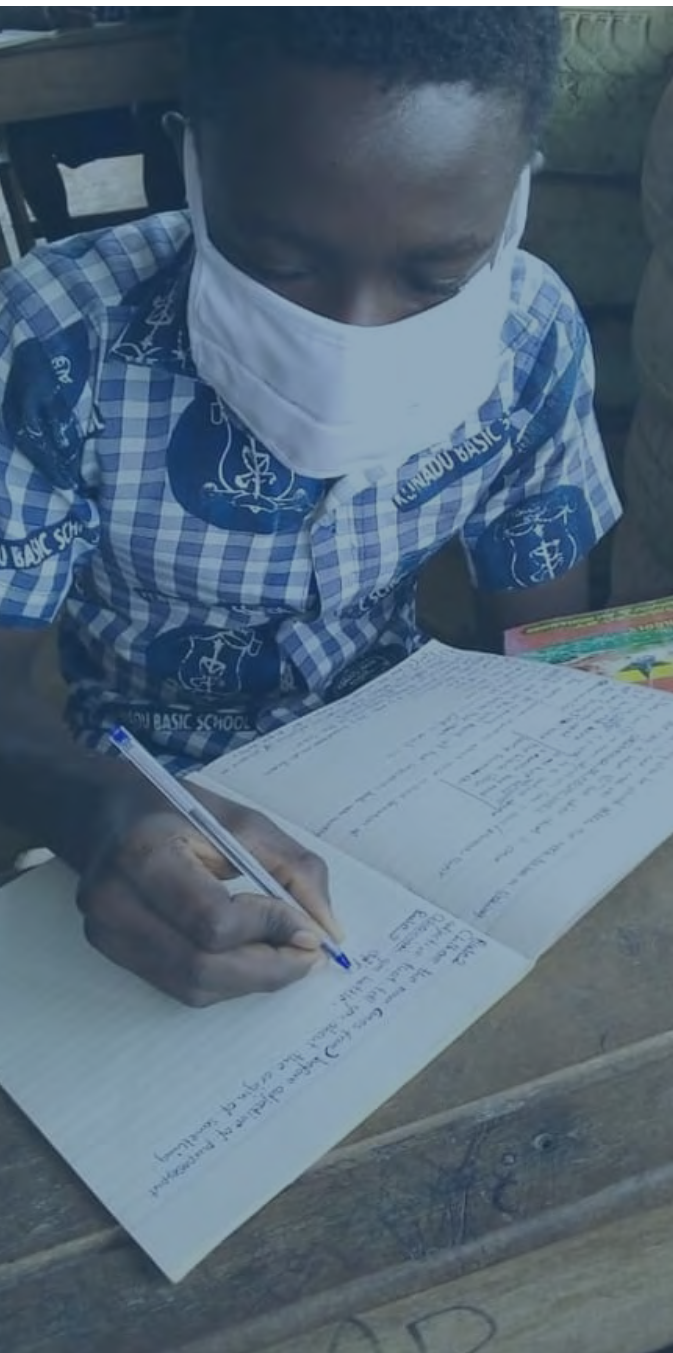


Since 2008 we've invested over **1.7 million dollars** to help people out of poverty.



We have improved literacy rates **10x over** in the communities we work in.

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MEET OUR BOARD

GOVERNANCE

UZMA BAWANY
FOUNDER AND
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
SINCE 2007



Nudrat Zoha | Chief
Operating Officer
(Member since 2010)

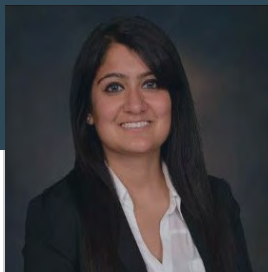
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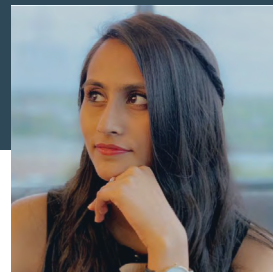
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Priyanka Patel | Since 2018



Afra Ashraf | Since 2018



Megha Karnam | Since 2019

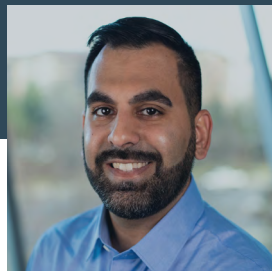


Pooja Sonikar | Since 2020

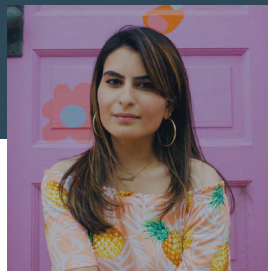
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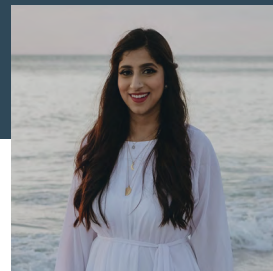
Sufyan Barkat | Since 2015



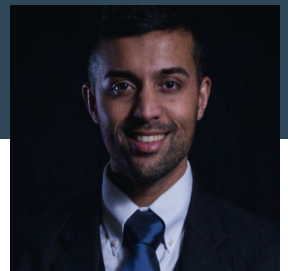
Saad Bawany | Since 2010



Aqsa Bawany | Since 2015



Amani Memon | Since 2014

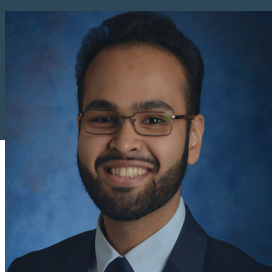


Puneet Soni | Since 2019

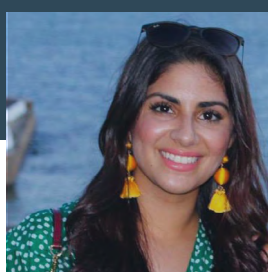
MARKETING SOCIAL | Content Curation -- Donor Engagement



Aysha Qamar | Since 2015



Jay Raval | From 2019-2020



Amal Amir | From 2019-2020

**Additional
Marketing
Social:
Afreen Yasin**
From 2019-
2020

ADMINISTRATION

Finance -- CRM



Upesh Desai | Since 2019

2020 TIME CAPSULE

JANUARY — ● SIERRA LEONE

Construction begins on 12 public bathroom units across 5 communities surrounding our maternal health facility. This is a big step towards disease prevention.

FEBRUARY — ● PAKISTAN

Preparation for a new semester begins with the distribution of over 10,000 books and supplies for our students at DREAMS.

MARCH — ● PAKISTAN

Two solar powered water plants are constructed in Thar desert Pakistan and villagers are ecstatic.

APRIL — ● GHANA | PAKISTAN

The COVID-19 Pandemic has caused total chaos. Schools in Ghana and Pakistan are in lockdown. We launch emergent aid relief efforts.

MAY — ● GHANA

At the Konadu School, we fumigate and sanitize the schools in preparation for phased return of students.

JUNE — ● SIERRA LEONE

Malaria Prevention programs pick up again thanks to the **Bobear Family Fund**.

JULY — ● PAKISTAN

We begin with the final phase of construction for our All Girl's Campus in Pakistan thanks to the **Bobear Family Fund**. We start to construct a dedicated facility for our 150 orphans.

AUGUST — ● PAKISTAN

We work on campus enrichment initiatives such as STEM curriculum training with teaching staff at DREAMS. We also add dozens of trees to our campus and construct a badminton court. When our students return, we want them to have even better than they had before!

SEPTEMBER — ● PAKISTAN

One Ummah Foundation funds the rebuilding of over 60 huts and refurbishing and draining of almost 100 homes. 4 week food relief programs start in Pakistan.

OCTOBER — ● SIERRA LEONE

We start construction on our nurse's quarters in Sierra Leone, our staff, overwhelmed with the caseload, needs this private space to rest.

NOVEMBER — ● ALL SITES

- ▶ We build upgraded units for our farm at the Konadu School in Ghana, it's a continuous fight to keep contamination out. Our goal is to increase profits by 10% over last year.
- ▶ We receive funding from **Nexus Pharmaceuticals** to start construction on a labor suite at our health campus in Sierra Leone.
- ▶ In Pakistan, we open our doors at our newly constructed medical facility. The facility is in one wing of our intermediary college. **CCL Labs** helps us to purchase ENT endoscopy equipment to treat the many villagers who arrive with Ear, nose and throat issues due to the burning of garbage where they live.

DECEMBER — ● PAKISTAN

We inaugurate our All Girls' School and doors open to 190 students for the first time!

FINANCIALS

3 YEAR COMPARISON	2018	2019	2020
INCOME			
Campus Chapters	\$14,066	\$6,855	\$6,795
Corporate Contributions	\$44,661	\$71,789	\$62,924
General Donations	\$191,163	\$238,967	\$320,041
Grants	\$48,756	\$65,233	\$47,816
Sponsorships	\$7,600	\$4,600	\$1,751
TOTAL INCOME	\$306,246	\$387,445	\$439,327
PROJECT INVESTMENTS			
Global Projects			
Dreams for Kachra Kundi	\$190,905	\$225,710	\$309,940
Konadu Basic	\$50,326	\$69,087	\$50,748
Healthcare W/O Borders	\$37,782	\$56,874	\$49,401
TOTAL GLOBAL PROJECTS	\$280,478	\$351,871	\$410,089

When COVID hit in Q1, it required us to evaluate not only how we were managing our global work amid a pandemic, but how we were going to manage to bring in the funds we needed while all of our in person events were cancelled.

We evolved. Our summer charity dinner was translated into a social media fundraiser. Through Instagram appeals, Facebook fundraisers and keeping our stories from our sites, live and in real time each day---our donors came through. What was unbelievable was that we brought in even MORE than in years past.

Our fall tournament was also cancelled and we were grateful that many of our sponsors and even previous team captains contributed to help us meet our goals.

75% of our total income came from our general public. Along with support from our chapters, grantors and sponsors, we raised **\$439,000 (\$80,000 MORE than last year!)**

93% of the donations were INVESTED into our global projects site THIS YEAR. We do the best we can to ensure your funds are put to work with urgency and with value. The additional funds allowed us to do more community development work, build new structures and even open a new medical center.

1% of our funds were spent in overhead. **ONLY 1%!** We never put your donations towards our expenses (accounting, legal, events). We ensure this is covered by sponsors who are willing to help us to operate. In addition to this, our entire staff works on a **100% voluntary basis**. With our events cancelled, our overhead dropped significantly, allowing us to invest more in services like account support and grant writers.

FROM OUR CHAPTERS

UNIVERSITY LED CHAPTERS TALK ABOUT LEADERSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC



A campus chapter is a group of students who are passionate about empowering others, and are ready to take the next step to lead the charge at their school to help fulfill Thaakat's mission. Each campus chapter is student-led, student-initiated organization on a high school or college campus that partners with our national Thaakat Foundation organization. This year, they had the challenge of building up and motivating a team while social distancing. Hear about how they did just that, and did it brilliantly.

Below, we welcome a meet and greet with our 2020 Chapter Executives.

2020 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

- ▶ **Rachel Dement** | Thaakat Bradley
- ▶ **Imadh Khan** | Thaakat Illini
- ▶ **Jay Doshi** | Thaakat New York Institute of Technology
- ▶ **Amal Bajwa & Yash Prajapati** | Thaakat Rutgers
- ▶ **Alina Khalid** | Thaakat University of Illinois at Chicago



Alina Khalid, President
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, IL

"To me, giving back means empowering others to reach their full potential. It has been a lifelong passion of mine, and I found this at the Thaakat Foundation. Its mission and dedication to help underserved communities in fields such as healthcare and education resonated with me, and continues to motivate me to this day.

In my role as president, alongside my team, we had to significantly change the way we communicated and managed events due to the ongoing pandemic. We adapted quickly and have been successful in hosting several events as a result. **As college students, we are a part of the future, and to create the change we want to see in the world, I knew we had to push forward even in these difficult times.**"



Amal Bajwa, Co President
Rutgers Thaakat
New Brunswick, NJ

"Although we were met with extraordinary challenges this semester, Rutgers Thaakat remained resilient and driven. We leveraged our chapter's strengths - namely, our passion for Thaakat's cause and our incredible general board - to restructure events for the virtual landscape. **Together, we surpassed chapter fundraising goals and fostered a fulfilling, virtual experience for the board!**"



Imadh Khan, President
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign Thaakat
Urbana Champaign, IL

"The hardest part about starting a new year in the pandemic was making the new board feel welcome. One of our biggest goals as a board is to do good work without feeling like it's a big hassle, but instead that everyone has fun in the process. Doing meetings over zoom can easily feel monotonous so we tried to keep it as light hearted as possible, including things like "would you rather" ice breakers. **Looking back on our semester I think the board has managed to get a lot closer without even meeting much in person.** We had a lot of ups this semester and we're looking forward to an even better one next semester!"

DREAMS

KACHRA KUNDI, JAM CHAKRO VILLAGE,
KARACHI, PAKISTAN

COUNTRY MANAGER: SAAD SHEIKH
PROJECT MANAGER: REEMA PATEL



**AS OF 2020, THE BELOW ARE FACILITIES
WHICH ARE FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE
THAAKAT FOUNDATION.**

CAMPUS 3 (MAIN CAMPUS)

Nursery - 10th Grade

- 601 Students (497 Male/ 104 Female)
- 32 Staff

CAMPUS 2

Nursery - 5th Grade

- 280 Students (185 Male/ 95 Female)
- 14 Staff

INTERMEDIARY COLLEGE

Grades 9th & 10th

- 105 Students (33 Male/ 72 Female)
- 13 Staff

GIRLS' CAMPUS

Nursery - Grades 1st-7th

- 195 Female Students
- 12 Staff

ORPHAN FEEDING PROGRAM

All Grade Levels

- 79 students (33 Male/ 46 Female)
- 1 Staff

MEDICAL CENTER

- 3 ENT Specialists
- 1 Receptionist/Manager

WOMEN'S TECHNICAL CENTER

- 25 Students
- 1 instructor

Our DREAMS education project was dealt a lot of hardship in 2020. Outside of COVID, Karachi, Pakistan was hit with record breaking flooding. Many in our villages had their huts washed away and those in areas surrounding us lived in knee deep cold water for weeks.

We immediately rerouted our efforts towards community development. Food relief, home rebuilding and refurbishing projects took center stage while our teachers continued to provide small group lessons to students throughout the village. We rebuilt more than 100 huts and re constructed nearly 60 homes which were damaged by the storms.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF OUR EDUCATION PLATFORMS WE FOCUSED ON THE BELOW IN 2020.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

We have spent months training teachers in STEM, coding and robotics. With the provision of 30 laptops, we will be able to offer technical courses for all of our students. We've also added new badminton and soccer courts.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We launched our first ever all girls campus. This campus opened to 190 female students from all levels and is situated next to our women's technical skills training center. The grounds was built beautifully with the need of every student in mind. We can't wait to show you more progress!

CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

We surveyed communities in the remote villages of Sindh. We saw thousands of families who struggled without basic resources. We initiated two solar powered water plants which have helped bring relief to these communities. The villages are growing fresh gardens and are able to support livestock. Our goal is to establish another 10 wells in 2021.

MEDICAL CENTER LAUNCH

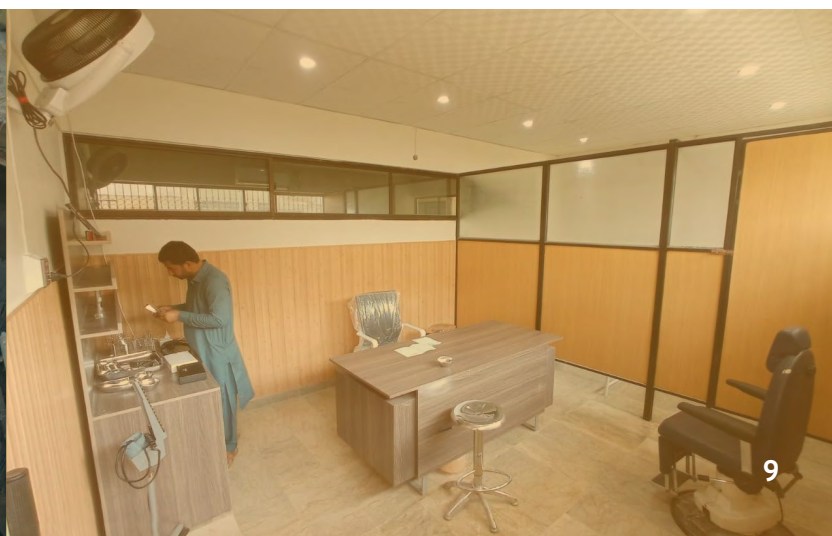
We knew that we needed to provide our community with the resources to fight through this pandemic. Within months, we converted a wing of our college into a medical facility. We now have 3 full time staff and plan on expanding our services.

HOME REBUILDING

Flooding devastated our communities which were already grappling with the effects of poverty and COVID. We helped to rebuild, re-plaster and refurnish hundreds of homes for villagers whose homes were destroyed by the floods.

FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY

With many villagers out of work due to lockdown, we established a 1 month food relief program. We provided nutritious meals 2x a day. We have also launched several efforts to create community food gardens. These efforts will help ensure the community is not dependent on others or suffering from starvation.



KONADU BASIC SCHOOL

TANOBOASE, GHANA, AFRICA



COUNTRY MANAGER: CLEMENT BOAMAH

PROJECT MANAGER: AFRA ASHRAF



320 STUDENTS



MUSHROOM FARM



19 TEACHING STAFF



8 WORKERS



INCLUDING 1 BEEKEEPER



PRIMARY-JUNIOR HIGH

In Tanoboase, Ghana people come to work in the community so that they may support their families. Their children usually do not go to school. Clement “Righteous” Boamah watched this happen, and he had a dream to build a free school that serves children left out of the existing Ghana educational system. And he strived to make that dream come true. Perhaps that is how he earned his nickname, Righteous.

Thaakat Foundation has been the sole financial sponsor of this school since 2013. Our goal is to continue to provide a safe learning environment with education for these children.

Though COVID certainly stopped our schedule in it’s tracks, the Konadu school was able to return through a phased approach started in May 2020. With the provisions of PPE, regular sanitation and social distancing, students were able to resume classes.

Clement and his staff provide an education in line with the nationwide curriculum, the school also provides for extracurricular development in arts and music and we are proud to share they have earned the district best in class in soccer. All of this is provided in a safe space, at no cost for the children while their parents work.

HOW IS KONADU DIFFERENT

- Few schools in the district are able to leverage computers as learning tools. (We are the first in the district to have a fully functioning technical lab.)
- Virtually no schools offer libraries or classroom reading.
- Enrichment programs such as arts, music and sports are very limited.
- Poor overall scores in standardized tests.

KONADU OFFERS ALL OF THE ABOVE!



HOW DID WE COME ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

The founder at Konadu School, Clement, is always looking for ways to help the community and school flourish. Our goal in the next 2 years is to help build up the Konadu community to be self-sustainable. With investments in the mushroom farm, it has proved to be a profitable agricultural reserve in food and funds and we're excited to share how this helps catapult Konadu to continued success!

IN 2021 YOUR FUNDING HELPED US ACCOMPLISH THE BELOW:

- ▶ Upgrades in the computer lab, including increasing electrical grid and adding 10 additional laptops. This will ensure every single student gets time in the ICT learning classes.
- ▶ Fully furnished library and an additional 2 classrooms on the ground floor.
- ▶ Reconstructed all mushroom farm housing from mud and bricks to cement and iron (to keep out contamination).
- ▶ Six unit washrooms and office space added.

TODAY,
40%
OF ON SCHOOL
EXPENSES ARE
COVERED BY
THE FARM.

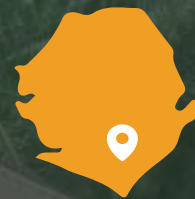
(UP 10% FROM
LAST YEAR)



It is our goal to help Konadu Basic School earn its place as the best school in the district. Stay tuned as we continue to build out our 15 classrooms over the next 1.5 years.

HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS

BLAMA PERRI, SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA



COUNTRY MANAGER: PHILIP MOMOH
PROJECT MANAGER: PRIYA PATEL

TOP FIVE TREATED DISEASES IN 2020

	ADULTS	ADOLESCENT	CHILDREN UNDER 5
1	Malaria	Malaria	Malaria
2	SRI	Worm Infection	Malnutrition
3	Genital Discharge	Skin Infection	ARI/Pneumonia
4	ARI/Pneumonia	Dysentery	Diarrhea
5	Gastric Ulcer	ARI/Pneumonia	Skin Infection

OUR IMPACT

Since launching our mission to provide free and quality healthcare in Sierra Leone, we have been able to accomplish the following:



Launched **2** successful health campuses which serve **13** communities



Completed **24** public bathrooms also serving these **13** communities



Over **25,000** people treated



545 healthy babies delivered



Approximately **500** children under the age of 5 reached healthy child status through our acute malnutrition programs



WITH MALARIA

Over **a dozen** Malaria prevention programs organized, impacting thousands of people

Nearly **100** Mosquito breeding grounds were eliminated to control Malaria

Over **10,000** Malaria cases treated



2020 TOTAL CASES 4,553

2020 TOTAL BIRTHS 91

TOTAL LIFETIME CASES 25,455

TOTAL LIFETIME BIRTHS 541

WHERE DO WE WORK?

Pujehun district is in the Southern Province and third largest district in the country. Pujehun was destroyed during the country's civil war, and thirteen years after the end of the war, it still visibly carries the marks of war. After the war, much of the villages who had been burned to the ground have tried to recover. Given that the various village catchments are rather remote and are overcome by poverty and disease burden, progress has not come so quickly.



HOW DID WE COME ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

In 2014, the Thaakat Foundation was fortunate to come across this district through our friend Abdulai, an orphan of the village who moved to New Jersey. With his support, we launched dialogue to see how we can help the people of Pujehun. They plead for a health center. Often, the village women would walk miles to the nearest health center while in labor.

We launched our first center in 2014 in a village some hundred miles away. Our centers provide pre and post natal care for mothers but also provide healthcare for the general public. The community referred to it as a small CITY. It had lights, clean water, and the facilities to do all of the work they had dreamed of. The district was so inspired, they requested we replicate our success in other villages throughout Pujehun. In 2018 we started working on our 2nd facility. The previous health facility here was dilapidated and deserted. This community carried an even larger burden as Malaria rates (already a serious threat in the district) were nearly double what we saw in the last village. This was due to a nearby stream.

*"This community has lacked bathroom facilities for years which has contributed to the outbreak of so many diseases; this has now been put under control since the construction of the modern bathroom. Prior to this our villagers had no option but to use the outdoors for restroom purposes but now we are using a modernized bathroom fit for our comfort. It has been a fantastic opportunity to welcome visitors to our communities as well because they appreciate these facilities. This is the best step in disease prevention." -- **Community Leadership Committee on the impact of public bathrooms we built in 2020.***



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



In 2020, we were able to launch several large-scale projects across our sites thanks to our wonderful grantors. We wanted to take a moment to highlight their organizations and what they made possible for us.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT | NEXUS PHARMACEUTICALS

Since its inception in 2003, Nexus Pharmaceuticals specializes in innovative processes to make difficult-to-manufacture specialty drugs. They are dedicated to building a better world by offering researchers medications at greatly reduced prices through their clinical trial donation program and providing ongoing support to multiple national and community-based associations. We are fortunate to be one of them. Over the last two years we've worked to build out our second health campus in rural Sierra Leone. We needed funding to complete our labor unit and we were blessed to receive a grant from Nexus. The unit, which will be complete the first week of March 2021 will be a safe and private facility stationed just a few feet away from the primary center.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT | CCL LABS

Central Clinical Labs (CCL) has pioneered a State-of-the-art logistical system to provide Diagnostic Laboratory services to Home-bound patients and Outpatient doctor offices. CCL has been one of our longest term supporters, offering us grants over the last decade to evolve our healthcare platforms in Sierra Leone, fund our literacy programs in Pakistan and we are excited to share this year they have also funded critical outpatient diagnostic equipment for our new medical center in Pakistan.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT | ONE UMMAH FOUNDATION

The One Ummah Foundation was founded in loving memory of Mustafa Saeed Rahman who died tragically 6 days before his 12th birthday. The Rahman family endowed the One Ummah Foundation, whose name means: "One People." The organization has gifted us \$96,000 towards our work on DREAMS, Pakistan since our partnership with them began in 2014. In 2020 more than \$20,000 in funding was provided to support our community relief work. In total, the funding helped us to rebuild over 100 homes washed away in floods in Pakistan, feed and cloth thousands of people during the harsh winter and complete our women's technical skills training center.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT | BOBEAR FAMILY FUND

The Bobear family fund supports select charities that have outstanding leadership and a focus that positively impacts the greatest number of lives for each dollar we donate. Thanks to the Bobear Family Fund, Thaakat was able to continue a series of Malaria prevention and treatment programs across six villages surrounding our center in Sierra Leone and complete the construction of public bathrooms in each of these villages. The foundation was also able to complete the final phase of construction on our All Girls School in Pakistan and provide PPE to hundreds of students in Ghana thanks to grants received from the Bobear Family Fund.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO OUR VERY SPECIAL 2020 SPONSORS:

SILVER SPONSORS

Atlas Consumer Law
Subeenaz
Cross Country Mortgage
Atiya Khan Jewelry
SYI Corp (Snoop)
Waz Wan

ELITE SPONSORS

Advanced Pediatric Care
AFAM Concept
Tandoor Char House
Cottmark Empire

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\$20,000
contribution.

FUTURE FORWARD

WITH THE FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT GOALS, WE HOPE TO BUILD A FUTURE OF SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.



BUILD LONG TERM SOLUTIONS TO FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY

Impoverished families help themselves through self-sustaining food producing projects such as community gardens. Food production has been a large part of what we do at the Konadu school in Ghana and we hope to replicate these ideas at our other project sites. This leaves people less reliant on food relief from the outside.



PROVISION OF CLEAN WATER

Clean water helps combat everything from infectious disease to hunger. We are surveying communities in the deserts of interior Sindh, where thousands of children have lost their lives from malnutrition. Our goal is to install a dozen wells in these areas. We've already seen our pilot wells combat the devastating effects of poverty. The communities with clean water have thriving agriculture, livestock and better health already.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Without access to energy services, many communities in poverty fail to get ahead. After dark, all activity from learning to working must stop. This is also a threat to safety in villages where women and children are vulnerable to crime, drugs and abuse. We are looking at opportunities to add solar power throughout our villages as well as focus on enrichment and safe socializing activities such as STEM and computer programs in our schools and open gazebos and playgrounds in public places.



Pictured is our gardener Jan Muhammad at our DREAMS, Pakistan site. He is helping our gardens flourish. Previous to this, he was working in the landfills as a waste picker. Your donations help to empower both children and adults in this community.

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