



# THAAKAT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# HELLO

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 facilities such as health-care, education, clean water and economic independence, thanks to your donations.



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



**14 board members and several campus chapter members work around the clock as volunteers to ensure we keep our mission in high stride.**



Since 2008 we've invested **over 2 million dollars** to help people out of poverty.

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# MEET OUR BOARD

## GOVERNANCE

**UZMA BAWANY**  
FOUNDER AND  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR  
*SINCE 2007*



**Nudrat Zoha** | Chief  
Operating Officer  
*(Member since 2010)*

## GLOBAL OPERATIONS | Project Management -- Grants -- Public Health



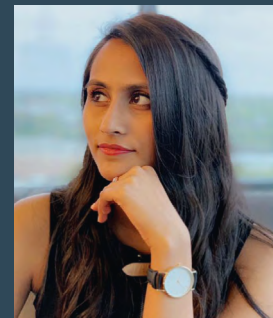
**Reema Patel** | Since 2019



**Priyanka Patel** | Since 2018



**Bhuvana Kamma** | Since 2021



**Megha Karnam** | Since 2019



**Pooja Sonikar** | Since 2020

## FUNDRAISING | Events -- Sponsors -- Corporate Matches -- Chapters



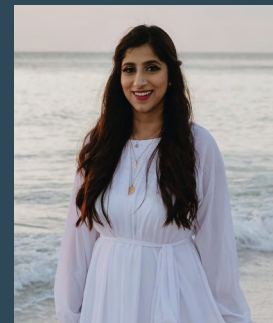
**Sufyan Barkat** | Since 2015



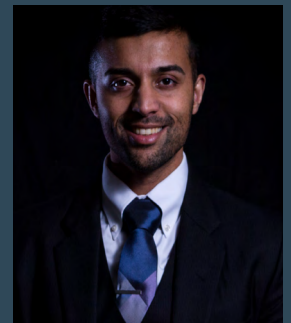
**Saad Bawany** | Since 2010



**Aqsa Bawany** | Since 2015



**Amani Memon** | Since 2014



**Puneet Soni** | Since 2019

## MARKETING SOCIAL

Content Curation -- Donor Engagement



**Aysha Qamar** | Since 2015

## ADMINISTRATION

Finance -- CRM



**Upesh Desai** | Since 2019

## BOARD VOLUNTEERS

**Ahmed Dhorajiwala**  
Donor Outreach

**Uzma Imam**  
Donor Engagement

# DEAR SUPPORTERS,

**MORE THAN 700 MILLION PEOPLE  
STILL LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY  
TODAY, STRUGGLING TO FULFILL THE  
MOST BASIC OF THEIR NEEDS.**

If we can pay billions of dollars to fly spaceships and jets around the world, can't we eradicate global poverty?

It is our responsibility to do so, but we must do it with sustainability in mind.

Access to energy is at the heart of development. When we build and power new infrastructures, we have to consider how communities without a power grid can leverage these resources. Every solution must also ensure we are not putting additional strain on our environment.

Some of our favorite moments are seeing villagers in the deserts of Tharparkar, Pakistan filling their buckets of clean water from our new water plants, at the tug of a handle. These villagers used to spend hours pulling toxic water from deep wells. Our country manager in Sierra Leone recently sent us pictures of our newly built school, shining bright at night.

Both of these situations are possible, because we've powered these structures with solar electricity. Solar power is clean, emissions free and renewable.

As we identify solutions to eradicate poverty, they aren't often the cheapest or easiest, but we do our best to ensure they are the most sustainable solution for all.

With the pandemic rearing in over 2 years now, it's also changed the way we think about our solutions. While we work hard to ensure students return from the COVID education gap, we realize that we've also lost many of them to things like child labor and marriage. We're doubling down on efforts to ensure our schools offer programs such as computer literacy, arts, music, sports and STEM. We're introducing new playgrounds. We're investing more in continuing education scholarships. We're launching on site meals programs. We're doing our best to show parents that this is the life their young kids deserve.

While we all have made global progress in eradication of poverty, the pandemic has decelerated so much of that. You've given us the ability to make these programs a reality by providing us with more in gifts and donations than we've ever had in the past and this has helped us move forward with full force!



# OUR FINANCIALS

January - December 2021

WE EXPERIENCED  
**10%** GROWTH  
OVER LAST YEAR

**TOTAL  
INCOME**  
\$493,000

Campus Chapters	\$4,331
Corporate Contributions	\$51,978
General Donations	\$375,840
Grants	\$57,090
Sponsorships	\$4,400



**PROJECT  
DISBURSEMENTS**  
\$471,405

Dreams	\$307,768
Healthcare Without Borders	\$81,546
Konadu Basic School	\$82,091



**TOTAL  
EXPENSES**  
\$6,566

ONLY **1%** WAS  
SPENT IN  
OVERHEAD

## DID YOU KNOW?

We have invested **2.2 MILLION** in global projects to date.



# OUR CAMPUS CHAPTERS

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 a student-led, student-initiated organization on a college campus that partners with our national Thaakat Foundation organization.

## Thaakat Foundation University Chapters

- ▶ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
President: Nisaa Aleem
- ▶ University of Illinois at Chicago, IL  
President: Afeefah Raja
- ▶ Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ  
President: Raheem Malik & Alina Zaidi
- ▶ New York Institute of Technology, NY  
President: Jay Doshi

Read on to learn more about our chapter leaders!



## AFEFAH RAJA

President, University of Illinois at Chicago

Chicago, IL

**WHY THAAKAT?** This organization is so important to me because it is all about helping the community and people around us. Thaaikat national does amazing work in various countries and it's amazing to be able to help those who aren't as fortunate to have access to clean water or basic education. To be a part of the UIC chapter allows me to do the service and community work locally which is so important. If I can make even one person's day better that's all that matters.

**BACKGROUND:** I am 22 years old and was born and raised in Chicago. I am currently a Senior majoring in Business Marketing. Although I will be graduating and passing on the title of president to someone else, Thaaikat will forever be close to my heart.

**PROUDEST MOMENT:** Organizing a successful event at the Hamdard healthcare facility. The residents look forward to us coming every year and it was really nice to make it happen after the pause in volunteer events due to COVID.



## NISAA ALEEM

President, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

**WHY THAAKAT?** I joined Thaaikat so I could make an impact that lies beyond the community I live in. It is so rewarding to see how our efforts on our local campus make such a difference across the world. It is so great to work with people who are just as passionate about Thaaikat as I am.

**BACKGROUND:** I am a senior at UIUC studying Interdisciplinary Health Sciences on the pre-med track.

**PROUDEST MOMENT:** I think one of my proudest moments is planning and organizing our annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. We committed so much time as a board to that event and seeing how we raised the most we had all year was so rewarding knowing our hard work paid off!



## ANUM PAYA

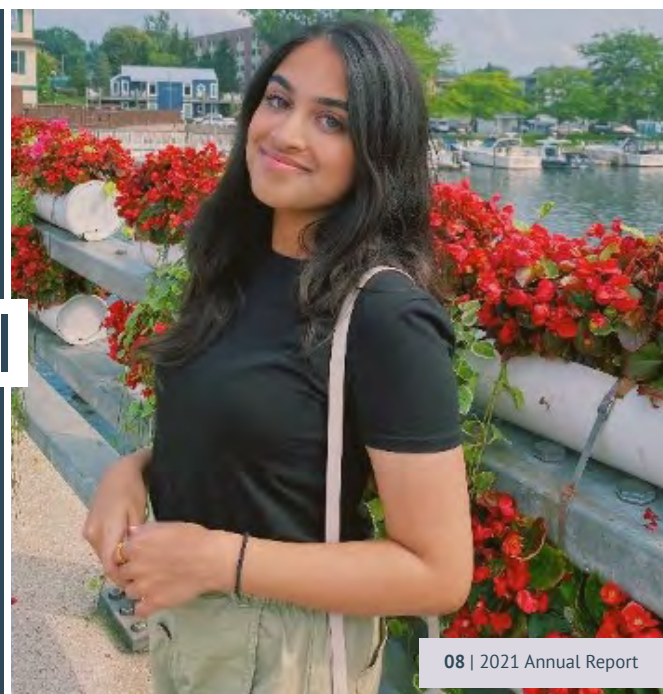
Vice President, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

**WHY THAAKAT?** Thaaikat has a special place in my heart because it goes above and beyond to make a difference not only at 1 but 3 major global sites. It gives a chance for the people in these areas the tools they need for a bright future. Also being able to see the progress at each site helps to show the difference this organization is making.

**BACKGROUND:** I am a senior majoring in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, and I am on the pre optometry track.

**PROUDEST MOMENT:** My proudest moment was planning, organizing and hosting the annual Murder Mystery Dinner. We had an amazing turnout and everyone loved the event. It took months to plan but it was worth it because it will be a memory we will carry with us forever.





# OUR GLOBAL PROJECTS

LOOK AT HOW  
MUCH WE'VE  
GROWN!



► **PAKISTAN**  
DREAMS

► **GHANA**  
KONADU  
BASIC  
SCHOOL

► **SIERRA LEONE**  
HEALTHCARE  
WITHOUT  
BORDERS

Our global project  
investments over  
the years.

2012	●	\$34,190
2013	●	\$62,549
2014	●	\$99,615
2015	●	\$126,187
2016	●	\$159,324
2017	●	\$211,575
2018	●	\$279,013
2019	●	\$351,671
2020	●	\$410,089
2021	●	\$471,405

**TOTAL: \$2,205,618**

# DREAMS

KACHRA KUNDI, JAM CHAKRO  
VILLAGE, KARACHI, PAKISTAN



TOTAL INVESTMENTS (SINCE 2012)

## 1.51 MILLION



**COUNTRY  
MANAGER:**  
SAAD SHEIKH



**PROJECT  
MANAGER:**  
REEMA PATEL

THE BELOW FACILITIES ARE FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE THAAKAT FOUNDATION.

### CAMPUS 3 (MAIN CAMPUS)

#### *Nursery - 10th Grade*

- 620 Students (430 Male/ 190 Female)
- 30 Teachers
- 8 Non-Teaching Staff

### CAMPUS 2

#### *Nursery - 5th Grade*

- 250 Students (160 Male/ 90 Female)
- 14 Teachers
- 2 Non-Teaching Staff

### INTERMEDIARY COLLEGE

#### *Grades 11th & 12th*

- 148 Students (43 Male/ 105 Female)
- 9 Teachers
- 4 Non-Teaching Staff

### GIRLS' CAMPUS

#### *Nursery - 8th Grade*

- 184 Female Students
- 2 Teachers
- 4 Non-Teaching 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

- 46 Students
- 2 Teachers
- 2 Non-Teaching Staff



Pictured is the grounds of our largest campus in Karachi, Pakistan. Complete with gardens, playgrounds, soccer fields, water and recycling facilities, solar panels and everything these students could hope for!

**We** launched our educational work in Jam Chakro village, Karachi Pakistan in 2011. By 2012, we had built a brand new 17-unit classroom building in the trenches of the city's largest landfill. We've expanded beyond this facility and now support three schools, a college, medical facility, women's skills training center and a college. We have a total student body of 1,266 students (49% female) and 66 staff members.

When you walk into the schools you hear the chatter of young kids. We've pulled them out of a life beyond working in the landfills. Our campuses have clean water, public restrooms, Montessori style learning facilities, computer labs, playgrounds and libraries. Our school presents them with the opportunities they deserve.

**Today, 50% of our graduates go on to college for free.**

Thanks to you we were able to adopt the ongoing costs of the college, further enabling students to continue their education.

**The other 50% go on to resume careers such as shop owners, cashiers, nursery school teachers, tutors and bookkeepers.**

All careers they could not have without an education.

**At our college, which boasts a student body of 148, 80% of students are female.**

That makes us proud every day. In a country where females assume less than 20% of the continuing education rate, our college sets new standards.



# **“3,000 PAKISTANI CHILDREN UNDER FIVE DIE ANNUALLY FROM DIARRHOEA DUE TO POOR WATER AND SANITATION.” - UNICEF**

In the district of Tharparker, located southeast of Sindh, Pakistan, more than 90% of the population lives in rural villages without access to clean water. The district has 200 rural villages a large majority minority population which struggles from the effects of generational poverty.

The people of this regional district live below the poverty line and face obstacles in living their daily lives. With a lack of healthcare and concerns of ever-growing epidemics like diarrhea and measles increasing daily, the population faces a number of challenges when it comes to health and livelihood. Food and water shortages are of utmost importance and require the most immediate attention. Clean and accessible water is essential to prevent the increase and spread of disease.

According to the United Nations, water scarcity, poor water quality, and inadequate sanitation negatively impacts food security, livelihood choices, and educational opportunities for millions globally.

We set a goal in 2021 to establish 10 solar powered clean water wells. By the end of 2021, we had established 18 total! The solar power makes the project energy independent and helps to pump the water from over 100 ft underground.

Villagers can access the water at a simple tug of the handle. We already see the transformation of these communities- there is more greenery, agriculture, people and animals are healthier and happier!



# KONADU BASIC SCHOOL

TANOBOASE, GHANA, AFRICA



TOTAL INVESTMENTS (SINCE 2013)

## \$367,611



**COUNTRY  
MANAGER:**  
CLEMENT  
BOAMAH



**PROJECT  
MANAGER:**  
BHUVANA  
KAMMA

● **GHANA PROJECT  
MANAGER:**  
MIKE MCGASKEY

● **ON SITE  
ACCOUNTANT:**  
JUSTICE KORSAH



**230 STUDENTS**



**PRIMARY- JUNIOR HIGH**



**19 TEACHING STAFF**



**MUSHROOM FARM**

▼ **8 WORKERS**

▼ **INCLUDING 1 BEEKEEPER**



**In** Tano Boase, 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. 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.

Clement does everything with long term sustainability in mind. Today, they have growing agriculture initiatives on site that support the expenses of the school.

The school provides an education based on the nationwide curriculum and the school also offers additional development in areas such as arts, music, dance, sports and computer literacy. All of this is provided in a safe space for children while their parents’ work. In 2019, the Konadu School began construction on a two-story school building to replace the tire and mud structure that exists today. We’ve got one floor complete, which includes a library and computer lab and hope to continue completion of this unit in 2022.



# CONSTRUCTING THE FUTURE OF KONADU

Our goal is to move from our tire and mud building which does not have enough student capacity and will not withstand the test of time to a permanent brick structure. (pictured below)

## LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

HOW WE PLAN TO  
COVER **\$5000** OF  
MONTHLY EXPENSES

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**\$3000**

MUSHROOM AND OTHER  
AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

**\$1000**

VOLUNTEER AND PERSONAL  
KONADU DONORS

**\$600**

SUBSIDIZED STUDENT  
MONTHLY FEES

**\$500**

BUS RENTAL, LAB RENTAL



# HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS

BLAMA PERRI SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA



TOTAL INVESTMENTS (SINCE 2012)

**\$326,590**



**COUNTRY  
MANAGER:**  
PHILIP  
MOMOH



**PROJECT  
MANAGER:**  
PRIYA  
PATEL

**2021**

**TOTAL CASES:** 3,690

**TOTAL BIRTHS:** 77

**TOTAL LIFETIME**

■ **CASES:** 29,145

■ **BIRTHS:** 618

## TOP FIVE TREATED DISEASES IN 2021

ADULTS	ADOLESCENT	CHILDREN UNDER 5
1 Malaria	Malaria	Malaria
2 STI	Worm Infection	ARI/Pneumonia
3 Gastric Ulcer/Typhoid Fever	Diarrhea	Malnutrition
4 Hypertension	Skin Infection	Diarrhea
5 Genital Discharge	ARI/Pneumonia	Typhoid Fever

## WHERE DO WE WORK?

Pujehun district is in the Southern Province and third largest district in the country. It borders the Atlantic Ocean in the southwest, the Republic of Liberia to the southeast, Kenema district to the northeast, Bo district to the north and Bonthe district to the west. 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.

## MOVING FROM ONE COMMUNITY IN NEED, TO THE NEXT

We launched our first health center in 2014 in Pujehun. Our centers provide pre- and post-natal care for mothers but also provide healthcare for the general public. The community referred to our health campus as a small city. It had lights powered by solar, clean water, and the facilities to do all of the work they had dreamed of. The district was inspired, and they requested we replicate our success in other villages throughout Pujehun.

We transferred to a new community in 2018. 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.

## OUR IMPACT

We completed our 2nd health campus which includes a nurse's quarters and labor unit funded by the Bobear Family Fund and Nexus Pharmaceuticals.

Over the last year, we have accomplished so much. We've provided resources and agriculture training for long term food security, implemented multiple malaria prevention measures and partnered with the district to ensure our acute malnutrition programs continue long term even after our departure.

Since the launch of our quest to provide free and quality healthcare in the most remote communities of Sierra Leone, we have been able to accomplish the following:



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



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



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



Nearly **one hundred** Mosquito breeding grounds were eliminated to control Malaria



Over **27,000** people treated



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



**600** healthy babies delivered



# TEXTBOOKS AND KINDNESS WILL CHANGE THE WORLD



In spring of last year, we were approached by members of our health facility with the request to build a school for the community children. There were 120 students currently taking classes in a run-down building. We were fortunate that the Bobear Family Fund stepped in to fund the entire facility and we were able to complete construction within 6 months.

The facility was painted in the colors of the Sierra Leone flag. It features 6 large classrooms, bathrooms, solar panels for light and fans and a playground for the children. News of this facility quickly rippled throughout the country, with the country Ambassador for Education even arriving at our school for opening day. This school and health facility will help this community progress for generations to come!

# OUR PILLARS

## ● ELIMINATE POVERTY BY EMPOWERING WOMEN

In these communities the fight for gender equality is a struggle. Overcome with extreme poverty, women here are at a severe disadvantage. Young girls are married as young as 12 years old and prior to our schools there was a 0% literacy rate amongst females in these areas. If we want to eliminate poverty, we need to start with empowering women. We know that an educated woman will educate her family.

## ● LEAD WITH SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

The work that Thaakat does in education and healthcare overlays on something very important at this critical juncture in our world, sustainability. All of our facilities are powered by solar energy so that villagers have a means to work, study and socialize after dark. Though short-term food aid is provided when needed, every single location boasts community farm programs to ensure long term food security is the end goal. These programs help ensure the safety and independence of the communities we help not just now but for the future.

## ● ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

We've installed over 18 solar powered water plants in the last year alone. Access to clean water changes everything; it's a stepping-stone to development. When people gain access to clean water, they're able to practice good hygiene and sanitation. Children enjoy good health and are more likely to attend school. Parents put aside their worries about water-related diseases and lack of clean water access. Instead, they can feed their crops and livestock and diversify their incomes.

# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

## EVERY YEAR:



Over **1,300 students** complete their education to move onto the next level of learning

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Over **6,000 patients** are treated annually through our outpatient health

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**100+ healthy babies** delivered

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**150+ life saving surgeries** performed for those who otherwise could not afford it

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT



In 2021, we were able to accelerate the work in our global communities thanks to our wonderful grantors. We wanted to take a moment to highlight these organizations and what they made possible for us.

## 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, we've been able to continue our Malaria prevention programs for the last several years. After celebrating the completion of the nurses quarters, they funded last year, they gifted us \$30,000 to construct a brand new school near our health campus in Sierra Leone.

## 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 diagnostic endoscopy equipment for our new medical center in Pakistan.



## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# NEXUS PHARMACEUTICALS

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. Earlier this year they funded the construction of a labor unit at our health campus in Sierra Leone and we were fortunate to receive another grant which allowed us to purchase an ultrasound machine at our 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 over \$100,000 towards our work at DREAMS, Pakistan since our partnership with them began in 2014. Their grant this year helped to refurbish and update classrooms at a sister campus in Pakistan. One Ummah also contributes greatly to our annual food relief programs and funds our end of year bonus programs for more than 200 teachers at our schools.

## WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO OUR VERY SPECIAL 2021 SPONSORS:

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