

A young girl is the central figure, shown in profile from the waist up. She is wearing a vibrant red sari with a yellow border and a matching red and yellow headscarf. She holds a colorful, woven basket in her left hand. The background is a rustic setting with wooden poles and draped fabrics. The overall tone is warm and cultural.

THAAKAT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

HELLO FROM THAAKAT

MEET OUR BOARD

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 necessary facilities such as healthcare, education, safe housing, clean water and food security, thanks to your donations.

Global Operations



UPESH DESAI



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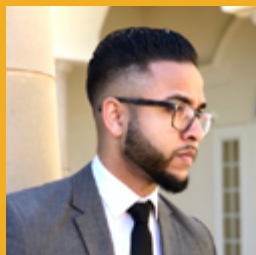


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SAAD BAWANY



SUFYAN BARKAT



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DEAR SUPPORTERS,

GIVEN ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHERE TO GIVE. OVER THE YEARS, THAT'S BEEN OUR GREATEST CONFLICT.

In the searing heat of Karachi, Pakistan's landfills we see kids scavenging as soon as they learn to walk. Covered in blisters and boils from the fire of the burning garbage, this is all they know. Walking through piles of trash, they seek their day's treasures, working for enough earnings so that they can eat.

In Sierra Leone, the effects of malnutrition and malaria are rampant. More than 50% of the population tests positive for Malaria in these villages at any given time. Malaria can have severe consequences for malnourished children as it weakens the immune system, making children more susceptible to infections and prolonged illness.

We know that we can't fix it all but with a focused approach on education and healthcare we can enable people to better lift themselves out of poverty. In close partnerships with local NGOs and governmental groups, we've been able to rebuild the infrastructure of wrecked and abandoned schools and healthcare facilities.

Children arrive at the new facilities wide-eyed and smiling, each one raising their hand to share their desire to leave a mark on this world. Those living in poverty don't have the luxury of deciding whether they can be in a classroom, or spend the day at work, but we do everything we can to make sure the decision to be in school is more than just a faraway dream.

In 2023, our 200,000 on-campus meals provided additional incentive for students to be in the classroom, while our solar electricity, sports fields, bread banks, playgrounds, and multimedia labs encouraged students to yearn for learning even after hours. We invested hundreds of thousands of dollars on new structures and facility improvements so that our staff, students, and patients have access to the best of this world! Read along to follow our favorite stories from the year.

OUR FINANCIALS

January - December 2023

Total Income: \$811,924.00

***Project Disbursements:** \$979,050.00

Total Overhead: \$23,409.00

PROJECT
DISBURSEMENTS
\$979,050

TOTAL
EXPENSES
\$23,409

ONLY 3%
WAS SPENT
IN OVERHEAD

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2012, we've invested nearly 5 million dollars in fighting poverty and creating sustainable change.

*Thaakat was able to invest more than what was raised this year due to availability of rollover funds from PY.

DONATIONS

Individual Donations	\$484,879.00
Corporate Giving	\$119,055.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 20,105.00
University Chapters	\$3,795.00
Grants	\$184,090.00

Total Donations Revenue **\$811,924**

GLOBAL CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS

Sierra Leone:	\$98,616
Ghana:	\$77,406
Pakistan:	\$803,028

Total Global Investment **\$979,050**

Raising Awareness

We were established as a social philanthropy organization, and we found success through connection. Through our university led chapters and local events, we continue to spread awareness of our purpose.

University Led 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.



Benedictine University
President: Maryam Malkana



DePaul University
President: Anam Jagridar



University of Illinois-Chicago
President: Emaan and Mariam



University of Illinois (UIC)
President: Hana Sayeed



University of Illinois (UIUC)
President: Sania Zaidi

Loyola University President: Saniya Barkat



FEED THE NEED ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

You helped us to raise over \$90,000+ at our Annual Feed the Need Charity Basketball Tournament. The funds raised from this event will help build a new healthcare campus and a new school in a community of need in rural Sierra Leone. These funds contribute greatly towards our goals of expanding education and healthcare services in remote communities of West Africa.

Nearly 250 players a fantastic crowd and generous sponsors were all present for the weekend event. Thank you to Saad Bawany for his leadership and dedication in pushing for better every year.

This event has catapulted our work in Sierra Leone forward for the past 14 years. We can't wait to see what you help us accomplish next year!

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
2022	●	\$812,651
2023	●	\$979,050

Total: \$4,997,389

WORKING IN AREAS THAT NEED US MOST



In 2021, we expanded our work in Sierra Leone to include reconstruction of broken school structures in rural, poverty stricken areas. Our goal is to rebuild 5 new schools by 2026.

Pictured: Students learn at their current school in Serabu, Sierra Leone. By end of 2024, they will have a brand new school building!

DREAMS

KACHRA KUNDI, JAM CHAKRO
VILLAGE, KARACHI, PAKISTAN



TOTAL INVESTMENTS (SINCE 2012)

2.95 MILLION



COUNTRY MANAGER:
SAAD SHEIKH

PAKISTAN COUNTRY PARTNER: IDARA AL KHAIR WELFARE

CAMPUS 3 (MAIN CAMPUS)

Nursery - 10th Grade

- 670 Students (482 Male/ 188 Female)
- 31 Teachers
- 8 Non-Teaching Staff

CAMPUS 2

Nursery - 5th Grade

- 256 Students (165 Male/ 91 Female)
- 16 Teachers
- 2 Non-Teaching Staff

INTERMEDIARY COLLEGE

Grades 11th & 12th

- 190 Students (58 Male/ 132 Female)
- 12 Teachers
- 3 Non-Teaching Staff

GIRLS' CAMPUS

Nursery - 8th Grade

- 247 Female Students
- 12 Teachers
- 5 Non-Teaching Staff

More about our work in Pakistan: Thousands of families live in the strewn and burning mountains of waste in Karachi, Pakistan's largest landfill, Jam Chakro. Here, 100 tons of waste is dumped daily. Walking through piles of trash and waste, often alone, children seek their day's treasures, working to earn enough so they can eat. We have built six schools in and around the landfill, providing easy access to education for children living in chronic poverty.



Pictured is our brand new DREAMS Campus 6. With a grant from the Bobear Family Fund we were able to double the size of the campus, add computer labs and libraries as well as a beautiful rooftop playground. The new campus is a shining gem in this community.

Introducing Our Newest School Campus: DREAMS 6

The presence of this additional school campus built in partnership with Idara Al Khair has brought immense transformational changes to the surrounding community. The mindset of people has shifted from their conservative thinking and families are now proudly embracing the need for female education.

A great change in the perspective on boys' education has also been recognized, prioritizing their academic development over the sole focus on earning due to financial constraints. The changes in the community have led to increased enrollment of girls in education programs, improved academic performance and aspirations among boys, enhanced community support for education and gender equality, reduced gender-based discrimination and stereotypes, a decrease in the unemployment rate, and a safer future for many families.

The campus which sits on a dark and dreary background of the slums, has become a new focal point in the community. The bright and colorful new building is something the students and local families are proud of.

While the building itself has been around for several years, we earned a grant from the Bobear Family Fund to double the size of the structure and completely renovate the facility using sustainability sourced construction materials which last much longer. We initially opened to a student body of 500 and now we are at top capacity with 785 students!



“ School has instilled a lot of confidence in me and taught me many things that have changed my personality, foremost among them being manners. Manners are taught to us, otherwise no boy or girl learns them. The excitement I have for the future is that I will help the girls of my village. The best place for me in school is the library because there are many books there that will increase my knowledge when I read them. ”

Saima Hassan

“

We all have lunch at home with the rotis from school, which helps us save some money. Parents are now at peace and content because of the food and rotis from school, which also saves on home-cooked meals. Instead of buying roti for 25 rupees at the market, we are able to get each roti for just 2 rupees per piece. Everyone at home is able to have bread. ”

Saima Ameer



HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS

BLAMA PERRI SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (SINCE 2012)

\$505,573



**COUNTRY
MANAGER:**
PHILIP
MOMOH



**PROJECT
MANAGER:**
PRIYA
PATEL

2023

TOTAL CASES: 3,378

TOTAL BIRTHS: 85

TOTAL LIFETIME

■ CASES: 35,923 ■ BIRTHS: 799

2023 PATIENT VISIT INSIGHTS

ADULTS

- 1 Malaria
- 2 Gastric Ulcer
- 3 Typhoid Fever
- 4 Hypertension
- 5 Genital Discharge

ADOLESCENTS

- 1 Malaria
- 2 Worm Infaction
- 3 Watery Diarrhea
- 4 Typhoid Fever
- 5 ARI/Pneumonia and Skin Infection

CHILDREN <5

- 1 Malaria
- 2 Malnutrition
- 3 Watery Diarrhea
- 4 ARI/Pneumonia
- 5 Skin Infection

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 remote and overcome by poverty and disease, progress has been slow.

MOVING FROM ONE COMMUNITY IN NEED, TO THE NEXT

We launched our first health center in 2014 in Blama, Sierra Leone. Our centers provide pre- and post-natal care for mothers and 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.

Our goal is to build one health facility and one school facility, every year, in a struggling community. Together, we can reduce rural healthcare and education inequalities and poverty thereby making room for long term progress for people in need.








Newly constructed health centers: 3

In progress: 2

Newly constructed schools: 1

In progress: 3

OUR IMPACT

-  Built **3** new health campuses which serve **25** communities
-  Completed **24** public bathrooms also serving these **13** communities
-  Over **35,000** people treated
-  **800** healthy babies delivered
-  Over **a dozen** malaria prevention programs organized, impacting thousands of people
-  Nearly **one hundred** mosquito breeding grounds were eliminated to control malaria
-  Approximately **500** children under the age of 5 reached healthy child status through our acute malnutrition programs

EDUCATION BUILDS A BETTER WORLD



Kathleen's School of Light was constructed in 2021 to provide safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning opportunities for underprivileged rural children in Sierra Leone. The Bobear Family Fund sponsored the entire build, and it has transformed the experience for both students and staff.

Two years since launch, we have doubled enrollment and improved gender parity by more than 150%. Children enjoy their school experience, and the staff are proud to come to work every day.

Our goal is to replicate this success by building five new schools adjacent to five new healthcare centers by 2026.

OUR PILLARS

● ELIMINATE POVERTY BY EMPOWERING WOMEN

In areas of extreme poverty, the fight for gender equality is a significant struggle. Women here face severe disadvantages due to extreme poverty. Young girls are married as young as 12 years old, and before our schools, the literacy rate among females in these areas was 0%. To eliminate poverty, we must start by empowering women, as an educated woman is likely to educate her family.

● LEAD WITH SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

We know that alleviating poverty requires a multi-faceted and long term approach. It's why we complement our schools and healthcare work with investments in the community. We leverage sustainable resources such as solar power and solar pumps, conduct annual audits and repairs on all facilities, and provide subsidized food aid and economic grants. These support programs ensure children and families have success not just now, but well into the future.

● ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

We've installed over 40 solar powered water plants since 2021. 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 **2,000 students** complete their education to move onto the next level of learning



Over **10,000 patients** are treated annually through our outpatient health facilities



90+ healthy babies delivered



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

Our Grantors

In 2023, 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 lives for each dollar donated. Thanks to a current lifetime investment from the Bobear Family Fund of more than \$300,000, we've built schools and maternal health clinics from the ground up in several communities of need. We've moved more quickly these last 5 years than we could ever imagine with their support.

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.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

NEXUS PHARMACEUTICALS

Nexus Pharmaceuticals develops, advances, and deploys life-saving critical-need drugs to institutions that need them every day. For the last several years Nexus has been an important corporate social partner, working with Thaakat to fund important healthcare initiatives and new health structures in Sierra Leone.

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 \$200,000 towards our work at DREAMS, Pakistan since our partnership with them began in 2014. Their grants help support relief and bonus programs for our hardworking staff at our schools.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Waqf FOUNDATION

Waqf Global Foundation was created to help establish poverty alleviation programs for those in need around the world. Partnering on several clean water initiatives, they currently fund our newest bread bank in Pakistan.

WISH BIG FOUNDATION

Wish Big believes that everyone has a right to basic needs. They support food, healthcare, safe shelter and educational programs in areas of need around the world. Since 2012, Wish Big has been cornerstone to our progress in various initiatives at DREAMS, Pakistan.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO OUR VERY SPECIAL 2023 SPONSORS:

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The Tailored Foundation
A Thousand Tales Restaurant
TMS Management LLC
Manatee Discount Pharmacy

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