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# SKZ FOUNDATION

As we embark on a journey through our annual report, we invite you to join us in reflecting on the profound impact of our collective efforts over the years 2022 and 2023.

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## ABOUT SKZ FOUNDATION

The SKZ Foundation, established in 2017, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children living in slums. Registered as a non-profit organization in both Pakistan and the United Kingdom, SKZ Foundation operates with a mission to provide essential support and opportunities for underprivileged children in marginalized communities.

### VISION

A pioneer of education for slum children in Pakistan, providing essential education and healthcare.

### MISSION

Empowering underprivileged children through education, breaking the cycle of child labor and ensuring every child enjoys a childhood filled with learning and opportunities.

### VALUES

Empathy  
Resilience  
Cooperation  
Credibility  
Innovation  
Honoring human dignity

### OBJECTIVES

Ensuring that quality education is accessible to all slum children, creating opportunities for learning. Provide essential healthcare services to underprivileged children and women, addressing immediate health needs and promoting overall well-being.

## 2022-2023 SKZ AT GLANCE

#	Province	District	Projects
1	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lahore</li> <li>• Pakpattan</li> <li>• Sheikhpura</li> <li>• Phool Nagar</li> <li>• Rajanpur</li> <li>• Rahim Yar Khan</li> <li>• Tharparkar</li> <li>• Kamalpur</li> <li>• Dunya Pur</li> <li>• Kot Kamboh</li> <li>• Bahawalpur</li> <li>• Sargodha</li> </ul>	Sanitation and hygiene promotion Community physical infrastructure Youth Leadership Humanitarian Response Occasional Programs
2	Gilgit Baltistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper Kachura</li> <li>• Thamchu</li> <li>• Arnicho</li> <li>• Prono</li> <li>• Ghizer</li> </ul>	Community physical infrastructure Youth Leadership Occasional Programs
3	United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birmingham</li> <li>• Chelmsford</li> <li>• London</li> <li>• Manchester</li> </ul>	Youth Leadership Occasional Programs

# OUTREACH COVERAGE

# 2024



## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear Supporters and Partners  
Greetings,



Hifza Khan

I hope this message finds you in best health and spirits and you all had a wonderful 2023. I am delighted to share with you the remarkable accomplishments that the SKZ Foundation achieved in 2022 and 2023. These two years have been filled with significant milestones, impactful initiatives, and inspiring collaborations that have propelled our mission forward.

"In the slums, I found hunger not just for food but for hope and understanding, with no knowledge of religion and life. This inspired me to combine sustenance with education and spiritual insight" It was my dream to provide education to the children living in slums, and it all began with a humble tent setup. By the grace of Allah SWT, our schools now serve over 500 students, empowering them with knowledge and opportunities for a brighter future.

Stay safe





## INTRODUCTION OF SKZ

In Pakistan, a significant part of our population, faces daily challenges in slums, where access to basic necessities is a daily struggle. With 20 million of the population residing in slums, countless families face challenges ranging from inadequate housing to limited access to healthcare and education. Alarming statistics according to a PIDE study report reveals that Pakistan has the world's second-highest number of out-of-school children with about 26 million children aged five to sixteen not attending school in the country. At SKZ Foundation, we're on a mission to change this narrative.

In 2017, the journey of SKZ Foundation began with a humble initiative—a small hut where slum children were given the gift of education. This grassroots effort quickly gained momentum, resonating with the shared vision of providing quality education to underserved communities.

However, in 2020, the journey faced an unexpected obstacle with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, disrupting the regular operations. Despite the challenges, SKZ Foundation remained resilient and in March 2021,

a significant milestone was achieved, the establishment of first SKZ Model School in Sabzazar Lahore. This resilient initiative provided a beacon of hope during challenging times, offering quality education to children in a structured and safe environment. The success of the SKZ Model School fueled the foundation's commitment to extending its impact.

In the same year, SKZ Foundation expanded its

reach to the picturesque landscapes of Gilgit Baltistan Thamacho, establishing a school to bring education closer to deserving communities.

SKZ Foundation is currently operating 4 schools, 1 in Punjab and 3 in Gilgit Baltistan where more than 500 underprivileged children are getting quality education. Registered in both Pakistan and UK under Charity Commission for England and Wales, Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies Registration and Control Ordinance of 1961, Societies Registration Act of 1860 and the Companies Act of 2017.

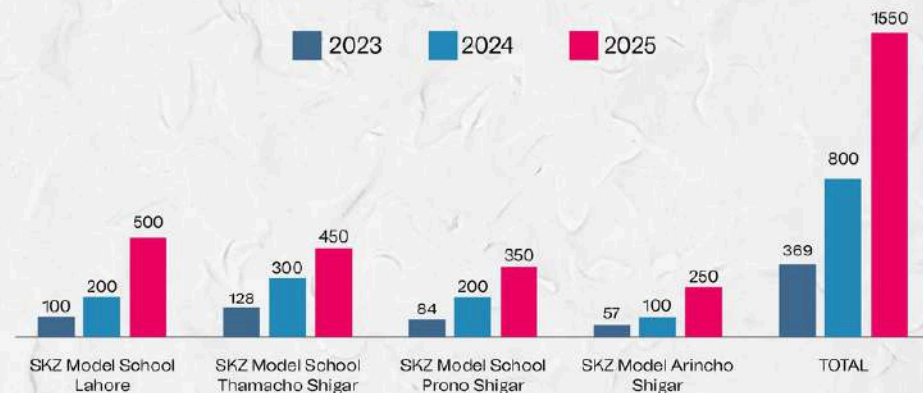
The commitment continued to grow in 2022 with the establishment of schools in Arnicho and Prono GB, marking milestones in SKZ Foundation's mission to bridge educational gaps and uplift communities. These schools are currently providing education to more than 500

deserving students.

As SKZ Foundation forges ahead, the vision remains clear: to transform lives through education and create lasting impacts in communities that need it most. The journey, born in a simple hut, has evolved into a network of schools, symbolizing the foundation's dedication to building a brighter future for children in every corner of the country.



## SKZ IMPACT



## Overview of SKZ Impact

SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN 2023	EXPECTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN 2024	EXPECTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN 2025
SKZ Model School Lahore	100	200	500
SKZ Model School Thamacho	128	300	450
SKZ Model School Prono	84	200	350
SKZ Model School Arnicho	57	100	250



## CALENDAR ACTIVITIES 2024

### TEZ HOST

SKZ Model School and Tez Host collaborated together for enhancing the educational experience for students. As part of this partnership, Tez Host generously sponsored a state-of-the-art LED display for the school. This advanced technology is integrated into the classroom environment, providing students with dynamic and interactive learning opportunities. The LED display facilitates multimedia presentations, interactive lessons, and real-time access to educational resources, significantly enriching the teaching and learning process.





## WINTER CLOTH DRIVE

### In Sindh, Punjab, KPK & Gilgit Baltistan.

To combat the biting cold, the foundation distributed a wide range of warm clothing items to 100 people. These included jackets, sweaters, shawls, blankets, gloves, hats, and socks. Each item was carefully selected to provide maximum warmth and protection against the harsh winter conditions. This was our post flood campaign project.

The distribution process was conducted with great care and attention to ensure that the winter clothing reached those who needed it the most. We set up distribution centers in various locations across Mithi (Tharparker), Rajanpur and Peshawar strategically located to cater to the needs of the local communities. Trained volunteers and aid workers were deployed to facilitate the smooth and efficient distribution of the winter clothing items.

The Winter Drive by the SKZ not only provided physical warmth but also instilled a sense of comfort and relief among the recipients. Many individuals and families who struggle to afford adequate winter clothing were able to stay warm and protected during the cold winter months, thanks to the efforts of SKZ.



## FOOD DRIVE

Expanding our outreach, SKZ Foundation organized a Food Drive to support both the slum community and the students at SKZ Model School. Recognizing the widespread issue of food insecurity, we distributed essential provisions to alleviate hunger and enhance well-being. These efforts reflect our steadfast commitment to compassionately serve those in need and foster positive change within our community.



## FOOD DRIVE





## MEDICAL CAMP

SKZ Foundation expanded its outreach by conducting a medical camp in Pakpattan, where we provided healthcare services to over 300 patients. Our team distributed essential medicines and conducted basic lab tests, ensuring access to crucial healthcare resources for the underprivileged community. Prioritizing healthcare as our second point of focus after education underscores our commitment to addressing the holistic needs of those we serve.



# MEDICAL CAMP

## IFTAR DASTARKHUWAN

During Ramadan, SKZ Foundation hosted daily Iftar Dastarkhwan, where we provided meals to 3000 people, including our students and members of the slum community. Throughout the holy month, our Iftar gatherings served as a source of nourishment and communal support, symbolizing our commitment to compassion and solidarity with those in need.

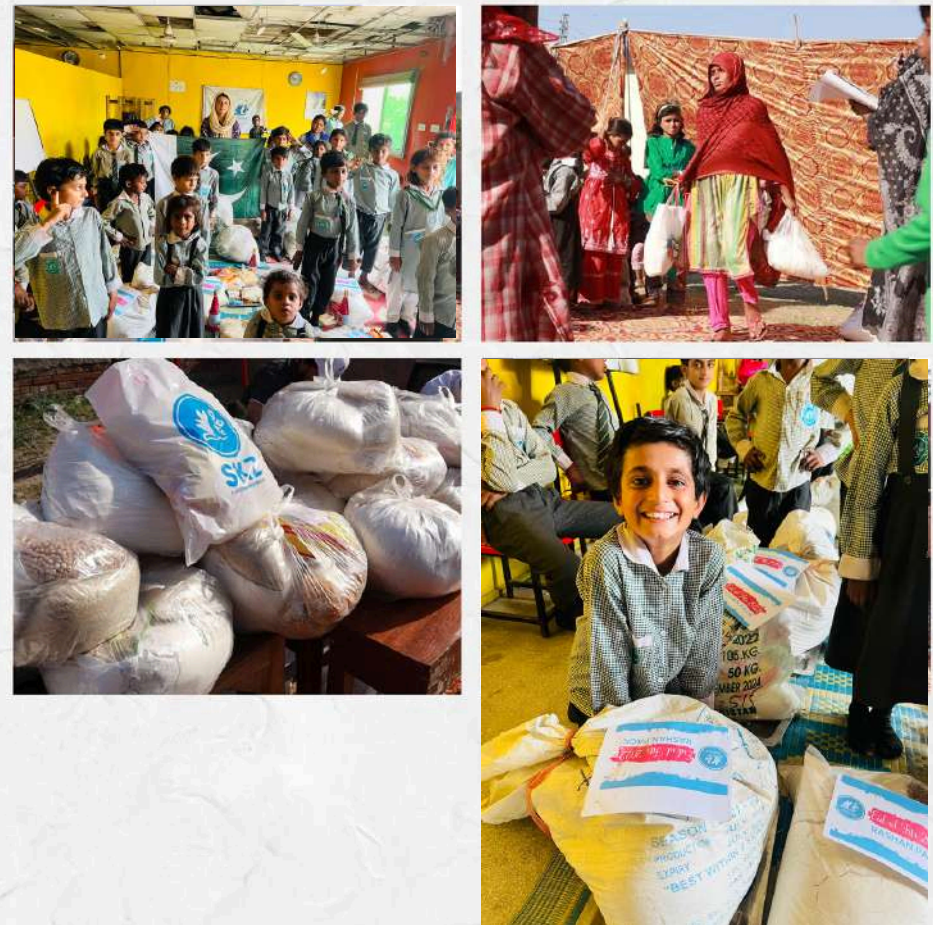






## RATION DISTRIBUTION

After our daily Iftar gatherings, our commitment to ensuring no family from the slums remained hungry during Eid grew stronger. Recognizing the importance of celebrating Eid with joy and abundance, we took action in the final days of Ramadan by distributing ration bags to families in the slums. These bags contained essential food items to sustain them beyond Ramadan, reaffirming our dedication to alleviating hunger and supporting those in need, particularly during festive occasions.





## EID CELEBRATIONS

To ensure every student at SKZ Model School felt the joy of Eid, we organized special Eid celebrations. We provided them with new clothes, bangles, and accessories, ensuring they didn't feel left out during this festive occasion. On Eid day, we joined them in celebrating, fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging among the students, reinforcing our commitment to their well-being and happiness.





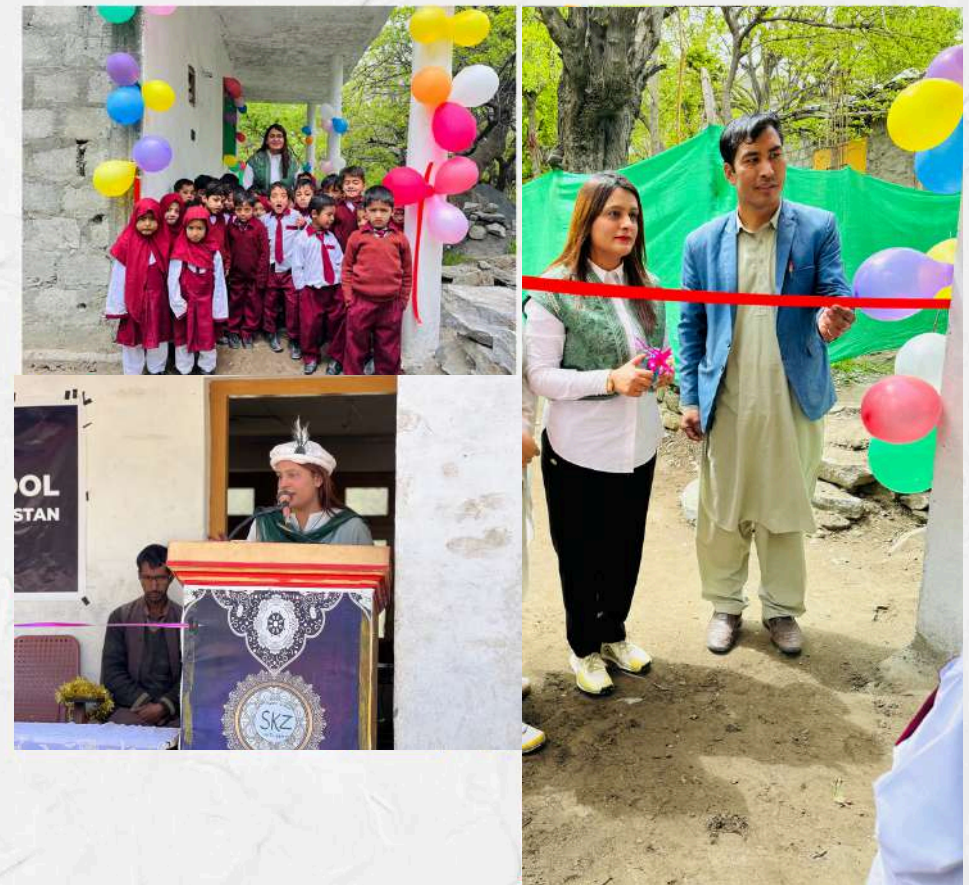
## EARTH DAY

We marked Earth Day by engaging students in meaningful activities that underscored our commitment to environmental stewardship. Collaborating with EarthDay.org, we aligned with their recent campaign 'Planet vs Plastic'. In schools across Lahore's slum area and our institutions in Gilgit Baltistan, students participated in tree-planting initiatives. Additionally, in Gilgit Baltistan, children repurposed plastic bottles, transforming them into planters for tree saplings. These efforts not only raised awareness about environmental conservation but also empowered students to take tangible actions in preserving our planet's natural resources.



## INAUGURATION OF UPPER KACCHURA SCHOOL

We proudly inaugurated the Upper Kachura School as part of our ongoing efforts to expand educational opportunities in remote regions. Located in the Skardu area of Gilgit Baltistan, this initiative represents our commitment to providing quality education to students in underserved areas. By adopting and establishing this school, we aim to bridge the gap in educational access and ensure that every child, regardless of their location, has the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.





## UMT MOU

In May, a significant milestone was achieved as the SKZ Foundation and the University of Management and Technology (UMT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at fostering mutual cooperation and advancing educational initiatives. A key component of this partnership is the provision of volunteer opportunities for UMT students, allowing them to gain practical experience and contribute to community service projects led by the SKZ Foundation. By leveraging the strengths of both institutions, the collaboration aspires to cultivate a dynamic environment for knowledge sharing, professional development, and community engagement.



## JASHAN E BAHARAN

SKZ Foundation hosted the vibrant event "Jashane Bahara" in the picturesque region of Gilgit-Baltistan, celebrating the advent of spring with a showcase of creativity and innovation. The highlight of the event was the impressive display of 3D models presented by the talented students of SKZ Model School. These meticulously crafted models demonstrated the students' exceptional skills and understanding of modern technology, reflecting the school's commitment to developing a hands-on, experiential learning environment.



*Thank You*