

## Street Kids Funds Newsletter

June 8th, 2020

### Street Kids Funds (SKF) Mission

Street Kids Funds mission is to empower street kids and their families with tools and guidance to rise out of poverty and become impact leaders for their communities.

SKF Multan Educational Grooming Center began its new year program for 2020 on January 7, 2020 with 22 children.



New uniforms, sweaters, caps, schools' bags, books, and stationery were given to all the children.

New colorful desks for the classroom, floor carpet to be used during the Arabic learning class and new wall decorations was added to the classroom.



Children at the Multan center are divided into small groups. Learning basic primary level Math's, English, Urdu and Quranic Arabic. SKF educational grooming center encourages learning to be fun both in-class and outdoors.



As part of "Make Pakistan Green Initiative" children at the SKF Multan center created an organic garden. Children learn about the different types of vegetables, and how to grow them.



On February 1st, 2020 children had fun day spending time in the organic garden. The children collected the spinach which was ready to eat. At SKF center kitchen with the help of their teacher Ms Kausar, the fresh spinach leaves were washed, some chickpea flour, salt and water were added and made into a paste to fry. SKF children got to learn and enjoy eating fresh "Spinach Pokaras".

On March 16, 2020 SKF Educational Grooming Center in Multan had to close because of the Coronavirus pandemic. All the children were given homework and educational books to take home so they could continue learning while at home.

### **Street Kids Funds (SKF) Corona Virus Relief Fund**

SKF children mainly belong to families that are extremely poor, most of their parents work as house helpers and maids, cleaners, daily wage laborers, gardeners etc. With the shutdown of all businesses due to the Corona Virus pandemic the families of SKF children began facing financial hardships and job loss.

It was on March 20th, 2020 that SKF launched its special project called "**SKF Coronavirus Relief Fund**". Donations were collected from SKF board members and their families, network of friends and different organizations in the Bay Area, CA.



With the help of local SKF volunteers, one-month ration boxes consisting of 4 types of lentils, flour, sugar, rice, oil, tea, and hand soap was distributed in different cities in Pakistan. Families of 22 SKF children in Multan and 190 other deserving poor families in Lahore, Faisalabad, Karachi, Interior Sindh and in Islamabad were given these ration food boxes.



Corona Virus pandemic impacted hospitals getting burdened with sick people and having shortage of medical supplies. With the funds collected SKF volunteer team provided 50 medical kits for front line workers and doctors, consisting of PPE, gloves, mask, and sanitizer in 2 hospitals in Bahawalpur, Pakistan. Work is in progress to distribute 50 medical kits to front line workers and doctors in 2 hospitals in Multan, Pakistan as well.



SKF as part of the Corona Virus Relief Fund also donated funds locally in the Bay Area, CA. On April 20th, 2020 SKF participated by giving donation to the food program of "Nuestra Casa" a local Bay Area organization for poor Latino community in East Palo Alto, California.

Ramadan started from April 24<sup>th</sup> and with the on-going lock down and shelter in place, SKF management extended its relief program to "SKF's Ramadan and Eid Relief Fund".



For Eid and Ramadan, the 22 children part of SKF's Educational Grooming Center Multan were given new Eid clothing. For the families of these children to assist them during the Ramadan, cash money was given to purchase basic food items.

As part of "SKF's Ramadan Relief Fund" cash money was distributed to 125 different deserving families in Lahore, Rawalpindi, Abbottabad, Faisalabad, and Jhelum. On May 15th in Lahore, Pakistan Iftar dinner boxes for 100 poor families was distributed by SKF volunteer team. And on May 16th in the Bay Area, CA SKF team members gave out thank you gifts to front line workers at a local hospital.



**SKF management would like to thank all the 200+ donor's and the different organizations that gave donations to SKF's Relief Fund during March to May 2020.**

To learn more about SKF's ongoing work and to donate please go to <https://www.streetkidsfunds.com>

**Stayed tuned for SKF's next newsletter**