



Activity Report

*Preliminary 3-months Report
(Sep – Dec 2006)*

Hewad High School

Rawalpindi

for Afghan Girls in Pakistan

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1. General Information

Project Title: Hewad High School
Name of the organization: Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)
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Country(ies) of operation: Afghanistan and Pakistan
Project Location: Rawalpindi, Pakistan
Project Beneficiaries: 229 students
Reporting Period: Sep 1st – Dec 1st 2006

2. Activity Feedback:

Hewad High School is currently located in Pandora an area where mostly poor people including around 2000 Afghan refugees are living. Most of the Afghan families have no work opportunities. The children usually either are begging or searching in the garbage to find food or papers and other things to sell. Health facilities are very poor and not only in Pandora but in nearby Shams Abad and Sadiq Abad areas too there is no school for the Afghan refugee children. Therefore, the

Hewad school students are all coming from these three areas. Due to very bad security and political situation none of these families want to return to Afghanistan, some who had returned after the fall of the Taliban continue to immigrate against because of joblessness and lack of security.



This year after the summer holidays, the school started its work on 5th September 2006 with 229 students (138 boys and 91 girls), 19 teachers and 3 other staff. The school is working in two shifts. The first shift is from 8:00am to 12:30pm. In this shift grades 6(A) to grade 12 and the second shift is from 1:30 to 4:30 grades 1 to grade 6(B) are studying. We have hired the most experienced teachers and all of

them teach according to their daily plan. Their two committees, one for social sciences and other for science subjects and they are responsible for solving any problems faced by a teacher or students, organize seminars in which teachers discuss methods of teaching and share experiences.



There is a small laboratory with few things for students for their biology, chemistry and physics experiments. There is also a committee for teachers-parents meeting to let the parents know about their child/children's progress or any other problem. Once a month the teachers' meeting is taking place to discuss the problems and other issues in the school. The mid term exams will start in the first week of January.

As the school is registered with the Afghan Embassy in Islamabad, we are obliged to follow the same education syllabus that have been organized by the Afghan education ministry. IF we fail to do so, they will not allow our student to get entry in Afghan universities when graduated.

But as the curriculum is very unrealistic and disgusting which has been made with inflectional fundamentalists, they try to education children with some ancient and non scientific subjects and methods, therefore we try to align the teaching material according to latest developments and modern science. RAWA monitors the subjects and the teaching material so our students learn science and technology and ask our teacher to avoid teaching that parts of the curriculum which teaches students extremism and violence. (See <http://www.rawa.org/seminar.htm> and <http://www.rawa.org/lahore06.htm>)

All teachers are obliged to also make our students aware according to RAWA's teaching policy and make them familiar with the issues discussed in it.
(<http://www.rawa.org/policy.htm>)

The school still needs around 40 chairs and water filters and computers. The staff and students of the school really hope your support will continue not only for this year but next year too.

Students Feedback:

Bellow are some letters from the students:

"Dear friends of RAWA in Japan,

Hello, my name is Salma and I am a student of Hewad high school. We were grateful from the support in Japan for helping us. It is our request to the supporters of Japan to help us always because we need RAWA's help. Because of your support we are in this position and please don't leave us like this. Now we are in class 8 and we kindly request you continue your support. Salam"



"Dear Friends of RAWA in Japan,

*My name is Narwan. I am student of 6th class of Hewad school. I request from you please continue your help to our school. We need your help a lot and I want you us from being illiterate. We need to help our country and make our future bright and again would like you please continue your help. I will be happy all my life.
Narwan"*



“To friends of RAWa in Japan,

*Hi dear friends. My name is Mursal and I am in class 11. We thank you and your great organization that supported us in past years.
Dear friends, we need your support and fund. We are hopeful that you won't make us hopeless because we need education. If you stop funding us, we may stop getting education. Please I and our school friends really need your fund and support to get education and always pray for you and your organization.
Thanks for being our friends! Mursal”*

“The only way for having good future and continue our education is based on your funding for us. We hope you will be with us. Thanks, Seema class 12th.”

*“Hello, my name is Razia. I am in student in Hewad high school. First of all I want to explain that we really respect the supporters of RAWA in Japan. We are really thankful to you all. Our honest friends, we need your help. Because we want the progress of our school. We have a small desire and our desire is our school. Our hearts, our home town and our everything is our school.
We want to complete our education and we also want to be a educated persons like you all.....*

Once again thanks a lot. Razia, class 8.”