

#### **Project Name – Financial Air Project for Low Income Pakistanis**

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#### **Aims/Objectives – Why – Where - Background / Storyboard**

Education is the backbone of any developing country. Progress in Pakistan is hampered by lack of education in the working class mainly due to non availability of facilities or financial difficulties. We, the educated Pakistanis, have a responsibility to ensure that less fortunate Pakistanis in **our local community(Riyadh)** are able to send their children to school.

To achieve this goal I, together with few like-minded people, have set up a fund to finance Pakistani families living in Riyadh who are eager to send their children to school but lack financial resources. The purpose is to collectively finance and promote a fund (no administrative costs) to help as many Pakistani children as possible. A small team will receive and verify applications and monitor those students who are awarded financial aid.

The cost of supporting one needy student in the Pakistani school is about SR200/month. If you are interested to participate in this project by providing Zakat or Sadaqa funds.

#### **Problem Being Addressed**

To assist low income families in Riyadh to pay for their children education.

#### **The Approach Taken**

Many community members want to help but cannot bear the cost of one child's education(SR200) alone. However, if there is a system to collect these small donations then many children can be supported.

#### **Things We Would Do Differently**

Funding: The Riyadh Pakistani community is expected to fund the project

Stakeholders: Right now the active member is just myself(Z.Islam)

Community Participation: Thru CP and by individually contacting community members

Implementation: An initial kick-off meeting was held with two other community members. Next step is to collect enough funds and then present the project to the low income Pakistanis

Time Frame: It is an open ended project. Target for 2005 is to collect and distribute SR50,000

#### **Financial Model**

Target for this year is to collect SR50,000

So far I have donated my personal funds of SR6000

It is intended to have a separate bank account once the project is accepted by the community

Three people will review each application

## Results/Evaluation

**Results/Evaluation** (approx. 200 words):  
It is too early to evaluate the project

## Sustainability

- It is intended that every year a 3 member team is chosen to run the project. In this way it will remain a viable project for years to come
- Groups in other cities will also be encouraged to set up similar teams for their cities

## Lessons Learnt

- So far the community participation is negligible. The project success depends how the community responds to this need and whether they also feel as strongly as I do about education
- Main challenge is how to motivate the community in supporting the project without holding dinners, charity bazaars etc.

## Contact/Links/Resources

Please list any contacts, links or resources that you found particularly useful in carrying out the project and which could be helpful to others.

### Other information to include

#### Consent

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Quotes and photographs of the participants really add to the story. Please send 1-2 photographs if possible.

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#### Contact details

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