

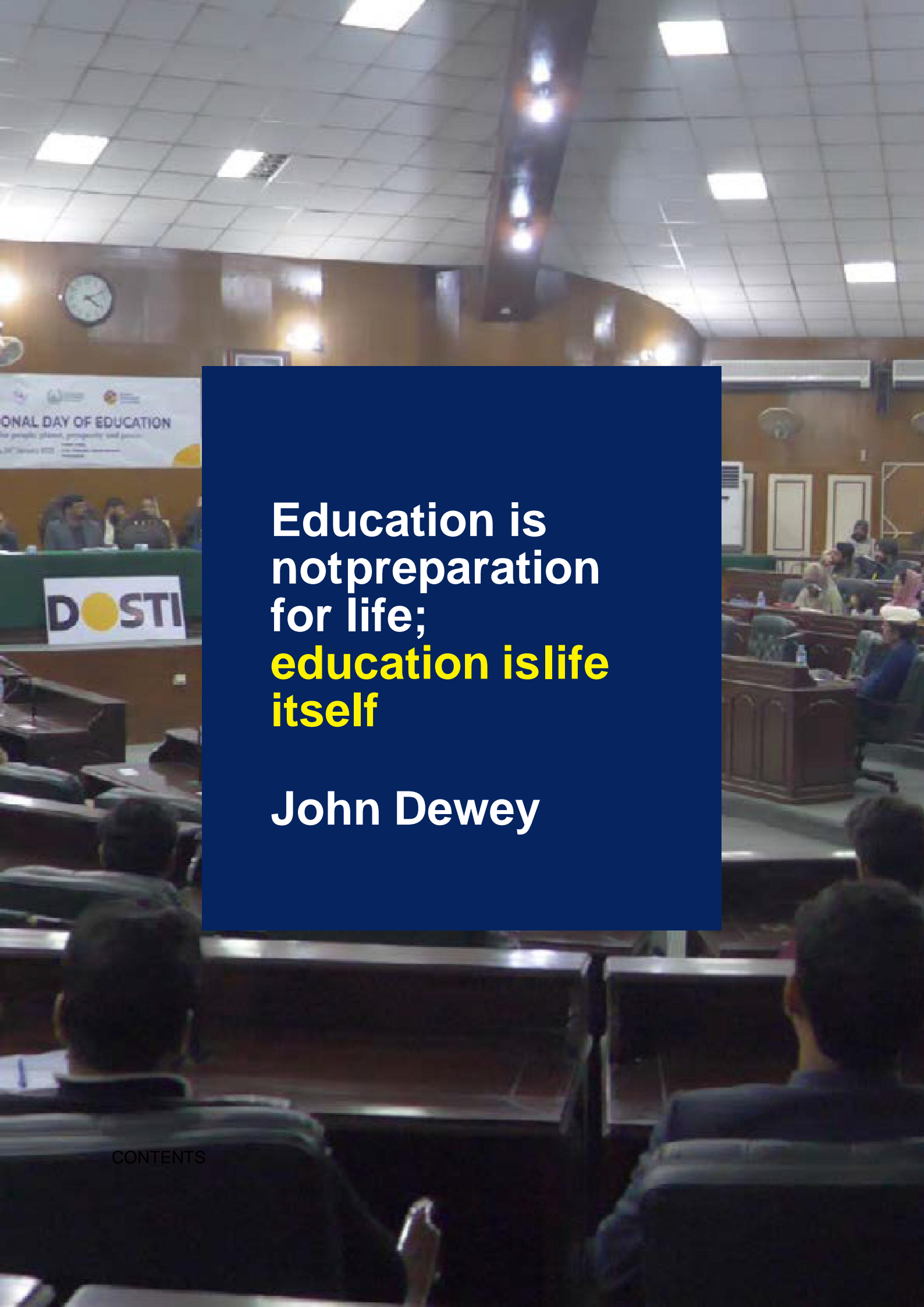
Partnership between
Department of Social Work, University of Peshawar
&
Dosti Welfare Organization

Progress Report



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A photograph of a conference room with a blue text overlay. The room has a curved wall, a clock, and a banner for 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION'. A panel of people is seated at a long table in the background. The foreground shows the backs of several people seated in rows of chairs.

Education is
not preparation
for life;
**education is life
itself**

John Dewey

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IMPACT

1. One hundred thousand people across Pakistan assisted.
2. The One-room-school model is being replicated in Afghanistan and 1009 students are enrolled in 23 one-room schools across Afghanistan
3. School Social Worker office established in Peshawar

Students

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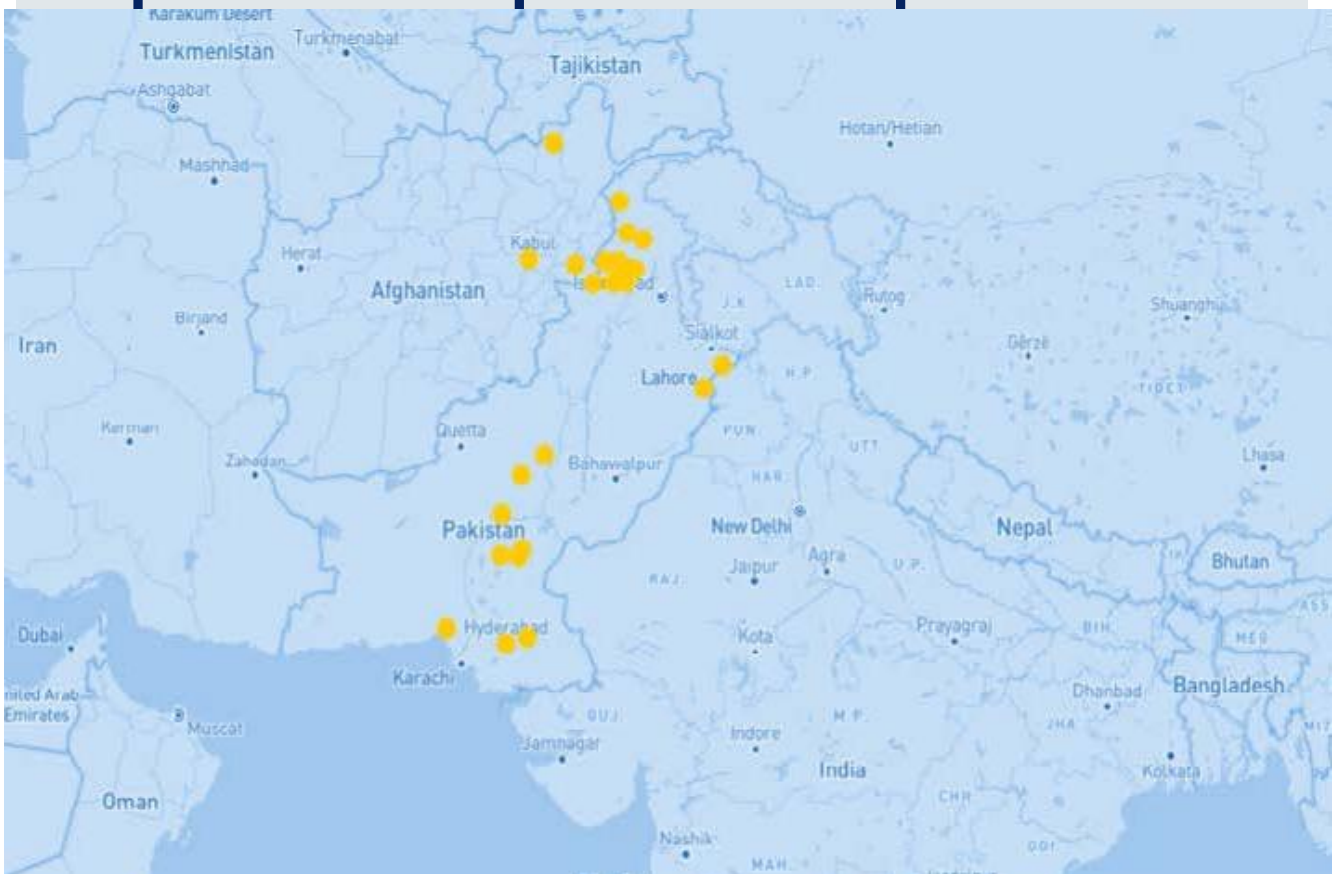
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Schools

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

Community service program, previously known as Social Work Program, is a mandatory social activity for the regular students on the rolls of Constituent, Professional, Affiliated Colleges/Teaching Departments/Institutions of the University of Peshawar preparing students for the 1st degree examinations. Since 1974-75, the program was limited to BA, B.Sc, B.Com (two years) program of affiliated colleges, however, in 2015, the Community Service has been made an essential component of the BS 04 Year program through an amendment in Social Work Regulations 1974-75 of the University of Peshawar.

The Office of the Controller of Examinations, University of Peshawar do not entertain any examination form of regular students until they have completed community service work and produced a clearance certificate from the office of the community service program.

Objectives

1. To develop a sense of dignity for labour among the students
2. To engage graduate students in community-oriented work for the welfare of society
3. To provide a platform to graduate students to channelize their energies in constructive activities
4. To develop and inculcate a sense of social responsibility for the welfare of poor segments of society.
5. To strengthen the awareness of the students of affiliated Colleges and University of Peshawar regarding designing and implementing social-oriented-projects.

Generally, community service refers to any community-oriented work initiated by local people for the welfare and benefit of people in society. More specifically, engaging students in community service with the spirit of volunteering oneself for eradication of social problems and building healthy and peaceful society for all. It is an initiative and practical involvement of youth in community service which attribute them self-confidence and self-responsibility. Such undertakings and creativity spring a natural sense of achievement among youth which eventually upshots in a sense of pride and identity.



Dosti

Dosti strives to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the marginalized masses by focusing primarily on the necessary education, health, environment and economic development.

“Our mission is to provide the marginalized children a basic education, necessary skills and useful strategies to acquire different opportunities in life and become a productive global citizen.”

Like most developing countries, Pakistan has its share of overpopulation illiteracy and poverty. Most unfortunate are the young ones who are born in overcrowded homes with not enough to eat and no awareness of education. Thus no prospects of climbing out of the abysmal misery. Dosti strives to provide educational opportunities to these children, who otherwise will go uneducated and unskilled and would be exposed to abuse and exploitation, and the cycle of poverty will continue generation after generation.

Taking education to 100,000 children across Pakistan.

The dismal reality is that across the world about 260 million school-going age children have never held a book in their hands. In Pakistan, the number is the most dismal in the world – 22.8 million. The number in Afghanistan is 3.2 million. Girls fairing worse in all circumstances.

You, as a friend of the children of the world, will be excited and pleased to know that we are on the verge of crossing a remarkable milestone of taking education to 100,000 children across Pakistan. Currently, we are at 93,355.

SERVICES

- **EDUCATION**, Education is Dosti's primary area of service. For the past 26 years, DWO's goal has been to take learning to the underprivileged children in the region, either through formal or through non-formal schools.
- **HEALTH**, Dosti is working on "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene" WASH, Reproductive Health, and Primary Health Services to provide essential healthcare to low-income communities.
- **MICROENTERIPSES**, Through its entrepreneurial projects, Dosti is hard at work in promoting entrepreneurship for poverty reduction and sustainable development in its targeted communities.
- **ENVIRONMENT**, Dosti believes in protecting the environment. Dosti all programs are designed and implemented in a way that they remain environmentally friendly. We are committed to protecting natural resources, improving quality of life, and creating awareness about the clean environment.





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Dosti Mobile Schools (2019)

What if we could bring the school to out-of-school children?

Several poor and marginalized communities have migrated from Sindh, Baluchistan, and Afghanistan to pursue better living in Peshawar. They search out a vacant piece of land in large cities where they establish their shanty-towns. To their disappointment, they do not find jobs and end up sending their children to the streets to sell or beg at busy intersections where they often get injured or killed. Although they are within city limits they are disconnected from the amenities such as the educational system.

In consultation with CSP, Dosti initiated a pioneering program by sending a school (Dosti Mobile School) to the out-of-school children in these settings. The concept of a mobile school system entails transporting educational supplies and a teacher to the community of the internally displaced (I.D.P.) or any other community that lacks formal schools.

Dosti reached 463 students in eleven marginalized communities through this program. The students of the social work department, through CSP, volunteered their time to teach the children.

The initiative got national recognition and was widely covered by national and international media





Blackboard Banao - Pakistan Perhao (2019)

What if we could build 2020 blackboard schools in 2020, educating about 100,000 students?

Monitoring and evaluation of the Dosti Mobile School program showed the keen interest of the students and community alike.

To engage the students of Dosti Mobile Schools and other areas, CSP and Dosti decided to launch the “Blackboard Banao - Pakistan Perhao” movement. As a pilot project, a blackboard was painted under a flyover in Chugalpura, Peshawar.

The campaign was an instant success and became a point of educational activities for out-of-school children (OOSC) and school-going school children alike. The children used these blackboards for doodling, drawing, and writing activities.

Often volunteers showed up on the blackboard sites and used to teach the students present at the site. Seventeen blackboards were made/painted across Peshawar. The national and international media covered the project. The success and widespread recognition prompted Dosti to announce 2020 blackboard schools in the year 2020.

The CSP was instrumental in assisting Dosti in registering 2184 volunteers for the campaign.



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Mera Ghar - Mera School 2020-2021

What if we could engage more than one million disadvantaged children to study from home?

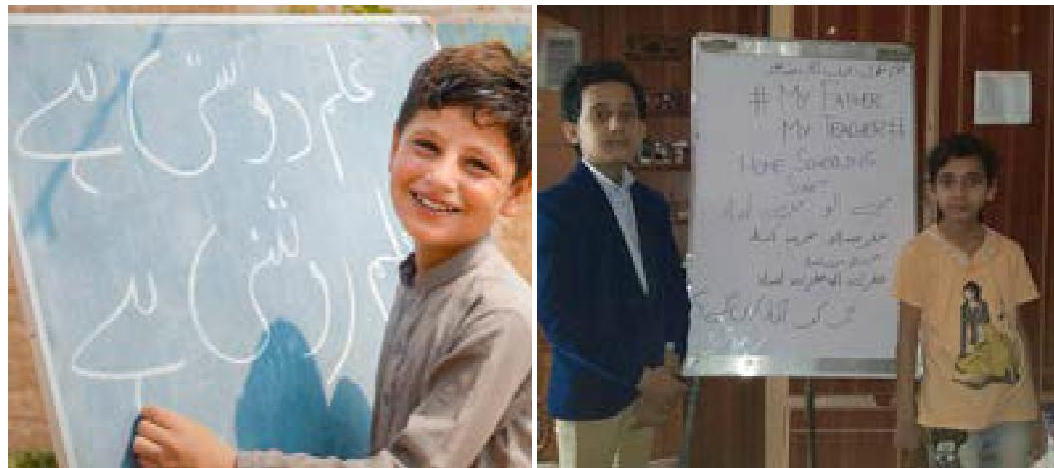
Besides the devastating effects of COVID-19, children's education has been significantly hampered all over the world. Because of the lack of electronic devices such as electronic notebooks and smartphones in most households in developing countries, children are at a more significant loss.

Dosti has taken an initiative of giving each household in its area of service a whiteboard along with markers and eraser under its slogan of My Home, My School. This offer is appealing to families who are concerned about their children's education.

Dosti in collaboration with Community Services Program, University of Peshawar initiated "Mera Ghar Mera School (My Home - My School) Program". The volunteers from CSP played an important role in promoting, identifying, delivering, monitoring, and reporting for successful implementation of the program.

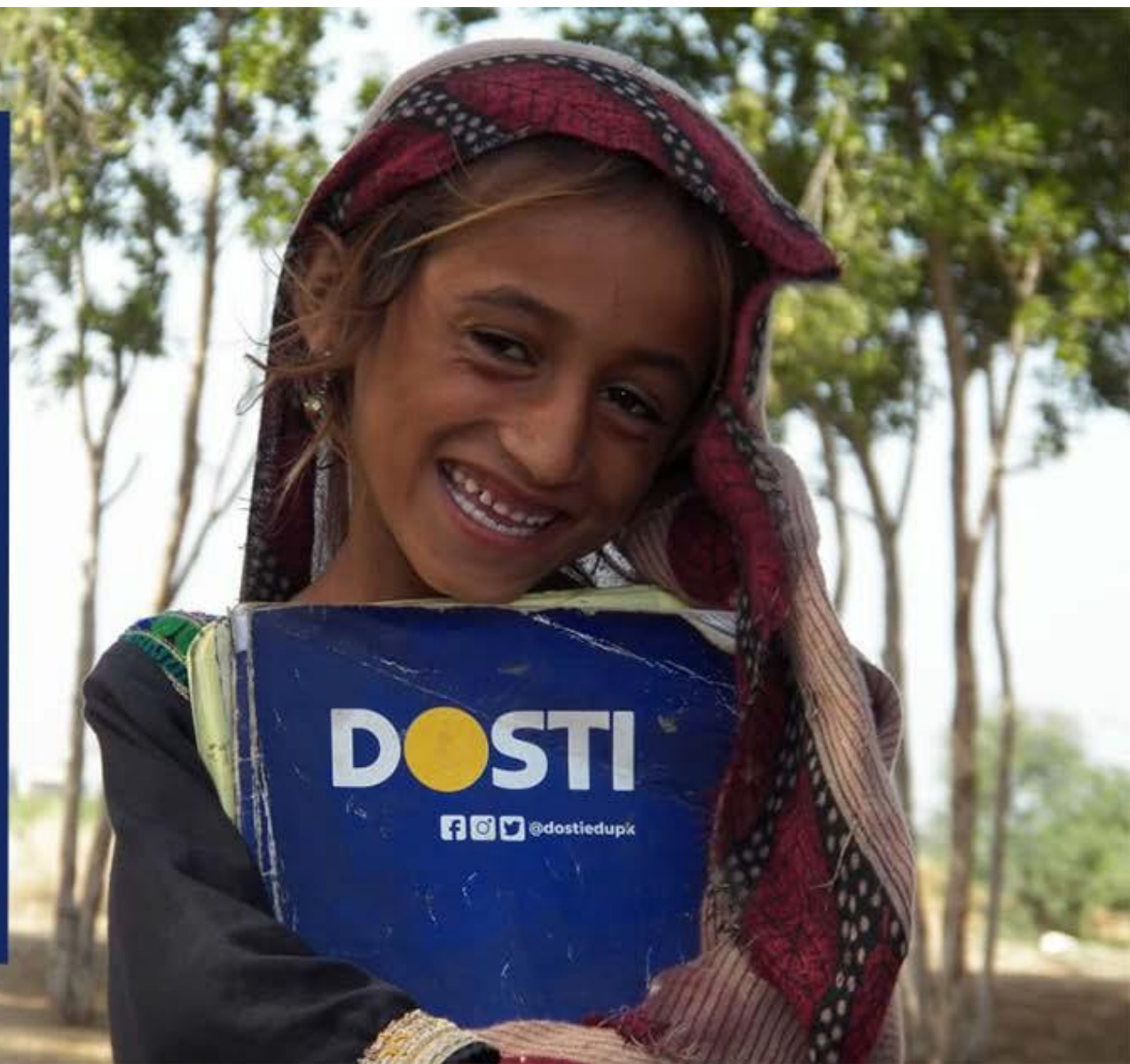
The pilot project distributed 100 whiteboards and was an immediate success. The families turned in number to ensure the continuation of the education of their children. The program distributed 3815 whiteboard across Pakistan.

113 one room schools emerged from the Program.



The most beautiful thing
in the world is a
child's smile.

The next best thing?
Knowing that
you are the reason
behind it.



One Room School System Vision 2025

What if we could End Illiteracy in Pakistan by 2025?

The whiteboard distribution resulted in the emergence of 113 one-room schools. Mr. Haris Saeed, a student of the Department of Social Work, established the first one-room school in his area and started volunteering to educate about 43 students from his home. Soon other success stories started pouring in from the distribution of whiteboard.

The results prompted Dosti to initiate "End illiteracy from Pakistan by 2025." Movement. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Director CSP, provided the need for academic research and workforce to the project.

The project provides the initial supplies (starter kit) to establish/assist the one-room schools either located in the living rooms, verandahs, or simply in open spaces, with a green-net covering used in the green-house industry. The community provides trained volunteer teachers. After the initial set-up, there is no cost. However, we maintain the quality and see that children are treated kindly and nurtured as they deserve until they are enrolled in mainstream education.

With the support of CSP, Dosti has assisted 93,355 children in starting or continuing their education.





Handwritten text on a whiteboard, likely a checklist or schedule. The text is in Urdu and includes the following items:

- 1. Health check-up
- 2. Vaccination
- 3. Distribution of medicine
- 4. Distribution of food
- 5. Distribution of clothing
- 6. Distribution of shoes
- 7. Distribution of blankets
- 8. Distribution of other necessities

Additional handwritten notes include:

- Health check-up
- Vaccination
- Distribution of medicine
- Distribution of food
- Distribution of clothing
- Distribution of shoes
- Distribution of blankets
- Distribution of other necessities



Field Placement Agency

What if we can have social worker who advocates on behalf of students?

As a result of the first filed placement, the partners mutually decided that Dosti would establish a school social worker office at its school.

Mr. Idress Hadi Khan, an alumnus of the Department of Social Work, University of Peshawar, assumed the role of the first school social worker in the History of Pakistan.

Mr. Khan is School Social Worker at Dosti School Sufaid Dheri, Peshawar. He works with students who have behavioral, emotional, academic, and developmental challenges. Mr. Khan helps children with learning disabilities and those who have lived through traumatic experiences. In addition to this, he is a liaison between the students, teachers, and families at home.



Events

World Teachers' Day



1st National Virtual Conference on Social Work 2020



International Day of Education



Social Work Field Placement

