Trust for Education and Development of Deserving Students (TEDDS) : PROFILE

At a glance:

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Mission: To provide quality education, free or on low cost, to the meritorious students from the underprivileged strata.

Vision: Give a gift of quality education to those who cannot afford it.


Major Programmes:
TEDDS under its National Programme ‘The Trust School System’ has so far, established Five Model High Schools viz ‘The Trust Schools’ at Thokar Niaz Baig, Amir Town Harbanspura, Baghrian Green Town and Six Primary Schools at Thokar Niaz Baig, Amir Town Harbanspura, Baghrian Green Town, Sabza Zaar Scheme and Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore; wherein quality education is being provided in consonance with the organizational objectives. TEDDS programmes, performance and operational transparency has been applauded and supported by the society in general.

Area of Operation: Lahore and its surrounding areas, subsequently all over Punjab and Pakistan.

How It All Started
Mr. Tahir Yousaf, an advocate followed in the foot steps of his father (Sheikh Yousaf) who is responsible for starting the whole process that led to TEDDS. Fifty years ago, Sheikh Yousaf sponsored a child’s education on the conditions of anonymity. That child, Chaudhary Sardar, used to work at a railway station and later grew to become an Inspector General of Police. Sheikh Yousaf contributed to many children’s education, but, his son took it further and institutionalized a benefactory educational system. With few caring Pakistanis (Ch. Sardar among them), a Trust was founded for deserving students. The first Trust School was operational in 1996 and the second in 2001. A process that started with one kind man educating a small child has grown into a large organization where today more than 4780 students are getting high quality education due to the Trust. It all became possible because of generous contributions and donations by the Trustees and their friends who believed that education is one of the basic fundamental rights of every human being. The story behind TEDDS is so fascinating that it has been documented by leading journalists and renowned columnists.

What TEDDS is trying To Achieve?
Mr. Tahir Yousaf and the other Trustees had a very clear vision. The idea was to form an ideal school system in which poor students get the best quality education free or on low cost. It aimed at setting an example for other people so that those who believe in and want to contribute to the education sector can come forward and build and run more schools like the one established by TEDDS. Their aim is to build a chain of such schools across Pakistan to benefit those who cannot afford quality education.

Major Operations: THE TRUST SCHOOLS

The Trust School, Thokar Niaz Baig Lahore:
The first model school for boys was established in April, 1996 at West Wood Colony near Thokar Niaz Baig Lahore, wherein the School owns 9.5 Kanals of land with covered area around 43,000 Sq. Ft. Presently, 889 students, selected purely on merit from lower strata are studying in classes Nursery to 10th. The school has well-equipped Laboratories, Library and Auditorium.

The Trust School, Aamir Town Harbanspura, Lahore:
The second high school was established in March 2001 with an expanding campus housed in 30 Kanals land with 95,000 Sq. Ft. covered area. At present, 2926 students are on its roll in classes Nursery to 10th. This customized purpose-built school with well-equipped Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Languages and Computer Laboratories, innovative Science Museum, furnished Library, Sports Ground and Auditorium ensures facilities that only few can equal. An exclusive Girls Secondary & Higher Secondary School added recently.

The Trust School, Baghrian Green Town, Lahore:
The construction of Third ‘The Trust School’ at Baghrian near Green Town, Lahore started in 2007 and the first phase completed in October, 2008. The Second Phase of the Campus completed in 2012-13 as TEDDS-PIDSA joint project. At Present 603 Students (Boys & Girls) on the roll.
The Trust School (Junior Campus) Sabza Zaar Scheme, Lahore:
Building of One Kanal at 93 - Block A, Sabza Zaar Scheme, Lahore has been hired to cater for quality education for boys and girls from Play Group / Nursery to class three, under TEDDS new venture viz Chain of Feeding Nurseries in & around Lahore city to boost induction in TEDDS main schools. This campus has gone functional from March, 2008. Presently 154 students are on the roll of the school.

The Trust School (Junior Campus) Rachna Block, Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore:
One Kanal building at 140 – Rachna Block, Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore has been hired to cater for quality education for boys and girls from Play Group / Nursery to class three, under TEDDS new venture. This junior campus started in March, 2008 at Kamran Block and later shifted to its present site. Presently 208 students are on its roll.

The Trust Schools strive to provide quality education up-to- 10th Class (Science Group only). Admission to the Schools is based on merit, determined by Entry Test. The performance of every student is closely monitored. The Schools have been developed on the state of the art concepts. Students are entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining discipline. Unsupervised examinations have been adopted as a means of strengthening student’s moral fiber and so has the practice of allowing students to mark their own scripts in certain subjects. Transport is also provided at concessional rates.

Teaching Methodology:
Medium of instruction in The Trust Schools is Urdu / English (Class VI - X). English Medium Primary classes for boys & girls have been added recently. The schools follow the curriculum of Punjab Text Book Board. The Trust Schools have adopted the latest methodology available in Pakistan by using multimedia projectors, 3D Teaching Science Software and latest equipments for their science & computer labs. Presentations by students are common feature in these schools. This is done to enhance the confidence level of students and to enhance their learning ability. Special emphasis is laid on character building, personality development and creative thinking.

Features that make the organisation stand out:
With in the short span, TEDDS earned its name as a high achiever institution credited with the best of academic results and outstanding performance in the co-curricular field. As a registered Trust and a certified NGO by PCP dully backed by its high profile and dedicated Trustees and learned members of Advisory Council; TEDDS has proved its credentials as a creditable organization worthy of the trust of students, parents, donors, the government as well as the general public. Bulk of the financial contribution to TEDDS comes directly from its trustees which lends a measure of sustainability to the NPO which is being run as a non-commercial charitable body. Internal Governance, Financial Management and Program Delivery of TEDDS has been rated high and dully certified by erstwhile PCP (Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy). Regular internal and external audit of accounts is done under the supervision of registered Chartered Firm.

Achievements:

- The Trust Schools kept their tradition of receiving 100% first division result in Middle Standard and Matriculation Examinations since 2001.
- In the last 13 years 1133 students passed SSC (Matriculation) examination from BISE, Lahore with 887 (78.30%) getting A+, 220 (19.41%) obtaining A Grades and 26 (2.29%) getting B thus setting a consistent record of high achievement in the entire Punjab.
- TEDDS Ex-student Topped NTS Medical Entry Test 2007 by scoring highest ever marks.
- A number of students have been admitted in the top Professional Institutions like LUMS, FAST, KEMC and UET etc.
- Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) has so far selected 33 students from TEDDS under its National Outreach Programme. Four students have graduated from LUMS and have earned lucrative professional appointments in Middle East and Canada.
- TEDDS students achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in All Pakistan Science Model & Quiz Championship held yearly by the National Museum of Science and Technology, Lahore Pakistan.
- Visit of Students and Teachers to India, America and other countries under “The Seeds of Peace International” programme.
- Numerous awards in Speech, Quiz, Qirat, Naat Khawani and Poetry Competitions.
- Introduced innovative Quiz Championship Programmes viz “Brain of Lahore”, “Orator of Lahore”, “Extempore Essay Writing Contest” leading to “Brain of Punjab / Pakistan”, “Orator of Punjab / Pakistan” to hunt for “Budding Think Tanks”.
- School HEALTH CARE SCHEME introduced to promote Quality Education-cum-Quality Health.
- The Trust School student Muhammad Abdur Rauf has been hired by Microsoft as a Software Development Engineer

Future Plans:
TEDDS Future Educational Developmental Plan envisages a network of 3 Hub (High) Schools for Boys, 6 Hub (High) Schools for Girls and 80 Feeding Nurseries (Junior Campuses) in and around Lahore subject to availability of resources. Subsequently, more schools for boys & girls will be established else where in Punjab and Pakistan.

Quote:
The cherished goal of nation building through human resource development cannot be achieved without providing quality education to the teeming millions of deprived but talented children in Pakistan.

(Mr. Tahir Yousaf, CEO TEDDS)