



## **Hello all members and supporters of Slumabad!**

We are very happy to send out to YOU our very first monthly newsletter so that you can keep updated about what is going on in Slumabad!

We are very thankful to all of you supporters who help us in many different ways, everything from encouragement, hope and donations to help with your practical skills. All different kinds of support means a lot to us!

In the beginning of this month we were very happy to start a school for kids living along footpaths in Model Town. For us it is important to work close with the families and we are very happy that a lot of things happen from their own initiative. When we arranged for tent it took a few seconds and then everybody was involved in building it up together and solving problems! It's amazing to feel the eagerness from both kids and parents!



*Parents helping to raise the school tent*

Now the school has been going on for three and a half week and the excitement levels of kids are still very high and positive!

In the start we have quite short school days to settle down the new routine and to evaluate different levels of students. In the future we aim to prolong the school days and also divide the students into groups according to their age and ability.



*Celebration with sweets after the first school day*

We usually start the school days with some exercises to make the group bond and to wake up and to make students alert for traditional subjects. Right now we focus on learning the alphabets and recognizing the letters. We learn through singing, body movements and practical work. We aim to work with interactive methods and want that learning should be fun!



*Starting up the school day with the song "A ram sam sam"*

As some of you may know we also had another ongoing school in a slum in Model Town this spring. Unfortunately the local slum-dwellers faced evacuation problems and lack of space. As a result, we had to stop the school for some time. We are in contact with this community and hope to be able to start that school again very soon.



*Writing and coloring lesson*

We don't only work with schools in the slums but hope to support in different much-needed areas. One big problem for slum dwellers is that they live under the constant threat that their kids will be taken away from them by the Child Protection & Welfare Bureau. It is a governmental institution working for the best of the kids and against street criminality, like begging. In reality kids are often taken away without even a notice to their parents. When the parents finally find out where their kids are they have to pay high fines to get them out again. Something most parents are unable to do since the reason for why the kids are on the street come from poverty.

This autumn this happened again to one of our students. A big trauma both for the kid and for the family. Thanks to our friend and partner Marhoom Ahmad Bilal, a lawyer, we were able to reunite this kid with his family! We hope to keep working with these issues in the future and strongly believe that the kids need their family!

Another important job for us is to spread information about the situations for slum dwellers and to raise awareness of the different issues. We were therefore very happy to take part in THAAP's International Photography Festival in Lahore. It led to several new contacts and discussions. Thank you so much to everybody we met over there!

A big thank to everyone of you for showing your support in different ways!

Please let us know if you have any questions about our work, what we do or want to help out in any way. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of this letter.

We want to finish with one picture of the kids from one of our first school days!



All the best!

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