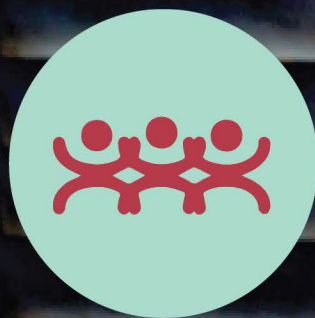




*Patience, Student at the
Konadu Basic School*



A few years ago, we followed a day in the life of Patience, a student at the Konadu Basic School. Her journey was captured by photographer Lisa Weatherbee.

Patience is the first born child and the only girl among her three brothers. She could not have the opportunity to be educated earlier as her brothers did because she had to help her mother in taking care of the home and her siblings.

Patience is very supportive of her family. She starts the day by sweeping the house compound and supplies the whole family with any amount of water they may use to keep the house running. She even helps her brothers prepare for school often wishing she would one day have the same opportunity.

2 years ago she got that opportunity when the founder of Konadu convinced her mother to let her attend the school as well.

Investments in girls yield the greatest national dividends. Until we give girls equal access to a good quality education, the world will continue to suffer from child and maternal mortality, disease and other byproducts of poverty.

RIGHT: Patience gets ready for school to start at 7 am. PC: Lisa Weatherbee



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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

It's been a tough year for us, to be very frank with you, we're getting older. This comes with life changes—loss, grief, illness, new jobs and old jobs and changes in your relationships. We're sharing this because we realized that as we encounter these challenges we still have the comfort of a home, food on the table and access to healthcare. Now if you take all of that away and put someone through tragedy, how do they handle?

Of all of the mothers we work to empower in Sierra Leone, a majority of them have lost a child. UNICEF (2015) states the children under- five mortality rate in Sierra Leone is 120 per every 1,000 live births. Sierra Leone also has the highest lifetime risk of maternal mortality in the world with a risk of 1 in 17 losing their lives during childbirth. In contrast, high-income countries have a lifetime maternal mortality risk of 1 in 3300 (WHO, 2015).

Being a mother in Sierra Leone has dire risks –for both mother and baby. It's important you understand the conditions these people live in, because only then will you understand how much of an impact you are making with your donation. With your help, Thaakat Foundation has treated 17,000 patients at the Fatmata Maternity Center in Sierra Leone (mother's included) and has helped to safely deliver over 400 healthy babies.

In Ghana, if you were a child with a soccer ball, you were lucky. Today, the number of soccer trophies that our sponsor school, Konadu Foundation has won is currently at 5. These children who have never had the privilege to play sports are now working to defend 5 trophies. Sports helps children's' development, raises their aspirations, and proves to be a source of hope especially for those in poverty.

In Pakistan, poverty hinders societal progress and most often those that suffer are girls. When young student Ayesha came to our DREAMS school, she beat statistics. When she graduated, she beat statistics and today she is going to college and she is proving that she is meant for more. More than 70% of our graduates go onto further education and any additional wins you help us make, helps us fund their college scholarships.

If you ask us for 7 good reasons why you should give back, we'll give you a hundred. The thing is, giving to charity gives you a greater personal empowerment and better health—because it makes you happy. So if you're having a rough time, take a deep breath, smile and help someone in need.

Thank you for believing in us.

Sincerely,

2016-2017 National
Thaakat Foundation Board



Throughout our report we'll be highlighting our #difference makers. The efforts of Thaakat Foundation are definitely owed to several leaders we have locally as well as abroad. In selecting each project site, it was the site founders that made us feel the partnership was fitting for us.

When we arrived in Karachi, Pakistan in 2011, our goal was to visit a landfill where a student group was doing a composting project. There we met with the founder of Al Khair Welfare Society, Mohammed Mazahir.

As we were surrounded by the garbage and overwhelming pollution he told me with confidence, "the garbage is a backstory, what we need here is education for these villagers."

#difference makers

We had less than \$3000 in funding and we would require more than \$50,000 in that first year but his absolute commitment to these people gave us the motivation we needed. Today, we have invested more than \$350,000 in the DREAMS projects over the last 4 years.

Mazahir sahib is 60 years of age belonging to a middle class family. After getting an education from Govt. School and College in Dadu City, he shifted to Karachi and completed his education from the University of Karachi by securing a Master's Degree in Chemistry. Being empathetic in nature from childhood he always remained worried about the poor people around him.

When he shifted to Karachi at the age of 18 for further studies he actively engaged in social welfare activities particularly in slum areas like, Orangi Town, Landhi and Korangi. Initially, the social services conducted by him were mainly confined to essential help like supply of flour, beans and vegetables and other household items to the families who migrated from East Pakistan after the 1971 war.

"I started my first school in 1985 and had just a handful of students, today Idara Al Khair provides an education to over 4,000 students as well as a college education through Idara Al Khair intermediary college. We also provide employment and training services to women and families in need. My life's mission is to provide an education as that will progress not only the family but it will take forward our entire nation."

MOHAMMED MAZAHIR SHEIKH
FOUNDER OF IDARA AL KHAIR WELFARE



Meet the Team

#*difference*makers

2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Afra Ashraf

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Kiran Patel
The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)

Priya Patel & Zayan Khadri
University of Illinois/ Urbana Champaign

Raza Haque
University of Illinois/Chicago

Nudrat joined the board in 2010, Azka joined in 2012 and over the last several years they've been a dynamic duo. Both of them took on a new role on the board this year.

Nudrat combines her deep knowledge of each project site with her excellent people management skills to build efficiencies in systems and process on the board. She's a fantastic cheerleader for the team and wears her thaakat badge proudly! Usually when faced with a team challenge, we go to her first. She has helped us to build a platform today that is able to sustain year over year growth.

When Azka joined the team, she went through various roles, each so unique, before landing in the position of our social media manager. In each position she was dedicated but we saw that very quickly her talent blossomed and she found herself defining the brand, theme and character of our organization. She is able to capture the essence of what we do in such a powerful way. The ability for a non profit to tell their story is what defines it's success. Every one of her project outcomes just blows us away and captures the hearts of our donors.

"Thaakat is always growing and I am so excited for us to reach new goals in the coming year. With my new role, I hope to work with our amazing team to not only fundraise for our ongoing projects but explore new and creative ways for Thaakat to be recognized and spread from locally to globally. We have some exciting things up our sleeves and I can't wait to try them to make the coming years even better!"

Nudrat Zoha
Chief Operations Officer - Thaakat Foundation

"I am looking forward to working with a talented and dedicated team to continue to empower people in need and help our adopted communities thrive. In the year ahead, I hope share the powerful stories of our adopted communities with even more people and expand our reach, as well as spread the mission of Thaakat across the world and empower everyone to take action for social good!"

Azka Asif
Marketing Director – Thaakat Foundation



2017 Financials

We raised a total of **\$260,000**
We donated a total of **\$220,000** in 2017
100% of our direct public support (donations) went directly to our projects!

Direct Public Support (These are funds you helped us raise!)

General Donations	\$173,164.12
Corporate Contributions	\$42,544.00
Chapter Fundraisers	\$3,754.37
Total Direct Public Support	\$219,462.49

Projects Expense (These are donations put towards our projects)

DREAMS for Kachra Kundi - School in PK	\$151,807.00
Konadu Basic School Ghana	\$31,919.00
Local Volunteering	\$3,000.00
Fatmata Maternity Center	\$27,849.00
Global Projects Misc.	\$5,910.00
Total Projects Expenses	\$220,485.00

THAAKAT FINANCIAL REPORT 2016 VS. 2017

	12/31/16	Net Change	12/31/17
INCOME			
Campus Chapters	13,752.97	(9,998.60)	3,754.37
Corporate Contributions	26,819.04	15,724.96	42,544.00
General Donations	115,551.99	57,612.13	173,164.12
Grants	34,056.79	1,296.21	35,353.00
Sponsorships	-	5,730.00	5,730.00
Total Income	\$ 190,180.79	\$ 70,364.70	\$ 260,545.49
PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS			
Project Disbursements - Dreams	116,437.00	35,370.00	151,807.00
Project Disbursements - Fatmata	19,422.74	8,426.26	27,849.00
Project Disbursements - Global Misc.	1,000.00	4,910.00	5,910.00
Project Disbursements - Konadu	23,463.81	8,455.19	31,919.00
Project Disbursements - Local Misc.	368.73	2,631.27	3,000.00
Total Project Disbursements	\$ 160,692.28	\$ 59,792.72	\$ 220,485.00
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting & Legal	1,518.00	(483.00)	1,035.00
Bank Fees	143.95	(103.50)	40.45
Events - All	8,832.82	2,106.40	10,939.22
Marketing - Social/Web	208.11	105.84	313.95
Supplies & Mailing	78.82	(4.75)	74.07
Transaction Fees	-	(45.00)	45.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,781.70	\$ 1,575.99	\$ 12,357.69
Net Activity	\$ 18,706.81		\$ 27,702.80

	2016	Net Change	2017
Beginning	\$2,159.06	18,706.81	\$20,865.87
Income	190,180.79	70,346.70	260,545.49
Disbursements	160,692.28	59,792.72	220,485.00
Expenditures	10,781.70	1,575.99	12,357.69
Ending	\$20,865.87	\$27,702.80	\$48,568.67

LOCAL PROJECTS



Pictured is the Illini Thaakat Chapter at University of Illinois at Champaign.

University Chapters

#difference makers



"The main reason I participate in any organization is because I want to be involved in shaping communities. At the heart of everything is being able to not only empower my local community but to sponsor the ideals of education and healthcare around the world. That is always something I will be proud of and it gives me empowerment within myself."

Some moments that really stand out in my mind are recruitment events on campus like our involvement fair. I am able to interact with so many people from different walks of life. I get to watch all of the members develop within our own organization and it shows we are all capable of spreading Thaakat. "

Raza Haque
President, UIC I Thaakat Foundation

CHAPTER EVENTS

Our university chapters help our mission reach across the country. Day in and day out they work as a team to volunteer for their communities, fund raise for our adopted global sites and encourage good will, leadership and social change.

Student Chapters provide unique opportunities for networking, mentoring and bonding while encouraging students to do a service for those in need. Our student chapters have provided leadership opportunities to students who always knew they wanted to give back but wanted a creative outlet. Our university members are able to make a hands on contribution to our project sites and often times it is our over 200 strong alumni and current student body members who provide the push in funds which allows us to accomplish large scale improvements. We can't count the times that we didn't have enough in funding for teacher salaries and one of our chapters was able to save the day.

When you are a part of the Thaakat community, you are an advocate in your school community, You very much represent the reason why we continue to grow, You are a permanent part of the story we aim to build every day. Thank you to our student members who juggle exams, work, family and college life to make this cause a priority in their every day.



Pictured: The UIC Thaakat chapter at a volunteer event they hosted at the Greater Chicago Food Depository



Bradley University
New York Institute of Technology
Rutgers University New Brunswick
The College of New Jersey
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
University of Illinois at Chicago



25 & 26

NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

FEED THE NEED 2017

“Feed the Need” Tournament

2017: \$50,000!

2016: \$32,369

2015: \$25,731

2014: \$12,286

2013: \$9,892

2012: \$4,883

2011: \$6,734

Raising the Bar - Surpassing Goals at This Years Event

Over 200 players teamed up to compete in friendly competition in the name of charity. Our annual charity basketball tournament kicked off Thanksgiving weekend, but planning had started months before.

The production requires the planning team to kick off at least 4-5 months of discussions, sponsor outreach and logistics coordination and it's never an easy feat. In between kids, families, work and school, these leaders are working around the clock. When it came time for our event, it was great to see that the fruits of our labor had paid off!

Food sponsors Mr. Broast, ChikBeef and Giordanos provided for a fantastic lunch spread and our exclusive AV sponsor AVCS Chicago helped to provide sound, electronics and live screens with updates. Throughout the event our bubbly photographer, from Enas Photography, jumped from court to court to capture the best action shots of the day.

It was nerve wracking competition and we weren't sure who would come out on top. We had new teams join us such as FABA Chicago and it shook up the competition. In the end, PYP took the trophy and this wasn't their first time. Team Captain, Osman Iftexhar and his team have taken the championship 3 times in the last 4 years.

Once the event wrapped and the totals were out, our team was more than thrilled! We raised a whopping \$50,000. A majority of those funds have already been put to work at our school site in Ghana and our maternity center in Sierra Leone. In fact, without this tournament much of the development we do at these sites would not be possible year over year. Thank you participants, sponsors, donors and volunteers!



We forget the underlying purpose of the Annual Tournament sometimes. In fact, the title "Tournament" should be secondary, as "Fundraiser" should be primary. It is easy to forget, because basketball is all about competition and the goal is to win, but honestly, as cliché as it sounds; every participant is a winner.

The contributions resulting from this illustrious weekend cover operating expenses for various project locations, for months to come. The recipients at these project sites are not checking the website to see who won the tournament, they are looking at the faces of our generous participants appreciating how much we are doing for them.

Ultimately, we will never be able to fully comprehend the lifestyle at our project sites, our duty is to help the less fortunate by any means. Just imagining the smile on their faces when they see funds being put to use is all the motivation I need to do this thing again next year!

We did it for THEM, you did it for THEM, we are all CHAMPIONS!

Saad Bawany
Program Manager
Thaakat Foundation



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2017 SPONSORS

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AVCS Chicago(Exclusive AV Sponsor)
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ChikBeef- Food Sponsor
CrossCountry Mortgage - Ramadani Team
Dr. Moazzam Saeed (Advanced Pediatric Care)
Express City Travel
Health Maxima Consultants
Kevin Johnson
MI Travels
Modern Wall Art
MB Financial Bank
Mr. Broast (Food Sponsor)
NJS Logistics
Oakbrook Park District
Spider Electronics
Tandoor Char House
ULTA Beauty
Valdes Supply
Clarion Inn & Waterford Banquets
Lock Chicago
CPX Sports
Waxing the City (Oakbrook Terrace)

GLOBAL PROJECTS

Thaakat Foundation is the sole provider of three global projects. Two out of the three projects focus on spreading literacy, while the third project focuses on providing access to healthcare services and environmental sustainability. All three projects serve the highly underprivileged communities that are deprived of the most basic necessities, and in turn, struggle for daily survival. Projects are based in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Pakistan.

Thanks to your tremendous support, 2017 was Thaakat Foundation's most successful year yet. We raised an astounding \$250,000 in 2017 and completed major projects across all three of our international sites. Thank you for everything you've dedicated to us at Thaakat.



Idara Al Khair
DREAMS Campus II, III, & VI
Karachi, Pakistan
1000 students
45 staff



DREAMS for Kachra Kundi

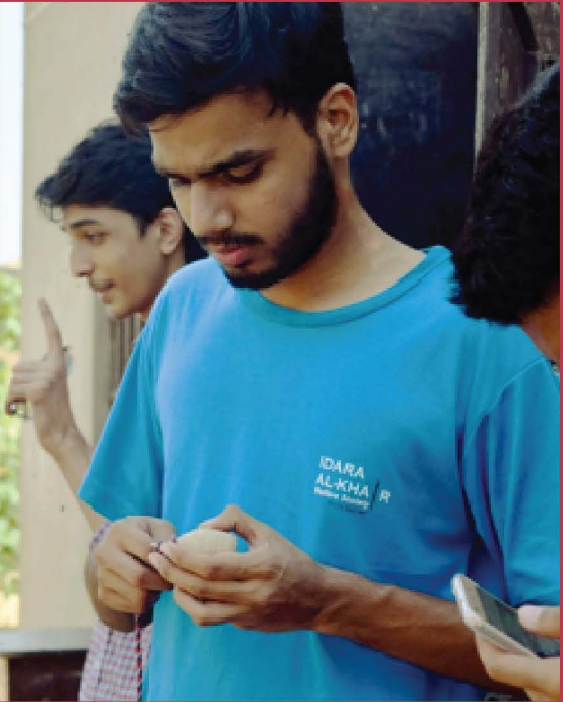
BACKGROUND INFO

Idara Al Khair is our partner organization in Karachi, Pakistan. Together we launched our first school with them from the ground up, Campus 3. This school was built in the trenches of one of Karachi’s largest landfills. As support for our work grew, we were able to expand to adopt a 2nd campus and build out a 3rd. Today, your donations support more than 1,000 students and growing.

In 2017 we supplied our DREAMS project in the outskirts of Karachi, Pakistan with more than \$140,000. When we launched our campus we had a little over 200 students. These funds allowed us to expand our school enrollment to 2 campuses, 1000 students and over 45 staff members. We also completed construction on a two-story, eight classroom school building for 60 students at a third campus nearby. Did you know: More than 50% of our graduating class goes on to college. Your donations also help to support these aspiring professionals with college scholarships.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Campus II	293 Students	185 Boys	108 Girls
Campus III	710 Students	108 Girls	262 Girls



Saad is an undergraduate student studying mechanical engineering at NUST, Karachi, Pakistan. He’s always had a passion for philanthropy. In 2015, he founded the Youth Wing to support Idara Al Khair, an organization started by his father. When Idara Al Khair started it was just a handful of students, three to be exact. Today, Saad’s father has grown the organization to multiple campuses and thousands of students.

His father runs the operations and management of Idara Al Khair along with his board while Saad continues to drive youth interest and expansion through creativity and hands on work. He has been able to use social media to spread the message of Idara Al Khair as well as use it as a channel to appeal for help. With Saad on board we have been able to capture live snap chat videos, insightful stories from our school site and arrange several volunteer and donor trips to campus.

We look forward to our daily conversations with him, he motivates us to strive for more. Saad takes inspiration from his father Mazahir Sheikh and hopes to keep his efforts growing until society can be free of child labor and illiteracy.

“I want to provide help for any young individual hoping to hold a pencil in his or her hand. I believe that the journey to change the world is a ladder with a million steps. My father took the first steps and I will continue to take them until every child earns an education. I want to fulfill the dreams of my father who launched this mission 30 years ago.”

-SAAD SHEIKH | IDARA AL KHAIR, PAKISTAN



This is a land surrounded by mountains in a village known as Jam Chakro village which is about 20 kilometers away from the main city of Karachi. More than 300 families are living on this land and more than 10,000 people in surrounding villages. Here, garbage from the city is dumped by trucks around the clock.

Miss Ayesha (pictured on the right) graduated from Al Khair Schools and after earning excellent marks she is now furthering her education and is a teacher at Al Khair Campus 1.

A majority of children work as laborers throughout the day and do not attend school. Pictured to the left is a teenage girl sorting through garbage in the Karachi heat.

My school life:



My home life:



My dream life:





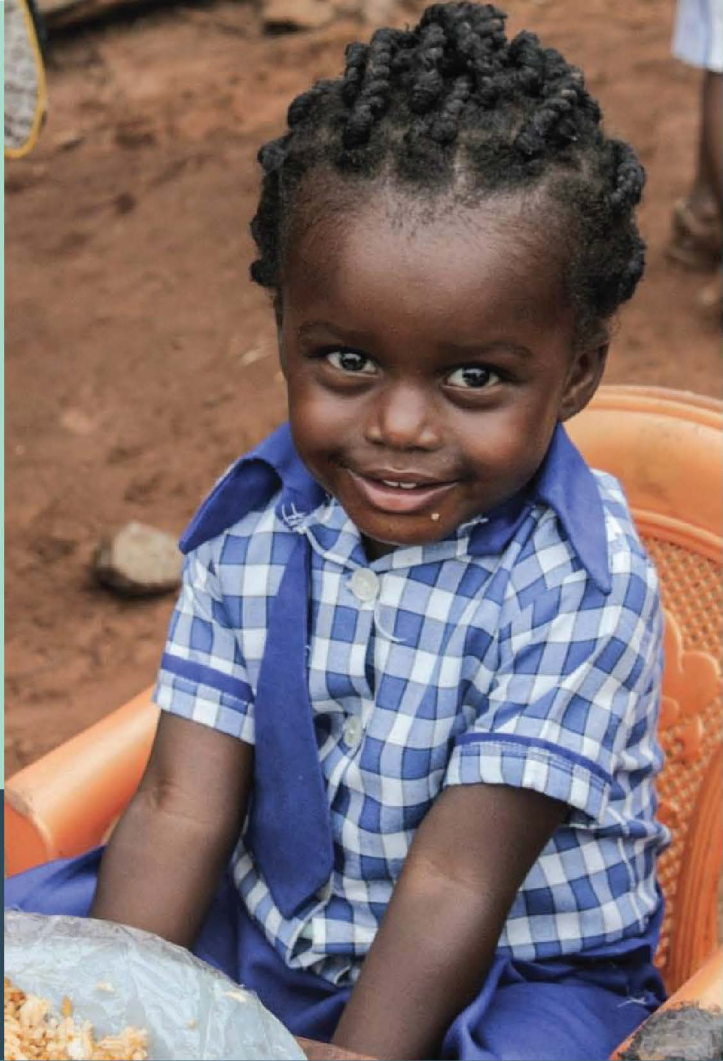
2017 Achievements

DREAMS Campus II & III, Pakistan: Free education for children living in the depths of Karachi, Pakistan's landfills. Our campuses serve over 1000 students and 45 staff members and is a partnership with Idara Al Khair Welfare Society

- Adopted campus II in 2017
- Enrollment Campus III reaches 710 students
- Water well built in Wai Pandi village providing clean water to over 5000 residents
- Invested \$20,000 to build a 3rd school in nearby Ayub Goth village
- Playground for students completed
- Food rations provided to over 500 families
- Provisions of food and blankets to over 500 families
- Student body increased by 300
- Purchased land to build 3rd campus nearby
- Increase in teacher salary slated for 2018



Konadu Basic School
Tanoboase, Ghana
260 students
19 staff



Thaakat Foundation has successfully managed to finance the building of the school and its operations. In total, our donors have dedicated over \$70,000 to this project over the last 4 years. You have supported the education of over 250 students, 19 staff members and many homes where the children assist in reading, writing and managing financial tasks for their parents. Your guidance has allowed us to work with Clement to plan, prioritize and budget wonderful things for the future of this school.

We have been able to sustain the needs of the school; including the costs of meals, teacher salaries, supplies and other community recreational needs for the students.

Konadu Basic School

BACKGROUND INFO

Ghana has much to offer; greenery, kindness, and a lot of opportunity. When we met Clement Boamah in 2013 he had dreams to open a free school in the village of Tanoboase, Ghana, he had a dream to bring these things to the rural villages. Here, the majority of children did not go to school because they could not afford it. Their homes comprised of a mother, often raising her kids alone. In most homes, the mother struggled to find work in the rural countryside, and could not afford to send her children to school.

We saw the passion Clement had to make the Konadu School a success. He was a teacher, a farmer, school security, management, cleaning staff, the cook—Clement did it all alone. It didn't take us much time to decide we wanted to help him fulfill his dreams. In July 2013 we started fundraising and by the end of that year, we had a brand new school that Clement built with his volunteer staff from the ground up.

Clement began his school with a handful of kids and he taught every class. Today enrollement has reached over 250. Righteous and the children make the best with what they have. Class starts at 7 AM with breakfast and a morning prayer. The staff develop learning around the nationwide education curriculum, the school also provides for extracurricular development in arts and music and we are proud to share they have earned the district best in class in soccer. All of this is provided in a safe space, at no cost for the children while their parents work.

Current & Future Needs

To date we have been able to expand opportunities on site to include the below:

- Operating funds support for teaching and students (accommodated 300% growth over last 3 years)
- Electricity at the school
- Brand new school bus to transport students from more than 9 communities
- Fresh running water piping and well for the community (no longer have to gather buckets at the river)
- Launch of Ebankese Mushroom Farm

In the future we are working on below

- Secondary Learning Classes
- Public bathroom facilities
- Expansion of Ebankese mushroom farm and other agricultural ventures on site
- Adding 5 more primary learning classrooms
- Building a permanent brick school structure

WHERE IS TANOBOASE?

Tanoboase is a part of the Techiman District. Techiman is a town and is the capital of Techiman Municipal of the Brong Ahafo Region in South Ghana. Techiman is together with Sunyani, one of the two major cities and settlements of Brong Ahafo region. Techiman has a settlement population of 104,212 people in 2013. Techiman is located at a historical crossroads of trade routes and the Tano River, and serves as capital of the Techiman Municipal district.

BACKGROUND ON EDUCATION IN GHANA:

The school going age in Ghana is 3-21. The educational structure of Ghana comprises

- Pre-School (Ages 3-5)
- Basic/Primary School equivalent to Elementary School (Ages 6-11)
- Junior High School equivalent to Middle School (Ages 12-14)
- Senior High School equivalent to High School (Ages 15-17)
- Tertiary Education/Institution equivalent to College/ University (Ages 18-21)

THE STRUCTURE OF THIS EDUCATION IS OUTLINED BELOW:

Basic/Primary education

- Two years of kindergarten
- Six years of primary school
- Three years of junior high school

Second cycle education

- Four years of senior high school or technical, vocational, business

The Ministry of Education and Ghana Educational Service (GES) help to provide the framework for relevant and quality education of all educational institutions in Ghana. The standards of the Konadu Basic School are modeled after the curriculum set forth by GES for primary school education.



COURSE INFORMATION:

The courses offered at Konadu are below:

- English Language
- Ghanaian Language
- Mathematics
- Environmental Studies
- Creative Art
- Computer technology
- Natural Science
- Religious and Moral Education
- Physical Education
- Music & Dancing

STAFF:

We currently have 19 full time staff members, this includes teaching staff, farming staff and transportation staff.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:

Our school continues to be voted one of the best in the district. Not only are we providing an education to students but we continue to look for and serve opportunities for sustainable economic growth in the village. Currently, we have a small honey bee farm and source some income from pigs that we grow on this land.

We have 3 acres of land paid for and there is another 7 acres that we have access to which we are looking to purchase.

With the addition of the new bus the community is even more excited. Teachers have also reported that the provision of lunch during school hours has really helped to nurse students to better health.



Teachers at the Konadu School often double as volunteers for on site improvement and construction projects. Each panel of our school was built with the love of our Konadu teachers!

PC: Lisa Weatherbee



Our Ebankese Mushroom farm employs single mothers throughout the community. Over the course of the last few years the farm has continued to grow despite challenges. Today, it pays for improvement projects on site as well as for our cook and bus driver. Most recently we've been awarded a grant to purchase additional utilities to help us expand.



#difference makers



For the first time in the history of the nine communities here in Tanobaose someone volunteered his life and everything to give a free and quality primary education to over 260 children.

I say Thank you for being there for all of those who thought they were left out in the educational system in Ghana but now feel great and may I mention even better than those whose educational fees are paid for.

A dream of mine that would take about 20 years to manifest has come true in about 5 years.

All because of the Thaakat family and friends who saw importance in my dreams. You made it your own.

I am proud of the success of building the most amazing school that has captured all the areas of importance in the Ghanaian education system such as Academics, Art, Sports and Culture.

I am blessed to have you who provided smiles in the face of the helpless. I am grateful to have you changing the poverty cycle of the underprivileged people in the world.

Indeed you have transformed life and I, Clement am an example of the life you have transformed. I was single but now I am a proud father and a very proud husband.

Education is the key to success. You have again touched the life of many women by empowering them through the Ebankese Agro Projects like the mushrooms farm and other Agro activities at Konadu.

With heart full of gratitude I say thank you team Thaakat and friends. May God bless you, may you be rewarded in many blessings. May God continue to bless you until you are called Blessings.

Thank you,
Clement Boamah
Founder | Konadu Basic School
Tanobaose, Ghana

2017 Achievements

Konadu School, Ghana: Primary and Junior high level education for students left out of the Ghana educational system. The campus also provides economic and vocational opportunities for women through mushroom, pig and bee farming projects. Total enrollment is 250 students and 19 staff

- Enrollment increased by 100 students from 2016-2017
- Added Junior High classes at Konadu
- Investment in school sports and football team. Team earns accolades at the district level
- Hired a farm manager and principal at Konadu to take the burden off of Clement
- Construction started on additional school unit and public bathrooms
- Received 2 grants to help us in the purchase of an autoclave to assist in mushroom production and in the construct of a computer lab



Fatmata Maternity Center
Pujehun District, Sierra Leone
5 full time staff
20,000 with access to healthcare
17,000+ patients treated to date
410 healthy babies delivered

Fatmata Maternity Center

BACKGROUND INFO

In April 2014, Thaakat Foundation opened doors to Fatmata Maternity Center in the rural region of Blama Perri in the Pujehun District of Sierra Leone. The opening of the Center was pivotal to this community since it finally provided proximate access to healthcare services where previously community members had to walk more than 15 miles to reach a hospital.

Over the span of three years the maternity center has not only provided healthcare services to pregnant and nursing women and their newborns, but has also delivered access to lifesaving healthcare services to six villages with a population of over 20,000 community members. The maternity center makes available essentials such as vaccinations, medical exams, counseling, education, and the Sierramix nutritious supplement to combat malnutrition in newborns, all free of charge. Since the center's initiation, we have delivered 410 healthy babies and treated over 17,458 patients.



Total Cases Treated and Total Births (2014-2017)					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total:
Total Births	43	93	88	93	410
Total Cases	2050	4339	3276	3454	17458

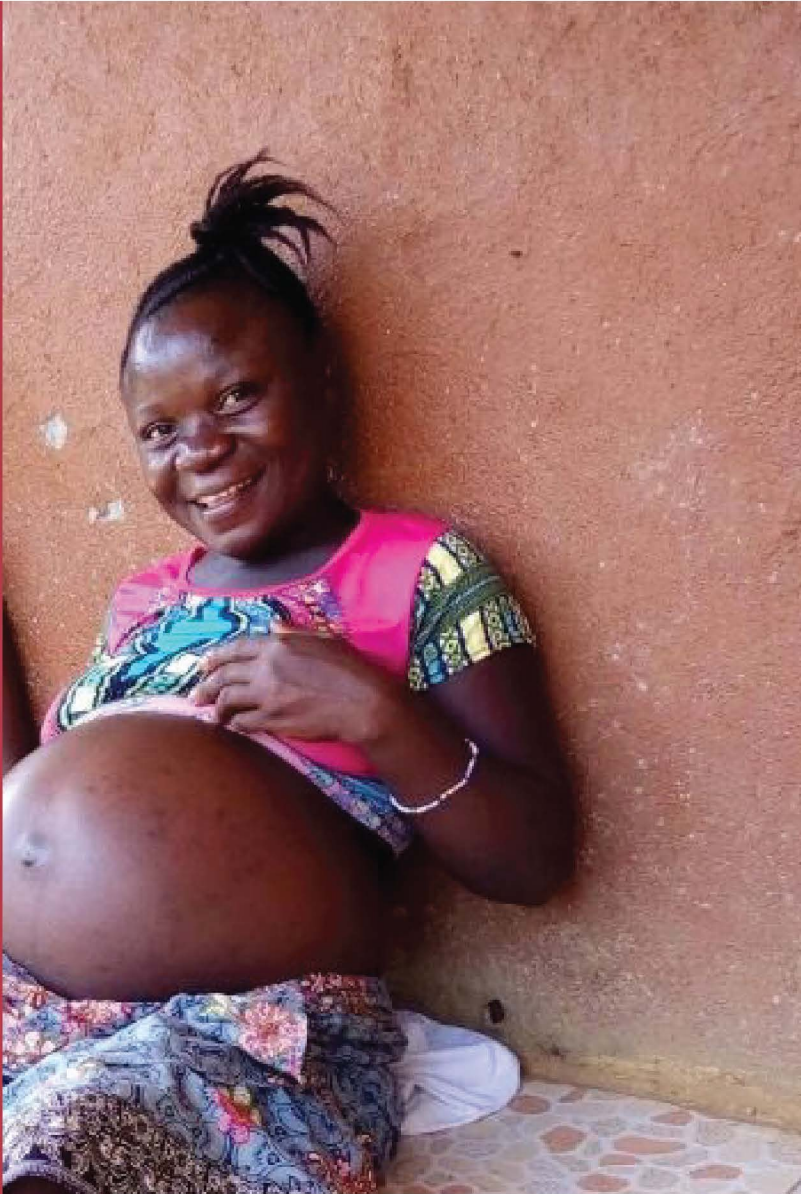
Total Malaria Cases Treated (2014-2017)					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total:
Adults	177	300	225	247	949
Adolescents	57	123	122	119	421
Children < 5 yrs. Old	413	562	478	504	1957
Total:	647	985	825	870	3327



FIGHTING HIV IN SEIRRA LEONE
In 2016, over 2,000 people in Pujehun District, Southern Sierra Leone tested positive for HIV, an official disclosed. When we got wind of this news we were immediately concerned as our health clinic is situated in Blama Perri (Pujehun district) and serves the surrounding five other communities. We knew that sexually transmitted diseases were a huge problem in the area (it accounted for a third of all cases to our center) however we weren't provided with the resources, training or insights from the district on HIV testing.

Our nurse Mariama was already overwhelmed with the patient caseload but she came to us and offered her support. She knew that the earlier we were able to treat any HIV positive pregnant women, the better the chance at an HIV free baby. In fact if treated early enough in the pregnancy, the CDC says a woman's risk of transmitting HIV to her baby can be reduced to 1% or less.

Today, Mariama does mandatory testing on all pregnant women arriving to the center. Any positive cases are provided with concierge services through our center. Our nurses get them in touch with the district treatment expert and if needed provide them with transportation and additional care. Mariama and her co-nurse also hold monthly educational sessions for all expecting and new mothers where they cover everything from women's health to mother/child nutrition and family planning.



- MEET THE HEALTH EXPERTS**
- ABDULAI I COUNTRY LIASON**
Informed team of the challenge
- DR. ARUNA STEVENS I MEDICAL ADVISOR**
Worked with Mariama to implement a testing process
- MARIAMA LAHAI I HEAD NURSE**
Implemented an early testing protocol
- MARIAMA BAH I CO-NURSE**
Supports Mariama Lahai with patient caseload



2017 Achievements

Fatmata Maternity Center, Sierra Leone: Free healthcare focused on improving healthy pregnancy outcomes for mothers and babies. The center also provides basic healthcare, vaccinations and outpatient urgent care for the general population. We have served over 11,000 patients to date.

Our head nurse has had a tough time balancing the volume of patients with implementation of leading programs such as our acute malnutrition treatment program and HIV prevention program. To help, in the last year we have hired a doctor who visits our site every other month and one more nurse to the team. We also work with the traditional birth attendants in the area to implement door to door education initiatives.

Malaria continues to carry the biggest risk in this community. Though more cases are treated we feel this is also because more people are aware of symptoms and early intervention. We continue to implement malaria prevention education and continued mosquito clean up facilitation throughout the year.

Top Five Treated Disease in Adults (2014-2017)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1st	MALARIA	MALARIA	MALARIA	MALARIA
2nd	STIs	All Others	STIs	STIs/ARI Pneumonia
3rd	All Others	STIs	ARI/Pneumonia	Typhoid Fever
4th	Pneumonia	ARI/Pneumonia	Typhoid Fever	Wounds
5th	Typhoid Fever	Typhoid Fever	Ulcer	Diarrhea (Watery)

Top Five Treated Disease in Children < 5 years Old (2014-2017)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1st	MALARIA	MALARIA	MALARIA	MALARIA
2nd	Pneumonia	All Others	ARI/Pneumonia	ARI/Pneumonia
3rd	Typhoid Fever	ARI/Pneumonia	Typhoid Fever	Malnutrition
4th	Watery Diarrhea	Malnutrition	Malnutrition	Typhoid Fever
5th	All Others	Typhoid Fever	Diarrhea (Watery)	Skin Infection /Diarrhea (watery)

- Completed a brand new facility with three comfortable rooms for mothers and their babies
- Delivered over 400 healthy babies to date
- Purchased a transport vehicle for the site manager
- Built the first ever public bathrooms in each of the 6 villages surrounding our center
- In charge of the district malaria prevention program
- Launched an HIV prevention and testing program for pregnant mothers
- Active acute malnutrition treatment program for children

Looking Forward

In January alone we sent \$35,000 to our project sites. When you donate to us, we put it to work!

\$20,000 was used as a down payment on land for a brand new girls school we are building at our DREAMS, Pakistan site.

\$10,000 was sent to Konadu, Ghana to purchase an autoclave to help with mushroom production at the farm, cutting out our reliance on suppliers.

\$8,000 was sent to purchase a vehicle for our site manager in Sierra Leone who made dangerous 4 hour trips to the village on the back of a motorcycle for several years.

None of these amazing feats would be possible without your blessings and the work of our site managers and staff. Thank you for the adventures!



Pictured: Students at the Konadu school getting fresh water from the school well.



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PATIENCE EATING LUNCH AT SCHOOL
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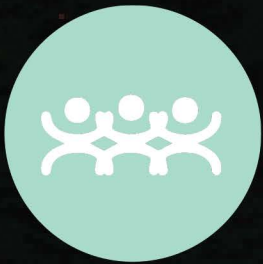
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YOUNG STUDENT AT KONADU BASIC SCHOOL
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STUDENT AT DREAMS FOR KACHRA KUNDI
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