

At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2004/0008

Registration

The Trusts Act, 1882

Major Programmes

Financial aid for: sporting institutions, educational institutions and mosques, widows, orphans, the sick and infirm, hospitals, orphanages and old people homes.

Human Resource

Governing Body: 09 Members

Chairperson: Sir Anwar Pervez

Staff Strength: 6 all volunteers (1 Female, 5 Males)

Area of Operation

Tehsil Gujar Khan & District Attock; Punjab

Banks

National Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad

Auditors

Khalid Majid Rehman Sarfaraz Rahim Iqbal Rafiq, Chartered Accountants, Islamabad

Tax Status

Exempt under Clause 58 of the 2nd Schedule of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

For Information and Donations

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Mission

To aid students and promising sportsmen through financial assistance; to provide financial support to widows and orphans.



History

The Bestway Foundation was set up by Sir Anwar Pervez, one of the richest Pakistanis in the UK. While running a large business in the United Kingdom, he is simultaneously supporting charities and contributing to local communities there and in Pakistan, particularly those in his remote home village. The story of Sir Anwar Pervez, founder of Bestway Foundation, is a story of rags to riches. He was born in a small and remote village (named Thatti) of Tehsil Gujar Khan, District Rawalpindi. He received his early education from the village primary school, and moved to the UK in 1963 where he opened a retail shop. From this humble shop in Earls Court, London, his business expanded quickly. Supporting charities and contributing to local community have always been an important part of Sir Anwar Pervez's life. The desire to help the less fortunate has always been important to him. The establishment of Bestway Foundation was one such expression of his desire to improve the lives of others. Initially, the funds for the Foundation were provided by Sir M. Anwar Pervez from his own personal resources and later on Bestway Foundation, UK. Today, Bestway Cement Ltd, Pakistan, is contributing regularly towards the Foundation as well.

The Programme

Since it became operational in January 2000, the Bestway Foundation has focused on three major activities: awarding scholarships to deserving students, upgrading of Government High School in Thatti, and providing financial assistance to widows through zakat funding. The Foundation in order to achieve its objectives of its creation and to ensure that grants are given for the right cause, has devised a well defined procedure for the awarding of scholarships to the students who are deserving. The Foundation provides grants of upto Rs. 6,000 per annum for FA/FSc students and Rs. 12,000 per annum for students pursuing professional degrees. Once granted, the scholarship continues until completion of studies, subject to satisfactory academic performance. Rs. 2 million have been disbursed and 200 scholarships have been awarded so far to deserving students.

The Foundation has developed a transparent criterion for awarding these scholarships to the students. First, applications are



invited through advertisement of the scholarships in local newspapers. Deserving students from across Pakistan apply in large numbers. A merit list is then prepared and depending upon the number of scholarships available, short listed candidates are invited for an interview. Successful candidates are granted the scholarship. Once granted the scholarship continues until completion of studies, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

Outreach

As a first step, the Foundation focused its attention on Thatti Village (25 km away from Gujar Khan) where the foundation reconstructed an old/damaged building of the Government Boys High School with an estimated cost of Rs 2.5 million. This is the same school from where Sir Anwar Pervez received his childhood education, and thus he decided to return the favour in kind. The construction plan included six classrooms, one office, one staff room for teachers, extra room for extra curricular activities and the improvement of a playground. The project is an excellent example of a public-private partnership, where a corporate philanthropist has provided resources for a public utility. Presently, 300 students are enrolled at various levels in the school. The school has been able to maintain a 90% pass percentage in the last few years. The Foundation also joined hands with the Government to improve the quality of education in Government Boys High School, Thatti and is sponsoring the salaries of 5 teachers. To stand behind the government initiative to improve education through partnerships with the private sector, the Foundation has also acquired land measuring 3 kanal and 10 marlas of land to construct an educational institution to serve the community.

Direct Charity

The Foundation has focused on the provision of direct financial assistance to poor and needy women of the area. The beneficiaries, mainly from the Hattar area (adjacent to Bestway Cement Factory), are being provided assistance at a scale of Rs. 500 per beneficiary per month. More than Rs 5 million were given to widows in 2003 alone.

Contribution to Causes

Bestway's Charitable Foundation in UK was founded in 1985, and makes regular donations to several leading charities, notably Age Concern, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, The Technology Trust Schools Scheme, Sports Aid, Variety Club of Great Britain and many community, medical, youth, sport and environmental causes.

“ A fundamental challenge facing every society is to create an economic and social system that is just, fair and equitable. The best way to approach this daunting challenge is to encourage and empower the disadvantaged and underprivileged to acquire knowledge and skills ”

Sir Mohammad Anwar Pervez, *Patron in Chief, Bestway Foundation*

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	-		
National (Grants/ Donations)	379,845		
International (Grants/ Donations)	4,175,000		
Total	4,554,845		

Not Provided by the Organisation