

At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2004/0003

Registration

The Trust Act, 1882 on 27 June, 1994

Major Programmes

Qarz-e-Hasna, Tibbia College, Teachers training, Vocational and technical training of health professionals, Financial grants to Trusts, Hospitals and Transfusion Centres, Establishment of free dispensaries

Human Resource

Governing Body: 10 members
Chairperson: Mr. Iqbal Ahmad Qarshi
Staff Strength: 170 (134 Males, 36 Females)

Area of Operation

All over Pakistan

Banks

Faisal Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, Lahore.

Auditors

A. Aziz Chaudhury & Co. Chartered Accountants, Lahore.

Tax Status

Exempt U/S 2(36) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

For Information and Donations

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Mission

To improve the quality of life of poor and underprivileged people of Pakistan by bringing health awareness, providing quality health facilities free of cost, promoting research for health care, supporting income generating projects, providing quality education and vocational training and bringing the religious institutions into the mainstream of development.



The Beginning & Scope of Interventions

Qarshi Foundation was founded in 1994. Until 1998 the foundation was not involved in direct service delivery and limited its sphere to supporting other NPOs. In 1998 they started their first project in health, education, environment and heritage conservation. Their mission to serve humanity and their methods are highly impressive. Qarshi Foundation was founded to serve the purpose of improving the quality of life of the poor and underprivileged people of Pakistan by bringing health awareness and by providing quality health facilities free of cost with particular regard to women of child bearing age in the remote areas of Pakistan. To benefit all people, they promote research activities to improve health care practices. Moreover, they also go beyond health to contribute towards a healthier society. They strive to upgrade the living standards of people by supporting income generation projects and by providing quality education and vocational training with a strategy aimed to make people employed or self employed. Alongside their efforts to provide sustainable livelihoods, they endeavour to bring the religious institutions into the mainstream of development. The foundations major sources of funding include fixed investments, financial support and sponsorship by Qarshi Industries, Qarshi Research International and donations from Qarshi family. The funds received through these sources have enabled Qarshi to proceed with its projects.

Education

Their educational programme includes financial grants to deserving students, setting up vocational and educational institutes and supporting various departments in universities so as to provide quality education and training that assists in providing people with sustainable livelihoods. They provide the Qarshi Gold medal and merit awards which are scholarships for students of the University of Punjab in six disciplines as well as Qarz-e-Hasna, interest free loans, to more than 1,000 students yearly. Qarshi has established two schools in collaboration with CARE (Pakistan), one in Lahore and one in Muridke on Narrowal Road. To date 3,915 students have benefited from these schools. They also set up the Qarshi College of



Engineering and Information Technology, Lahore, which benefits 120 students annually and the Qarshi Institute of Tibb and Herbal Medicine, a post graduate college in Lahore, benefiting 37 students annually. The Qarshi Vocational Training Centre, Lahore, provides training to 25 people yearly. They also support Teachers Training Courses at the University of Punjab.

To provide training as well as to add value to the agricultural sector of Pakistan, they established the Qarshi School of Horticulture and the Qarshi Institute of Organic Agriculture. Furthermore, the Foundation provides support to the Department of Natural Medicine in the Islamia University, Bahawalpur. They have also established computer classes for female students of Jamia Ashrafia studying at Madrassatul Faysal (Model Town, Lahore) and established an additional course of "Kitab-ul-Sehat" for the students of Deeni Madaris.

Health

Qarshi Foundation has extended financial grants to Ishaq Haroon Trust, Surraya Azim Hospital and Fatimid Blood Transfusion Centre. They also provided funds for the construction of an emergency ward at Shalimar Hospital, Lahore and have set up free dispensaries for the poor and needy people in the rural areas of Punjab. To date, 27 dispensaries are operative. The Foundation sponsors Islamia University, Bhawalpur, and Kohat University of Science and Technology for their Department of Eastern Medicine, where a five year degree course of Bachelor of Eastern Medicine and Surgery is conducted.

Going Beyond Health and Education

The organisation undertook a Rs 1.2 million project for increasing the water storage capacity at Tali-Balochistan from 5,000 gallons to 120,000 gallons. For this purpose two tube wells were installed in the area. A total of 28 villages and more than 50,000 individuals directly benefitted from this. To support the poor and deserving, budgets are allocated every year to provide assistance to the needy, widows, for doweries and patients.

On December 20, 2000 the organisation undertook a project for the aid of prisoners belonging to the jails of Punjab. In this regard monetary compensation and fines were paid for the release of prisoners. Pocket money and transportation charges were given to the prisoners and gifts were also distributed by the Foundation. This project involved an expense of Rs. 11 million.

“ I give equal importance to business, research and welfare. Public service is very important for us and for our business. Qarshi industry and family both are committed to public service and all our efforts are channelised through Qarshi Foundation and we have a vision that we want to be the leading organisation of the country in Public Service ”

Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Qarshi, *Chairman, Qarshi Foundation*

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	15,915,965	20,236,631	11,258,196
National (Grants/ Donations)	41,507,770	56,967,143	19,593,247
International (Grants/ Donations)	-	-	-
Total	57,423,735	77,203,774	30,851,443