



## At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2005/0041

### Registration

The Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration & Control) Ordinance, 1961 (Registration No DDSW LD/ 95 832) on 30 July, 1995 in Lahore.

### Major Programmes

Rehabilitation of mentally handicapped children at the Rising Sun Institute (Defence Campus) and Rising Sun Institute (Mughalpura Campus)

### Human Resource

Governing Body: 15 members  
Chairperson: Lt. Col. (Retd) R. M. Yasin  
Staff Strength: 102 (73 Males, 29 Females)

### Area of Operation

Lahore

### Banks

Metropolitan Bank Ltd. Lahore

### Auditors

Sarwar Awan & 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 establish an institution for education, training and rehabilitation of mentally handicapped children and guide their parents for the purpose.



## How It All Started

Rising Sun is an institute reserved for special children who deserve special care, love and affection. In Pakistan's social strata, these special children are considered a burden and a stigma in society for the whole family and most of them die within their early years due to gross neglect. The story of Rising Sun began in the home of one unique couple, Dr. Abdul Tawwab and his wife Parveen Tawwab. A small event changed their lives and more so the lives of the special children who till today call them as their 'Doctor Uncle' and 'Aunty'. In 1984, a friend of Dr. Tawwab brought his daughter for treatment of Down Syndrome, in which the child suffers from slow physical and mental development. The arrival of another little boy with Down Syndrome laid the foundation for RSEWS and started the beginning of a fulfilling journey that continues till today and on its way has brought smiles and laughter to the lives of hundreds of mentally handicapped children and their parents.

As the word spread more parents brought their children. The Tawwabs' took up the challenge of establishing a formal school for the mentally handicapped children. Tireless efforts and determination culminated into the establishment of the first school in 1994 in Defence, Lahore. Four years later, the school shifted to a much larger site provided free of cost by the Defence Housing Authority (DHA). Encouragement and support from philanthropists brought in resources and the Society opened another campus in Mughalpura (2003).

The Executive Committee is cognisant of the ever increasing need of expanding its programme as more and more parents approach them to admit their children. The never ending spirit of the Tawwabs and dedication of EC members resulted with the DHA providing an 8 kanal plot in DHA to build a purpose built school of international standards.

## What Rising Sun Offers

In spite of limited resources Rising Sun has developed a comprehensive system of assessing the needs of special children and



One of the many success stories

Maryam was selected as part of the 26 member team to represent Pakistan at the international Special Olympics being held at New Haven, Connecticut USA. She competed brilliantly and had the honor of being the first special child to win a Gold Medal for Pakistan in individual skills in basketball. Today Maryam is a part of the staff team of Rising Sun Institute, which is composed of the special children from the Institute itself. She is at present the assistant teacher and is proud to be earning her living.



providing them with a number of activities supported by in-house teaching and vocational facilities to keep them motivated and interested and most importantly enabling them to take care of their own selves. The salient feature is that education is highly subsidised and no student is requested to leave no matter what his/ her age is.

Child Assessment

The most important component of the entire programme is to first conduct a comprehensive need assessment of the child's needs in terms of education and therapy. This is done by trained staff with expertise in clinical psychology and child development using internationally designed methodology and criteria. Once this is completed the child's file is created and the information serves as bench mark data to assess the child's progress after regular periods of time.

Physiotherapy

Here children with physical disabilities and stiff body muscles are provided physiotherapy by trained therapists to enable their bodies from becoming further disabled and exercise their muscles so they can become strong.

Vocational Training

An important segment of special education is to make the child believe in his/her self and build confidence through self grooming and vocational training like sewing, using the hand looms, making candles and other art work like bags, photo frames etc. They are taught to make tea and cook easy food.

Recreational Training

Children learn to sing and enjoy music. Emphasis is given to develop their social skills. Recreational trips are arranged regularly and children visit historical and important locations of the city.

Sports

The students of Rising Sun have earned a number of national and international medals and prizes by competing in events for special children including the International Special Olympics.

Public Education and Awareness Campaigns

This is a great service promoting a sense of awareness among the general public that special children needed special attention. Staff and students have participated in TV programs and have actively contributed in walks, seminars and funfairs etc.

“ The sun will never set at the Rising Sun Education and Welfare Society as long as humanity, kindness and compassion exists in this world ”

Lt. Col. (Retd.) R. M. Yasin, *President, RSEWS*

Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	1,687,372	322,566	271,759
National (Grants/ Donations)	3,245,625	9,681,480	11,216,380
International (Grants/ Donations)	-	-	-
Total	4,932,997	10,004,046	11,488,139