

Imam Ali (a.s.) said **"There is no treasure more profitable than knowledge"** [al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 19, no. 4]



**CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1981** 

2019-2020 REPORT





#### Salamun Alaykum,

At WF-AID, we believe that every child has the right to an education and we are actively helping children living in impoverished communities to receive an education through the Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme (ZCSS). We aim to empower individuals by providing them with an education, which in turn gives them the tools they need to build a better life for themselves.

Through this report, you will be able to see the impact that your donations have made in the lives of young people living in poverty across India, Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanzania. Following the strategic plan we implemented in 2018, our focus continues to be to provide Higher Education, which gives people the qualifications they need to start their careers and improving their standard of living.

Unfortunately, there are many more children who need our help than we can support so we are forced to turn some students down. In some cases, particularly with primary education, students are able to receive funding from elsewhere, but for many and in particular for Higher Education students, this isn't possible.

We are committed to reaching as many students within our community as possible to ensure they have access to education and need your help to be able to reach more people within and out of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you, our sponsors, for your generosity and support. We are only able to reach as many people as we do because of you. I hope that you enjoy reading this report and learning more about how ZCSS operates.

If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch by emailing zcss@world-federation.org.

With Salaams and Duas

Ali Bandali ZCSS Coordinator

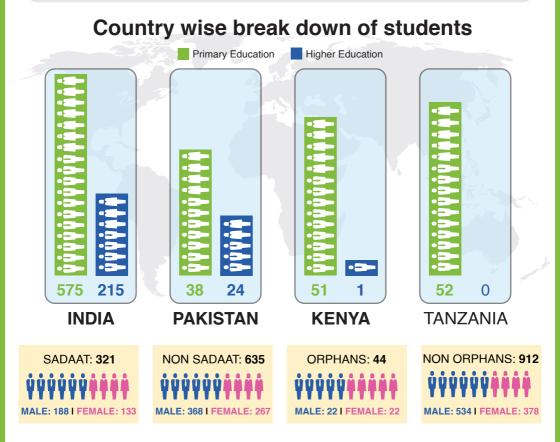
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# The largest number of students are in **India** spread out in **39 Cities**

Your support via ZCSS goes a long way in shaping the future of many lives. Launched in 1981, by Marhum Mulla Asghar, with just **44 donors** the scheme is now supported by over **850 sponsor parents.** 

Your contributions have reached more than **25,000** students in India, Pakistan, Kenya and Tanzania. The monies collected is used to sponsor tuition fees, course materials, and other one-off educational support needed by the students.



# DID YOU KNOW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Becoming a Chartered Accountant is not an easy task as it requires focus, dedication, and consistency. This is one of the most competitive exams in India and is a real challenge as the syllabus is vast and passing all of the exams requires intelligence and plenty of hard work. The percentage of people who pass the exams and qualify is 15.12%.

### Earnings – Commerce Graduate vs Chartered Accountant

While a commerce graduate in Gujarat would make anywhere between INR 8k-10k a month, a Chartered Accountant would make anywhere between INR 15k as a starter salary, and reaching up to 100k a month.

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## How many have you supported?

Over the past three years, donors like yourself have come together to help four people qualify as Chartered Accountants.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Aliabbas Muhammad\*

I am a beneficiary of the Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme provided by WF-Aid through Husaini Education Trust. I grew up in a poor family, struggling to meet the daily ends. My father passed away when I was 15, leaving all the burden on my mother. We received some support from our extended family but it was not sufficient to cover all our expenses, hence my mother started to work as a domestic help to earn livelihood in order to support us. She was very adamant about us receiving education and thanks to the financial assistance that we received, we were able to continue with our studies.

I knew that the only way to improve our standard of living in the long term was through education, so I studied very hard and, Alhamdulillah, I was able to complete my graduation with the assistance from WF-Aid through Husaini Education Trust and I decided to pursue further studies and become a Chartered Accountant. It was difficult and I struggled with final exams but with persistence, I was able to pass the CA final exams in November 2019.

I have come a long way from where I started and whatever I am today is because of the efforts of my mother and the assistance that I received from WF-AID through Husaini Education Trust. I can proudly say that my mother no longer has to work as a domestic help.

I am extremely grateful to WF-AID and Husaini Education Trust for their assistance that enabled me to move out of the poverty cycle and pray to Allah (swt) by the wasila of 14 Masumeen (as) to bless them and grant them prosperous health and wealth, Ameen.

\*Name changed to protect identity.

# DID YOU KNOW MBBS

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, commonly known as MBBS, is one of the most reputed and pursued undergraduate medical program in India. People across the country who aspire to become practicing doctors in the field of allopathic medicine have to pursue the MBBS program.

Due to the limited number of seats compared to the number of candidates, the admission process is highly competitive. The course lasts 5.5 years, split into 4.5 years of study and a 1 year internship, which is generally followed by a Master's or Diploma course.

## How many have you supported?

Over the past three years, donors like yourself have come together to support 5 students to pursue their goal of being a doctor, and another 4 students are currently studying and will graduate soon.

	COMPLETED	STUDYING
INDIA	4	1
CHINA	1	2
TOTAL	5	3

### **Fees for MBBS**

On average, tuition fees for an MBBS in a government approved university is INR 650k-800k per year in India. An internationally recognised MBBS from China costs INR 350k-500k per year, including boarding. Students are encouraged to study MBBS from China, as it is cost effective and also recognised as an international degree.

Mon 11/1/2019 6:09 pm To zcss@world-federation.org AS Thank you for the update. I have just been making adhoc donations acCsSs. In this regard I am very happy the money is being put to such a worthy cause. In this regard, happy to have a chat and understand if I can convert its into a regular donation. With duas	i
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# SUCCESS STORIES Dr Salma Ali\*

I'm Dr. Salma Ali, and am currently doing internship at Dr Vasantrao Pawar Medical College, Nashik while also preparing for my post-graduation entrance exam.

My journey began when I used to visit the graveyard with my mom and she would tell me that grandma always wanted my aunt to become a doctor but she couldn't do so because of financial issues. So, I was determined that one day I'll become a doctor and make my grandma proud. I gave my NEET UG entrance exam and got admission into this college but we too were facing financial issues. Thanks to WF-AID via Husaini Education Trust who supported me financially and were very kind towards me. God bless them and everyone who is helping kids like us grow!

Sadly, my mom who was suffering from brain tumor passed away, so now I am fulfilling two dreams, one of my grandma and the other of my mom. I studied hard, and this year passed final year, ranking 3rd in my college.

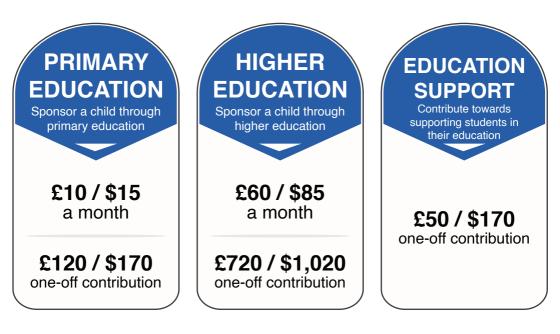
It's was not an easy journey but by God's grace in the form of WF-AID and Hussaini Education Trust, who were so supportive and helpful, that I could get through it. May Allah (swt) Almighty keep them healthy and happy, Ameen.

\*Name changed to protect identity.



To build a better future for students, the focus of the Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme is shifting towards higher education and creating professionals. We want to help empower students in order to create lasting change in their lives, their communities and their world.

The quickest way to support the scheme is to donate online at world-federation.org. Alternatively, you can send us a cheque payable to "**The World Federation of KSIMC**". You can also pay by setting up a Direct Debit with us.



On behalf of all the communities that we work with, we thank you for your much-valued support.



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