



IMKAAAN WELFARE ORGANIZATION

At Imkaan we believe that no child should be curtailed by the circumstances of their birth and that every individual has the right to life and quality health care. We believe that every life has infinite potential. For us, the establishing of a family clinic at Machar Colony under Sehat Ghar and the successful placement of a baby last year is the fulfilment of a dream. None of this would have been possible without the support of those who have believed in us and we look forward to assistance from like-minded people and organizations.

Tahera Hasan
Director, Imkaan

ABOUT IMKAAAN

Imkaan Welfare organization was registered as a not for profit in 2012. Imkaan is a unique organization that attempts to deal with the issue of infanticide and abandonment of minor children in Pakistan. Imkaan was designed to meet the most basic human right of every child, the right to a loving family and a secure environment.

On one hand our program researches issues leading to infanticide or child abandonment by community level work with local stake holders. On the other, we work with potential adoptive parents in screening and preparing permanent homes for children who need them. Additionally we work with children in need in disaster situations and provide immediate tangible assistance.

At Imkaan we believe:

- Every child has a right to a loving stable home and an environment where it is possible for them to thrive.
- Women should be provided with basic maternal and neo-natal healthcare and awareness through education and intervention which enables them to make informed decisions about their lives, health and families during pregnancy child birth and motherhood.

Our Project focuses primarily on rescuing, providing medical care to, supporting and placing abandoned children in loving families and medical care to expectant mothers and new born babies.

IMKAAAN GHAR – SHELTER FOR THE ABANDONED

Infanticide in Pakistan has become a grave issue. We aim to work towards our ultimate goal of ensuring that no child is murdered or abandoned in extreme conditions and that every child is placed with a loving and secure family. There is no dearth of the amount of organizations and individuals working towards providing shelter to orphans and abandoned children. Unfortunately, most of these children are not adopted due to various reasons.

*FROM JAN TO SEPT 2013 – 125 ABANDONED INFANTS WERE FOUND IN KARACHI,
49 IN LAHORE AND 22 IN ISLAMABAD*

One of the primary reasons for the creation of Imkaan was to attempt to provide a viable safe alternative to infanticide, to take care of the abandoned babies and to help find them a families and those children that are not adopted are provided with a proper care and a nurturing environment including education and healthcare. In order to ensure that these children are adopted into loving homes we have an extensive screening process for potential parents. Our team also guides parents through every aspect of adoption whether it is legal matters, medical or emotional; to ensure that children find their Forever Families.

RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Since its inception in 2012, Imkaan has been involved in many relief activities in disaster situations in Pakistan. We believe in immediate response to any emergency that impacts and puts at risk the well-being and survival of individuals especially children. Following are the emergency situations where relief activities were undertaken by Imkaan:

- 100 homes of the Christian community were ransacked and burnt by an angry mob at Badami Bagh, Joseph Colony Lahore.
- Abbas Town Karachi, where after a bomb attack, 48 persons were killed and 180 injured.
- An earthquake of 7.7 magnitude rocked Awaran in Balochistan, destroying whole villages.
- Bomb Blasts in Hazara Town Quetta.

SEHAT GHAR – A HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

Sehat Ghar is a newly established project under Imkaan's umbrella. As the name suggests Sehat Ghar has been created to provide health care support to underprivileged communities where health initiatives are near to nothing. Under this program Imkaan will:

- Provide pre-natal and post natal care to expectant mothers
- Cater to neo-natal care of newborns
- Educating women, enabling them to make informed decisions about their lives, health, and families during pregnancy, childbirth and motherhood.
- Provide health care support through various medical camps

Our first clinic under Sehat Ghar is being established in Machar Colony. Machar Colony is home to approximately 700,000 people with the majority of them being children between the ages of 5–15. The Machar Colony clinic will be providing healthcare to approximately 1700 to 2100 families with an average of 65 patients per day.

According to surveys conducted in the area by our outreach teams, each family residing in the area is spending more than Rs. 24,000 yearly on health care. Our clinic aims to provide medical support at low or no cost to the residents of Machar Colony. This three-room renovated clinic with an ultrasound facility will also be creating health awareness through workshops for the community on topics such as hepatitis, hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis, water borne diseases, scabies etc.

We look for support from interested individuals in order to achieve our goals and work efficiently with the community. Your donations will help expectant mothers and especially abandoned children in having a healthy life and a stable environment. Donations can be made directly to our bank account as indicated below:

IMKAAN WELFARE ORGANISATION

Muslim Commercial Bank, Khayaban-e-Saadi Branch

Current Account No: 0595026121003100

Branch Code: 1451

Address: F-25/A, Block-9, Clifton, Karachi-75600, Pakistan **Tel** +9221 3201-5395 **Cell** +92343 324-7082 **Fax** +9221 3587-3515
URL www.imkaan.org **Email:** info@imkaan.org