

Charity Reg No. 1136462



**Project Highlights** 

Spend (in charity) out of the sustenance that we have bestowed on you before that time when death will come to someone, and he shall say: "O my Lord! If only you would grant me reprieve for a little while, then i would give in charity, and be among the righteous" (the holy Quran, 63:10)

## WHO ARE WE AND WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

Feroz Khan Welfare Trust was set up in 2010 and is an independent NON-Profit charitable organisation (where 100% of the donations are used for the charities causes). The trust is helping genuinely vulnerable, desolate, poverty-stricken families and disabled children & adults, impartially, within local communities in and around Azad Kashmir. The majority of its work has been focussed in the region of Charoi, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan. A region which has been identified as having very limited facilities or help available for these groups of people. There are no specialist school facilities and a growing need for emergency vehicles, wheel chairs, cycles and sensory aids. These are just some of the vital resources that are needed in this area and which Feroz Khan Welfare Trust is working hard to provide in order to bring relief to those suffering. In particular the Trust has put in service two ambulances in the deprived areas of the district of Charoi region where none existed before. This is providing an immediate & rapid emergency response service to attend accident or trauma victims, transport patients, medical equipment, bodies and the disabled.

The trust is also providing appreciable financial support and assistance to genuinely less fortunate people to ensure they can enjoy a better quality of life.

We are encouraging strategic involvement in reaching the needy people in an integrated way, equipping individuals, businesses and local people and empowering the poor to develop themselves to reach others and create self-sustaining communities. Our work, initiatives & accomplishments to date are summarised in this booklet.

With the continued support from donors Feroz Khan Welfare Trust aims to continue its efforts to raise a fleet of equipped ambulances which would be made available to other similar areas and communities in Azad Kashmir that have been identified as genuinely in need of this type of service. So that at the very least, basic pre-hospital treatment can be provided with quick response and transportation to the nearest hospital to countless accident & trauma victims that are otherwise needlessly dying every day without the benefits of such a service.

The Charoi region has also been identified as one where there are limited facilities available for disabled people. A region where approximately 1 in 35 children will be bedridden through some form of disability and where there is an overwhelming need for more specialist schools, wheel chairs and other equipment, which is often un-affordable and thus people are unnecessarily left to endure life of restricted mobility. They are needlessly left feeling isolated and neglected. Keeping up with this demand is difficult, which is why we are helping these people in dire need.

Through your kind support and donations Feroz Khan Welfare Trust aims to continue this work and ensure financial support gets to those that need it especially the disabled and those desperate for specialist educational needs, as well as those isolated or denied even the most basic needs such as proper food, water, clothing and shelter. These contributions will enable the less fortunate to live in dignity and without being dependent on others.

The Directors and Trustees of Feroz Khan Trust (FKWT) would like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors for their valuable and affectionate support in contributing to many of our causes:

A brief summary of the projects conducted & accomplishments of the Feroz Khan Welfare Trust Since its inception in February 2010 are highlighted below and confirm where your valuable donations are helping the less fortunate.

## **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

In February 2010 the FKWT donated an ambulance (costing approximately £6000) to the remote village of Damas, in the district of Charoi, Azad Kashmir. The ambulance has been continuously serving residents around the region since then. No such service had ever existed in these rural parts before and many people in the past were disabled or killed in accidents through lack of proper emergency facilities. The availability of such an ambulance has proved to be a true life-line for these people, providing an easily accessible and free rapid response (emergency) service, particularly for the critically ill and trauma victims, giving them at the very least, basic pre-hospital treatment and quick transportation to the nearest hospital, which is saving valuable lives. During this time it has responded to countless emergencies, transported thousands of people and in doing so saved many lives. A truly exceptional achievement!





### SUPPORT FOR ACUTELY ILL

In February 2010 and March 2010 FKWT undertook the responsibility of fully funding the treatment (costing approximately £1000) of two acutely ill children in the village of Damas, Azad Kashmir. Kiran, an 8 year old child with a congenital heart disorder and Nabilah a 16 year old girl suffering from Raynaud's Disease. Both illnesses are extremely fatal and the prospect of long-term survival without treatment is slim, although treatment is available for these conditions, it is expensive especially for the parents of these children. Feroz Khan



Welfare Trust took on the responsibility for funding their entire treatment, which had taken the burden off their parents. With treatment these children were able to have a prospective future and were given the opportunity to continue to enjoy active and healthy lives. There are many families in this region that face the same dilemma and which is why we so desperately rely on your help to enable us to help them overcome these challenges.

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

FKWT sponsored a charitable event (costing approximately £200) involving a recreational expedition for 22 special needs children from around the district of Charoi. Azad Kashmir. The trust coordinated a visit for these deprived children, to the thriving City of Mirpur, Azad Kashmir. This took place on 21st July 2010 and proved to be a huge success, particularly considering the majority of these children had never before ventured outside their homes due to lack of resources and appropriate facilities for the disabled. The trust also donated 15 wheelchairs to the disabled children in the region of Damas in response to their plea for such equipment and for which the operational costs amounted to approximately £500.













### **FOODAID RELIEF**

The Trust coordinated a relief aid project on 25 August 2010 (costing approximately £500) where Food Aid packages were successfully distributed to 50 poor and needy households from around the region of Charoi and Damas, AK. The recipients of these aid packages were extremely grateful and appreciative.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Iftar receptions – In September 2010 FKWT also hosted iftar receptions (costing approximately £500) at various locations in charoi region during the month of the muslim fasting (Ramadan). The essence of these receptions were to offer the locals from these communities the opportunity to observe this religious festivity and participate in a social gathering to break their fast. Free offerings of food were provided at these congregations in this blessed month, curtousy of the trustees through their personal donation.





#### SPECIAL NEEDS

FKWT hosted an auspicious event on 9th January 2011, in the village of Damas, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan, where 15 wheelchairs were presented to the special needs children living in the region. This was an extension to an earlier project fulfilled by FKWT, which involved a recreational expedition for the special needs children. Due to the lack of resources and appropriate facilities many of these children were deprived the opportunity to venture out of their homes. The wheelchairs were purchased & sent from the UK on behalf of the charity, but only made possible through the generous donations and affectionate support from people like you. With your help, these children are now able to enjoy a quality life with enhanced mobility and can venture out like any other child. A truly heart-warming event.











#### SECOND AMBULANCE

In **June 2012** a second ambulance was provided and put in service. FKWT provided a secondary emergency response vehicle (**total cost approximately £4000**) to supplement the existing ambulance already serving the community in the region of Charoi, Azad Kashmir and meet the increasing demands of that community (the primary area of the FKWT's campaign work). This provided locals with a more spacious and equipped ambulance and a vital round the clock emergency service available 24 hours a day.

#### SUPPORT FOR ACUTELY ILL

In **December 2012** FKWT undertook the responsibility of fully funding the diagnosis and treatment (**costing approximately £1000**) of Mr Liaqat Ali from Damas, A.K who was found to be suffering from an acute life threatening illness (pancreatic cancer), which had FKWT not funded, then Mr Ali would not have survived. A poor and proud farther, who was struggling

desperately to provide for his family and left financially unable to afford the fees to treat this illness. Mr Ali was left in despair and bravely endured a very long period with the pain and agony of this critical and fatal illness which almost took his life had his condition and circumstances not been bought to the attention of FKWT. We immediately sanctioned financial support for Mr Ali to receive urgent medical treatment which fortunately resulted in his life being saved. FKWT took on the responsibility for funding his entire treatment, which took a huge burden off his family. This gave Mr Ali the opportunity to continue to enjoy an active and healthy life.







#### SPONSOR A CHILD

In **February 2013** FKWT assisted sponsorship of a family providing financial support of **40,000 rupees** to a widow (Kalsoom Akhter) and 3 children left to fend on their own when the primary breadwinner had suddenly died.

#### POOR & HOMELESS

Laal roof construction project - **In June 2013** FKWT provided financial assistance to help provide a safe and secure roof to an existing (but incomplete) construction for a displaced family (Mr Laal and his family) who endured an endless & gruelling ordeal living in a temporary & insecure makeshift shelter. FKWT's intervention to help complete the construction and put a solid roof on the building ensured Mr Laal's family were relieved from misery, inconvenience, distress and undue lengthy suffering.







 $01\ November\ 2013$  - FKWT provided financial assistance towards the funeral costs and ceremonial arrangements for the deceased Mr Mohammad Farooq, who unfortunately died of an acute illness (ileal perforation) that FKWT had sanctioned financial help to treat, but the patient unfortunately succumbed to the illness and died shortly before this help could reach him.

Lavatory construction for a poor family in district Charoi – **on 06 December 2013** FKWT funded this project to provide the necessary financial assistance to build a much needed lavatory. This was to provide basic amenity and sanitation to a desperately poor family with 4





disabled children (who were also sharing one wheelchair) in the convenience of their home. This subsequently gave the family a healthier and better standard of living.

Sponsor a child programme – From **05 November 2013** FKWT assisted sponsorship of a family providing financial support by way of a regular **monthly donation of 5000 rupees** to a widow (N. Kauser, from Charakia village) and her 2 children left to fend on their own when the primary breadwinner had suddenly died.





Sponsor a child programme – From 11 January 2014 FKWT assisted sponsorship of a family providing financial support by way of a regular monthly donation of 5000 rupees to a widow (F. Kauser, from Juna village) and her 5 children left to fend on their own when the primary breadwinner had suddenly died.







Special needs programme – on 18 March 2014 FKWT provided financial support to a paraplegic (Mr Manzur Hussain) in the region of Damas Azad Kashmir by providing him with a Prosthetic Limb to improve his quality of life. Total cost approximately £300.

On 31 May 2014 FKWT responded to an urgent appeal from Mr Hussain (from Damas village) for assistance to emergency treatment on exceptional grounds and whose family circumstances and condition was witnessed personally by the Chairman during his visit to the region. Mr Hussain was found to be critically ill and suffering from an infected, gangrenous and potentially fatal leg injury that was linked to a car accident that happened approximately 3 months earlier.

Mr Hussain was the driver in that accident during which his right leg apparently caught fire and was seriously damaged and required emergency specialist hospital treatment. However, Mr HUSSAIN was not able to afford treatment and relied solely on local support and very basic treatment from their remote village health professional, which was later discovered to be very poor, inadequate and unsatisfactory. This lead to Mr Hussains leg becoming highly infected, decomposed and gangrenous, which ultimately left it at the verge of probable amputation. In view of this FKWT immediately sanctioned financial assistance to help provide the necessary emergency support, follow up treatment and hospitalisation at a specialist burns unit at the hospital in Kharia Pakistan where the necessary primary care treatment was given to Mr Hussain. As a result Mr Hussain regained health and his leg was saved. Total cost for this was approximately £2000.





Sponsor a child programme — on **20 June 2014** FKWT assisted sponsorship of a family and began providing financial support by way of regular **monthly donations of 5000 rupees** to a widow (Saima Iqbal from Khanka Kuterra village) along with her 5 children and elderly father in law left to fend on their own when the primary breadwinner had suddenly died.



Sponsor a child programme – on **25 July 2014** FKWT assisted sponsorship of a family and began providing financial support by way of regular **monthly donations of 5000 rupees** to a widow and 2 children left to fend on their own when the primary breadwinner had suddenly died.

In November 2014 FKWT made available a portable refrigerated coffin to the community of Damas, Azad Kashmir. The purpose built coffin was kindly donated to the charity by Mr Shapaal from Luton, Bedfordshire and is proving to be very useful. This is now providing people a means of preserving and storing deceased bodies until they can be buried. Previously no such facility was available anywhere in this region and meant that relatives of loved ones that had departed had no option but to store the deceased at room temperature in coffins at home or simply left shrouded on sofas or beds until burial, which could sometimes be up to two days and often in scorching temperatures, which was not always practical, desirable or suitable. Therefore the provision of this equipment has introduced Health and Safety benefits and is clearly proving to be a more comfortable, appropriate, suitable and desirable means of storing deceased bodies.







# Forthcoming Projects and initiatives REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS

FKWT has identified 100 or so disabled and neglected children in the region of Charoi, Azad Kashmir and a lack of any specialist or dedicated schools to cater for these children's educational needs. In view of this FKWT is introducing a challenging project as part of its Special needs initiative. This project aims to raise sufficient funds to construct a dedicated school and rehabilitation centre which is so desperately needed in order to provide these children (who would not otherwise attend any school) with proper resources and opportunities that do not currently exist (or have ever existed) and teach them core subjects and promote selfbelief, confidence and hope for a better future. Having witnessed the current state of educational services in this region of Azad Kashmir, FKWT believes that such an establishment is necessary to support these disadvantaged children. To provide them daily classes, safe play area, access to specialist equipment, learning aids, resources, a library, sports facilities, recreational activities, arts and crafts.

We are determined, through this much needed project, to inspire these deprived people to achieve their full potential and remove the dilemmas, stigmas, barriers or obstacles currently holding these children and families back. It will improve the life chances of disabled children and their families by ensuring that they stay safe, remain healthy, enjoy active lives and achieve, make a positive contribution, which would ultimately achieve economic well-being in the community.

With feedback from local leaders and views heard from local stakeholders, a need for such an establishment has been very much welcomed and favoured and something that is indeed overdue. It is for this reason we have set forth this proposal for change in the area to provide a Special needs and rehabilitation centre.

The development of a new special school will be one of the most important transformations for local provision, offering a choice for parents and will provide high standard tailor-made facilities. It will be equipped to meet the needs of children and young people in the region with a range of disabilities, regardless of placement.

The FKWT will strive to work in partnership with local people to nurture the creativity and energy of the community. We want to get the community involved and create a self-sustainable school which will put education at the heart of our agenda for change. We believe every child deserves the inherent right to a fair basic education and provide them with the fundamental skills needed to prepare them and support them in life and the government as well as society has obligations to protect and promote those rights, which is why FKWT is

determined to fulfil these rights for those underprivileged, impoverished and desperate children.

This is an incredible and ambitious project that requires an estimated investment of approximately £50,000 to establish fully, but this depends however, on public financial support as well as transnational government investment which is absolutely vital to the successful implementation of this project.

For more details on this or any of our other initiatives and how you can help, please visit our website at:







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# Message from the Chair of trustees

In almost five years of operating we have, with the grace of Allah and your support, made a small, but significant impact to the lives of people who were facing misfortunes. We believe this to be an exceptional achievement which has only been possible because of generous contributions from thoughtful and compassionate people like you.

So please allow me to take this opportunity to extend my utmost gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to our donors, partners, volunteers and staff for supporting us in our many causes over the years.

As you know, there is a cost of maintaining these services and in order for us to continue to meet the needs of the less fortunate people of these deprived regions, we rely on the sincere generosity and valuable contributions from the more fortunate people to help us achieve these goals. So our work doesn't stop here, in the coming months, we plan to continue our efforts in organising charitable events, campaigns, programmes and much more to raise funds and meet the forthcoming challenges and build better, stronger and self sustainable communities. So I pray and sincerely hope that you will continue to follow our work and continue to offer your kind support in this way to enable us to fulfill our objectives.

Please continue to support us in our causes and help us to help those in dire need. The achievements in this booklet speak for themselves and are a testimony to the fact that together we really are transforming lives and making a huge difference.

For more information on future events/initiatives and how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in these communities, we invite you to also visit our web site at **www.ferozkhantrust.org**.

Thank you once again, and for your valuable time to read this. We look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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