

Humqadam is contributing to Enhance Educational Performance through Healthy School Environment in Punjab province

Through the Humqadam School Construction and Rehabilitation Programme (SCRP), UK aid is supporting young boys from Punjab to advance their education in a healthy, comfortable and safe environment.

Every year during winter season, the students of Government Primary (GPS) Sadha Othar, District Kasur, Punjab province, suffered many illnesses particularly frostbites, flu and fever. Due to lack of classrooms, the school management arranged the classes out in the open. During winters, dense fog engulfs Punjab province with nearly zero visibility which disrupts normal routine. The students were often sent back home. The parents and teachers were upset with the situation as the students were not able to complete their curriculum on time, hence their overall performance was affected.

In this intensified situation, GPS Sadha Othar was adopted by Humqadam-SCRP in November 2017 and received six new classrooms. The programme is also providing two new toilets where construction is still in progress.



“Before Humqadam-SCRP constructed new classrooms, our students especially from nursery grade fell sick in winters. The situation was intense particularly in the months of November and December, many children missed school due to ill health caused by sitting in open air for long hours. Now, six new classrooms will enable us to provide a healthy school environment.”

– Mr. Liaqat Ali, Senior teacher at GPS Sadha Othar since 1997



“During winter season, we sat on cold grass in the ground for our classes which made us fall repeatedly sick. The new classrooms are cozy and comfortable, now I enjoy my studies and my uniform also remains clean throughout the day.”

– Abdullah, student of grade 5

Just with the provision of new classrooms, Humqadam-SCRP has completely transformed the outlook of the school and positively reshaped educational experience.

Humqadam-SCRP is UK Aid’s largest infrastructure programme in the world, with significant contribution by the Australian Government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Humqadam-SCRP aims to improve infrastructure in government schools in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces of Pakistan. As of December 2018, Humqadam has constructed 1,700 new classrooms and 903 new toilets in 446 schools. The programme is a part of the £420 million Punjab Education Support Programme (PESP) II and the £283 million Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Education Sector Programme (KESP), large and ambitious programmes which represent a collaborative effort between DFID, Australian Government (contribution in KP province only), and the provincial governments to result in more children in school and better learning outcomes.