



AS-SIRAAT

S E R V I N G H U M A N I T Y

The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: **"Give charity without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity."** - Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 589

Sewing Machine Project

Empowering Women to Achieve Dreams

As-Siraat's Sewing Machine Project aims to empower deserving women to earn money from the comfort of their homes in a respectable manner. This project maintains the self-respect of the recipients and enables them to stand on their own feet rather than always being dependent on others.



Success Story

Sowing the Seeds of Hope

Tasneem, an 18-year old girl living in a village near Sargodha, was provided with a sewing machine by As-Siraat less than a year back. She is the eldest of four sisters and one brother. Her father is a laborer with a monthly income of only Rs. 7000. Unfortunately, Tasneem could not continue her education beyond Grade-V due to financial constraints. To support her family, she worked as a maid in Islamabad for a few months, but the young girl had to return to take care of her ill mother. Tasneem had learnt stitching from her neighbour. After receiving a sewing machine from As-Siraat, she was overjoyed at the opportunity of utilizing her skills to earn for her family while staying at home. She zealously started stitching clothes for women in her neighbourhood. Her hard work and dedication started to pay off as she received more and more orders. With dedication and practice, she continued to improve her sewing skills.

Tasneem is currently getting orders on regular basis. On average, she gets more than 20 orders in a month. Thus, she is able to earn approximately Rs. 7,000 per month. The number of orders increase during festive occasions like Eid and weddings. With the help of her sewing machine, Tasneem has practically doubled the income of her family! She feels happy and proud at being able to assist her father in shouldering household expenses. Circumstances did not allow her to complete her education, but she is now paying for her younger siblings' education, and encouraging them to pursue their studies whole-heartedly.

Ramadan Charity Program

The Season of Generosity



Ramadan Charity Program has been a regular feature of As-Siraat ever since its inception.

This year too, by the grace of the

Almighty, Team As-Siraat successfully managed to bring ease and happiness to many families during the holy month of Ramadan, and at the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. Salient achievements of this year's Ramadan Charity Program include:

- Distribution of Ramadan Roshan packs (containing flour, rice, cooking oil, lentils, gram flour (besan), sugar, dates, milk and tea) to **250+ deserving families**
- Arrangements for Iftaar at three Masjids, with **60-70 people** attending at each.
- Distribution of **100 new Eid clothes**.

Team As-Siraat would like to thank the donors, as well as the volunteers who helped with packaging and deliveries. May Allah accept from you all and reward you generously.



MILESTONE



As-Siraat Public School

Education is key, if it's success you wish to see.

Registered | Middle-level | Custom-built campus
Free education | Free books and stationery
English medium | Blend of modern & religious
education

As-Siraat Public School has been running since 2012 for the underprivileged children in the remote area of Ahmedpur East (near Bahawalpur). The school provides academic excellence in a quality Islamic learning environment. It aims to groom students into responsible citizens with strong moral values.

After Summer Vacations in June-July, the academic session resumed in full swing in August. Along with routine academic activities, various co-curricular events and activities were arranged to ensure that the students nurture into well-rounded individuals. The importance of such activities in developing the students' personalities and boosting their confidence cannot be over-emphasized. It was heartening to observe the enthusiastic participation of students of all ages in these activities.

Co-curricular Activities

Independence Day Celebrations were held with the school environment charged with patriotic zeal and fervor. The students were very excited to decorate the school themselves. National songs and patriotic speeches were presented by the young students.

Defense Day was also commemorated with special celebrations. Presentations were given about national heroes and martyrs. The spirit of the 1965 war was rekindled in the hearts of the young students.

Academic Competition Week was organized, which consisted of 5 whole days, packed with activities to suit the diverse interests and talents of students. All activities were designed to augment the routine classroom learning of students.

English and Urdu Speeches were held to improve language and oratory skills of students, as well as to equip them with the confidence to present their ideas before a group of people.

NEEDED:

- Computers for computer lab
- Books for library

Upcoming Events

Students of As-Siraat Public School are eagerly looking forward to upcoming events that include:

- Annual Funfair
- Recreational Trips

PEC Board Examinations

The first batch of Class-V students of As-Siraat Public School appeared in Punjab Education Commission (PEC) Board Examinations last year. 100% result was achieved in these examinations. Special preparatory classes have been arranged for the second batch, due to appear in the same examination this year. We wish them success with flying colours!

Co-curricular Activities

Creative Writing Activity was held to get the creative juices of budding writers and novelists flowing! The participants impressed everyone with the power of their imagination and expression. Spellathon was also arranged. Young spelling enthusiasts were cheered on by their class fellows and teachers, as they spelled their way to victory.

Naat Competition saw many young and melodious voices touching the hearts of the spellbound audience. A soul-stirring Qirat Competition was also organized. The students participated in it and attended it with a very solemn and respectful attitude.

To improve and test the Islamic knowledge of the students, an Islamic Quiz Competition was held. Teams had to pass through elimination rounds to reach the final round and compete for the top positions. Questions regarding Islamic history, heroes and general Islamic knowledge were asked.

For those with an artistic bend of mind, a Poster Competition was organized. The posters were displayed in the school, students viewed them with interest, and gleaned positive messages from them.

Science projects were designed by the students under the guidance of Science teachers. A Science Exhibition was then held on the last day of the Academic Week, in which all projects were displayed, and students explained their projects to the visitors.

A solemn Prize Distribution Ceremony was also held on the last day of the Academic Week. The Principal lauded the efforts of the faculty and students, and distributed prizes and certificates among the winners. The names of the newly nominated Head Boy and Head Girl were also announced in the ceremony.



Visit our updated school website; <http://www.assiraatpublicschool.com/>

Extension and Upgradation of School Building

Team As-Siraat is pleased to announce that the construction work for the new building for As-Siraat Public School is in full swing. The building is expected to be completed and ready to be used for academic activities by December 2016. The exterior has been completed, and work on the interior is also progressing rapidly.

The well-designed and spacious purpose-built campus includes:

- Classrooms till Grade X
- Science Laboratory
- Computer Laboratory
- Staff Room
- Office and Meeting Room
- Admin Room

Landscaping is being done in the surrounding area and a large and beautiful playground is also being prepared for the students. Without the generous support of our donors, the dream for a new school building would never have materialized. We require your continued support to open the doors of the new building for students soon. Your contribution will go a long way in making the future of many young boys and girls bright. Working together, we can ensure the timely completion of this building with four walls and tomorrow inside!

How can you help?

- Donate funds for completion of new school building
- Sponsor a deserving student for a month or a year
- Sponsor Student Packages (containing coursebooks, notebooks and stationery)
- Donate money for furniture and computers
- Donate old or new books for the school library.



Sewing Machine Project Recipient Farwa

Recipient of As-Siraat's Sewing Machine Project was 15-year old Farwa. This young resident of a kacha rented house in Islamabad, is memorizing the Quran by heart. She hails from a poor, hard-working family, where every member pitches in to make ends meet. Her father works as a security guard with a meagre income of Rs. 9000; her mother works as a maid, and her brother as a daily-wage labourer.

Farwa has also done a stitching and sewing diploma from an institute. With personal interest and effort, she has become skilled not only in designing clothes but also in embroidery. With her own sewing machine, Farwa is looking forward to supplementing her family's income by stitching clothes. We wish her all the best!

How can you help?

- Donate Rs. 4,000 to purchase one sewing machine
- Donate new or old sewing machines



“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”
— Maimonides

Master Ayub Park School (MAPS) Project Touching lives forever

MAPS is a unique project being run by a selfless man, Master Ayub, in Sector F-6, Islamabad for the past 30 years. It is a free evening school that is being run under a tree in a public park. Over the years, hundreds of underprivileged children have graduated from this school. Master Ayub sponsors his students to get further education from universities also. Master Ayub believes that no child should be left behind. Every boy and girl should be empowered with a good education.

It is an honour for Team As-Siraat to be collaborating with Master Ayub for the improvisation and proper functioning of his school, aiming to take it to the next level.

In the last quarter, Team As-Siraat has:

- Provided volunteers for teaching at MAPS
- Continued ongoing financial support to MAPS for teachers' salaries, and students' books and stationery items
- Attended a meeting of Pakistan Education Foundation with Master Ayub to discuss education system of Pakistan and what we can do to improve it.

How can you help?

- Volunteer for teaching at MAPS
- Sponsor tuition fees of BA students
- Sponsor monthly stipends of students, teachers and Master Ayub
- Donate for construction of school building
- Donate for stationery and bags
- Spread the word

AS-SIRAAT'S PLANTATION DRIVE - COMING SOON!!

SPONSOR:

Customised school furniture
Books, copies & stationery for students

You can also be a part of As-Siraat!

- By providing financial assistance for any of our projects
- By volunteering with us to spend your time, creativity, skills & energy!

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**He who opens a school
door, closes a prison.**
-Victor Hugo

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