

PAKISTAN: Female Computer Training centre in Village Bijar, Khushab (Punjab)

In Education sector Helping Hands aims to promote education among the masses, particular in Children and adult in general, through financial aid and/or where required by establishment of educational institutes. Helping Hands aims to fight against illiteracy and work for the betterment of education infrastructure.

Bijar is a village situated in District Khushab (Punjab). Most of the population is poor. Education opportunities are very rare over there. Considering the lack of computer training especially for females, organization planned to establish a computer training centre for females in Bijar. Females from Bijar and surroundings are getting benefit from this computer training centre.

Organization established a Computer Training Centre in Bijar in September 2005. In November 2005, **Diploma in Computer Sciences (D.C.S) - 6 months programme** was properly started over there under the supervision of qualified instructors. This course is comprises of fundamental hardware and software, MS Office, Internet, data Base management, In Page and other fundamental courses.

Many female students have completed the Diploma in computer sciences and awarded certificates. In this centre female students are studying in 3 shifts from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

After the successful completion of this course, organization confers the course completion certificate to the students.

Students securing good grades and having thorough command over this course are encouraged by special prizes so that the other people can also be attracted and motivated towards the education and empowerment of the women in the society.



Course Contents

Diploma in Computer Sciences (D.C.S) 6 - Months Programme

1. Computer Fundamental (Theory regarding Hardware, Software, CPU, Computer Language) + Typing Tutor
2. Operating System (Dos, Window 98, 2000, XP)
3. Microsoft Word
4. Microsoft Excel
5. Microsoft PowerPoint
6. Database Management Systems Using Microsoft Access
7. Internet Applications
8. In page Urdu + Software handling
9. Scanning, Cd Writing, Digital Camera

A Story of Success



Twenty five years old Kosar Perveen daughter of late Muhammad Hanif is a resident of Village Bijar, District Punjab. She is the eldest among her two sisters and one brother and is the only bread winner for her family. Her father died in 2005 when she was completing her Masters Degree in History as a private candidate from the University of the Punjab. After her father's death she started struggling to support her siblings and mother.

Kosar says;

She has a happy life. "What do we need when we have enough to eat, and clothes to wear, all basic necessities of life and are content with this life?"

But life was not always this good for Kosar and her siblings after the death of her father. She needed a good job to support her mother and siblings. She was not IT literate that is why couldn't get a good job. She started teaching but that income was not enough to support her family and to afford her siblings educational expenses. When Helping Hands for the needy started female computer training centre in Bijar in 2005, she joined this centre and started learning this course. After completing this Diploma in computer Sciences, she kept on applying for various posts in government and private organizations. She got a job as a computer operator in National Data Base & Registration Authority (NADRA), government of Pakistan, Khushab office and earning handsome amount to support her family. She feels that her biggest source of satisfaction comes from seeing her siblings blossom and being able to express their colors free from financial constrictions.

Kosar says;

"I want to make sure to provide my siblings good education and I don't want them to grow in to poverty".

Kosar expresses her view as follows;

"I am very happy that Helping Hands is providing free Diploma in Computer Sciences Course for the female of this remote and rural area. This course is a ray of hope for many girls like me. We are very grateful for this great effort and hope that Helping Hands will keep on striving for the women education and empowerment in the country. The most important thing of this centre is that here parents send their daughters without any hesitation and fear because here only female students are being provided computer education under the supervision of female staff.

Many thanks to the Helping Hands for this good work."

A Dream Comes True



Tahira Jabeen daughter of Muhammad Noor Qadri is a resident of village Sheikha, Post office Ukhli Mohala, District Khushab Punjab, Pakistan. She completed Diploma in Computer Sciences from Helping Hands Computer Training Centre Bijar.

Tahira Says;

“I am very grateful to Helping Hands which helped me to achieve my goal and my dream came true by its help and support.”

She wanted to get admission in Bachelor of Computer Sciences (BCs) after her 12 years education but the basic IT knowledge was the requirement of admission in BCs. She was unable to go to Joharabad 25 kilometers from her village Sheikha for computer courses. When Helping Hands established Free Computer Training Centre in village Bijar, she completed diploma course from this centre and now doing BCs.

Tahira says;

“When I was walking home with my diploma certificate, I was very excited. I felt I had a treasure in my hands because now I was able to get admission in BCs.”