Dear TCF Supporter,

Ramadan is a time for us to count all our blessings and thank Allah SWT for them. But in these times of COVID-19, as we are cooped up in our homes, it is very easy for us to feel sorry for ourselves. I was visiting Pakistan when things took a turn for the worst and my return trip was cancelled and international flights suspended. Just as I was feeling trapped, missing the interaction with people whose company I enjoy and generally going stir crazy, I got this Facebook message that totally changed my perspective.

Social distancing is a privilege. It means you live in a house large enough to practice it. Hand washing is a privilege too. It means you have access to running water. Hand sanitizers are a privilege. It means you have money to buy them. Lockdowns are a privilege. It means you can afford to be at home. Most of the ways to ward off the Corona virus are accessible only to the affluent. In essence, a disease that was spread by those of us who can afford to fly around the globe may now kill millions of people.

Thank you for being a part of our Ramadan Matching Gift Challenge!

Your donations including Zakat and Sadqah were matched and went twice as far to intensify TCF’s efforts on ground.

We are grateful to all our supporters, donors and volunteers for being an integral part of our movement.

Salute to our Frontline heroes!
the poor. All of us who are practicing social distancing and have imposed a lockdown on ourselves must appreciate how privileged we are. Many poor people (in Pakistan and other countries) won't be able to do any of this. They live in crowded communities where large families live in one room homes, i.e., if they have a roof over their heads. The day they do not work, they cannot afford to feed themselves that day.

This is when it became apparent to me how privileged I was to be able to work for and support the TCF cause, and to think more of the children in TCF schools. Many of these children come from families which will truly bear the brunt of these difficult times. It reminded me of why it is important to provide them an education that will allow them to better their families' living conditions. These children will spread the word in their communities about the need for hygiene and cleanliness and its relationship to good health.

More than ever before, we need your support in these difficult times, as all TCF schools are in impoverished communities, the economic impact of COVID-19 has hit home to our children, their parents and the communities they live in. TCF has undertaken a very ambitious COVID-19 Response program to help the most needy in TCF school communities and our lower paid staff including teachers get through these trying times. Please contribute generously to the TCF Covid-19 Response Appeal with your Zakat and Sadqah.

Stay Safe, stay healthy and we hope that our children can count on your continued support!

Danial Noorani
Founder,
The Citizens Foundation, USA

To all those who risk their lives every day to make sure ours are saved! To all the healthcare professionals and volunteers working on frontlines, we stand in solidarity with you.

To all the TCF alumni, teachers and staff spearheading the efforts to provide essential relief in the TCF school communities, we are very proud of you!

The Citizens Foundation, USA is rated as a 4 Star Charity by Charity Navigator for the sixth year in a row!

We are proud to announce that The Citizens Foundation, USA has earned GuideStar's 2020 Platinum Seal of Transparency which is their highest level of recognition!
As COVID-19 swept the globe, its devastating impact on the impoverished communities TCF serves became apparent very quickly. Through its vast network of 1,650+ schools – located in the heart of rural areas and urban slums stricken with poverty, TCF has established deep roots in the most vulnerable communities across Pakistan. TCF is directly connected to the lives of more than one million people, including over 18,000 teachers and school support staff along with 266,000 underprivileged children and their families. These communities are the hardest hit by the crisis as lockdowns and restrictions on commerce left many daily wage earners without income and children without access to learning. TCF is committed to helping these communities in these difficult times.

While immediate response by TCF included school closures to ensure the safety of its students and staff, efforts were also made to educate the local communities on WHO guidelines on hygiene measures to prevent spread of COVID-19. TCF along with its global partners started working with a sense of urgency on a comprehensive COVID-19 Response. By April 1, 2020 TCF-USA launched a $3 Million COVID-19 Response Appeal, spanning four key initiatives to:

| Assist families in TCF communities via direct cash transfers and distribution of relief goods |
| Support frontline healthcare professionals and volunteers with critical medical supplies |
| Ensure continuity of learning through technology for millions of out-of-school children |
| Sustain families of TCF school staff facing extreme economic hardship |

Click here for more updates on TCF’s COVID-19 Appeal.
TCF’s support to healthcare community

TCF has been working closely with Governments, other nonprofits as well as corporate partners to assess the need for critical medical supplies during this crisis. In particular, TCF is looking to provide protective gear and other facilities to smaller hospitals and Basic Health Units closer to underprivileged communities so that medical personnel working in these units can be better protected and enabled during this pandemic. An order has been placed for 5000 kits, each including Non-Woven 60GSM coverall, N-95 mask and Latex gloves. These kits will be distributed to healthcare professionals in all four provinces.

TCF’s response to ensure continuity of learning

While many student communities worldwide moved to online learning as schools closed due to the pandemic, lack of access to connectivity and devices created a
learning void for TCF students and millions of other children from impoverished communities. TCF’s COVID response in this area focuses on mass media which are easily accessible to these communities.

TCF is producing and presenting a colorful and engaging TV show for children by the name of *Ilm ka Angan* (The Learning Courtyard). The program is structured around early childhood education that TCF follows in its classrooms.

*Ilm ka Aangan* episodes engage children through theme-based videos, activities, story telling sessions by renowned actor Sania Saeed, physical exercise segments and much more. The show airs every Sunday at 11 am on PTV Teleschool and at 12 noon on Urdu1 the same day. Watch the episodes on TCF’s YouTube channel.

Click here to watch TCF-USA’s COVID-19 Appeal Video

TCF-USA volunteers step up for local communities

Local efforts by TCF chapters and volunteers are underway in several communities across USA.

**TCF Houston volunteers** lead by Sohaib Anwer and Adnan Wazir distributed food and groceries to the most impoverished communities in Houston. Around 500 families benefited from this drive on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10. The funding for the drive came from TCF Houston team and a generous donor. These funds were designated for helping the local community.

As a part of local COVID-19 Response, **Dallas Young Professionals** joined hands with Spreading Smiles and Pakistan Student Association at University of Texas, Dallas to provide free groceries and financial aid across local DFW community.

TCF-USA events go virtual!

As a consequence of COVID-19 crisis, all TCF-USA in-person fundraising events were cancelled. The team responded swiftly by organizing several virtual events ranging from light hearted entertainment-based events to webinars with experts in education and innovation. Heartfelt thank you to all who joined us virtually and made these events successful!
An interesting conversation with Sohail Zindani on the need for continuous investment in education especially for children who don’t have access to online learning!

Faiza Saleem, TCF Ambassador joined for a light-hearted conversation with TCF Executive Vice President, Riaz Kamlani & TCF Alumnus, Nadeem Hussain and talked about TCF’s fight against COVID-19.

TCF-USA Board Member, Mr Abdullah Jafari joined us for a Live Facebook Chat on Thursday, May 7 at 5 PM CST!

Ali Rehman Khan, famous Pakistani actor and TCF’s #Goodwill Ambassador hosted his virtual birthday with TCF, pledging his special day to the cause of education and TCF’s Covid-19 Response Appeal.

We are excited to announce that four of our TCF-USA Chapters; Bakersfield, Austin, San Antonio, and New York Young Professionals are hosting three virtual events over the May 15th to May 17th weekend! Stay tuned to our TCF-USA Facebook page for updates on all upcoming events!

How can you help?

TCF-USA now has its own Peer-to-Peer fundraising platform! Show your passion for the TCF Movement by creating a fundraiser and inviting your friends and family to participate and donate.

A missed graduation party due to COVID-19, an upcoming birthday that must now be celebrated virtually or simply a fundraiser to collect ‘Eidi’ for TCF children - there is no limit to how you write your fundraiser story!

Click here to use our Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Toolkit. We are here to help in case you need any further support. Contact us at: chaptersupport@tcfusa.org

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