

Learning

&

Recreation

Centre



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Khanel



A Safe Space for Learning, Play and Possibility

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

- *Location: Machar Colony is one of the largest informal settlements in Karachi, Pakistan. Located along the coastline, it has been home to thousands of marginalized families for decades.*
- *Population: It is estimated that Machar Colony is home to over half a million people, many of whom face significant socioeconomic challenges including clean water, healthcare, sanitation, and education. Poverty is widespread and majority of the residents are living below the poverty line.*

65% of population are Bengali speaking & Burmese

The remaining are Baloch, Pathan and Sindhi

Members of Community are Undocumented

Fundamental rights are deprived:

- Identity documents
- Lack of educational opportunities and institutions
- Lack of healthcare, proper housing and employment



STATELESSNESS & LEGAL EXCLUSION

- *Stateless Population: A large portion of the residents in Machar Colony are stateless or undocumented. These individuals often face legal exclusion, as they do not have official documentation (like CNICs or birth certificates), which severely limits their access to government services and rights.*
- *Impact of Statelessness: Statelessness leads to social isolation, lack of access to healthcare, education, employment, and basic legal protections. This creates a cycle of disempowerment, where many families struggle to meet their basic needs.*
- *Vulnerable to Exploitation: Without official documentation, many individuals are vulnerable to exploitation and human trafficking. They also lack legal representation and are often marginalized from broader societal protections.*



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Extreme
Poverty

No Access to Formal Employment,
Healthcare, Citizenship or
Education

No Government Support,
Not Granted Fundamental
Rights.

IMPACT ON EDUCATION

Schools deny entry without FORM B

- Article 25-A promises education - but not for the undocumented
- These children grow up knowing rejection before learning the alphabet
- Many are forced to work before they learn to write their name



IMKAAAN'S 'KHEL'



Literacy, expression, play and trust - all under one roof



Established in 2015 to reclaim
the right to learn and play

Open to all children, no matter their
documents

A warm, loving space where
learning happens through joy



HOLISTIC MODEL OF KHEL



More than a School - KHEL is a Lifeline



Everything we do centres around dignity and care



EDUCATION COMPONENT



Children learn at
their own pace
without shame

Prepare them for
integration into
mainstream schools

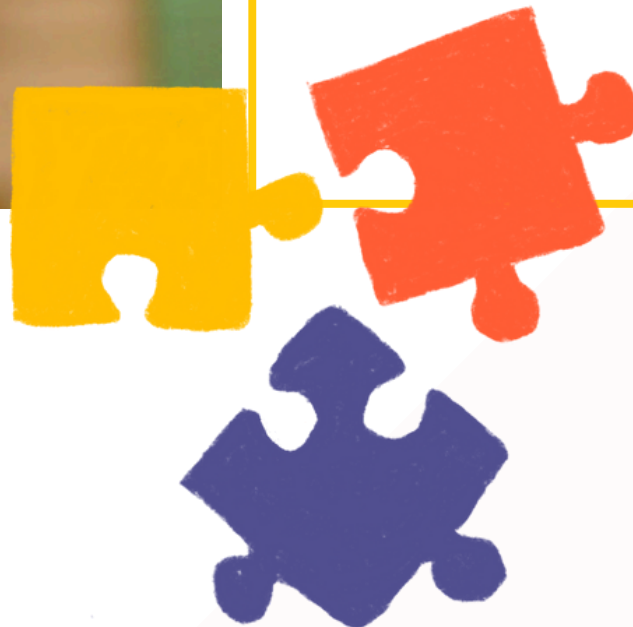
Basic literacy in
Urdu and English

Recent
partnership with
Science Fuse

RECREATIONAL COMPONENT



- Gymnastics, table tennis and structured play.
- Sports offer a healthy outlet and promote teamwork and collaboration.
- Girls' gymnastics team won gold at the provincial level.
- Older students now mentor - becoming role models for others.



EMPHASIS ON INCLUSION



Create a **POSITIVE**
and **INCLUSIVE**
learning
ENVIRONMENT

Focus on
communication,
creative expression and
confidence



Our differently-abled
children are part of our
table tennis team and have
competed at the Special
Olympics Pakistan.



7 children with speech and hearing
disabilities are part of Khel

IMPACT STATS



Outcomes in 2023-24



476+ children
reached

80+ transitioned
to formal
schools

- 140 children enrolled (60 new students)
- Parents attending conferences and celebrating report cards

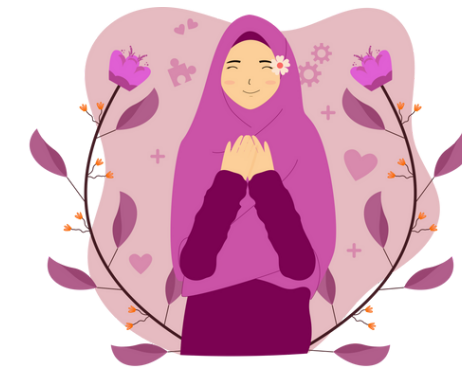
KEEPING THE INITIATIVE GOING



Imkaan's Khel has become a
lifeline for thousands in
Machar Colony



The need for a safe, inclusive
space for children to learn
and grow is ongoing and
growing



We are seeking support to
sustain and scale this
critical initiative

With continued funding, we can ensure long-term access, and continue to allow
children with opportunity and growth

Your support can fund Khel, sustain key areas (teachers, sports, inclusion)
and expand our reach to more children



THANK YOU.

Thank you for believing in a world where every child can learn, grow and be free.