



Student Connect

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Our Mission Statement:

The scale of problems faced by poor families in Pakistan is immense. We want to help at least 10,000 families, throughout Pakistan, to leave poverty behind within 10 years.



Who is Ilm-o-Amal?

Ilm-o-Amal is a welfare association registered under the Societies Act, 1860. Donations to Ilm-o-Amal are exempted from Income Tax by CBR notification.

Please visit www.ilmoamal.org for more information



Are you a student who wishes to volunteer for a good cause? With the help of this guide you can put your skills and resources to a cause where it is needed most

Volunteerism brings good people and good causes together. It is a great way to help make your society a better place to live. If you are in the process of choosing a cause to volunteer for, this guide will tell you about **Student Connect** and how it helps bring rich and poor students closer to each other.

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Objectives of Student Connect?

Students in the schools of poor localities lack back facilities which are available to student of affluent schools. Like other areas of life, our society does not provide a level playing field even in education. There are several objectives of this program:

- Creating a volunteering opportunity for students
- Creating community spirit by bringing rich and poor together
- Knowledge transfer from rich to the poor
- Motivating the poor children
- Creating community leaders for the future

Who is Ilm-o-Amal?

Ilm-o-Amal is a network of volunteers. It is managed by young Pakistanis from different walks of life including professionals, home-makers, students and entrepreneurs.

All our welfare activities to help deserving families are managed by our volunteers and part time staff.

All our funds are contributed by our members and socially aware individuals.

What is our Business Model?

It is reasonable to expect that donations should be used to alleviate the suffering of a deserving person instead of paying for an air-conditioned office in a posh neighborhood or high salaries to the managers of the charity.

We studied all the possible ways to eliminate costs and took two important decisions:

1. To use volunteers and part-time staff instead of full time staff
2. To adopt the concept of 'virtual office'

Our overheads are less than 10% of our donations based on the figures of 2007-08.



Shall the recompense of goodness be anything but good? Al-Quran [55:60]

How Student Connect works?

Step 1: The **volunteer student** completes the following form, obtains approval from parents and sends to info@ilmoamal.org

Go to www.ilmoamal.org
Go to "Get Involved>Downloads"
Download
Student_Connect_Application_Form.doc

Step 2: A **volunteer coordinator** reviews the form and briefs the student about Ilm-o-Amal and its programs.

Step 3: A login is setup for the **volunteer student** in our web-based BMS application.

Step 4: The **volunteer coordinator** helps the **volunteer student** select a family consisting of one or more children who are going to school and to whom Ilm-o-Amal is providing a scholarship.

Step 5: The **volunteer student** reviews the details of the family on our web-based BMS application

Step 6: The volunteer student visits the family



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What is a Virtual Office?

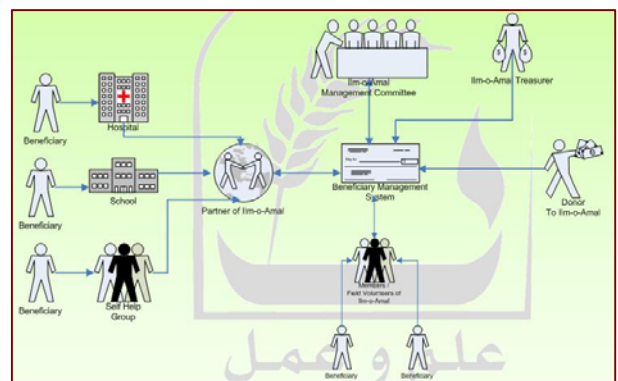
Beneficiary Management System (BMS) is our virtual office. The concept of 'Virtual Office' means an online and paperless environment that enables a network of volunteers to contribute efficiently by using online communication technologies. Our volunteers need a PC, an Internet access, scanner and a digital camera for the virtual office.



Ilm-o-Amal does not maintain a brick-and-mortar office. With the new communication technologies in the form of Internet and mobile phones we are able to reduce our overheads by working from our homes and offices.



We rely on BMS and communication technologies to collaborate and deliver our services smoothly on-time and with minimum costs.



Virtual Office: www.ilmoamal.org/bms

Before you visit

Following are some suggestions when you plan to visit a family as a volunteer student in **Student Connect Program**

- Study the application in detail in BMS
- Discuss the application with your volunteer coordinator
- Note the **address and directions**
- Agree a **date and time of visit** and communicate it to our coordinator who will inform the family of your visit
- Download Student Connect Review Form to fill during your visit
- If you need the help of a field volunteer to go with you please let the coordinator arrange it for you
- Choose a weekend to visit the family as all the children will be at home

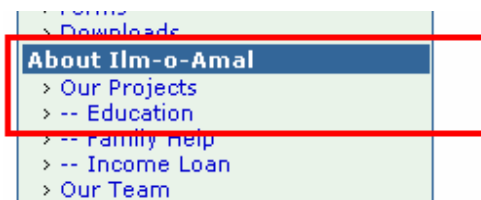
How can you help the poor students?

- First document the complete profile of the students in the family in the Student Connect Review Form
- Motivate them and tell them about benefits of education
- Review their notebooks and school work
- Identify areas where they can improve
- Find out their needs and note down in the review form
- Observe and document any other way we can improve their education
- Talk to the parents

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To know more about our Education Program

Login to BMS
Go to Page "Our Project > Education"



Review all the applications

Project Summary		
Status	# of Applications	# of Persons
Draft	2	2
Approval Required	4	18
Fulfilled Open	48	85
Fulfilled Closed	11	12
Declined	4	5

[See complete list](#)

Issues & Questions?

If you have any issues or questions feel free to write to info@ilmoamal.org

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Our programs

We provide the following types of help to deserving families:

- Family assistance for food, medicine, rent or any other basic necessity. Maximum amount Rs 3,000/- per month.
- Educational Scholarships. Maximum amount Rs 600/- per month.
- Income Opportunity for small enterprise. Maximum amount Rs. 15,000/- once.
- Any exceptions for more deserving cases are approved on a case-by-case basis

How does it work?

Ilm-o-Amal brings together the donors and the deserving on the web

Our members login to www.ilmoamal.org and post applications for deserving families in their families, neighborhoods and places of work in Pakistan

Ilm-o-Amal team verifies and approves the posted applications

Our team consisting of our management committee, coordinators and field volunteers verify the application. The people in need are initially supported by our funds.

Sponsorship made easy and personal

Donors go to ilmoamal.org and browse through the profiles of people in need. Donors can select any of these applications and become part of Ilm-o-Amal team.

Ilm-o-Amal team continues to support and review the applications regularly

Our current cases and projections

Projected	Jul '08 Current	Jul '09 Projected	Jul '17 Projected
Family Support	48	100	5,000
Children Scholarship	55	100	5,000
Income Opportunities	18	50	1,000
School Supplies	2	5	100

Beneficiary Management System (BMS)

Beneficiary Management System (BMS) is a web-based application developed by the Ilm-o-Amal Association. The Members of the Association can access it anytime, and from anywhere through an Internet connection. BMS provides a secure and collaborative environment to the Members of the Association to:

- Launch Welfare Projects
- Manage Applications
- Manage Payment/Disbursements
- Collaborate with other Members
- Share information & discuss ideas
- Download documents and forms

It requires a valid 'Username' and 'Password'. It is hosted in a secured environment. It is developed with software tools under GNU Public License including PHP and MySQL database



Beneficiary Management System

Some words of advice

Volunteering is fun and rewarding, but it can also be a little more complicated than just showing up and having a good time. Here is some advice on how to make the most of your volunteer work:

- **Be selfless.** Selfless is the opposite of selfish. Don't think about what you can do to help yourself. Think about what you can do to help others.
 - **Be well-trained.** Know what you're doing as a volunteer. If you need some time to learn your job, take that time. If you need training or need someone to show you what you're supposed to do, speak up. If you're good at your job, it will be much easier to help others (plus you'll have a lot more fun).
 - **Be dependable.** Do what you say you'll do, and do your best. Don't show up late, and always keep your promises. People will be relying on you so you don't want to let them down.
 - **Be enthusiastic.** Don't moan and groan your way through your volunteer work. If you really don't like what you're doing, find something else. Always have a positive attitude and show others that you're doing this because you WANT to.
 - **Be open-minded.** One of the really great things about being a volunteer is the chance to learn and experience new things. Keep your mind open to new possibilities, and you'll probably grow as a person.
- **Be respectful.** Always remember to show respect for other people and other cultures. Keep in mind that your way of thinking or living is not the only way there is. Be cooperative. Don't be a (hot shot or a loner. Don't try to do everything yourself. Work as part of a team to make sure everyone gets a chance to participate and do his or her fair share of work. If someone asks for help, be willing to lend a hand. If you need some help, ask politely for it.
 - **Be understanding.** Try to see things through other people's eyes. Try your best to understand what other people are going through, even it's something you've never dealt with yourself.
 - **Be humble.** Humble people don't brag or go around telling everyone about all the good things they've done just to get some attention or feel superior. They're happy knowing that they're making a difference, and don't need to shout about it.
 - **Be friendly.** Treat others like friends, and they'll do the same for you. Many people who volunteer meet new people with whom they want to stay friends. You might just meet someone who becomes a buddy for the rest of your life!

(With thanks to pbskids.org.)

Recommended one another to perseverance and patience, and (also) recommended one another to pity and compassion. Al-Quran [90:17]

Our Team

Our coordinators:

- Ayesha Shahzad, Family Help
- Nausheen Ahmad, Education
- Noorus Sabah, Income Opportunity
- Sadaf Momin, New members
- Shariq Mustaquim (I.T)
- Abdul Ghani (Marketing)
- Ibrahim Hamid (Canada)
- Nasir Bhatti (Canada)
- Ali Akbar (Singapore)

Field Volunteers

- Safdar Sherwani
- Shahbaz Pasha
- Faheem Shaikh
- Munir Ahmad Balouch
- Yawar Khayam
- Waseem Khan
- Nighat Sultana

Marketing Content Development

- Ahsan Abdi
- Tahmeena Khan

Our management committee:

Responsible for direction and management



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