



Project Feedback Report



Project: Rehabilitation of Little Moon Kindergarten

Location: Baghdad, Iraq

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Outline of Project

Located in the Adhamayah district of Baghdad, the Little Moon Nursery has fulfilled a great need within the local community in Iraq. Previously there had been just one other government nursery in the region. However as this is located in an area suffering from ongoing safety concerns parents had been reluctant to send their children there.

The project proved to be an excellent 3-way partnership between:

- Bristol Islamic Classes, UK – sponsors
- Muslim Hands Iraq – supervising the rehabilitation
- Adhamayah Committee, Baghdad – responsible for the ongoing running of Nursery

Our Partners

As mentioned above the nursery is run by one of our local charitable partner organisations operating in Iraq: the Adhamayah Committee. Over the last few years they have gained considerable experience in the educational sector demonstrated by their excellent management of several schools in the area including an Islamic secondary school for girls.

Many of the families in local area are poor and would normally be unable to pay the necessary fees required for their children to attend these schools. However, the Adhamayah Committee strongly believe that a good quality education should be available to all and hence children from poor families attend free of charge or with greatly subsidised fees. Those families that can afford to do so, are requested to contribute towards the cost of their child's education in order to ensure that the project is self sustaining and not dependant on external financial support.

The Benefits

Thanks to your generosity the Little Moon Nursery provides an environment in which children can be nurtured and developed in order that they may reach their full potential. The nursery aims at improving the educational standards of the children by using the best local teachers and teaching materials that are available. The nursery has a particular emphasis on employing teachers who assist and encourage the children wherever possible, enabling them grow in confidence.

The nursery will provide excellent employment opportunities for highly skilled and educated Iraqi women who would perhaps otherwise have been unable to work given the cultural sensitivities of the region. The continuing instability in Iraq will inevitably leave deep psychological scars on many of the children in the country. The nursery is already working hard to enable children to find ways in which they can deal with challenges posed by their constantly changing environment.

The following is a brief summary of the work that was carried out on your behalf at the nursery:

Rehabilitation:

- Building Repair
- Electrical Works
- Plumbing works
- Carpets
- Painting / Decorating (indoors + outdoors)

Equipment purchased:

- Heaters
- Ceiling fans
- TV and VCD
- Water cooler
- Plastic furniture for the kids
- Curtains

- Stationary
- Tape recorders (3)
- Vacuum cleaner
- Gas cooker
- Sponge mattresses for the playing room
- Books, story and learning tools, toys etc.
- 5 x AC units and installation costs
- Gifts for the graduation party (one off)

Conclusion

The children who attend the newly refurbished nursery were particularly appreciative of their new environment and the teachers and staff wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude towards their UK donors for making this possible.



