

## **Life Skill Project International Annual Report 2024**

LSPI Trustees continued to be committed to running two sewing and literacy centres. Tatley and Jaaman, centres completed the two-year course in September 2024. While visiting the family, Mussarat Iqbal, the Founder and Chair of LSPI, was able to attend the closing certificate awarding ceremonies for both centres. By the grace of God, since LSPI became operational in 2011, a total of 242 girls have been trained in 9 centres.

Two new centres were also opened at the same time, one in Jaaman with the fresh batch of girls, where 22 girls started, and the other in Liliani, towards the southeast of Lahore, with 21 girls. The opening of the Liliani centre was a special moment, as one of our former students, who had married and moved to Liliani, became the teacher, running the centre in her own home.

Trustees are grateful to God for providing us with a hardworking and committed team in Lahore, which, along with the dedicated and passionate Board of Trustees, has enabled us to achieve such success. Together, we continue to implement our vision and carry out plans, enabling us to help disadvantaged, underprivileged, marginalised, and poor girls gain skills and basic literacy, empowering them to become independent and employable. We hope that in 2025, we will be able to continue the excellent work of making a positive difference to create a respectful society where women play a vital and equal role. The LSPI has finally created the chain to fulfil its vision of enabling girls to be independent, pass on their skills and mindsets, and bring about a positive change in society. The trustees look ahead with hope that God's gracious providence and the generosity of our donors will enable us to continue the good work in the years to come.

By God's gracious providence and the generosity of our donors, fundraising in 2024 exceeded expectations, which facilitated the purchase of new sewing machines for the two new centres opened in 2024. The Lahore team has been using their own motorbike to travel to the centres. Travelling in extreme heat in the summer, through rainy monsoon seasons, and in cold winter conditions is challenging for our team in Lahore. Therefore, the trustees have been raising funds for a vehicle. This has resulted in a higher than usual end of the year bank account balance for 2024. The accounts prepared by the LSPI treasurer, the Rev Jacqueline Bullen, and independently examined by Yvette Magri, show the end balance of £6,073.09. However, as a small charity, it may take us some time to raise enough funds for a vehicle.

Mrs Mussarat Iqbal, our founder and chair and The Rev Jackie Bullen, our treasurer, thanked the trustees and donors for their commitment, passion, hard work and support for Like Skill Project International, which enables us to help the disadvantaged, underprivileged, marginalised and poor girls gain skills and basic literacy to empower them to be independent and employable. We look ahead to 2024 with the hope that God's gracious providence and the generosity of our donors will enable us to continue the excellent work of making a positive difference to create a respectful society where women play a vital and equal role.

In 2024, the Board of Trustees welcomed the Rev. Carol Rashid. There are currently nine trusts, reflecting the diversity of gender and ethnicity. We continue to use social media for publicity and to promote our charity. The Life Skills Project International website, accessible at [www.lifeskillprojectinternational.org](http://www.lifeskillprojectinternational.org) provides the necessary information, as well as links to the Charity Commission UK website.

LSPI continue to seek to register as a charitable organisation in Pakistan, which has been proving challenging. We hope our efforts will prove fruitful in 2025.

<b><u>Accounts Summary</u></b>					
<b>Balance Brought forward 1st January 2024</b>					<b>4,488.53</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
<b>Regular Donations</b>			<b>2,467.00</b>		
<b>Individual Donations</b>			<b>1,380.98</b>		
<b>Fundraising</b>			<b>1,864.32</b>		
<b>Sale of bags</b>			<b>52.00</b>		
<b>Scarves</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,764.30</b>	
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
<b>Centre Exp</b>			-	<b>4,084.94</b>	-
<b>Other costs</b>				<b>94.80</b>	<b>4,179.74</b>
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2024</b>			-		<b><u>6,073.09</u></b>
<b>Balance per bank statement 31st December 2024</b>			-		<b><u>6,073.09</u></b>

The accounts were prepared by Jacqueline Bullen

Independently examined by Yvette Magri

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