

**Madina Town Girls Primary School
Faisalabad, Pakistan
Matching Grant 68992 - \$22,725
February 2010**

District 3170	Pakistan, Punjab	Faisalabad RC
District 7690	US, North Carolina	Walnut Cove RC, Willow Creek RC, Greensboro Airport RC, Yadkinville RC

The Rotary Clubs of Faisalabad, Pakistan and Kernersville, NC, USA with the aid of co sponsoring clubs from District 7690 (Walnut Cove, Willow Creek, Greensboro Airport and Yadkinville) sponsored a Matching Grant to expand and improve the study environment and study aids for the female students at M.C. Girls Primary School, X Block, Madina Town, Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Pakistan has the highest dropout rate in the world for primary (grade five) students. Some of the reasons include lack of buildings, no furniture, and no desks for students etc, and Madina school was an example of all these shortcomings. This school is located in a low middle class area of the city Initially the school had 400 students and 3 classrooms which forced some of the students to sit on the ground for instruction. The Rotary club Faisalabad built four additional classrooms, allowing the number of students to increase to 600. Both Rotary Clubs decided to join hands to write a matching grant to create a school that families could proudly send their daughters.

The school was refurbished by adding desks, ceiling fans, water coolers, computers, library books and cabinets for storing the books. The students were provided with uniforms and notebooks. The Faisalabad Club on their own expense repaired the road to give better access to the school during the rainy season.

The Madina Town school improvement will help reverse the high dropout rates for primary school age girls by improving the image of the school, thus inspiring the parents to allow their daughters to attend the local school. The matching grant of \$22,725.00 was completed in February, 2010.



Classroom before improvement



School gate with Rotary logo

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Marker at school



3270 District Governor with club members



3270 District Governor with students



New classroom with Rotary logo

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Students in new classroom



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“Through Matching Grants, The Rotary Foundation matches contributions raised for international service projects by Rotary clubs and districts in two or more countries. The Foundation provides a one-to-one match for District Designated Fund (DDF)/SHARE contributions and a US\$0.50 match for every new \$1 cash contribution. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$200,000.”

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