



# The Chopan Trust

*“We dare to dream...”*

*An introduction to the ambitions of the Chopan Trust  
— restoring hope to the Christians of Pakistan*



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# Focus on Pakistan's Christians



## Pakistan in the news

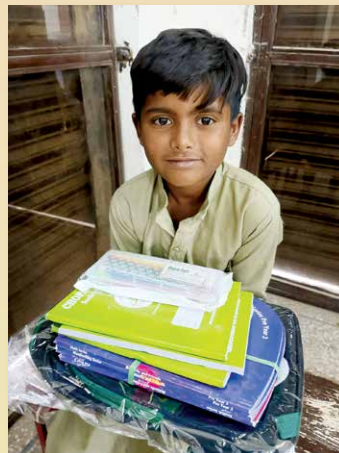
Pakistan is often in the news — and often for all the wrong reasons. As the population has now risen above 250 million, two statistics stand out.

### • Poverty

The World Bank reports that 45% of Pakistan's population live below the poverty line. Related to their poverty is prejudice against Christians — equal in the law, but desperately unequal in society.

### • Education

UNICEF reports that 22 million Pakistani children are out of school. According to UNESCO, the global poverty rate would be cut by more than half if all adults completed secondary education.





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A unique initiative to bring hope to Pakistan's Christians through education, spiritual renewal and compassionate aid.

**education  
changes  
everything!**



## Chopan Trust's driving ambition:

1. To raise the standard of learning in schools for low-income Christians by focusing on their teachers.  
*"Inspire a teacher — give hope to a generation."*
2. To provide Pakistan's Christian children with a knowledge of the Bible and personal faith that will ensure a foundation for their future.

**Chopan exists to restore hope to Pakistan's Christians in need.**



## Why Chopan?

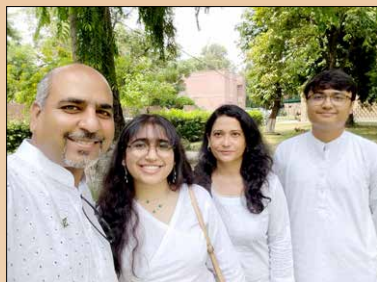
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## Our ambitions for 2025 - 2026



### Chopan Trust's ambitious goals for 2025-2026:

- 1 Education, training and practice**  
Chasing dreams through learning:  
A dream in action.
- 2 Faith and Biblical Understanding**  
Christian faith and Bible study for every student.
- 3 Restoring ambition and dignity**  
Opening doors of confidence and hope and for young people in despair.
- 4 Compassion and Community**  
The power of practical help for a hurting community.



### Anser and Kashi Javed

#### Directors of the Chopan Trust

Anser and Kashi are a family unit, with two adult children, Dua (23) and Amn (19). Originally from Karachi, they moved to Lahore in 2012 to lead the work of Starfish Pakistan for the next 9 years. Anser and Kashi each hold M.Phil degrees in Education. They have 24 years of invaluable experience committed to the economic and spiritual welfare of underprivileged Christians.

*"We work with a small team that is passionately committed to restoring hope to Pakistan's Christian children through a holistic approach, encompassing education, spiritual renewal, and compassionate aid. Our leadership extends to fostering comprehensive child development and robust school development programmes."*

*The Chopan Trust is not just about providing schooling but about creating an environment where children can thrive intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally — ultimately breaking cycles of poverty and fostering a brighter future for the Christian community in Pakistan."*

### Commendation: Mike Wakely

"We worked closely with Anser and Kashi in our 20 years with Starfish Asia. As Starfish is now under new management, we are delighted to be in close partnership with Anser and Kashi again. They have the passion, understanding, relationships and experience to make a huge contribution to Pakistan's under-privileged Christians."



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## Education, Training and Practice

chasing dreams  
in action

This pillar underscores our commitment to *chase dreams through learning* — empowering teachers to inspire their students.

In 2023 we launched the 3Es Discipleship Programme, our commitment to Empower Early Educators, working with Christian schools across Pakistan to witness real change. We initially chose 6 schools that showed ambition but lacked training, direction and support.

We focus on improving the quality of education in Christian schools. This means regular training with monitoring to ensure our educators are well-prepared to inspire and guide. We also understand that hunger is a barrier to learning, so we aim to provide simple meals, allowing Christian students to access education without the burden of poverty. We aim to give small scholarships that will lead to income earning.

We're not just building schools; we're building futures by providing inspiration, incentives, essential books and educational resources to underprivileged children.

In 2026 we aim to increase our commitment to 10 schools and to ensure guaranteed outcomes.

Our monthly budget for each school: £500  
(only possible with your generous support)

### The EROS Model School

What does it take to see a dream come true? It takes a lot of hard work and leadership with vision and commitment.



We have been working with EROS School (Educational Reforms of Society) over the past many months. We have come to value the dedication of its Principal and staff. It is a school of 170 students with classes from Primary to 8.

Our 3-year agreement aims to empower the school towards self-sustainability through community ownership and support through parental contributions.

Our aim? A model for other Christian schools to admire, learn from and follow.





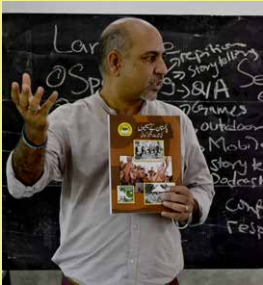
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## Faith and Biblical Understanding

**Bible study  
for  
every student**

### The Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians



**“A hidden chapter of Pakistan's history! We're thrilled to distribute *The Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians* in Urdu nationwide. Let's celebrate our heritage together!”**

At Chopan's National Career Festival, arranged in May 2025 for 650 graduating students, everyone who attended received a free copy of the book.

**We have given away 1,000 books, and we want to give many more. Every Pakistani Christian should be proud to know their history!**

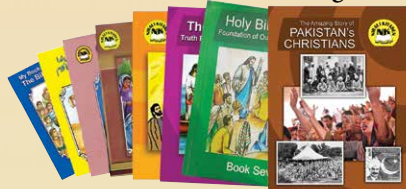
**We believe that academic excellence must be combined with biblical knowledge and faith. “*Bible study for every student*” will give every Christian a strong foundation for their future.**

According to our means we aim to provide sets of academic textbooks to 3,000 students. In 2025 we were only able to provide books for 500 students. We aim higher in 2026.

We also face requests from 90 schools in the Lahore area to provide Bible Curriculum books (Grades 1 to 7) for their students. So far we have given them to 35 schools. We are now working with the local Publisher, Nirali Kitabon, to promote their use in many more schools in the coming year.

A dedicated Chopan staff member regularly visits schools to promote biblical ministry, and we pray to expand this outreach with additional staff to serve other parts of the country. For the next two years (2025-2026), together with training for up to 90 schools, we aim to give a course in biblical understanding to up to 25,000 young Pakistanis.

**By grounding our students in faith, we aim to cultivate not just knowledge, but character, values, and a strong moral compass. This spiritual foundation will strengthen the Church and Christian witness long into the future.**



**Every student needs textbooks for their studies. Many cannot afford either academic or Bible Curriculum books. 90 schools are asking us for Bible books.**

**A full set of textbooks costs about £6  
One Bible Curriculum book costs £1.60**

**A one-day seminar training 30 teachers in how to teach the Bible costs about £500.**



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## Restoring Ambition & Dignity

**Future hope  
& ambition**

Poverty and prejudice erode ambition and dignity.

We want to open doors of *hope and ambition* for young people in despair.

### Scholarships and awards

We offer small scholarships, not to the high achievers, but to neglected boys and girls who score lower marks in national exams and have lost hope for their future. We aim to offer opportunities to pursue skilful diplomas such as Midwifery, Lady Health Worker, Lab Technician, Diploma of Associate Engineering in Computer Sciences, and other vocational fields – to pursue their dreams, regardless of academic talent.

Beyond financial aid, our counseling services provide crucial emotional and psychological support. It's about empowering them to see their potential and pursue it with confidence.

### National Career Centre

In light of the recent National Career Festival, we now aim to set up a National Career Centre for High School graduates to get vital career advice. We now aspire to extend this to five other major cities in Pakistan. We plan other events: Speech and Writing Competitions, all to inspire hope and ambition.

The National Career Festival cost approximately £3,000, invested in the lives of tomorrow's leaders.

Now funds are needed to take it further:  
£1,000 would cover the costs of most such events.



### The National Career Festival

After students graduate from High School, they face a confusing world of choice. Many feel they have no hope of a rewarding career in Pakistan's current climate.



In April 2025 we brought together 650 graduating students to listen to a panel of 20 qualified Christian professionals who shared their experience, informed and inspired them to greater ambition for their future.

### Raising hopes... Fulfilling ambitions



Saima is the the first student who was awarded a Chopan Scholarship for a six-month internship.





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## Compassion and Community

**Practical help  
for the needy**

Chopan Trust is providing *practical help for a hurting community*, demonstrating the transformative power of direct aid.

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Many of Pakistan's Christians face a bleak future, as the economy shrinks, inflation bites and poverty threatens millions.

In line with Chopan's Compassion Care we receive frequent requests for help for housing, medical needs and food. We would love to launch a regular food programme for the poorest Christian families.

### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024: A Day of Celebration

1000 children from low-income Christian schools celebrated Christmas in Lahore's Renewal Centre. A further 200 celebrated at their homes on brick kilns. This was the Chopan Trust gift to 1200 children from poor homes — a meal, a celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the gift of a warm sweater to keep the cold of winter away.



It's hard to live so close to poverty and suffering,  
knowing we could do so much more.

We could, with your help.

Another Christmas gift day is coming: £3,000.

A food programme for the poorest: £1000 a month.

### Kamran's new home

Kamran, a painter on daily wages, his wife Kiran and their two children, lived in this condition for 17 Years.



The Chopan Trust found donors to help construct a small room for them. It didn't cost much but it made a home for the winter for this small family.

### The Meal Project

A local business man came to know the passion of the Chopan Trust. As director of a factory producing Indomie Instant Noodles, he was able to give us 5,000 packets of noodles for the children of several Christian schools.







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Would you like to know more?

*"Yes! I am interested. What should I do?"*

❖ Search the Scriptures. What did Jesus say?

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...  
Whatever you did for one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
(Matthew 25:35, 40)*



What do others say  
about Chopan?

*"My heartfelt thanks  
go to Anser and his  
dedicated team. Their  
passion has made a real  
difference in the lives of  
many young people."*

**Zeshan John**

Additional Deputy Commissioner  
Toba Tek Singh



*"Chopan Trust is not  
the name of an  
organization; rather it  
is the name of a passion  
and kindled fire which  
is burning for the  
betterment of the less  
privileged Christian  
societies and schools.  
You guys are amazing  
teachers!"*

**Akash Dula Masih**

*"Yes! I am interested. I want to know more."*

❶ Go to the Chopan website to learn more:  
<https://chopantrust.com/>

❷ Sign up for the Chopan newsletter  
in print or on line

Go to <https://chopantrust.com/newsletter/>

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## How you can support Chopan

*“Yes! I am interested. I want to be a partner of Chopan Trust. I want to give.”*



This is how your support can help Pakistan's Christians

❶ Education, training and practice

☐ £500 a month will enable us to give focused, regular and monitored training to 100 teachers.

❷ Faith and Biblical Understanding

☐ £300-500 will pay for a seminar for 30 teachers to learn how to teach the Bible.

❸ Restoring ambition and dignity

☐ £600 provides a scholarship for a two-year course in Midwifery.

❹ Compassion and Community

☐ £600 can provide a home for a poor Christian labourer like Kamran.

The Chopan Trust is registered in Pakistan as a Charitable Trust with the Government of Punjab.



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Fill in the form as a Stewardship Guest or if you have a Stewardship Giving Account  
Under “Message of Support”: *For Chopan Trust.*

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For all payments clearly state: *For Chopan Trust.*  
If you qualify for Gift Aid, please contact Janet White.

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Go to AMEN ([Stewardship.org.uk](http://Stewardship.org.uk)) online and give a gift (equivalent to your local currency in GBP ££).

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Go to: <http://bit.ly/4iPzIvJ>

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## Who is Anser?

*“I am that sweeper’s son who used to play in the streets of my colony.”*

Anser has a Master’s degree in School Management. He founded the Chopan Trust in 2021.



## Who is Kashi?

*“Ever since I was little, my dream job was to become a nun... but God had different plans.”*

She has an M.Phil in Education, and her passion is teacher development.

For some great insights, photos and movies go the Chopan Trust website, Facebook or Instagram.



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we thank you for your interest,  
concern and love  
for the Christians of Pakistan

