

SAHEP

Select - Anwar Khawaja Industries Health & Education Programme




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SAHEP stands for SELECT- Anwar Khawaja Industries Health & Education Program, which offers free education and free medicare for our stitchers and their families in Pakistan.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SELECT SPORT produces approx. Nearly 2 million hand-stitched sports balls every year. Our customers and users come from all over the world. The balls are produced in Pakistan by our close associate for 30 years, Anwar Khawaja Industries Ltd. The hand-stitching is carried out by approx. 1400 skilled stitchers, all of whom are above the age of 15.

Our social program, SAHEP, which was initiated in 1995, is aimed at our stitchers and their families, with special focus on their children. The program comes in two parts: Education and medical care.



EDUCATION

The educational program is divided into two: First of all we ensure that the children of our stitchers can attend ordinary state schools. Our subsidy covers school fees, uniform, shoes and school books.

Secondly, we employ 6 private teachers, who on their motorbikes drive to the villages and teach those children, who either have never attended school or have dropped out – often for financial reasons. Furthermore, our mobile teachers educate children with handicaps, who are unable to attend ordinary schools. Tuition in the afternoons and special summer courses are also available, and we also run adult literacy classes in several villages.

The private education takes place in small groups and is very intensive. Already after 9 months of teaching many of the children reach 4th class levels in reading, writing and maths.

We currently arrange for the education of more than 1300 children and youths.

MEDICAL CARE:

SAHEP offers free medicare to all our stitchers, their children and spouses. Every family member is issued a special "health card" allowing them to go to their doctors, specialists or a hospital and receive free consultations, treatment and medicine. The bill is sent to SAHEP.

Furthermore, we pay a "health team", consisting of a nurse, a midwife, a teacher and sometimes a specialist, to drive around to "our" villages teaching prevention of disease, hygiene, nutrition, family planning and infant care. Here everyone in the village, not just our stitchers, comes to listen.

The health team also carries out less complicated treatments, vaccinations and runs a baby clinic. At present some 3.900 stitchers and their family members receive free medicare.

Our Discretionary Fund helps families whose situation suddenly deteriorates due to for instance illness or death of the breadwinner, natural disasters etc.

In 2004 our SAHEP Centre opened. Here is a doctor's clinic, a nurse and a laboratory technician. Our own ambulance ensures reliable transport. The centre also contains classrooms, used for both adults and children, and the SAHEP offices.

Apart from the SAHEP program, which is SELECT SPORT's own initiative, we are also co-signatories to the Atlanta Agreement – a FIFA and UNICEF supported project against child labour within the football industry.



SELECT SPORT A/S is a 100% Danish family-owned company producing sports balls and apparel of high quality for active sportspeople.

All our sports balls are hand-stitched in Pakistan and produced from the best materials available, and we are renowned in many parts of the world as producers of quality balls for sports clubs and international teams within the fields of football and handball.

SELECT was founded by the national goalkeeper and inventor of the laceless football, Eigil Nielsen. Later he invented the 32-panel football, which today is standard all over the world.

SELECT has nearly 60 years' experience of ball production and today sells nearly 2 million balls annually in over 50 countries.

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