

RIFAYIYA LADIES' ARABIC COLLEGE
KAPUWATTA-DENIPITIYA-WELIGAMA
SRI LANKA
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PROJECT REPORT

Established and Managed by:

REFAI THAREEQ ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA (INC)

FOUNDED IN 1877, INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT NO 29 OF 1976

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Introduction

To satisfy an extensive need of the Muslim community in Sri Lanka, for the complete education of Muslim girls, the Rifaiyya Ladies' Arabic College was established in September 2003 with 35 students. While several institutions provide such education for boys, there are only few that cater to Muslim girls with the appropriate facilities, for their complete cultural and educational development in the Southern Province.

The College provides residential facilities to the girls, particularly orphans, needy, and those affected by Tsunami, who attend regular school, for their general secular education up to GCE Advanced Level and with Islamic religious knowledge leading up to the Department of the Examination qualification for Islam teachers and the Moulavia qualification, by the end of five years. In addition, the College provides programmes in IT, English and other vocational skills.

The first batch of 35 students, selected from among 150 applications received. Commenced the classes in September 2003, in rented premises in Kapuwatta Weligama, a town situated in the Southern Province, approximately 150 km south of Colombo which is one of the original settlement points of the early Arab and Muslim settlers who arrived in the Island.

Through the efforts and generous support of the members of the Board of Management and General Committee, the monthly operating costs of the College are being presently met. By the kind gesture of a philanthropist of the area, the College was gifted with a valuable piece of land, approximately 3.5 acres in extent, adjacent to Kapuwatta Jumma Mosque and construction of a state-of-the-art, purpose built Educational Campus is progressing, Marsha Allah!

Work commenced in August 2004, to setup a state of the art Campus for the College, on this land, with facilities for a Montessori School, Lecture Halls, IT Centre, CD & Reference Library, Hostel, Reception Hall, Mosque (exclusively for ladies), and Quran Madarasa and the total project cost is expected to be around Rs. 60 Mn (€360,000/-).

On 26 December 2004, the Tsunami waves that struck our Island nation left the entire coastal belt from the North, East and down to the South devastated, killing around sixty thousand people and rendering nearly 1.2mn homeless, destitute and without bread- winners or any source of income. A majority of those affected (approx. 60%) were from the Muslim community and were settled in the Eastern and Southern Provinces. Many of the victims are now widows, orphans and destitute, needing assistance for shelter and livelihood support to get back to normal life and for sustenance thereafter.

Due to this urgent and grave need in the Southern Province, the Committee decided to focus on supporting these widows and orphans with much needed vocational training and livelihood development programmes to help them get back on their feet and support their family as bread-winners, which position they have been forced into by fate, due to this calamity. This was a lesson for the community to focus attention on the need to uplift the educational and social standard of our women

The 1st stage with five class rooms, and welfare facilities for students was completed at a cost of approx. Rs. 7.5Mn (€ 44,910/-) and the Building Complex was declared open among a distinguished gathering on 28th April 2008, together with Convocation Ceremony for the passing out of the 1st Batch of 12 Moulaviyas.

The Board of Management has now decided to accelerate the development programme of the College, to complete the construction work and provide equipment for training facilities and programmes for up to 100 students (at end of stage 2) and 250 on completion.

The Board of Management, has since commenced work to implement the second stage of the project which includes Computer Labs, Library, Reference Library, Administration Complex, Montessori and Quran Madarasa at a budgeted cost of Rs. 12.5 Mn (€ 74,852/-).

However, due to the constraints placed on the local community in raising the finances required, particularly in the post - Tsunami situation, we are compelled to seek the assistance of our brothers in the international community to help us in this worthy mission.

LOCATION

The Rifaiya Ladies Arabic College is situated in Kapuwatta Weligama, a Town in the southern province of Sri Lanka, which is approximately 150Km South of Colombo, located between the coastal cities of Galle and Matara, on one of the original landing points of early Arab and Muslim settlers who arrived in the Island from the 2nd Century of AD.



Kapuwatta Jumma Mosque, adjacent to the site for the proposed Rifaiya Ladies Islamic College



College and Hostel operated from the above rented premises in Kapuwatte for the 1st Batch of Students.

COURSE STRUCTURE

All students, whoever willing to enroll for RLAC programmes, should meet the entry requirement criteria of GCE O/L, Conducted by Department of Examination of Sri Lanka. With their qualification of GCE O/L, they will be supported and facilitated to sit for GCE A/L, which is conducted by Examination Department of Sri Lanka. They will be provided an opportunity to choose any of the streams Science, Arts and Commerce during their studies for GCE A/L.

Simultaneously, with the aforementioned programmes, the students will be provided courses in Islamic Religious Knowledge, Quran recital, Hifl, Islamic History and Social Values and courses leading up to Department of Examinations qualification for Islam Teachers. When they have obtained this knowledge, they will be eligible to sit for Islam teachers' Examinations conducted by The Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka. They will also have the opportunity to become an accomplished and qualified Moulaviya, by sitting for The Moulavia/ Al- Alim qualification over a period of four years.

In addition, the College will provide training facilities for courses in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) language skills in English, Tamil, Sinhala and Arabic.

The College would also be equipped to conduct courses providing vocational skills including Montessori (Pre School) Teachers Training, Embroidery & Creative/Design Programs, which will enhance opportunity for graduates to meet future employment/ career development needs.

Out of the first batch of twelve Moulavias, who passed out at the First^t Convocation Ceremony, held on 28th April, 2008, co-inciding with the Ceremonial opening of the Stage I Building Complex, two graduates have been enrolled as members of the teaching faculty of the College, whilst the rest have all obtained gainful employment in the religious and similar educational institutions in the Country, contributing to the Religious, Social and Educational upliftment of youth, particularly young girls, of our community.

Taking the learnings and experience of the first batch, the second batch of 40 students have been inducted in July, 2009 commencing the academic programme for education upto The G.C.E A/L. It has now been decided that future batches would be recruited annually, as space and resources are obtained, with a basic qualification of G.C.E O/L, and in-house lecturers/ instructors provided for studies leading upto G.C.E A/L. The Moulaviya Programme will progress simultaneously and for students who successfully qualify at the G.C.E A/L Examination, facilities will be provided with Lecturers/ Instructors to prepare for G.A.Q University entrance examinations and thereafter to read for Undergraduate External Degree Programmes of The University of Sri Lanka and affiliated Higher Educational Institutions.

FACILITIES

The College will be situated on a 3.5 acre block of land adjacent to the Kapuwatta Jumma Mosque and would be a complete purpose-designed, state of the art, complex comprising of the following facilities

1. Quran Madarasa
2. Montessori school
3. Lecture Halls
4. CD and Reference Library
5. IT Centre
6. Multipurpose Auditorium / Reception hall
7. Hostel Complex and Administration block
8. Prayer Hall (exclusively for Ladies)

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Classroom Equipment & Teaching Aids
2. Reference Books & CDs – Relevant to Courses of Study / Programmes
3. Multimedia Equipment / PA, Sound & Light Systems / Telephone Systems
4. Computer Systems
5. Classroom furniture
6. Office Furniture
7. Office Equipment
8. Hostel Furniture & Equipment
9. Kitchen Equipment
10. Refrigerators & Washing Machine

THE CURRENT STATUS OF RIFAYIYA LADIES' ARABIC COLLEGE



Management

The College has been established and managed by the Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka (INC) – founded in 1877 (Incorporated under law no 29 of 1976 in parliament).

Spiritual Head and Life Patron:

His Eminence Rifai Moulana Al Haj U.P.S. Muhammed Ashique Thangal.

The Management Committee:

President:	Al Haj. M. Naizer Cader
Vice Presidents	Al Haj A W A Salam Al Haj M. Cassim Bawa Al Haj Hanifa M Ishaq Mr. M A M Refai Al Haj M F M Nauffer
Jt. Secretaries	Al Haj M Afzaldeen Al Haj Mohideen Cader
Treasurer	Al Haj S M Navas
Asst. Treasurer	Al Haj Azeem Ghouse
Committee Members	Moulavi Al Haj A C Ahamed Faleel Al Haj A I M Muheeth Mr. Sabry Suhail Mr. M S M Shafeek

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**PROJECT COST ESTIMATES
CONVERSION RATE OF RS 167/- PER EURO**

	Rs	€
STAGE I - AS PER BILL OF QUANTITIES		
PRELIMINARIES-SITE PREPARATION / LAND FILLING	3,100,000.00	18,563.00
BOQ SECTION D CLASS ROOM BLOCK GF	4,400,000.00	26,347.00
STAGE I – TOTAL	7,500,000.00	44,910.00
STAGE II		
BOQ SECTION A QURAN CLASS & MONTESSORI	3,000,000.00	17,964.00
BOQ SECTION B GUEST AREA	1,000,000.00	5,988.00
BOQ SECTION C PRINCIPAL'S AREA	2,500,000.00	14,970.00
BOQ SECTION E CLASS ROOM BLOCK FF	6,000,000.00	35,930.00
STAGE II – TOTAL	12,500,000.00	74,852.00
STAGE III		
PRAYER HALL	5,000,000.00	29,940.00
HOSTEL	10,000,000.00	59,880.00
STAGE III - TOTAL	15,000,000.00	89,820.00
STAGE - IV		
REFERENCE , CD LIBRARY & ICT CENTRE	5,000,000.00	29,940.00
AUDITORIUM & MULTIPURPOSE RECEPTION HALL	10,000,000.00	59,880.00
STAGE IV - TOTAL	15,000,000.00	89,820.00
INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPING	6,000,000.00	35,930.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE	56,000,000.00	335,330.00

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MONTHLY EXPENSES SCHEDULE AS AT 15TH DEC 2009.

SALARIES

UTILITIES

PRINCIPAL	19,500.00	HOSTEL RENT	4,000.00
ASST TEACHERS-2	15,000.00	PRINCIPAL'S QUARTERS RENT	2,000.00
ENGLISH TEACHER	7,500.00	ELECTRICITY(College& Hostel)	9,000.00
IT INSTRUCTOR	7,500.00	Telephone/Fax/Interent	5,000.00
ARABIC GRADUATE TEACHER	8,000.00	SUBTOTAL2	<u>20,000.00</u>
OFFICE STAFF-2	15,000.00		
SECURITY-2	15,000.00	AVAERAGE MONTHLY MEALS EXPENSES	70,000.00
VISITING LECTURERS	10,000.00	SUB TOTAL 3	<u>70,000.00</u>
SUB TOTAL 1	<u>97,500.00</u>		

SUMMARY

SUB TOTAL1	97,500.00
SUB TOTAL2	20,000.00
SUB TOTAL 3	70,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>187,500.00</u>