## Qutbi Mohalla

Admission Summary 2012

By the Raza Mubarak of Shahzada Abbas Bhaisaheb Fakhruddin Saheb (DM), a new Mohalla has been added to this program. Qutbi Mohalla (also known as Model Colony to some) is located near the Karachi Airport and is home to a small number of Mumineen households. Appox. 60 families live in Qutbi Mohalla.

The first task, as always, for a new Mohalla is gathering the data of all school going children. Simultaneously the Mohalla Education Committee was given the task of collecting data on all schools, standard and sub-standard in the nearby vicinity.

After the above tasks were completed, the Mohalla Team managed to convince 10 parents to admit their children in standard schools. These include 5 that are new admissions, who have since started attending school, and 5 that have been convinced to switch their children from sub-standard schools to standard ones. The latter will start attending school after the summer vacations.

Currents statistics of the Mohalla are as follows;

|      | No. of<br>Children | Under<br>2.5<br>Years | Not<br>going to<br>School | In Sub<br>Standard<br>Schools | In<br>"Quality"<br>Schools | % in Standard<br>Schools |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2012 | 68                 | 5                     | 2                         | 45                            | 16                         | 25.40%                   |

These statistics include the batch of the first 5 children admitted to standard schools and present a very difficult challenge in the years to come. Not only it is difficult to change the mindset of the families living here, but the shortage of good quality schools in the area makes the task even harder.

The Mohalla Team is extremely committed and we are hopeful that things will improve in the years to come.