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Assalaamu Alaikum,

Seventeen years ago, Helping Hand for Relief and Development was founded with only one goal: the pleasure of God through service to mankind.

In October 2005, a devastating 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck Northern Pakistan. Due to the overwhelming response from the Muslim community, it became apparent that there was an urgent need for an entity committed to serving our brothers and sisters worldwide. This led to the establishment of Helping Hand for Relief and Development, a dedicated international humanitarian organization.

Since then, we have expanded our operations into over 60 countries within Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and South America. We focus on providing food and clean water, health services, education, and shelter to improve the livelihood of those in disaster-stricken areas and refugee communities.

Over the past several years, we have taken numerous steps to concentrate on our five strategic goals: 1) Build long-term financial sustainability, 2) Utilize all marketing channels strategically 3) Assist and empower people in need, 4) Develop our teams personally and professionally 5) Establish effective disaster preparedness and response

We continuously strive to advance and excel in each of these areas through capacity building. HHRD’s 14 programs are at the core of our existence. We aim continuously improve upon them, in order to enhance the lives of our beneficiaries and best support our mission of service to humanity.

This past month, I had the opportunity to visit our offices in Amman, Jordan. During my visit, I met with a group of 25+ graduates from our Orphan Support Program. Most of these young men and women were Syrian and Palestinian refugees who had immigrated to Jordan after losing their parents. Our Orphan Support Program focuses on providing food, education, healthcare, and social upliftment to improve the livelihood of these children. I listened as they shared their individual experiences and stories and was overwhelmed with emotion after hearing their incredible reflections. Despite all the challenges they’d faced in their lives, each showed such resilience and maturity; it was incredibly heartening.

I ended up sitting and conversing with these young men and women for over 4 hours. Hearing them speak, their words full of hope and dreams for the future, made me feel blessed and fortunate to be part of their life journey. It made me confident that these young adults are on a path to becoming inspiring and productive members of their future communities. They are indeed a testament to the incredible mentorship they received from the local Helping Hand team, which instilled them with a great sense of character and moral values. It is through your support and the help of Allah (swt) that we are able to create such ever-lasting changes in the lives of our future generations.

I want to personally extend my gratitude to you, for your continuous support and prayers over the years. Thank you for your generosity towards these humanitarian causes and for your commitment to make our world a better place. We ask that Allah (swt) continue to bless us in this work, and allow us to carry out this lifelong duty.

Our mission is best expressed by our emblem: Muslims For Humanity

Sincerely yours,

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