CASE FOR SUPPORT

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM
Education is the most important pursuit in the life of a human being. It is the instrument that makes brilliant minds in the fields of science, art, medicine, and engineering, all of which have the power to influence nations. Moreover, the first verse in Holy Quran stresses learning and mentions 'reading, learning, and the pen as instruments' 

"Read, and your Lord is most Bountiful, He who taught the use of Pen, taught man that which he knew not." - Al Alaq

The mission of Helping Hand for Relief and Development’s Education Support Program (ESP) is to create opportunities for every child to receive a good value-based education. Several different components of the program provide:

- School buildings and stipends for Syrian refugee children in Jordan and Lebanon, some of whom would be out of school entirely without assistance
- Higher education scholarships for Syrian, Palestinian and Jordanian youth
- Higher education scholarships for Pakistan needy youth
- School of Excellence in Somalia for orphaned and poor children
- Child Care Homes in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh for Rohingya children
With these five interventions, ESP opens the world up to those who want to study hard and improve their situations. With a proper education, a child can elevate their future and escape from a life of poverty. Here is just one example of a 6th grader who participated in the program.

Ibrahim is a Syrian refugee child who came from the northern countryside of Aleppo to Jordan in 2011. His family fled Syria after the neighborhood where they lived was exposed to rocket-propelled grenades which killed one of the children.

The family first went to Irbid-Jordan and lived in a one room apartment. They suffered a lot managing their daily life needs as living costs were very expensive. Ibrahim’s life was changed when he was sponsored by HHRD’s Education Support Program and enrolled in a reputable private school to continue his studies. The school provided a better environment than his old school where he was subjected to bullying and beatings. Ibrahim studies hard and his ambition is to become a doctor.

Without the ESP, thousands of children like Ibrahim would be without recourse. They would be unable to afford a good education, and some, like refugees living far from established schools, would simply fall through the cracks.

You can be sure that your donation will go directly to schools and needy children for their educational pursuits. HHRD is a highly rated organization that takes the stewardship of its supporters’ dollars very seriously. Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), a nonprofit that evaluates thousands of nonprofits, is the gold standard when it comes to nonprofit ratings. It has rated HHRD as a 4-star (highest rating) public charity for the past 9 years. It has rated HHRD as the top Zakat-eligible charity (score 98.3%). An A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau is another indicator of the effectiveness of the organization.