CASE FOR SUPPORT

ORPHAN SUPPORT PROGRAM
From the increasing threats of climate change, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing global refugee crises of people fleeing from conflict and disaster that has displaced around 100 million people from countries like Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, etc., to the political and economic crises around the world leading to the drastic escalation in cost of food, fuel, and fertilizer. The poor communities around the world that constitute 8.5% of the world’s population are facing the toughest challenges imaginable, ranging from extreme hunger, lack of safe drinking water, homelessness, inadequate healthcare facilities, and much more. Of the 685 million of the world’s poorest populations, the most impacted are the children who have lost their fathers or mothers or both parents due to these unprecedented ongoing calamities.

According to UNICEF, there are 153 million children worldwide who are orphans with one or both parents missing. These children are at an increased risk of neglect, abuse, exploitation, teen pregnancy, poverty, and vulnerability to violent extremism. Lack of access to adequate food and nutrition, a safe living environment, healthcare, education, and a sense of love and security leads to delays in age-appropriate developmental milestones. While many factors contribute to a child’s development, we believe that with proper nutrition, attention, love, and access to education, we can help these children turn their lives around.
There is a tremendous reward in supporting orphans in the eyes of Allah SWT, the importance of which has been reiterated over and over in both the Quran and Hadeeth. Instead of feeling bad for these children and moving on, we must ask ourselves, “HOW CAN I HELP?” We must acknowledge our responsibility to help these orphans. With just $1 a day or $365 per year, you can help make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children.

Your support and contribution are essential to ensure a better future for these orphan children around the world.

The Orphan Support Program at Helping Hand for Relief and Development is a comprehensive program that takes care of and nurtures these children. We make sure that our supported orphans are safe and growing up to be confident and successful individuals that can take care of themselves and their families when they come of age. We make sure that they have the necessities of life like food, healthcare, a safe living environment, and access to education. We have a team on the ground that ensures that our supported orphans are safe and doing okay by following up with them at home and school.

Our program is modeled around nurturing the growth of the child with five major components mentioned below:

1. **Subsistence** (monthly ration, clothes, hygiene kits);
2. **Education** (includes school fees, books, and school supplies);
3. **Health** (includes medical checkups, referrals to specialists, medicine, etc.);
4. **Social Upliftment** (includes extracurricular activities) last but not least;
5. **Child Protection Rights** (follow-ups at home and school to protect against abuse or neglect).
When you give towards the Orphan Support Program at Helping Hand you will have the satisfaction of seeing your charity at work with the difference you will see in the growth and the life of your sponsored children. We provide you with an Annual Educational Progress Report and a health screening report. At Helping Hand, we facilitate the correspondence between the donor and their sponsored child. If you wish to connect with the child via email/letters or cards, we will make sure your letter is delivered to your sponsored child and their reply is shared back with you. If you are visiting the country your sponsored child is in, we can arrange for you to meet them.

The Orphan Support Program at Helping Hand has been working to improve the life of our beneficiary orphans and their families since 2005, we have seen the impact of the support this program is bringing to these beneficiaries as many of our supported orphans are now on successful career paths like medicine, engineering, teaching, etc. With contributions to this program, you will make a huge difference in the lives of not just a few children but their entire households and pull them out of cyclical poverty that many generations live through because of a lack of opportunities for growth and success.

Helping Hand is accredited with BBB (Better Business Bureau) and holds a 4-star rating on Charity Navigator with a 100% score in Accountability and Transparency. We are a registered 501C3 in the US that means with your donation receipt from Helping Hand, you can claim your charitable donations as deductibles on your taxes for the year.