
CASE FOR SUPPORT

SHELTER RELIEF



HELPING HAND
FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

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JORDAN

Following the outbreak of the Syrian crisis in 2011, many Syrian families fled to neighboring countries where they stayed in government refugee camps or in tents. The desert of the governorate of Al-Mafraq, located in northeastern Jordan near the Syrian border, has been host to thousands of families who reside outdoors and make a living by working on nearby farms. They have to endure rough weather conditions, horrific rodents, reptiles and wild animals, and forced seclusion from main cities and populated areas.



BANGLADESH

Since 1978, the Rohingya have faced decades of systematic discrimination. Families find themselves stateless and targeted for violence in the Rakhine State, Myanmar. Helping Hand USA has been assisting the Rohingya since 2008 and scaled up assistance during the August 2017 mass migration. An estimated one million Rohingya reside in what has become the world's largest refugee camp: Cox's Bazaar. They remain tremendously vulnerable, living in exceedingly challenging conditions.

PAKISTAN

Due to its unique geography (including 7,200 mountain glaciers) Pakistan has the misfortune of being the 8th most vulnerable country to the climate change crisis. Record breaking heat and superpowered monsoons were responsible for catastrophic floods in 2022. More than a thousand people lost their lives and half a million were left homeless in the wake of the devastation. HHRD stepped up its work in the region, deploying disaster relief responses including emergency shelter homes.



SHELTER HOMES

JORDAN • BANGLADESH • PAKISTAN



In these three locations our goal is to provide shelter facilities for the refugees of Syria, Myanmar and the survivors of natural disasters in Pakistan. Our approach is practical and necessary. We don't seek to accomplish that which governments must attend to: an end to the conflicts that have forced people from their homes and a plan to address climate change. Rather, we focus on making life better for those who had no choice but to run or who have lost everything to the floods.

Caravan homes, meant for Syrian refugees, use high-quality materials known for endurance in extreme temperatures, including galvanized steel, insulation sheets, wooden doors, and solid steel bases. Each interior is designed to resemble a regular home with 1 to 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. Each home is supplied with water and electricity.

Shelter homes for Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh consist of two rooms along with a balcony. The structure is made with bamboo and tarpaulin that can sustain high winds and rains. Homes are provided with solar powered electric fixtures such as fans and bulbs etc.

For Pakistan flood victims, HHRD is providing homes made of brick and mortar. There are one or two rooms along with a kitchen, bathroom and a verandah. Proper electricity and or solar panels are provided.

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SUCCESS STORY

After escaping from the war in Syria, a young girl named Miram was playing beside her family's tent in Jordan. She was attacked by a dog and lost vision in one of her eyes. Caravans of Hope offered her parents a solution to protect Miram and her siblings. Thanks to a generous donor, she will no longer have to sleep on the ground and play in dangerous locations.

THE BENEFITS OF HHRD

Without the Caravans of Hope project, thousands of families would still be living in tents, denied the basic dignity that a home affords. Families would be left out of doors, whether fleeing war, persecution or natural disaster. Our mission is to provide a more normal life for people who find themselves at the mercy of the elements.

HHRD is different from other organizations because we use local labor. Our homes are built to strict standards, using only approved materials. They are capable of withstanding harsh weather conditions, and designed to last for more than a decade.

DONOR SUPPORT

You can be sure that your donation will go directly to building and delivering Caravans of Hope. 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.