### CASE FOR SUPPORT

# **OSP** Orphan Sponsorship Program



# **Expanding Our Impact:** Increasing Orphan Sponsorship for a Brighter Future

**Introduction:** At Helping Hand for Relief and Development, we are proud of our longstanding commitment to providing a secure and nurturing environment for needy orphans. Over the years, our Orphan Sponsorship Program has made a significant difference in the lives of countless children, offering them hope, education, and the chance for a brighter future. As we reflect on our impact and look ahead, we seek opportunities to positively impact sponsored orphans.

**The Need for an Increase:** Our longstanding mission has remained crystal clear: to mitigate the suffering experienced by orphaned children by supplying them with the essential resources required for their well-being. However, the evolving world has prompted us to redouble our efforts.

In the past year, during one of our planned activities for these children, we noticed the conspicuous absence of a child who typically plays a prominent role. Following the event, our social organizer visited the child's home and discovered that the child had gone without food for 48 hours and was too weak to participate. The child's mother had been very sick, leading to the loss of daily wages and lack of food in the home. We promptly addressed the mother's medical needs and ensured there was an ample supply of food in the household before we left.



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Following this event, we conducted a need assessment survey in the 20 countries where Helping Hand implements the Orphan Support Program, and the results showed that the current distribution of food packages along with some other support is insufficient for our orphan children and their families. Our Primary concern is to ensure that our children do not experience hunger. Inadequate access to nutritious food not only takes a physical toll but also leaves a profound emotional impact. Many children were facing academic challenges, such as having to repeat grades or encountering greater difficulties in school compared to those who had regular meals.

Considering our budget limitations, HHRD's immediate response has been to provide additional food packages, increased customized medical, and educational support to our registered children. This initiative has been warmly received by our orphans and their families and they have been reassured that we see their struggles and we have their back.

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Our surveys across the 20 countries where we operate also highlighted the challenges posed by soaring inflation, increased unemployment, and the ever-changing global geopolitical landscape. These factors have led to a growing number of households struggling to make ends meet, resulting in heightened food insecurity among vulnerable populations. Wheat prices have surged, and essential food items such as cooking oil, rice, and sugar have become increasingly expensive. Moreover, natural disasters like hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes have become more frequent and severe, further disrupting food supplies and displacing many underprivileged communities. These events directly affect the well-being of the children we serve, and our support becomes even more critical during these times of economic instability.



**Our Commitment:** Despite these challenges, our commitment to providing a stable and nurturing environment for orphans remains unwavering. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to grow, learn, and dream, regardless of their circumstances. By increasing our sponsorship amount, we can ensure that these children receive the support they need to thrive in the face of adversity.

**How You Can Help:** We deeply appreciate your past support, and we're excited to invite you to be a part of the next chapter in our journey.

#### Starting from January 1st, 2024, the donation amount will increase From \$30 to \$50/ month

By maintaining your monthly support at \$50, you're taking a crucial step towards making a lasting impact. This change in sponsorship rates will apply to all new orphan sponsorships and all Orphan Sponsorship renewals to come in 2024 .With your continued commitment, you will be directly enhancing the well-being of these children through increased food assistance that they urgently require. Your unwavering dedication is invaluable to us and the orphans we are privileged to assist."

**Conclusion:** Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of orphaned children affected by global inflation, unemployment, and food insecurity. Your increased support will enable us to continue our vital work, providing hope, education, and a better future for those who need it most.

Join us in expanding our impact and creating a world where every orphaned child has the chance to thrive. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Sincerely,

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