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HHRD MISSION

HHRD is committed to serving humanity by integrating resources for people in need. We strive to provide immediate response in disasters, and effective programs in places of suffering, for the pleasure of Allah SWT (God Almighty).

ESP MISSION

To transform the lives of deprived children and youth from a foggy to a bright future, by using available resources to implement educational projects.



PROBLEM STATEMENT

In regions challenged by limited resources and economic disparities, access to quality education is an essential catalyst for positive change. Elementary education serves as the foundation, offering children the opportunity to acquire fundamental skills, knowledge, and a pathway out of poverty. At the university level, education not only enhances individual prospects but also cultivates local expertise, innovation, and community development, creating a ripple effect that contributes to economic growth, social mobility, and overall sustainable progress.

OBJECTIVES

- Fulfill the vision that each refugee, orphan and underprivileged child/youth has a right to learn
- Promote quality education through scholarships sponsoring underprivileged youth
- Provide learning centers for literacy learning to children in camps through caravan homes
- Provide all day access to childcare centers for refugee children where they can learn, play and eat in safety and comfort
- Provide higher education opportunities for disadvantaged students, especially OSP graduates
- Provide orphans with access to HHRD's School of Excellence where they can receive a quality education

SERVICE DELIVERY

HHRD's ESP delivers service in cooperation with other HHRD departments including the Orphan Support Program, the Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Program, and the Emergency Relief and Disaster Management Program. We provide:

- Scholarships
- Tuition assistance
- School supplies
- Funds for schools to conduct improvements
- Out of school learning
- Food packages
- Discretionary funds for parents
- Awards
- Activities including clubs, workshops and camps
- Allowance distribution
- Home & school visits
- Food and nutrition packages
- Hygiene packages

COUNTRIES OF OPERATION

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Haiti
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Mexico
- Pakistan
- Uganda
- India
- Bosnia
- Nepal
- Indonesia
- Somalia
- Cambodia

UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global objectives to address pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges to achieve a more sustainable and equitable World by 2030. All United Nations Member States officially adopted these goals in September 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. HHRD's Education Support Program addresses many of these goals, including:

SDG 1. No Poverty: HHRD's Education Support Program aims to alleviate poverty by providing children the means to escape poverty through education and future economic opportunities.

SDG 4. Quality Education: Children from disadvantaged backgrounds gain access to quality education, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge for a brighter future.

SDG 5. Gender Equality: By ensuring that girls have equal access to education, HHRD helps foster a more equitable society.

SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth: By providing children with the education they need, HHRD helps promote a skilled and capable workforce, fostering long-term economic development.

SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities: By ensuring that children from marginalized backgrounds have equal access to education, we can reduce disparities and promote social inclusion.

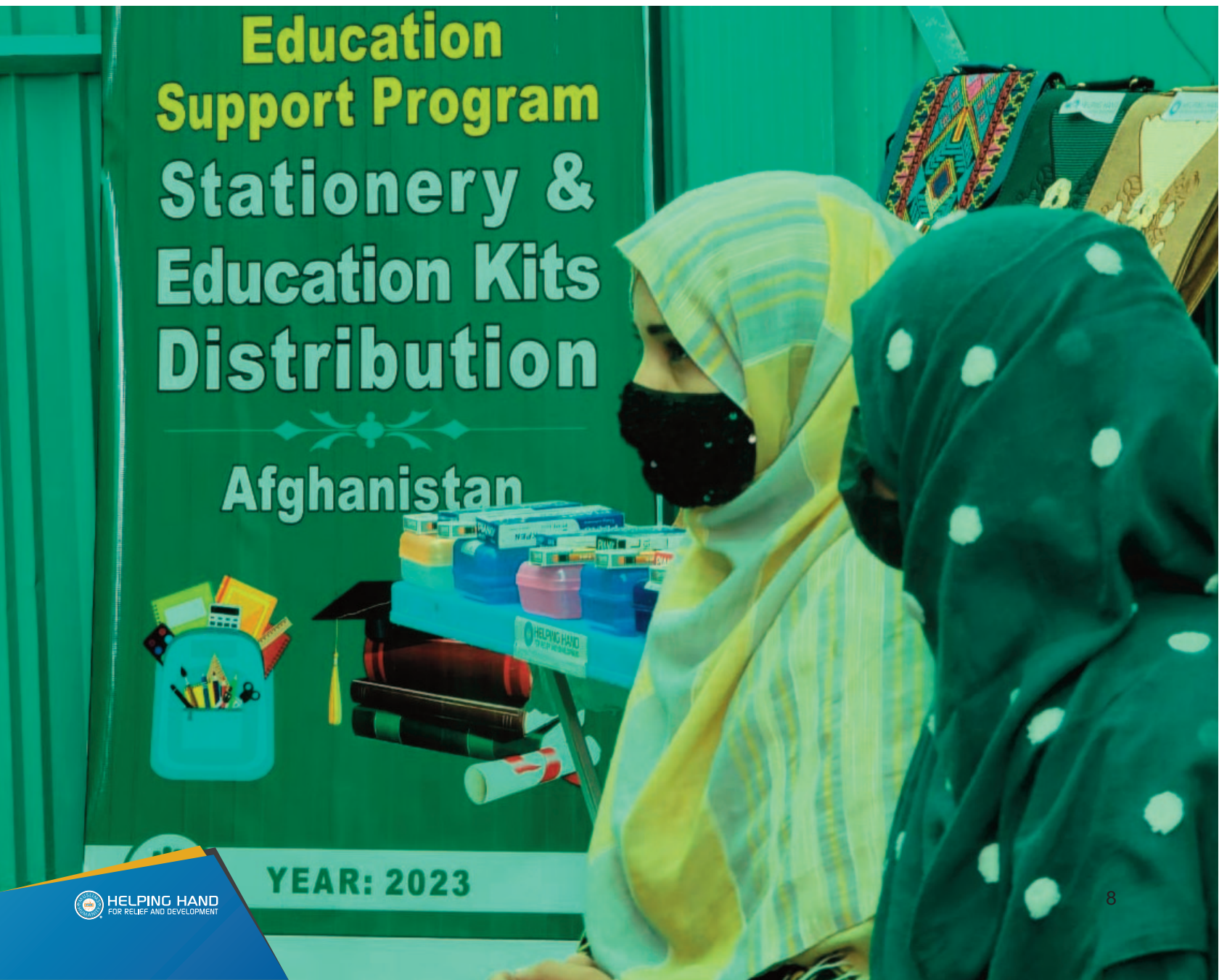
HIGHLIGHTS

Country	Region	Services Provided	Beneficiaries
Afghanistan		Tuition support, transportation support, school supplies for college students.	20
Bangladesh	Cox's Bazaar Refugee Camp	Two Learning centers for young children. Education, food, recreation.	460
Bosnia	Europe	Scholarships to primary and middle school students	72
Cambodia	ASEAN	Scholarships to university students	10
Haiti	Leogane	Backpacks, tuition & food packages for Primary and Middle school students.	50
India		Scholarships to female students	50
Indonesia	ASEAN	Laptops and school supplies	110
Kenya & Uganda	Africa	Education Support, Health care and Food subsistence.	138
Lebanon & Jordan	Middle East and North Africa	Scholarships for higher education and elementary to high school students with full tuition and cash support.	2,211
Mexico		Online help for high school diploma and English language.	36
Nepal		Bus donated for transport of students	60
Pakistan	Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir	Scholarships for higher education, awards, sponsorships, facility upgrades, extracurricular activities, clubs, workshops, internships, out of school children projects etc., total about 20 major components in ESP.	2,720
Somalia	Africa	Elementary school students total care at HHRD School of Excellence	500

AFGHANISTAN

In June 2023, HHRD Afghanistan introduced its inaugural Education Support Program. This initiative aims to provide assistance to young people pursuing higher education, with a particular focus on two groups. First, it addresses students who were beneficiaries of HHRD's Orphan Support Program but found themselves unable to cover the expenses of higher education after leaving OSP due to reaching the age of 18 or completing high school. Second, the program extends its support to financially disadvantaged yet talented youth who lack the means to pursue higher education.

Currently, the program is sponsoring a total of 20 students, enabling them to access higher education opportunities in private institutes and universities. HHRD Afghanistan's Education Support Program strives to bridge the gap, ensuring that deserving students have the chance to continue their education and pave the way for a brighter future.



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AFRICA (Kenya & Uganda)

HHRD provided the following supports in Kenya and Uganda:

- **School Supplies:** Sponsored students received school uniforms, shoes, bags, stationery, books, and exam materials. By providing school supplies, we aim to reduce absenteeism and enhance academic performance.
- **Tuition Fees:** HHRD visited students at school to provide tuition fee checks, ensuring timely payment and communication with the school about students' progress.
- **Health Screenings:** Students were screened during breaks, receiving necessary medical treatment to reduce illness frequency and promote consistent school attendance.
- **Food Distribution:** Families of sponsored students received a month's supply of basic food items, including rice, wheat flour, corn flour, spaghetti, sugar, and cooking oil.
- **School Visits:** HHRD visited schools and homes to ensure that children were developing well in a healthy environment.



SUCCESS STORY

Yasin Musa Fumao was born on August 10, 2008, in Madogo, Tana River County. He is the third child in a family of four and an orphan, residing with his aunt. In 2022, Yasin successfully completed his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, achieving a commendable score of 295 in his final examinations.

With his determination and hard work, Yasin secured admission to AIC Laboret Boys High School for his secondary education. Thanks to the generous sponsorship provided by HHRD, he is now a Form One student at the school.

Yasin's aspirations are focused on the future. He harbors ambitions of attaining a grade of B+ or higher in his studies, which would pave the way for his admission to a university. His goal is to pursue a career in medicine, aiming to become a doctor who can make significant contributions to his community.

In Yasin's own words, "I am grateful for the support of our donors and the assistance provided by HHRD. Their contribution is a source of inspiration for me as I strive to achieve my goals."



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BANGLADESH



Six years since hundreds of thousands fled violence and persecution in Myanmar, Rohingya refugee children and families in Cox' Bazar District of Bangladesh are now facing new challenges. The recent pandemic disrupted life for more than 460,000 Rohingya refugee children. As institutional learning centers were closed for around two years, many of the Rohingya children became distracted from education and there is a high risk of crime, violence and child trafficking.

In partnership with a local, vetted organization, HHRD has enrolled 460 children in two learning centers. For the six months between January and June 2023, children between the ages of 5 and 15 have covered the subjects of English, Burmese, Mathematics, and Life Skills daily. Classes run 5 days per week and sessions are 2 hours long.

This learning center also distributed various items among the students including books, pencils, sandals, water bottles, snacks, food packets, and hygiene kits regularly. The goal of learning center is to make a significant contribution to the achievement of "Education for All."

SUCCESS STORY

Anamul Hassan, a 12-year-old residing in Block H-14 of the sprawling refugee camp in Bangladesh, holds a poignant story of resilience. Originating from Myanmar, he and his parents fled their homeland in the face of harrowing conflict.

During adversity, Anamul finds solace in education, supported by HHRD. With access to essential resources, educational materials, and a nurturing environment, he has blossomed academically and linguistically, mastering Burmese and English while excelling in mathematics. A skilled football player, he dreams of being a teacher and cherishes moments spent with friends. Anamul's gratitude is profound, directed towards the transformative impact of the program on his life and family, while he aspires for continued support to empower more students like him.

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HAITI

Haiti, a Caribbean nation sharing Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, grapples with a harsh socio-economic-political environment. Its history is marred by political violence, resulting in ongoing instability. This turmoil obstructs economic growth, leaving the government ineffective in policy implementation. Consequently, 80% of the population lives below the \$1 US dollar poverty line, with 54% in extreme poverty.

Education is a rarity for many Haitians, as 85% of the system is privately owned. This means most schools charge fees, compounding the challenges in one of the world's poorest nations. In a place where access to quality education is scarce, Haiti's struggle endures.

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SUCCESS STORY

Meet Drickeila BEAUVAIS, a 12-year-old in 7th grade, enrolled in the ESP Program. Her journey is quite remarkable.

Drickeila's life took a turn when her parents separated, leaving her in her mother's care. But her mother, burdened by responsibilities and her father's absence, struggled to provide for her education. With her mother seeking work in the Dominican Republic, Drickeila was left with her aunt. The lack of resources made school attendance difficult.

In her pursuit of a solution, Drickeila's aunt learned about the ESP Program through a contact and reached out to enroll her. Since becoming a part of the program, Drickeila's life has seen a positive transformation. She now attends school with newfound happiness. Her academic prowess shines, as she consistently achieves "Very Good" marks on her exams and leads her class.

Adding to her achievements, this Ramadan, Drickeila embraced Islam and successfully fasted throughout the month. Her dreams are bold; she aspires to become a doctor once she completes her education.



MEXICO

In partnership with a local vetted organization, HHRD is addressing the problem of high school dropouts in Mexico. Whether due to early pregnancy, job constraints or family problems, many young people find themselves unable to attend regular classes. ESP works in cooperation with HHRD's Skills Development and Livelihood Program to help young people stay in high school by simultaneously providing them with skills-based training so that they can start to earn a living.

SUCCESS STORY

Patricia Cabral Santillan, a 26-year-old single mother of two, expressed her determination to complete high school this year. Patricia's motivation comes from a shared experience with her own mother, both going through pregnancy as teenagers without the opportunity to finish secondary school. Patricia's mother did not have the chance to pursue her education further, and Patricia is committed to breaking this cycle.

Patricia's aspirations reach beyond completing high school – she envisions pursuing a career, even if it is something as seemingly simple as hairstyling. The support from HHRD gives Patricia hope and confidence that she can create a better future for herself and her children.

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MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

(JORDAN AND LEBANON)

Thousands of Syrian refugee children in Jordan and Lebanon are deprived their right to receive an education because they cannot afford the related costs. HHRD started this program to support those student's families sending their children to schools (either in private or public schools).

When the ESP started in 2015, we began serving 100 Syrian refugee students in Jordan only. Alhamdulillah, between January and June 2023, HHRD MENA was able to serve 2211 beneficiaries with the following projects in many areas in Jordan and Lebanon:

- **Higher Education Support.** Higher Education is expensive in both Jordan and Lebanon. Many students including HHRD formerly sponsored orphans finish high school, achieve grades that qualify them for higher education but can't afford university tuition fees.
- **Assistance for Pakistani Residents.** Thousands of Pakistani people have lived in Jordan for many years, migrating to alleviate poverty experienced in their home country. The next generation of these migrants have never been to Pakistan. Many families live and work as farmers in the poorest areas of Jordan. These families cannot afford to pay public school fees for their children (around 60 US\$/year). HHRD assists with school fees, supplies and athletic equipment to help those students stay in school and continue their education.
- **Learning Centers for Out of School Children.** In some camps in Almafraq-Jordan, Syrian refugee children have no access to formal or informal education, and they need basic reading and writing skills. By running micro-homes as mobile learning centers, HHRD will ensure that children don't miss out on important skills like math, reading, Arabic, English and Quran.



SUCCESS STORY

Ruqiya Bakkar, an 11-year-old with aspirations of becoming a doctor, has had a difficult life. Orphaned at three years old due to the Syrian civil war, she lost her father and brother. Seeking refuge in Lebanon's Syrian refugee camp alongside her mother and brother, education became a distant hope, compounded by their inability to afford school fees.

However, a turning point occurred when Ruqiya and her mother discovered the Modern Future School, an institution supported by Helping Hand. Enrolled for free, Ruqiya's life underwent a transformative shift. The school not only provided education, but also equipped her with essential supplies and transportation. She excelled academically, fortified by her devotion to both her studies and the Holy Quran, which she diligently memorized alongside her schoolwork. She participated in a Quran recitation competition, where she earned a leading position among the top students. While her journey had its share of tears, her determination remained unshaken.

With her eyes set on the future, Ruqiya wants to realize her dream of becoming a medical doctor, driven by a profound desire to assist those in need, particularly refugees. Grateful for the transformational impact on her life, she extends heartfelt gratitude to the donors of Helping Hand, recognizing their instrumental role in her path to success.

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PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, HHRD provides support from elementary school through university. Our Helping Hand Institute of Rehabilitative Services is an innovative teaching hospital that provides learning experiences for ESP recipients and graduates of the OSP (among others) to earn degrees in health sciences.

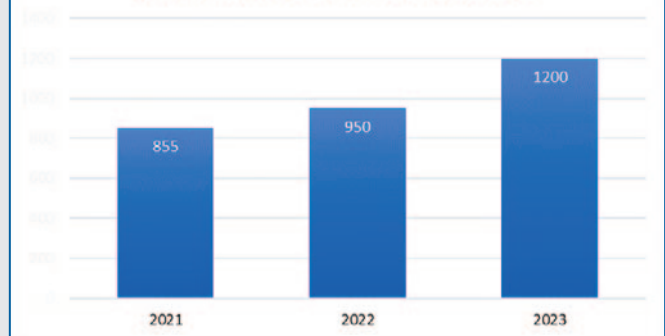
In Pakistan, HHRD provides these major program components:

- 1 Scholarships
- 2 Upgrading of educational buildings/facilities
- 3 Education for out of school children
- 4 Teacher training/capacity enhancement
- 5 Coaching and mentoring of students

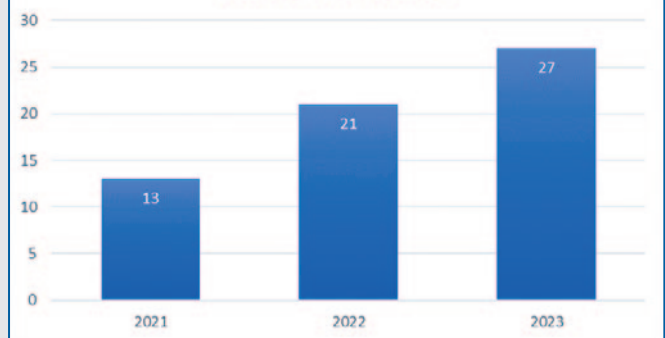


Helping Hand Institute of Rehabilitative Sciences (HHIRS)
A non-profit trust providing educational and clinical services in the field of rehabilitation for last two decades in district Mansehra, Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Pakistan. HHIRS provides 5-year doctoral degrees in physical therapy, 4-year bachelor's degrees in speech and language pathology and prosthetics and orthotics and two-year diplomas in health technology, dental technology, pathology, radiology and physical therapy. The ESP is committed to removing financial barriers for HHRD sponsored students to ensure they can participate in this valuable program.

Intermediate and BS Scholarships



HHIRS Scholarships



Scholarships for Adopted Orphans in 2023:

- 1,200 intermediate and bachelor level students
- 34 professional level students
- 27 scholars at HHIRS (Helping Hand Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences)
- 10 school aged children of Balochastain studying in special school.

In addition to serving participants and graduates of the Orphan Support Program, ESP also provides scholarships for non-orphans. In 2023, we supported:

- 55 general higher education scholars
- 25 Madaris teachers and their children
- 30 NED university students
- 30 general higher education scholarships

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PAKISTAN

SUCCESS STORY

Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman resides near a village in Badin, Sindh, alongside his three brothers and one sister. In 2008, their father tragically passed away from a heart attack. In the wake of this loss, their mother displayed remarkable courage and resilience, shouldering the responsibility of the family. Juggling household tasks, farming, and livestock raising, she ensured their well-being.

In 2011, Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman became a part of HHRD's Orphan Support Program. Enrolled as a 5th-grade student, he received both financial aid and moral encouragement. With the assistance provided by Helping Hand, Mujeeb not only excelled in his 10th and 12th-grade board examinations, achieving an exceptional A+ grade, but also secured admission into the Bachelor of Dental Surgery program at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences.

The ESP extended a scholarship for his medical education, enabling him to complete his BDS degree in 2022. Currently employed at the same university, Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman is steadfast in his commitment to serving his nation with unwavering dedication. His journey stands as a testament to resilience, determination, and hard work, inspiring others facing similar trials. He extends his heartfelt gratitude to HHRD and its benevolent donors for the invaluable support that has shaped his path to success.

