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HELPING HAND
FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

SRP

Shelter Relief Program





Mission and Vision

HHRD is committed to serve 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.

SRP Mission and Vision

To rescue vulnerable families from the elements by providing safe, sturdy homes in locations affected by war and poverty.

INTRODUCTION

Shelter is a basic human need, equally as vital as food and water. Surah An-Nahl says, “It is Allah who has given you shade from what He has created, and places of shelter in the mountains.” To offer these comforts to our brothers and sisters is truly abiding by the word of God.

In desolate conditions, millions of people wake up every morning wishing for a roof over their heads. Like Mahmoud, a 13-year old refugee whose father is too sick to work. Mahmoud joined his uncle herding sheep to make money to support his siblings, but that meant leaving his little brothers and sisters alone in the desert for most of the day. Or Mit Ratin, a 32-year-old Cambodian father of three whose family had little more than a tarp stretched over an open-air frame.

HHRD’s Shelter Relief Program provides refugee and destitute families in Jordan, Lebanon, Bangladesh and Cambodia with sturdy, modern homes equipped with electricity, running water, living, sleeping and eating quarters and a functioning toilet.

By elevating families from the ground, SRP provides safety, comfort and dignity. We can help Mahmoud, Mit Ratin and thousands more like them focus on improving their lives rather than simple survival. We can reduce the death toll suffered by children and families due to exposure, wild animals and dysentery. We see an indescribable joy in our beneficiaries’ eyes when they receive the keys, knowing that from that moment on, they will have a place to call home.



2022 in Review

The Caravans of Hope project was resumed as usual after an interruption due to COVID-19. One and two room caravans were provided to families living in the deserts of Jordan and near the Syrian border in the Zaa'tari Camp. This is the biggest camp, hosting the most Syrian refugee families since the beginning of the crises. This year 351 homes were delivered helping approximately 1,755 individuals find comfort.

The Caravan of Hope Learning Centers project resumed in Lebanon and Jordan. Twenty new Learning Centers were provided for those who did not have ability to go to regular schools due to the instability in their lives. In addition, we provided extra class rooms to existing

schools where students did not have enough space.

Mixed monsoon weather has made the shelter construction in Cox's Bazaar Refugee camps difficult. However, due to our strategy of involving beneficiary communities, dedicated volunteer teams and local government authorities in the proposed project, risks have been successfully mitigated. We have successfully provided 950 shelter homes benefitting about 4,750 individuals.

HHRD launched a Shelter Relief Program in Cambodia targeting very poor fishermen families living in tents or on the same boats they use to fish. Five shelter homes were provided to families, benefitting 26 individuals.

DATA STORY



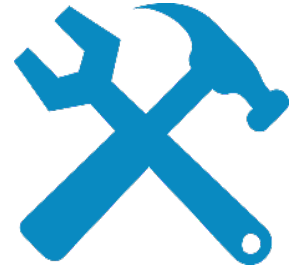
Learning Centers / Extra Class Rooms

Projects	20
Beneficiaries	480



Caravans & Shelter Homes

Projects	1,306
Beneficiaries	6,532



Home Repairs & Maintenance

Projects	30
Beneficiaries	175



REFUGEES IN JORDAN & LEBANON



Following the outbreak of the Syrian crisis in 2011, many Syrian families fled to neighboring countries where they stayed in government refugee camps or 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 made a living by working in nearby farms. They had to endure the rough weather conditions, the horrific rodents, reptiles and wild animals, and forced seclusion from main cities and populated areas that were difficult to reach.

HHRD's SRP targeted the desert area near the Syria-Jordan border in Al-Mafraq and the desert of Madaba. This area (official refugee camps like Zaa'tari Syrian Refugee Camp & others) shelters thousands of families under the severe weather conditions (temperatures can drop to -10°C (14°F) in the winter and rise to 55°C (131°F) in the summer).

Learning Centers / Extra Class Rooms



Many refugee children are not enrolled in school due to the transient nature of their living situations and limited transportation. To address this need, HHRD's Caravans of Hope project constructs informal school/class room structures where children can learn the basics in preparation of a return to formal government-sponsored schools. In addition, we improve existing learning centers to provide room for those who are studying in overcrowded facilities. Here is what one of the students had to say:

"Our school is not like any other school. It's a second home where teachers are like our big sisters and the principal is as dear as a mother to all of us.

Nothing compares to the times we spend at school learning and making new friends. If I was asked what I would change about my school, the only change I could think of would be moving to another classroom. We (the 24 students of the 5th grade) were given the

kitchenette of the school as a classroom. It looked nothing like a learning hall. It did not have the proper equipment nor did it serve the purpose of learning.

Everything changed, however, after HHRD gifted us a mobile caravan that we can use as a classroom. It is well-lit and comes with the most comfortable seats. It is spacious and feels so cozy with its wooden floors. Thank you to HHRD, its donors, and its employees."



Home Renovations for Palestinian Refugees



The plight of the Palestinian Refugees is ongoing, and some of the refugee camps were established up to forty years ago. The residents are no longer living in tents, but in homes, many of which need maintenance. One family narrowly escaped being hit by the roof as it collapsed, thankfully while most of the children were at school. They had no funds to repair it, and their situation was dire for a long time until HHRD intervened.

The Home Renovation Project provides skilled craftsmen and quality construction materials to help improve identified homes to standards necessary for human habitation. This includes making sure that each home has a functioning kitchen and bathroom. Additional rooms are built, in case the space is not enough for bigger families.



SUCCESS STORY

Nawal Kamel Abu Rafea passed away in 2014, leaving three young children behind. The family, which consisted of ten individuals including adults, used to live in their grandfather's two bedroom home. After conducting a needs assessment, the staff at HHRD determined it would be best for the children and their mother to have their own home. Construction was completed on a separate house with its own kitchen and bathroom. By the grace of Allah and thanks to the donors, the family now owns their own home that shelters them from the heat of the summer and the cold of winter.

SUCCESS STORY



ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH

The Rohingya people have faced decades of systematic discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar. Such persecution has forced Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh for many years, with significant spikes following violent attacks in 1978, 1991-1992, and again in 2016. August 2017 triggered by far the largest and fastest exodus into Bangladesh. Since then, an estimated 745,000 Rohingya—including more than 400,000 children—have fled to Cox's Bazar, one of the biggest refugee camps in the world.



Aman Ullah has four members in his family, two daughters and his wife. They fled their village when the Myanmar Army started a burning campaign that left them homeless. After walking for two days, they reached the border of Bangladesh. Currently they are living in a camp named Balukahli and Aman is prohibited by the authorities from doing any work outside the camp.

When they arrived in Bangladesh, they received help from some charities and local people. “We got a temporary tarpaulin tent as shelter to live in,” Aman Ullah said, “On rainy days, water would enter the tent from many places. It became damaged and even more rain got in.”

Life was difficult until HHRD arrived and presented them with a sturdy dwelling. The walls and the roof are capable of withstanding the weather, and the home uses solar energy to provide electricity so that the children can study at night. The family can even use an electric fan to provide much needed relief from the summer heat.

“May Allah bless the donors who provided such a beautiful house for us. May Allah accept your kind efforts ”



CAMBODIA SHELTER PROJECT

HHRD's SRP works in rural communities in Cambodia where people have been living below the poverty line for generations. Forty years ago, the country suffered under the genocidal regime of Pol Pot. Many residents lost family members and homes, while communities lost schools, hospitals, and roads. In some areas there is still not much infrastructure, and many families lack private bathrooms, running water and electricity.

Sufferings multiplied in harsh weather and in the rainy seasons. Those who have little or no shelter fall on desperate times. Some people survive by building tarps, or by living on the same boats they use to fish.

HHRD built houses for five targeted families and 27 individuals benefited due to this intervention.

SUCCESS STORY

Zen Rornith and her husband Sman, both 28 years old, were living in a tent with their four children. A deftly constructed frame of natural wood with an elevated table for sleeping was covered by a simple series of tarps and blankets. The family had no kitchen, other than a pot in one corner. There was no running water and no bathroom for the family to use. The meager shelter provided little protection from the weather, and no protection from animals or other people.

Thanks to the gracious donors of HHRD, this young couple received a shelter home with a steel frame. It is elevated off the ground to protect against wildlife, and has a locking door to protect from vandals. With a hardwood floor and a tank to provide running water, this family's future has been secured.