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HHRD Mission

HHRD is committed to serving humanity by integrating resources for those in need. We strive to provide immediate responses in disasters and effective programs in places of suffering, all for the pleasure of Allah.

ESP Mission

Our mission is to utilize all available resources to implement educational projects aimed at transforming the lives of deprived children from a bleak to a bright future.

2023 In Review

The Education Support Program offers tuition assistance, food, school supplies, and more for families in need to ensure that children can attend school. Often collaborating with the Orphan Support Program, this exemplifies HHRD's integrated approach to humanitarian aid. Education serves as the primary vehicle through which families and communities can transcend the poverty threshold, offering a brighter future for youth. We work with children from elementary school through university to provide them with the support they need to achieve their goals. The Higher Education Support Program awards scholarships to deserving graduates of the OSP program and other needy youth, furthering HHRD's commitment to their well-being.

Countries Served

2023 Beneficiaries	
Pakistan	2,720
Jordan	1,146
Lebanon	1,065
Bangladesh	460
Kenya	134
Uganda	30
Laos	130
Thailand	128
Indonesia	110
Haiti	50
India	50
Bosnia and Herzegovina	83
Nepal	60
Afghanistan	32
Mexico	50
Malaysia	16
Cambodia	10
Grand Total	6,274

Country Reports

Pakistan

Pakistan

- University scholarships for OSP (Orphan Support Program) graduates
- Higher education scholarships for deserving and talented students (OSP Graduates)
- General scholarships for higher education
- Higher education scholarships for teachers of Madaris (religious institutions)
- Learning centers for out of school children
- Upgrade and repair of existing school buildings
- Mentoring & coaching in the form of leadership camps and career counseling
- Internships with HHRD offices across the country



HHRD's Education Support Program improves access to education for students, particularly those who live in poor and geographically remote areas of Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. HHRD strengthens

the education system by upgrading and renovating educational institutions, providing supplies for educational institutions, and giving scholarships to students from elementary school through university. ESP is committed to increasing and improving access to education for all without any discrimination.

The goals of the program are:

1. To improve access to education for orphans and vulnerable children
2. To support educational organizations and institutions
3. To develop and empower teachers
4. To encourage out-of-school children to attend non-formal learning centers for basic literacy skills
5. To focus on students' emotional, intellectual, and social development

In Pakistan, ESP partners with the Orphan Support Program and the Healthcare and Nutrition Program to support children through to adulthood. We offer scholarships, internship opportunities and enrollment in our HHIRS (Helping Hand Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences).

Higher Education Support Program (HESP)



After completing their 10th-grade education, these orphan students transition to the Scholarship Project, which facilitates their pursuit of higher education, including intermediate and graduation levels. This initiative not only provides financial support but also incorporates education and career counseling, guiding youth towards becoming valuable contributors to society and participants in positive development.

HESP Scholarship at HHIRS (Helping Hand Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences) Include:

- 100% College Dues
- Hostel Facility
- Laptops
- Medical facility
- Pocket money
- Uniform and Shoes
- Books and Stationery
- Travelling Expenses as per need

Bangladesh

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- Learning Center for displaced Rohingya children

The Rohingya are a Muslim minority group in Myanmar, hundreds of thousands of whom were forced to seek shelter in Bangladesh. Cox's Bazar is home to 33 refugee camps clustered together in a congested, five-mile plot of land. Many refugees are destitute, lacking money, food, and shelter.

HHRD provides basic education for Rohingya refugee children in a designated learning center. Students are equipped with school supplies, hygiene items, and daily meals. We teach life skills, basic reading, and math, while also offering entertainment and psychosocial support to help children regain some semblance of normalcy in their lives.

Extracurricular activities include games, cultural programs, Quran recitation, drawing, and gardening. Children receive winter clothes, Eid clothing, hygiene kits, health awareness workshops, and food packages. Counseling is available to help children traumatized by life's events. Activities promoting resilience, such as painting, artwork, poetry recitation, and home visits, are provided.



A total of 460 Rohingya children have greatly benefited from these Learning Centers.

Success Story



My name is Rahma. I am 9 years old and a student in Al-Hidaya Learning Center by Helping Hand for Relief & Development. We came from Maung Daw Township, Bagoong Village, Arakan State in Myanmar. In August 2017, the Myanmar military attacked us, destroyed mosques and schools, firing with arms and burning houses in our village. We were forced to leave our home and look for a secure place to live.

In the camp, the environment is not friendly. But I still enjoy school. I receive education kits, food, clothes and other necessary things from Al-Hidaya Center. The teaching environment is beneficial. In addition to the rations, the center makes my life easy to some extent. Alhamdulillah, this kind of aid has changed our life and mitigated our family's worries.

Alhamdulillah I can read and write Burmese and English, and I am good at Mathematics. I love reading books and playing with friends in my free time. My hobby is drawing. I want to be a teacher when I grow up. Thanks to all the donors who have made this possible.

Middle East and North Africa

Jordan and Lebanon

- Support for children in public schools
- Support for children in private schools
- Family education support program
- Higher education support
- Internships with HHRD
- Baccalaureate Support for Refugees and Local Youth
- Higher Education Support for Syrian Refugees
- Primary School Educational Support for local Lebanese Students
- School Educational Support for Syrian Refugees
- Mobile learning centers
- Allowance for daily needs

Thousands of refugee children in Jordan and Lebanon are deprived of their right to receive a proper education for many reasons. Parents can no longer afford to pay the school tuition fees, and those who graduate have a hard time finding jobs. Accordingly, many of those children go to work or stay on the streets. HHRD started this program to help those children through suitable educational projects to bring them back to school and turn their future from a foggy one into a prosperous one. HHRD partners with three vetted local organizations to provide scholarships for both higher education and primary school in Lebanon. ESP provides families with an allowance so that they can keep sending children to schools. Funds can be spent on whatever is most pressing for the family, whether that is food, clothing, shoes or heating oil.



ESP in Public Schools

This support is offered to Syrian refugee families, who have their children work odd jobs to earn money and are unable to afford extra expenses associated with sending their children to public schools. Despite it being free, HHRD pays support money to these families per student to not only take care of the family need but also cover costs such as transportation, backpacks, school supplies, uniform, shoes, etc. HHRD implements both home and school visits to check on sponsored children and make sure that they are thriving.

ESP in Private Schools

ESP supports private school education when public schools are either not available, or don't have the capacity to enroll more students. HHRD directly pays the schools to take care of all the educational needs such as tuition, backpacks, school supplies, uniform, shoes, transportation, etc. Home and school visits are conducted to make sure children are well cared for and succeeding in their classes.



Higher Education Support Program

Higher Education is expensive in both Jordan and Lebanon. Many students finish high school and achieve grades qualifying them to go to college, however, they cannot afford university tuition fees. HHRD developed the Higher Education Support Program to deliver full and partial scholarships to help enroll deserving young people and pave the way towards a bright future and career opportunities.



Mobile Learning Center

In refugee camps, children don't always have access to formal education. Until they can be enrolled in regular school, HHRD provides the School of Hope Mobile Learning Center for children to interact in a safe environment and enhance their skills. We teach basic Arabic, English, math and Quran to keep children on track. One mobile learning center served 24 scholars with classes three times per week.



Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Cambodia

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- Scholarships for university students

Education is very important for everyone, especially in developing countries. Cambodia today needs a lot of human resources to help the communities, and education is of primary concern. Due to daily challenges, most poor Cambodians are forced to drop out of school without completing their high school diploma. They are unable to continue their studies at college, and consequently must face unemployment, thus becoming trapped in a cycle of poverty. HHRD has partnered with a vetted local organization to launch a scholarship program for deserving young people so that they can attend university and improve their lives. This scholarship is offered at four different universities and served ten students in 2023.



Thailand

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Students in grades 1-6 at Khlong Song School

HHRD focused on the Khlong Song School, located in an economically disadvantaged area in Bangkok, Thailand. The region is characterized by its notable cultural and religious diversity. Beneficiaries in grades 1-6 were selected to receive clothing, bags, school supplies, shoes and tuition fees. These items helped students arrive at school ready to learn and relieved some of the burden their parents faced when trying to manage the family budget.

Laos

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- Elementary school student support in two schools

Recognizing the critical role education plays in shaping individuals and societies, this initiative addresses the diverse needs and challenges students face in two remote villages.

HHRD and its vetted local partners reached out to the head of each village. It was determined that we could provide the most assistance by delivering supplies directly to the schools including whiteboards, markers, pencils and uniforms. We brought these items to two elementary schools in coordination with the village leaders, so that teachers could begin using them right away.

Indonesia

Indonesia

- Laptop distribution
- School kits for orphans
- Eyeglasses for students

To support learners in Indonesia, HHRD partnered with a vetted local organization to provide laptops, school kits and eyeglasses.

The glasses assistance program for orphans and poor people began with an eye examination by the optics team on September 16th, 2023. The beneficiaries were very enthusiastic about getting free glasses because they were very useful and addressed a common problem a child had when struggling to read the board. For some children, this was their first pair of eyeglasses, allowing them to see clearly for the first time. Others had old eyeglasses that were either falling apart or no longer contained the right prescription. During this distribution, we also held a fun event for beneficiaries.

“Alhamdulillah, I was able to get free glasses for my child. By receiving this, I hope that my child can attend a higher level of education, can excel and be of benefit to everyone,” said Mrs. Siti, one of the parents.

The school Kits distribution activity was done on September 16th, 2023, and laptops were gifted to ten students who previously had no computer.



Malaysia

Malaysia

- Laptop distribution for university students
- Tuition for secondary school

HHRD provided two interventions in Malaysia: tuition aid and laptop distribution. Selected tuition aid beneficiaries showed a very high interest in and enthusiasm for their studies. They were in danger of having to drop out without assistance. HHRD provided tuition, food and transportation to these children to enable them to continue their studies.

In addition, many university students do not own a computer, and are not able to fully participate in the digital age. High achievers used school computers, library computers, borrowed computers from family members, classmates or teachers to complete their work. With their own laptops, they will be better able to manage their time, learn online and excel in classes.

Nepal

Nepal

- Provision of school bus for Madrasa Kulliya Summaiya Lilbanat, a girls' school.

HHRD began its work in Nepal in 2015 in response to a devastating earthquake. Since then, many important projects have been undertaken by the Orphan Support Program, Water for Life, and Healthcare and Nutrition. In 2023, HHRD Nepal added the Education Support Program to its list of effective programs to further help and support our beneficiaries. ESP was identified as a much-needed program based on a survey conducted by the HHRD team, field team and OSP graduates. In the first instance, a school bus has been gifted to one of the deserving schools in remote village of Nepal.



Africa

Africa

- School of Excellence in Somalia
- Scholarships for Middle and High School students.
- Youth leadership program
- Provision of food, health screenings, school supplies & tuition for sponsored orphans

The Education Support Program works in partnership with the Orphan Support Program in Africa to provide sponsored children with tuition, school supplies, food, health screenings and psychosocial support through activities and home visits.

The School of Excellence, scholarships for middle and high school students and Youth Leadership program further demonstrates ESP's holistic approach to education. These additional initiatives are aimed at contributing to the development of well-rounded students, preparing them not only academically but also in terms of leadership and personal growth.



School of Excellence

HHRD's School of Excellence (SOE) was established in 2014 in Mogadishu, Somalia. It provides quality education to orphans and vulnerable children, from internally displaced people and host communities, in a safe and enabling environment. The school has employed the best principles and practices including free food, health screenings, hygiene supplies, school supplies and uniforms etc.



Afghanistan

Afghanistan

- Scholarships for orphans to attend university
- Laptop distribution
- School supplies distribution

HHRD Afghanistan sponsored 2,600 orphan children and helped them go to school until they turned 18. Many of these deserving young people were not able to enroll in government universities due to strict competition. Nor could they afford to attend private universities. In response, HHRD introduced the Higher Education Support Program in Afghanistan to provide scholarships and pay for things like school supplies and transportation. In 2023, two sponsored students graduated, including one woman who graduated with a degree in ultrasound technology.



Success Story



She is a nurse now!

Zarifa lost her father when she was only 11 years old. HHRD sponsored her as an orphan and continued to provide support until she completed her nursing course. The problem was that she couldn't afford the practical classes after graduation.

"I stayed home for four months and suffered from stress for a long time before I got sponsorship under education support program of HHRD," said Zarifa.

She was quickly sponsored and enrolled, following up her practical work with an ultrasound course. With the help of HHRD donors, she completed her course work and started working in a hospital.

India

India

- Scholarships for Islamic university students

Jameatus Salehat is a higher Islamic educational institution dedicated exclusively to advanced Islamic and Arabic studies for girls. Founded in 1956, it has been operating successfully and is now a recognized symbol of Islamic education. Jameatus Salehat firmly believes in the principle that education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial status. To uphold this belief, the institution maintains a special fund to support talented girls who lack the financial resources for their education. With the assistance of HHRD donors, Jameatus Salehat provides education to these students.

Mexico

Mexico

- Secondary school completion for adults through Alternative Education
- High school completion for adults through Alternative Education
- English as a second language classes

In the State of Mexico, there has been a prolonged struggle to lift population out of illiteracy, segregation, and poverty.

Consequently, we decided to focus on improving educational pathways toward certifications for adults who had previously dropped out of school. The Alternative Educational System offers elementary school studies, high school studies and English as a second language. By helping adults formalize and complete their education, we can make inroads toward solving these pressing issues.



Bosnia

Bosnia

- Scholarships for Elementary to high school students
- Scholarships for university students

Working with a vetted local partner, HHRD provided scholarships for elementary to high school and university students in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Scholarships were delivered to student bank accounts in a ceremony conducted on June 17, 2023.



Haiti

Haiti

- Scholarships for primary, secondary & high school students
- Food packages
- Provision of backpacks

Haiti is a Caribbean country that shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, and the country has been plagued by political violence for most of its history.

85% of the schools in Haiti are non-public schools and many parents have a hard time paying for their kids' tuitions. We work with local schools and communities to identify those with struggling payment history. In addition to providing help with school fees, HHRD also delivers food during Ramadan and backpacks full of school supplies so the children can study.

