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Our Mission: To Break Barriers and Transform Education

Breaking Barriers:

HHRD's Education Support Program tears down educational barriers for children living in remote areas as well as those families who cannot afford education.

Overall Development:

HHRD promotes comprehensive development and empowerment of communities by providing their youths with exposure and mentoring, so they gain confidence and build their destiny.

Transformative Education:

ESP emphasizes the transformative power of education through various confidence- building trips and exercises for orphan students, changing the trajectory of entire families and communities.

From the Desk of the Program Manager

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits.

On behalf of the Education Support Program teams and beneficiaries, I extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contributions. Your support has been transformative and incredibly impactful in the lives of many children. Your donations provide not just education, but a future filled with hope and possibilities.

This past year brought numerous complications due to volatile global situations with strict financial regulations, but our commitment to empowering children through education remains unwavering.

Despite these hurdles, our students have excelled academically and many of them have pursued higher education, transforming their lives and their families' destinies.

The ripple effect of education extends beyond individual success, fostering economic and social growth within their communities.

Your continued support will be crucial in achieving these goals.

Thank you once again for your generosity and trust. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of many.

May you be blessed with prosperity and joy. With deepest gratitude,

Hafiz Amjad Saeed
Program Manager ESP



Aspirations Become Achievements

According to UNESCO, over 260 million children and youth are out of school worldwide. The causes are as painful as they sound, from forced conscription into armed militia groups, child weddings and displacement, the children we serve have few options available to them. Sometimes, the decision to abandon education comes simply from a lack of funds, making HHRD's commitment to fighting poverty through education essential.

The core function of ESP is to provide free education to children and youths, empowering them to become functional members of society. This holistic approach hinges on need-based interventions, including mentorship, mental and physical healthcare, food provision, scholastic material, and eyeglasses to ensure nothing hinders our children from attaining a brighter future. This multi-faceted approach is born from our dedication to better equip the next generation with tools to break the cycle of poverty and find a sustainable future.

We have many program components, including scholarships, expansion of existing educational facilities, education for out-of-school children, capacity enhancement for teachers and tutoring. We also give away school supplies, including backpacks, hygiene kits and laptops. HHRD even established Learning Centers in places where there is no formal school option to overcome the challenges our children face. Students with disabilities may be eligible for free wheelchairs, and most sponsored families also receive seasonal help such as coats and blankets in the winter and extra food during Ramadan.

Donors can choose to support the project in general or sponsor a specific child or children. We work in partnership with other HHRD departments such as the Higher Education Support Program, the Orphan Support Program, the Skills Development and Livelihood Program and the Healthcare and Nutrition Program to ensure our beneficiaries receive the intensity of care they need. Many orphans transition through the ESP, receiving scholarships and internships that allow them to achieve advanced degrees and support their families. Jazak Allah Khair for your interest in our program and support of education worldwide.

2024 Flashback

Asia	MENA	ASEAN
Pakistan, India, Kashmir Valley, Afghanistan, Bangladesh	Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine	Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal
Pakistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,074 students impacted Learning centers for out of school children enrolled 85 students 	Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1080 students supported, including 50 university scholarships for Syrian refugees 	Philippines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 scholarships for university students 21 scholarships for school-aged children
Afghanistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHRD supported 50 students in the year 2024, 12 of them completed their higher education and 3 got jobs; currently, 38 students sponsored 	Palestine/West Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1440 students received school kits 	Cambodia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 scholarships for university students
Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3600 school kits distributed 520 children were served K-6th grade. 1122 sessions provided structured learning opportunities 	Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,264 beneficiaries in five locations 137 higher education students supported Two mobile learning centers enrolled 40 children 	Nepal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 students supported in six locations.

Europe	LAC	Africa
Bosnia	Haiti, Mexico	Kenya, Somalia, Uganda
Bosnia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 112 scholarships for primary and secondary school students 	Haiti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 learners supported Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 172 beneficiaries 	Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 students supported Uganda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 students enrolled

Diverse Initiatives

Learning Options for Out of School Children

Many of the children ESP serves have been through significant trauma. The disruption in learning is just one of the ways that trauma repeats itself and families become trapped in a cycle of poverty. HHRD provides three different projects across three different regions for children who are out of school. Whether addressing the needs of youth in Pakistan or refugee families in Jordan and Lebanon, these facilities are vital for the resilience of many Muslim communities.

Mobile Learning Centers

Jordan and Lebanon



Refugees suffer multiple disruptions in their lives, including interrupted education. Camps are often established in locations without convenient access to public schools. To help children maintain and improve their skills in anticipation of official enrollment, HHRD's ESP provides Mobile Learning Centers (MLCs) in Jordan and Lebanon. In partnership with the Shelter Relief Program, these learning centers are tailored to the building specifications of individual refugee camps while maintaining the quality of products and materials HHRD is known for.

ESP provides accessible learning centers in refugee camps to keep children from suffering too much learning loss. In addition, learning centers serve to increase social skills, bolster self-confidence and help solve the problem of over-crowding in host country public schools.

Childcare Centers

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



Beyond Education, HHRD provides Rohingya refugees with essentials such as childcare facilities, nourishing food, hygiene kits, medical treatment, and fun extracurricular activities.

HHRD has established two Child-Care Centers for Rohingya children in the refugee camps. In 2024, in one of the centers, 300 children participated in 1,122 classes. 70 extracurricular events engaged more than 10,000 attendees.

Out of School Youth Pakistan



In Pakistan, approximately 25.3 million children aged 5 to 16 are out of school. These children face significant risks, including child labor, early marriage, and limited future economic opportunities.

HHRD provides education centers for out of school children, putting their futures back on track and restoring a sense of accomplishment to their lives.

Continuity for Sponsored Orphans



ESP works in partnership with other HHRD departments, including the Orphan Sponsorship Program. Many of our beneficiaries enter the program when their lives are disrupted due to the death of the family's provider.

In addition to overwhelming grief, these children struggle with hunger, homelessness and exploitation until they are welcomed into the Helping Hand family. Once enrolled, children have access to multiple programs throughout their lifespan, including Education Support, Higher Education Support, Seasonal Support and more.

School of Excellence (SOE)



HHRD's School of Excellence for orphans in Mogadishu, Somalia was founded in October 2014. Offering free primary and middle school education to orphans, IDPs, and local children, the School of Excellence is the only official school managed by HHRD. It rose from a need identified in the area because many sponsored orphans did not have any educational options available to them. With an enrollment of 500, HHRD's School of Excellence provides more than just coursework. Daily meals, school uniforms, shoes and psychosocial support are also delivered to students, whether sponsored independently or not. Each student receives daily meals as well as uniforms, shoes and school kits.

Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)



ESP was active in the Philippines, Laos and Cambodia, providing much needed educational support to children of all ages. In Cambodia, HHRD provided scholarships for university students, while in the Philippines, the focus was divided between university level and primary students. Unfortunately, overcrowding in public schools leaves some families with few educational options. While schools run by the Catholic Church are available, many Muslim families would prefer a different option, and HHRD makes that possible through tuition assistance.

Needs-Based Program for Single Mothers



ESP in Mexico consists of 4 different program levels from elementary school to English language classes. Almost 70% of female graduates are working mothers with dependents. Achieving an educational certificate will improve the lives of the entire family, allowing these mothers to make more money and advance their job prospects.

Higher Education Support



Graduation from secondary school is only the beginning for our scholars. HHRD links graduates of OSP and ESP with internships and scholarships to fully support them on their journey to a professional career. Armed with a degree, these young people become a force for good in their communities, going on to support others and make a difference wherever they live.

Sustainable Solutions

HHRD is implementing innovative and sustainable educational solutions tailored to the unique needs of each region. Here are just a few of the needs we have met by listening to the local communities we serve:

- We provided a bus in a village in Nepal to make school accessible for rural children
- We equipped schools in Lahore with new desks and other furniture in partnership with the In-Kind Donation Department
- Our Caravan of Hope Learning Centers are powered by solar electricity, enabling children to learn in comfort while prioritizing the environment



Helping Hand Institute for Rehabilitative Sciences (HHIRS)

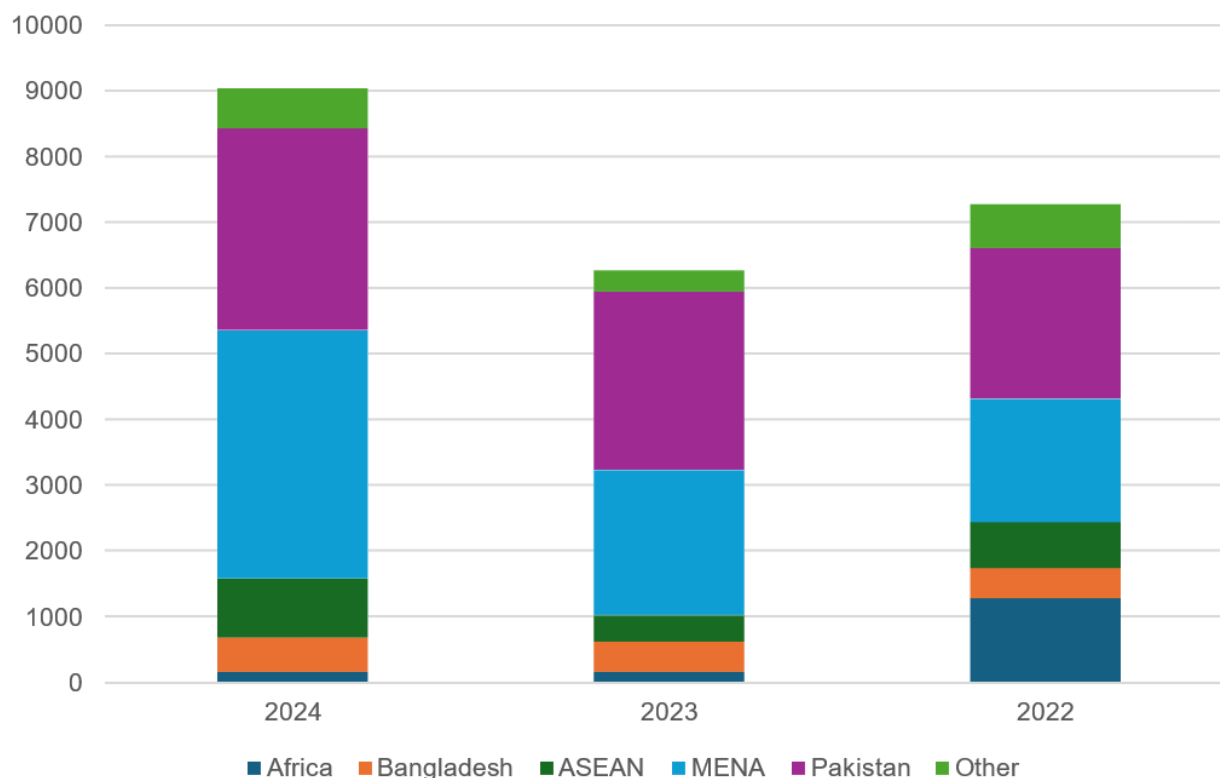


Established in 2012, HHIRS has been providing full 5 -year scholarships for selected ESP orphan scholars to pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT). As a teaching facility, HHIRS provides youth with degree programs as well as internships. It is a unique service that supports the community while ensuring a future for the brightest recipients.

Data Tells a Story

In 2024 alone, ESP assisted **9,047** students in continuing their education from elementary school through university.

Beneficiaries by Year and Region



Since 2005, ESP has changed the lives of **368,136** young people and their families.

Growth Over the Years

Country	2024	2023	2022
Afghanistan	38	32	
Africa	165	164	1277
Bangladesh	520	460	460
Bosnia	112	83	54
Cambodia	10	10	
Haiti	50	50	50
India	188	50	565
Indonesia	213	110	400
Laos	360	130	
Malaysia	15	16	
MENA	2344	2211	1881
Mexico	172	50	
Nepal	50	60	
Pakistan	3074	2720	2294
Palestine (WB)	1440		
Philippines	46		
Thailand	250	128	300
Totals	9047	6274	7281

The Children of Bhara Kahu



In 2023, the streets of Bhara Kahu, a rural area in East Islamabad, Pakistan, were home to 22 children who had been excluded from formal education. These children, aged between 7 to 14, spent their days engaged in manual labor, begging, or simply wandering the streets, vulnerable to exploitation and neglect. Lacking even basic literacy and numeracy skills, they had no access to structured learning environments and were at risk of being trapped in a cycle of poverty and marginalization. Recognizing their dilemma, ESP established a Child Learning Center in Bhara Kahu, offering these children a safe space to learn and grow.

Today, these children have successfully transitioned to mainstream education, thanks to the support of HHRD donors. Each child received non-formal education tailored to their needs, including literacy, numeracy and essential life skills. Over the course of the year, ESP also provided school supplies, uniforms, and psychological support. Once their skills improved, they were able to enroll in traditional schools, putting them back on track to graduate with their peers. Thanks to the gracious support of our donors, each of these children will have the opportunity to uplift their families and communities in the future, breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and improving the lives of countless others.

From Refugee to Graduate



Hiba -Al- Ghoutani, a 22-year-old Syrian woman, escaped civil war and sought refuge in Jordan in 2012.

Her family of five lived on \$300 per month, which was her father's income in Jordan. However, even that amount would dry up after her father's illness and death.

She was a hard-working student and despite her family's poor living conditions, she studied diligently until she finished high school and enrolled in HHRD's Higher Education Support Program. She was able to join Luminous Technical College in Jordan to complete her major in Pharmacy.

Alhamdulillah, she graduated in September 2024.

Hiba says, "HHRD was my sole motivation for continuing my studies; otherwise, I would have dropped out a long time ago because I could not afford university tuition. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to HHRD and the donors' unwavering support. Your generosity has provided hope throughout my journey!"



Atika, 10 years old, Camp 15, Cox's Bazar

"When I first started school, I found multiplication very hard, and it made me frustrated. But my teachers supported me and encouraged me to keep trying. Now I can solve problems easily and even help my friends! I feel so proud of myself."



Cesar, 13 years old, Tecamac, Mexico

"This year, the teacher called to tell me I could attend a new circle of study only five minutes from my house. It was good for me because I hate math. I am slow, and if I am not face- to-face in math, I don't catch it. I am happy because I am only two years behind in school. I think I could end secondary and later high school, and my cousins and I are happy for that. Maybe I could study a career and have a normal life."



Zahidullah, HESP student, Pasham Gul, Afghanistan

"Alhamdulillah, through this program I was able to earn Halal rizq for my family. I am grateful to the donors of HHRD for sponsoring me up to this point."



Salama, Ngomani High School, Malindi, Kenya

The loss of a previous scholarship caused Salama to drop out of school. She would not have been able to continue without HHRD's donor sponsorship.



Zainab Wani, Jammu & Kashmir

"Along with myself, I witnessed the struggles of students in my locality who were denied education due to their low socio-economic circumstances. I feared the same fate. However, HHRD's donors ensured my school enrollment. With their support, I want to thrive and become a pilot. I want to fly."

Looking Ahead...

The Prophet (SAW) said:

"Call upon Allah with certainty that He will answer you" [Sunan al-Tirmidhi 3479]



Following this hadith, we are excited about the future of our youth!

Coming soon, we plan to expand our reach, offering services to more children in more locations, including Ecuador and Ghana, and enhancing the services we already provide. We intend to deliver more Mobile Learning Centers and implement new initiatives that cater to the evolving needs of our students. In addition, we envision better communication with the public and our donors to showcase the extraordinary stories of our beneficiaries. Your support is vital to our efforts, and we appreciate the time you spent reading this report. May Allah bless you for your intentions.

Thank you



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