



CASE FOR SUPPORT



Teaching Communities to Fish



People don't like handouts; they don't want to be dependent. Helping Hand for Relief and Development's (HHRD) Skills Development and Livelihood Program (SDLP) understands this and aims to empower individuals with the skills and opportunities they need to achieve self-sufficiency. Hence, the program was designed to give people dignity and self-esteem by teaching marketable skills that enable participants to take control over their own lives.

Through offerings such as computer repair, automobile and motorcycle mechanic classes, culinary classes, solar panel installation, welding, henna and sewing we give people a way out of poverty, and mark a significant achievement in their lives. Many participants are highly talented and passionate, but without the necessary resources to obtain the credentials that employers seek, they struggle to put food on the table.

The Solution



SDLP does so much more than provide training. It promotes hope and self confidence. Some beneficiaries were literally unable to look people in the eye before taking part in the program. The skills they gain enable them to support themselves and their families, fostering a new sense of self-reliance and confidence. Oftentimes, trainees mention their sense of achievement and the boost in their self-esteem after completing the course—even before highlighting the significant financial gains they have made.

Participants can earn nationally recognized certificates in their fields. We equip high performing students with the tools they will need to get started in their chosen profession: a sewing machine for example, or a set of welding tools. Enterprise development training helps entrepreneurs attract clients, build their resumes, connect to the job market and develop soft skills.

Project Goals

Value based education promotes ethics and a sense of community to encourage people to support one another. SDLP was launched with the aim of contributing towards two of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): eradication of extreme poverty and women empowerment. Our goal is not just to lift trainees above the poverty line but to elevate their income levels to match the average Gross National Income of their respective countries. We empower individuals to take control of their own lives, enabling them to stand on their own feet. The SDLP is committed to serving humanity by helping people transition from hardship to self-sufficiency.



Ultimately this is an investment in a permanent and more comprehensive approach to combatting poverty. Moreover, Many of the beneficiaries share what they have learned by teaching others, and even develop the capacity to hire employees. This, in turn, leads to more people inspired and empowered, which creates a cycle of beneficiaries that use their skills to uplift their entire town. Together, we can break the cycle of poverty and create a new cycle of empowerment which flows down to the beneficiaries' children, families and communities.

Without the help of God and then HHRD Skills Development & Livelihood Program, thousands of individuals would be trapped in dire circumstances. Unable to earn a living, they may be forced to give up their educational pursuits, take charity, and perhaps live on the streets. There is no better way to uplift a society than by providing its people with employment opportunities. These basic skills can mean the difference between dependence and independence, between poverty and sustainability and between a meaningful existence and one mired in hopelessness.

Donor Support

You can be sure that your donation will go directly to training programs and participants for their skills development. HHRD is a highly rated organization that takes the stewardship of its supporters' dollars very seriously. Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), a nonprofit that evaluates thousands of nonprofits, is the gold standard when it comes to nonprofit ratings. It has rated HHRD as a 4-star (highest rating) public charity for the past 9 years. It has rated HHRD as the top Zakat- eligible charity (score 98.3%). An A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau is another indicator of the effectiveness of the organization.



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