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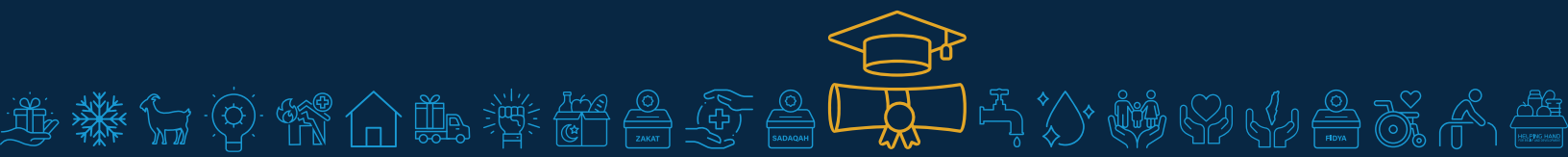


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Executive Summary

The Education Support Program (ESP) reached 12,759 vulnerable and marginalized individuals across nine geographic regions in 2025, delivering comprehensive educational interventions spanning tuition assistance, infrastructure development, psychosocial support, and technical education. Through both general education support and Higher Education Support (HESP), we created pathways to success for students at all levels.

Key achievements included re-registering 315 out-of-school children in Pakistan, supporting 2,100 students with tuition assistance in Jordan and Lebanon, operating four mobile learning centers reaching 80 refugee children, distributing school kits and laptops across ASEAN nations, and upgrading educational infrastructure including computer labs, sanitation facilities, and solar installations serving thousands of students.

The program demonstrated that comprehensive educational interventions addressing immediate needs—such as school supplies and tuition assistance—combined with capacity building through teacher training, infrastructure development, and psychosocial support can transform lives and communities even in the most challenging contexts.



2025 Impact at a Glance

Metric	ESP (General)	HESP (Higher Ed)
Total Beneficiaries	12,759	2,342
Professional Internships	N/A	27

HESP Milestone Achievement: HHIRS Cohort Graduates

In 2025, the Higher Education Support Program achieved a significant milestone with the graduation of 10 students from the Health and Human Integration Research Studies (HHIRS) cohort. These graduates completed rigorous Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Bachelor of Science programs, representing high-impact fields that directly serve communities. This achievement demonstrates HESP's commitment to supporting students pursuing careers in healthcare and human services, creating a pipeline of professionals who will serve vulnerable populations for years to come.

Global Impact

ESP and HESP served 12,759 beneficiaries across nine regions in 2025, providing comprehensive support from primary education through university graduation.

Region/Country	Key Interventions	Beneficiaries
Pakistan	Camps, classes, internships, out-of-school children	6,386
MENA Region	Tuition, mobile centers, HESP scholarships	2,565
Bangladesh	Learning centers, psychosocial support	570
India	Girls' scholarships, tuition, facilities	1,100
Kashmir	Students supported	70
Latin America & the Caribbean	School materials, adult literacy, technical ed	259
Europe	HESP scholarships in Bosnia	115
Africa	Tuition, mental health, civic engagement	754
ASEAN	Scholarships, shoes, laptops, school kits	841
Nepal	Tuition support for remote villages	54
Afghanistan	HESP - Higher education support	45
Total Beneficiaries		12,759

Program Components

Tuition Assistance (ESP)



HHRD provides comprehensive tuition assistance to vulnerable students who cannot afford educational costs across Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, MENA, Africa, and Latin America. This intervention removes financial barriers by covering tuition fees, school supplies, uniforms, and transportation. From supporting 54 students in remote Nepali villages to Syrian refugee children in Jordan, tuition assistance ensures poverty does not prevent education access.

Psychosocial Support and Mental Health Services

HHRD addresses emotional and psychological barriers that prevent vulnerable children from succeeding in school. In Africa and Bangladesh, the program provides trauma-informed counseling, peer support groups, and safe spaces for students affected by conflict, displacement, and family instability. Many beneficiaries—including refugee children and orphans—carry emotional burdens impacting their learning. By offering mental health services alongside education, HHRD creates holistic support systems enabling students to heal, build resilience, and focus on their studies in safe, nurturing environments.





Higher Education Support (HESP)

HHRD's Higher Education Support (HESP) opens university pathways for high-achieving students from vulnerable backgrounds who cannot afford higher education costs. HESP provides full and partial scholarships covering tuition, books, supplies, and living expenses, enabling talented students to pursue degrees in high-impact fields including healthcare, engineering, education, and technology.

In 2025, HESP supported 2,342 students in Afghanistan, MENA, Pakistan, India, Bosnia and ASEAN countries. Key achievements include:

- 39 degree completions across various fields
- 10 graduates from HHIRS DPT and BS programs
- 27 professional internships arranged
- 180 students actively pursuing degrees in Jordan (130) and Lebanon (50)

HESP scholars represent a diverse population including Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees, Lebanese students affected by economic crisis, and Afghan students pursuing education despite political instability. The program's focus on high-impact fields ensures these graduates will return to serve their communities as healthcare professionals, engineers, educators, and technology specialists.

HESP Graduate: Abdul Rahman, Afghanistan



Abdul Rahman, son of Ghulam Sadiq, graduated in 2024 from the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Nangarhar University with support from HHRD's Higher Education Support Program (HESP). Today, he is employed with the World Health Organization in the Monitoring Department in Durbaba District, Nangarhar. This opportunity enables him to earn a halal livelihood and support his family with dignity. He expresses his heartfelt gratitude to HHRD

and its generous donors, whose sponsorship transformed his education into meaningful employment and a brighter future.

Infrastructure and Learning Resources



HHRD invests in educational infrastructure and learning materials to improve access and quality in underserved communities. This includes mobile learning centers for Syrian refugees in Jordan, computer labs serving hundreds in West Bengal, and solar systems in Pakistani schools. Students in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Ecuador receive uniforms, bags, shoes, and stationery. This ensures lack of basic facilities and resources does not prevent children from attending school or learning effectively.

Duha, Syrian Refugee in Jordan



Duha's (name changed) family fled to Jordan because of the Syrian war and now live in Amman. Her father works as a cleaner in a restaurant kitchen at a very little salary. The family's main concern was the education of Duha. As there was no public school near their home, they had to enroll her in a school far away. Alhamdulillah with the support provided by HHRD, her family was able to cover all her education-related costs including transportation, uniform, and stationery. After this support, Duha felt happy and pursued her lessons very well.

Regional Highlights & Success Stories



Pakistan: Transforming Lives Through Education

Reached 6,396 individuals through comprehensive interventions. Key wins: 315 out-of-school children re-registered, 110 scholars attended leadership camps, 58 degree completions in high impact fields, 27 professional internships, and 94 teachers trained.



MENA Region: Supporting Refugee Education

Served 2,415 beneficiaries including Syrian and Palestinian refugees. Highlights: 2,100 students received tuition assistance, 8 mobile learning centers reached 224 children, 180 higher education scholarships (130 in Jordan, 50 in Lebanon), and 21 youth graduated into professional income streams.



Africa: Orphan Support

"After my father passed away, I had to stop school because my mother couldn't afford the fees," says Nsubuga Abdu Swabul, 16, a Grade 10 student at Kibibi Secondary School. "ESP helped me return to class, and now I'm working hard to become a doctor. My mother finally has hope again."



Bangladesh: Safe Learning Spaces

Operated learning centers serving 570 Rohingya refugee children with education and psychosocial support in camps where formal schooling is unavailable.



India: Infrastructure Excellence

Upgraded Crescent Academy with 30+ computer lab workstations serving 768 students, renovated 28 toilets and 40 showers, modernized kitchen facilities, and supported 70 vulnerable children in J&K with tuition reimbursement.



Latin America: Restoring Dignity

Distributed 90 complete school kits in Ecuador, increasing attendance from 65% to 95%. Supported 160 students in Mexico with adult literacy and technical education, including 40 pursuing English B2 certification for improved job prospects.



ASEAN: Digital Access

Distributed 180 pairs of shoes, 73 school kits in remote Central Maluku, 15 laptops across Indonesia, 250 complete readiness kits in Thailand, and provided university support to 46 Filipino students including 7 graduates.

Looking Forward

The Education Support Program demonstrated in 2025 that comprehensive interventions—from primary school supplies through university graduation—can transform individual lives and strengthen entire communities. By serving Syrian and Palestinian refugees, Rohingya populations, disaster-affected communities, and marginalized groups across three continents, ESP and HESP created sustainable pathways to educational access, economic self-sufficiency, and community leadership for populations facing poverty, displacement, and systemic inequality.



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