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CHILDREN IN NEED

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CHILDREN IN NEED PROJECTS: SUMMARY

In a world full of upheaval, children are the most vulnerable community members—vulnerable to hunger, to illness, to deprivation and to exploitation. Children are disproportionately affected by many illnesses, and in some countries, as many as 1 in 8 die before their fifth birthday. And for many children living in communities suffering deprivation, school is often a luxury—a situation that perpetuates the cycle of poverty.

Improving children's daily lives by safe-guarding them against illness; providing them with educational opportunities; and by giving them access to proper nutrition, water and sanitation services, can also provide a cushion that would help alleviate suffering in emergency situations. Perhaps most important, those basic resources can provide a world of hope to children—including 153 million orphans—for a brighter future. Most IRUSA projects help children in need in many ways by providing their family the means to support them, or by providing their communities the infrastructure and education to ensure their education, health, and protection. But IRUSA children in need and orphan projects support children directly. The primary focus of this group of projects are the children who need our help the most.

SUMMARY OF IRUSA CHILDREN IN NEED PROJECTS SINCE 2009

- PROTECTION OF SYRIAN CHILDREN IN LEBANON
- PROMOTING HEALTH SERVICES TO PREMATURE BABIES AT AL AHLI HOSPITAL IN PALESTINE (WEST BANK)
- LIVELIHOOD AND CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA
- EMERGENCY PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND EDUCATION FOR IDP CHILDREN IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA
- IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF YOUTH IN GAZA: JOB PLACEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN PALESTINE
- HOUSE REHABILITATION FOR ORPHAN FAMILIES IN PALESTINE
- STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE MATERNAL, NEONATAL, AND CHILD HEALTH IN KENYA
- SMALL GRANTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF WAR IN CHECHNYA
- PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS IN AFGHANISTAN (PHASES 1 AND 2)
- EMERGENCY SCHOOL FEEDING IN GAZA, PALESTINE
- ENHANCING EDUCATION AMONG DADAAB REFUGEE CHILDREN THROUGH INFORMAL SCHOOLS IN KENYA
- BAKERY FOR ORPHAN HOUSEHOLDS IN CHECHNYA
- HELP POOR STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL IN PALESTINE
- PROVIDING ADEQUATE EDUCATION IN THE WEST BANK, PALESTINE
- EARLY INTERVENTION AND REHABILITATION CENTER FOR DISABLED CHILDREN IN EGYPT
- AL-ASKAR SCHOOL EXTENSION PROJECT IN PALESTINE
- PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT IN PALESTINE
- ESTABLISHMENT OF NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC ICU IN PAKISTAN
- AZHAR AKKAR EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP IN LEBANON
- SUPPORTING SCHOOL FEEDING IN JORDAN
- SCHOOL AND SHELTER REHABILITATION IN HAITI
- PLAYGROUND FOR THE GVARDEYSKO ORPHANAGE IN CHECHNYA
- SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ORPHANS IN AFGHANISTAN
- SCHOOL FEEDING IN GAZA, PALESTINE
- SCHOOL FEEDING FOR STUDENTS IN GAZA, PALESTINE
- CHILD FRIENDLY VILLAGE IN MALI
- LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO ORPHAN FAMILIES IN CHECHNYA
- ONE-TO-ONE ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

IRUSA CURRENT PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

PROTECTION OF SYRIAN CHILDREN

JUNE 2014 - JAN. 2015

Location: Lebanon

This project aims to provide Syrian refugee children in Bekaa, Lebanon with formal education and trauma counseling and Syrian refugee children in Saida, Lebanon with trauma counseling.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide 250 Syrian refugee children in Bekaa, Lebanon with trauma counseling and formal education
- Provide 1,000 Syrian refugee children in Saida, Lebanon with trauma counseling

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP AN ESTIMATED 1,250 SYRIAN CHILDREN.

PROMOTING HEALTH SERVICES TO PREMATURE BABIES

APR. 2014 - DEC. 2014

Location: Al Ahli Hospital, West Bank, Palestine

This project aims to improve the quality of life of children born prematurely in Palestine by improving access to neonatal intensive care by enhancing the capacity of the intensive care unit at Al Ahli Hospital in the West Bank.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide the following:
 - 2 neonatal ventilators
 - 5 closed system incubators
 - 1 mobile incubator
 - 1 mobile ventilator
 - 3 continuous positive airway pressure devices
 - 5 phototherapy machines
 - 5 oxygen monitors
 - 1 phototherapy meter
 - 3 air sterilizers
 - 1 neonatal training course for medical professionals

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP AN ESTIMATED 200 BABIES.

LIVELIHOOD AND CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT

MAR. 2014 - FEB. 2016

Location: Ethiopia

This project aims to help enhance the livelihoods of widowed mothers, and out-of-school youth. This project also aims to address child protection concerns within Ethiopian communities by working closely with youth centers in the country.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 200 widowed mothers provided the support they need to improve their incomes by 75%
- 150 youth provided vocational training
- 5 youth centers improved to be able to provide counseling and HIV/AIDS awareness to 2,000 youth and community members

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP AN ESTIMATED 3,850 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND EDUCATION FOR IDP CHILDREN

MAR. 2014 - JUNE 2014

Location: Central African Republic

This project aims to help children and young adults displaced by the conflict in the Central African Republic by establishing child friendly spaces and support centers in camps in Bangui that will help identify special needs and provide counseling and support.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 3 child friendly spaces have been established in the municipality of Bimbo, located south of Bangui
- Each center provides educational and recreational activities for children each day

- Each child friendly space has a listening center that provides trauma counseling to children with special needs
- Psychological support is being provided in extreme cases
- Children from age 14-17 are enrolled in group discussions to educate youth on peacebuilding and conflict resolution
- More than 1,500 children participate in the centers' activities each day; the number of children is growing

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To provide counseling and support to 8,000 children in 3 IDP camps
- To provide 200 children and adolescents that are separated from their parents or unaccompanied by an adult, associated with armed groups, or are victims of gender-based violence with specialized support
- To register 1,000 children and adolescents in group discussions and awareness sessions to promote equality, inclusion, and violence prevention
- To help 1,000 members of local community organizations be informed and trained in conflict resolution
- Establish a monitoring, reporting and referral system to protect children from serious violations of their human rights
- Provide rapid response to support victims of violence including health care, counseling, and education
- Enhance the capacity of local partners to provide support to children of conflict
- Carry out regular monitoring and evaluation of the activities of this project to ensure quality services

**AN ESTIMATED 18,000 PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT.
1,556 CHILDREN IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN HELPED SO FAR.**

ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

JAN. 2014 - DEC. 2015

Location: South Africa

This project is helping to improve access to education for children in three townships.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Constructing and furnishing quality classrooms and teacher's offices
- Renovating and furnishing existing classrooms
- Establishing safe playgrounds and lunch areas
- Establishing proper bathroom and sanitation facilities
- Providing uniforms and daily meals for all students
- Printing and supplying teachers and students with learning materials, textbooks, and stationary
- Training teachers on lesson plans

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP 380 STUDENTS.

IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF YOUTH: JOB PLACEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

JAN. 2014 - DEC. 2014

Location: Gaza, Palestine

This project aims to provide vocational training and employment programs to underprivileged youth between the ages of 18 - 28 in Gaza with a 95% graduation rate and an 80% job placement rate.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide 6 courses with 50 training hours per course to teach basic skills
- Provide 6 courses with 40 training hours per course to teach English language
- Provide 2 courses with 100 hours per course in construction management
- Provide 4 technical training courses based on the job market and employer needs including: IT, marketing, and hospitality

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP 900 PEOPLE.

HOUSE REHABILITATION FOR ORPHAN FAMILIES

MAY 2013 - SEPT. 2014

Location: Palestine

This project will help to improve the living conditions of 100 poor and incomeless orphan households.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 32 houses have been selected for renovation

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Renovate 100 orphan households including: kitchens, washrooms, roof insulation, windows, doors, and floors
- Repair and replace water, sewage and electrical networks
- Employ 100 skilled and unskilled workers in the rehabilitation and construction efforts

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP 1,000 PEOPLE.

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE MATERNAL, NEONATAL, AND CHILD HEALTH

NOV. 2013 - SEPT. 2014

Location: Kenya

This project aims to improve the health and socio-economic status of communities in Mandera and Wajir by reducing mortality rates among children under the age of five and mothers.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2,882 children under 5 were treated for pneumonia, malaria, and diarrhea
- Training has been provided to 100 health workers in anti-natal care, danger signs in pregnancy, and on key preventative care in maternal and newborn health
- 3,342 children under 5 with malnutrition have been admitted for treatment
- 362 community leaders received health messages on maternal, neonatal and reproductive health
- 12,811 children under 5 were assessed for curable and preventable diseases
- 2,992 children were immunized
- 3,262 were provided vitamin A supplements
- 1,301 children were dewormed
- 4,999 women were received reproductive health services

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 24,500 PEOPLE SO FAR. MORE THAN 62,000 PEOPLE WILL BE HELPED.

SMALL GRANTS FOR CHILDREN OF WAR

AUG. 2013 - FEB. 2015

Location: Chechnya

This project aims to improve the living standards of 62 households with children who have been injured by mines (unexploded ordnance accidents) following war.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide 5 business trainings to generate feasible business ideas to selected households
- Develop business plans for households selected
- Provide small grants and technical support to successfully raise household incomes

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP 310 PEOPLE.

PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS (PHASE 2)

MAY 2013 - AUG. 2014

Location: Afghanistan

This project aims to continue the work of upgrading and improving the facilities at the Khoog Khor orphanage and to ensure quality education to orphans at the orphanage.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 500 orphans have received quality education and an improved school environment
- 50 orphans received a furnished and equipped living space
- Orphans are receiving quality food and food standards are checked regularly
- 10 teachers and 2 school staff have received training
- A modern dormitory building is under construction for 100 orphans with a library included

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To provide quality primary and secondary education to orphans
- To increase literacy rates in target areas
- To provide a healthier educational environment for orphans
- To improve health of orphans through the provision of nutritious food, and recreational activities

**THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 550 PEOPLE SO FAR.
THIS PROJECT WILL HELP MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE.**

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING (PENDING)

JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Location: West Bank

This project aims to strengthen job opportunities for vulnerable Palestinian youth with employable skill training and small-business loans.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 200 youth will be trained and certified in a trade or skill
- Youth will have access to job opportunities by being connected to employers or with small-business loans for their own businesses

THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY PENDING.

CONSTRUCTION OF ONCOLOGY WARD FOR NELSON MANDELA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (PENDING)

APR. 2014 - AUG. 2016

Location: South Africa

This project will help construct a complete oncology ward in Johannesburg as part of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital to improve the treatment of cancer in children in Gautend province.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To construct an oncology ward with the following:
 - 6 beds
 - A daycare unit that has room for 6 patients
 - Assist an estimated 72 children annually
 - The ward will cater to children exclusively and will be child-centered in its approach

THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY PENDING.

ONE-TO-ONE ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

Location: Various locations in Palestine (Orphans may be refugees in neighboring countries depending on need)

This project aims to connect caring donors to orphans in need. Donors help provide the financial support necessary to help meet the child's basic needs including: food, clothing, medical care, shelter, school supplies, and education.

DONORS CAN SPONSOR ORPHANS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

BANGLADESH
CHECHNYA
INDIA
MALI
SOMALIA *
SOUTH AFRICA
SRI LANKA

YEMEN
AFGHANISTAN
ALBANIA
IRAQ
KENYA
NIGER
PAKISTAN

BOSNIA
JORDAN
KOSOVA
LEBANON
PALESTINE *
MOST NEEDED

(*ORPHANS MAY BE REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES DEPENDING ON NEED)