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ISLAMIC RELIEF USA 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 10 die before their fifth birthday. Around the world, 153 million children are orphans, and often they are the most vulnerable of all. To make matters worse, for many children suffering deprivation, school is often a luxury—and many times, that keeps them from ever breaking free of 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 orphans—for a brighter future. The primary focus of this group of IRUSA projects are the children who need our help the most.

SUMMARY OF COMPLETED IRUSA CHILDREN IN NEED PROJECTS SINCE 2009

- WIDOWS AND ORPHANS INTEGRATED PROJECT IN BLUE NILE, SUDAN
- LIVELIHOOD AND CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA
- ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA
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- PROMOTING HEALTH SERVICES TO PREMATURE BABIES AT AL AHLI HOSPITAL IN PALESTINE (WEST BANK)
- LIVELIHOOD AND CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA
- ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA
- IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF YOUTH IN GAZA: JOB PLACEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN PALESTINE, PHASE I
- 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 I AND II)
- EMERGENCY SCHOOL MEALS 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 MEALS 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, PHASE II

BEGAN AUGUST 2015

LOCATION: Saida and Bekaa, Lebanon

This project aims to improve access to both education and psychosocial support for Syrian refugee children and youth, as well as parents.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 350 schoolchildren will receive school supplies, uniforms and psychosocial support
- 3 classrooms will be rehabilitated, furnished and equipped
- 650 children will receive psychosocial support in Bekaa informal settlements
- 250 parents will take part in mental health awareness sessions in Bekaa settlements
- 250 Syrian refugee youth and parents will take part in mental health awareness sessions in Saida
- 30 Syrian youth will receive one-on-one psychiatric care
- 13 Syrian and Lebanese volunteers will be trained in psychosocial activities and mental health issues.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Children receiving education support: target 350, actual 592
- Children treated with psychosocial support: target 650, actual 1,076
- Youth ages 18-25 taking part in psychosocial support sessions: target 250, actual 215
- Parents taking part in psychosocial support awareness sessions: target 250, actual 214

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 2,097 PEOPLE TO DATE.

IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF YOUTH: JOB PLACEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, PHASE II

BEGAN SEPTEMBER 2015

LOCATION: Gaza, Palestine

This project aims to facilitate livelihood opportunities and access to virtual jobs for youth.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 135 of 150 enrolled youth (90%) will graduate from program, and 81 (60%) will be placed into internships or jobs within 6 months of graduation
- 5 university partnerships will be created to implement "Finding a Job Is a Job" training, and 15 professors and administrators will be trained
- 600 university students will complete "Finding a Job Is a Job" training
- 6 alumni events held to facilitate networking for graduates

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- 75 students have graduated from 3 job training programs in Sales, Project Management and Virtual Jobs; 39 graduates were placed in paid internships.
- 398 students have received work readiness training at 5 universities in Gaza.

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 473 PEOPLE TO DATE.

CONSTRUCTION OF ONCOLOGY WARD FOR NELSON MANDELA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BEGAN APRIL 2014

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.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To construct an oncology ward with the following:

- 6 beds
- An outpatient unit that has room for 6 patients
- The ward will cater to children exclusively and will be child-centered in its approach

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Structural work is nearing completion.
- Oncology center outpatient and inpatient sections are completed.
- Lounge area is under construction.
- The walls of the "cage" where the advanced radiology equipment will be fitted is lined with aluminium and cooper sheets and the wall left open from the outside to allow for access when the equipment is be delivered.
- Water and sewer connections are in progress.

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 72 CHILDREN ANNUALLY.

ALTERNATIVE ORPHAN FAMILY SPONSORSHIP THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

BEGAN MARCH 2015

LOCATION: Lalmonirhat, Bangladesh

This project seeks to pilot an alternative approach to the one-to-one sponsorship program to ensure children and their guardians, including widows, are able to graduate from the sponsorship program within 4 years. This will be achieved through through integrated sustainable livelihood approaches while ensuring access to education and protection.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Enhance wellbeing of orphans, including survival, protection, participation, mobilization and healthy development to continue their education
- Improve the status of the orphan families and livelihood through economic productivity, income, asset, food accessibility and consumption, and improved living status of 700 orphan and widow households
- Increased community awareness and established community organization linkage with local government institutions for establishing social dignity through participation and social inclusion

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- 923 orphan children enrolled in formal school (100% of school-age children in participating families)
- 650 orphans' guardians have received entrepreneurial and business management training; all orphan households have started their home-based businesses such as livestock-raising
- 650 orphan households are now into vegetable gardening, and are including vegetables in daily diet
- 650 orphan households increased their annual savings
- 650 orphan guardians educated in reducing child abuse
- Six health camps have been conducted
- About 580 households have increased access to safe drinking water through the installation of 58 wells
- Community awareness has been raised on topics of hygiene including use of sanitary latrines, contributing to decrease in water-borne diseases

THIS PROJECT HAS BENEFITED ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE TO DATE.

TO EDUCATE A LEADER

BEGAN NOVEMBER 2015

LOCATION: Western Cape, Cape Town, and Manenberg, South Africa

This project aims to facilitate free education for 200 vulnerable high school students in a safe, productive environment.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To facilitate free education for high school students in a safe, productive environment via the following activities:

- Payment of teachers' salaries
- School repairs
- Provision of uniforms, supplies and text books
- Extracurricular activities for students

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 267 STUDENTS TO DATE.

ASSISTING ORPHANS THROUGH EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN

BEGAN NOVEMBER 2015

LOCATION: Jalalabad & Bamyán Province

This project aims to provide quality education to orphans in Nangarhar and Bamyán provinces.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To facilitate quality education for 658 orphans.

KEY DELIVERABLES:

- Provide quality education to 658 orphans
- Provide students with school uniforms, bags and other required supplies and learning materials
- Repair classrooms
- Provide recreational activities for children
- Provide child rights awareness sessions to orphans' families, project staff, and department of labor and social affairs

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 658 ORPHANS TO DATE.

STRENGTHENING CHILD PSYCHOSOCIAL RESILIENCE IN GAZA

BEGAN JANUARY 2015

LOCATION: Gaza

This project aims to strengthen the psychosocial coping capacities of children and families affected by the summer 2014 hostilities and the ongoing protracted humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- At least 504 children between 6 and 15 years old attending UNRWA schools will receive psychosocial support to enhance their ability to cope with their situation and their experiences during recent hostilities. Some of these children are expected to be children who now have disabilities after the recent conflict and are in need of comprehensive support.
- 42 UNRWA school counselors and 4 supervisors will improve their capacity to work with children, particularly those with disabilities, from a holistic and person-centered approach based on the principles of case management.

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- In northern Gaza areas of Beit Hanoun and Jabalia, 357 children (214 boys and 143 girls, including 47 disabled children) received psychosocial support. The majority are showing signs of recovery, but still would need additional psychological rehabilitation.
- 101 students from Gaza area, including 95 injured children (68 boys and 27 girls, including 3 disabled boys and 3 disabled girls), received counseling through 275 individual counseling sessions and 63 home visits.
- In the southern Gaza Strip areas of Khan Younes and Rafah, 72 children (49 boys and 23 girls, including 64 injured children and 8 disabled children) received psychosocial support to develop psychosocial resilience.

- 38 injured school children (13 girls and 25 boys) in the middle areas of Nusairat, Bureij and Deir Al Balah received psychosocial support through 383 individual sessions and 35 home visits. 3 out of 38 children had become physically disabled as a result of the 2014 hostilities.
- 850 meetings with parents and 811 meetings with teachers were held by the 42 counselors to assist them in addressing the psychosocial needs of their children/students.
- Currently recruiting a Psychosocial Training Consultant who will develop a comprehensive and integrated training package and practice guidelines, primarily for counselors supporting children who have been affected or sustained war-related injuries.

THIS PROJECT IS HAS HELPED 610 PEOPLE TO DATE.

RIGHT START EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BEGAN MAY 2015

LOCATION: Gaza, Palestine

This project aims to improve the quality of early childhood care, education and development for preschool children.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Equip and renovate 10 preschools in Gaza (9 schools will be renovated; 1 destroyed school will be completely rebuilt)
- 50 teachers and head teachers in early childhood development will be provided with training and mentoring. Topics include early child development, active learning, positive discipline, child health, protection, and nutrition.
- 1,500 children will benefit from summer camps that will incorporate sports, play, reading, and health

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 5 preschools renovated and equipped with supplies including learning materials and toys
- 34 teachers and head teachers trained and mentored
- More than 500 caregivers provided with 3 positive parenting sessions
- "Hayya Naqra" ("Let's Read") materials developed and distribution of 1,500 packs have begun for children to take home and enjoy

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 3,050 PEOPLE. 1,309 PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED TO DATE.

INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT ORPHANED CHILDREN IN GAZA

BEGAN JUNE 2015

LOCATION: Gaza, Palestine

This project aims to facilitate a decent standard of living for children orphaned by the summer 2014 hostilities

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide 1,000 children orphaned by the summer 2014 hostilities with the following:

- A monthly allowance for 12 months (equivalent of \$50)
- Clothing
- Recreational activities
- Monthly awareness sessions for orphan custodians on how to manage the physical and mental needs of children
- Vocational training support for 100 orphans over 16 years of age. This will include a 6 month course for men and women at the Gaza Technical and Vocational Training Centers in Gaza City and Khan Younis. Course include hair dressing, child development, photography, electric and washing machine maintenance.

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1,000 orphans have received \$300 cash assistance via bank transfers
- 1,000 orphans received winter clothes
- 41 awareness sessions held to provide support to 1,235 orphaned children's mothers and relatives
- 19 young women started attending vocational training courses

**THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 3,880 PEOPLE (ORPHANS AND GUARDIANS).
1,650 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HELPED TO DATE.**

YOU MATTER TO ME: ORPHAN SUPPORT IN TUNISIA

BEGAN JUNE 2015

LOCATION: Mednine and Tatouine

This project aims to support orphans and widows through diverse support mechanisms.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide orphans and widows with the following:

- Bikes and protective gear to 100 orphans to facilitate transportation to school
- Bags, uniforms, school supplies for 300 orphans
- Hygiene kits to 300 orphans, rehabilitate 10 bathrooms in schools, form 10 hygiene clubs and child hygiene training for 100 teachers, provide first aid kits to schools
- Eid clothing and shoes for Eid al-Fitr
- Scout camp to help improve children's psychology and teach good citizenship through play and fun activities
- Business plan training and the distribution of assets needed to start small businesses for 50 widows

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 300 orphans provided with school bags and equipment, Eid clothing, and participation in cultural and educational camps that included hygiene promotion activities and distribution of hygiene kits
- 100 bikes distributed to orphans
- 51 orphans' guardians (widows) are being provided with vocational training and small business development in enterprises including farming and sewing
- 3 bathrooms rehabilitated in elementary schools and 1 bathroom constructed in elementary school in Mednine
- 14 hygiene and environment clubs formed
- 14 hygiene promotion sessions conducted in 14 schools
- 28 teachers and 5 inspectors trained in hygiene promotion and child protection

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 350 PEOPLE. 351 PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED TO DATE.

TUTUDESK CAMPAIGN

BEGAN APRIL 2016

LOCATION: South Africa | Eastern Cape

This project aims to equip high school students with classroom desks.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide desks to students with messages imprinted on them for awareness-raising:

Promote gender equality and empower women

- Provide desks to students at 21 schools
- Messaging imprinted into desks will promote messages of gender equality, empowerment of women and environmental care, as well as information on preventing and treating diseases including HIV/AIDS and malaria

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 21,000 PEOPLE.

WARM HOMES: RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR ORPHAN FAMILIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY SREBRENICA MASSACRE

BEGAN MAY 2016

LOCATION: Bosnia-Herzegovina | Srebrenica

This project aims to construct homes for orphan families and families affected by the war in Srebrenica.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Construct 50 homes for 50 families (approximately 200 individuals): 20 orphan families, 15 Srebrenica-affected families, and 15 families that are both orphan families and were affected by the war.

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 200 PEOPLE.

ONE-TO-ONE ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

This project connects caring donors to orphans in need worldwide. 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 PLACES:

AFGHANISTAN
ALBANIA
BANGLADESH
BOSNIA
CHECHNYA
ETHIOPIA
INDIA

INDONESIA
JORDAN
KENYA
KOSOVA
LEBANON
MALI
NIGER

PAKISTAN
PALESTINE *
SOMALIA *
SOUTH AFRICA
SRI LANKA
WHERE MOST NEEDED (ANY OF ABOVE)

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



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