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WHY ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP?

There are roughly 153 million orphans worldwide. And every day, nearly 6,000 more children become orphans. To add, one in five children lives in a conflict or war zone, and studies show that these children are at high risk of experiencing violence, psychological trauma, hunger, and lack of access to basic needs.

That's why IRUSA is working to improve the lives of orphan children by protecting them from illness; giving them access to proper nutrition, water, and sanitation services; and even providing them with educational opportunities.

OUR IMPACT

IRUSA donors are currently sponsoring nearly **23,000 orphans!**

Afghanistan	2,133	Kenya	695	Sri Lanka	423
Albania	341	*Somali Refugees	165	Sudan	686
Bangladesh	1,743	Kosovo	373	Türkiye	137
Bosnia	550	Lebanon	379	*Palestinian Refugees	1,740
Chechnya	620	*Palestinian Refugees	520	*Uyghur Refugees	162
Ethiopia	897	*Syrian Refugee	924	Yemen	3,059
India	734	Malawi	428		
Indonesia	390	Mali	1,109		
Iraq	418	Niger	630		
Jordan	706	Pakistan	3,775		
*Palestinian Refugees	2,212	Somalia	1,502		
*Syrian Refugee	192	South Africa	505		





HEAR FROM ORPHAN FAMILIES

Stelia from Malawi

Stelia is a 42-year-old farmer from Blantyre, Malawi. She runs a small business repackaging cooking oil in smaller plastic tubes to re-selling cooking oil and sometimes works as a farmhand on fellow community member's land. She also owns a small hectare of her own land, where she cultivates maize, beans, and pigeon peas to help sustain her family.

"Raising the children all by myself [is] a very huge responsibility. It's a bit easier during harvest time because at least then we have enough to eat for a short while. But because I also sell some of the produce to make extra income, we usually run out before the next harvest season comes around and my children end up only eating two times a day, mostly lunch and dinner. It is very heart-breaking when [my] children wake up and ask for breakfast, but there's no food. I have to watch them going to school on an empty stomach, and as a parent, it pains me. [My] children can't focus in class due to hunger and [my daughter], Edna, ended up repeating [grade 5] because of so many issues."

Thanks to your support, Stelia and her children are able to eat three meals a day. More than that, they're able to afford the proper uniforms and tuition for school. She expressed her gratitude, saying, "I thank [Islamic Relief USA] for [helping] us."

Hanifa from Afghanistan

Hanifa lives in Bamyan, Afghanistan with her son and four daughters. After her husband passed, she became the sole breadwinner. Due to illiteracy from not being able to attend school at a young age, job opportunities are scarce. Her main source of income comes from sewing, but sometimes she doesn't have clothes to sew, making it difficult to feed her family. In turn, her children have trouble focusing on school.

Thanks to donors like you, Hanifa is able to ensure the well-being of her family through a tailoring training program. Through the training, her and her eldest daughter gained valuable skills and were even provided with a solar-powered tailoring machine. Hanifa shared her sense of empowerment this awarded her, and told us about how her daughter proudly passed on her knowledge to her younger siblings.

"My children have regained hope and are now dedicated to their studies. They actively assist me with household chores, speak confidently in public, and make numerous friends through their participation in learning groups. All of these positive changes are attributed to the will of Allah [SWT] and the support provided by Islamic Relief USA [and their donors]. I am immensely grateful for [them]."



Um Mohammed from Türkiye

Um Mohammed is a mother of three. She lives in Türkiye, while the rest of her family resides in Syria. She shares how when she first sought refuge at the shelter, the weight of her hardships felt unbearable, especially with the loss of her husband.

"Thankfully, Islamic Relief USA opened their arms to us, offering a safe haven amidst our turmoil."

Through the shelter, Um Mohammed and her children were provided with the basic necessities of life: a roof over their heads, access to clean water, and treatment for her son's asthma. Her children are even able to attend school and pursue their right to education, which seemed unattainable when they first arrived.

"Within the confines of this shelter, we find a semblance of stability and hope, knowing that God and the compassionate souls who support this sanctuary are with us."



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