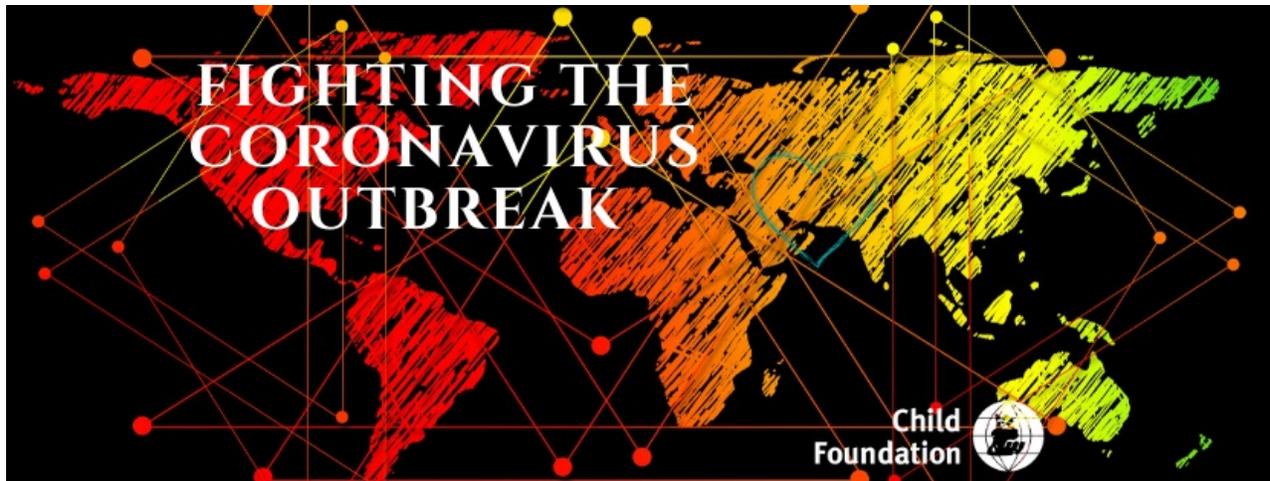


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### Greetings!

News of the coronavirus is distressing and we know that many of you are concerned about family, friends, and the communities we support together in Iran and Afghanistan. We all have a lot of questions and **are eager to help.**



### How are the children?

Thankfully, there are no coronavirus reports, as of February 28, in Cambodia, Indonesia, or Nepal where some of our sponsored children live.

Iran is a more serious situation at this time and Afghanistan is terribly unprepared and beginning to see cases. We are in continual contact with our sister organizations in both countries about the wellbeing of our sponsored children. **We will send medical supplies for our sister organizations to distribute to children sponsored by our donors and theirs.**

Due to concerns about the outbreak, our sister organization, Child Foundation Iran, closed its dozens of offices this past week and the Iranian government closed schools **possibly** until April 20 (the end of the month of Farvardin). While social workers have not visited children, they have called to ask after their health.

Schools in Afghanistan are also closed. Our **thalassemia clinic in Afghanistan's Mazare Sharif hospital** has been moved to an outside facility **in preparation for coronavirus care.**

**We are relieved that, as of February 28, we have no report from our sister organizations of illness among our sponsored children or their guardians. We know that may change.** The children mean everything to our teams in each country and we will cooperate closely as the outbreak continues.

### What will Child Foundation do for the affected regions?

**Child Foundation will help** combat the coronavirus by providing medical supplies for sponsored children and their communities. **In Iran, this is a total of 11,000 families sponsored from inside and outside the country.** The resources will likely be air shipped and include needed protective gear and cleaning supplies.

### **What will Child Foundation do in the US?**

In light of public health concerns regarding the coronavirus, Child Foundation made the difficult decision to cancel our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Nowruz Bazaar in Orange County, California. Large gatherings may not be healthy spaces in the near future as the virus is highly contagious and the CDC indicates we are likely to see more cases inside the US.

As of yet, an outbreak in the US has not happened. The **CDC has indicated** that spread of the coronavirus is not a question of “if” but of “when.” Children all over the world are important to Child Foundation and thus our office is poised to help.

### **What can YOU do?**

- Prepare your families, workforces, and students for telework and telelearning scenarios as **suggested by the CDC.**
- Diligently practice good health decisions as **outlined by the CDC** or other trusted sources.
- Avoid panic. We are united against the coronavirus and can care for ourselves and each other. An entire world is working on addressing this problem.
- **Donate** to Child Foundation’s coronavirus efforts in Iran and Afghanistan where

In the spirit of Nowruz, the upcoming New Year, let us open our hearts to the needs of those around us and consider our role in welcoming a brighter year for those we know and those we haven't yet met.

With sincere adoration and care,

Navid SeyedAli  
President

Looking for something more to do

Consider bringing a sponsored child into your world. While the coronavirus can frighten a child and her family, news that she has a new sponsor who is looking out for her can be heartening.



Amir Hossein is a 9-year old student from Maragheh, Iran. He is currently in 2nd grade. His father has passed away and his mother has custody of him. She is a housewife. Amir Hossein and his mother live in his grandmother's house. Their house is in the suburbs of Maragheh.

Serajuddin is a 7-year old student from Mazare Sharif, Afghanistan. He is currently in 1st grade. He wants to become a teacher in the future. He has a younger brother and three older siblings who are in school as well. His father has passed away and his mother has custody of him and his siblings. She works as a tailor to make ends meet. She also works as a maid. The family lives in an owned house. Serajuddin's uncle and his fiancé live with the family too.

Sumitra is a 16-year old student from Kathmandu, Nepal. She is currently in 10th grade. Sumitra's father has left home when her mother gave birth to her youngest sister. Being the first child of the house, Sumitra took all of the responsibility to take care of her mother and younger siblings. Her mother works as a maid to make ends meet. Her mother has a history of drug abuse.



## Empower Nepali Girls Report

Child Foundation proudly facilitate the sponsorship of dozens of girls living in Nepal where sex trafficking is a major concern. Our affiliate organization in Nepal, **Empower Nepali Girls**, published their annual report which you can download [here](#).

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