Dear Child Foundation friend,

While worries abound everywhere, we are alarmed about the wellbeing of Child Foundation children and their families. Matters are worsening for them. We may not have a vaccine for the coronavirus but we must stand and fight for these families lives where we can. We are not powerless in the face of this humanitarian crisis.

In Iran, social workers serving the 11,000 students registered by our affiliate organization are working hard to provide support without endangering more lives. Unfortunately, two staff members in Iran have contracted COVID-19.

While thousands in Iran received our care packages/grocery gift cards for essentials, thousands still don’t have enough. Just $20 helps one family get more food and essentials. Proper nutrition and hygiene can be the difference between life and death for vulnerable families.

In Afghanistan, the situation is most dire. Last week families in Afghanistan finally received the food packages our donors helped pay for during the month of Ramadan. The pandemic delayed that delivery and resulted in increased food prices. Thankfully, 300 families received 50 kilos of flour (110 lbs), 5 liters of cooking oil, and 3.5 kilos of rice (7.7 lbs).

But the need is immense. A number of organizations have identified Afghanistan as at high risk of famine. One million Afghans will be at risk of starvation. We are poised and ready to fight against hunger alongside our donors.

Our Combating Coronavirus Campaign will provide more food for Afghan families and our Care Packages Campaign will send resources immediately to Iranian families.

There’s a lot we can’t control right now. But whether families have enough to eat is a problem we can do something about.

Sincerely,
Navid Seyedali
Thanks to the generosity of our donors this spring, two weeks ago we provided food baskets to 300 of our sponsored children who are most in need. The distribution was carefully planned and executed to minimize contact and spread of the coronavirus. We are so grateful to the long list of volunteers in Afghanistan and donors who made it happen.

This work is essential, yet not enough. We continue to fight hunger among our students.

Arman is a 17-year-old student who studies hard. He lives in Borojerd, Iran. Arman's father made poor decisions, which forced his mother to divorce him. She returned to her father's house with her only child. However, Arman's mother can only periodically work. He needs support to stay in school.

Mahdi is six and lives in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan with his widowed mother. He is playful and wants to go to kindergarten. Unfortunately, two years ago, Mahdi’s father died. Mahdi’s father was very kind. His mother is illiterate but earns a small income cleaning peas. Living amidst shortages is normal for Mahdi’s family.
Child Foundation’s Legal Means of Aid to Iran

Child Foundation is proud to stand by the people of Iran despite how difficult it is to send aid. We are actively involved in all four of the below actions in Iran:

1. Under OFAC’s General License E, Child Foundation can transfer funds in the case of a natural disaster such as the flood in Sistan and Baluchestan province.
2. Under OFAC’s General License E, Child Foundation can transfer funds in the case of humanitarian aid such as the coronavirus outbreak.
3. Child Foundation’s Iran Food Package Program for our over 6,000 students is needed more than ever and legal as importing food is not a sanctioned activity.
4. Child Foundation’s efforts to secure medical supplies that are hard to come by inside of Iran are also legal as importing medical supplies is not a sanctioned activity.

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