



Greetings!

Every year during Ramadan, Child Foundation sends extra support to hundreds of families. This year the situation is dire with worsening food insecurity in Iran, Afghanistan, and other countries where we work.



Afghanistan is now identified as a critical Hunger Hotspot by the World Food Program. Half of its 34 million people are facing urgent or critical hunger. And much of Iran is emerging from a lockdown as the fourth wave of COVID-19 devastates communities amid significantly escalating food prices.

As part of our ongoing work to combat hunger, Child Foundation sent 1,000 care packages to Iran in March in honor of Nowruz. But these communities are still devastated by food insecurity, and need remains high.

Therefore, Child Foundation is ramping up support during the month of Ramadan. Each support package costs approximately \$20 (varying some from country to country), so your generous \$100 contribution could help five families properly feed their children. Every donation can ease a mother, father, or grandparent's mind as they do what they can for our sponsored children. Share our Facebook fundraiser with your friends.

I'm also proud to let you know that Child Foundation was again awarded the Gold Star of Transparency from Guidestar. We remain committed to transparency and clarity so that donors can trust their contributions get to the children who need them.

May your celebrations for Ramadan or Mother's Day be filled with love and joy.

With gratitude,

Gary N. Gamer
President and CEO
Child Foundation

P.S. Did you see the video at the top? Watch the Child Foundation video.

Donate a food basket today

World Thalassemia Day: The Story of Zoleykha

World Thalassemia Day is on May 8, falling on the same weekend as Mother's Day. Children with thalassemia who do not receive regular treatment and blood transfusions may not live to see their fifth birthday. For guardians who have children living with thalassemia, days are filled with worry.

Zoleykha is a young girl in Afghanistan suffering from thalassemia. She is one of 200 children receiving regular treatment at the Child Foundation-funded Thalassemia Clinic in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.

The good news is that Zoleykha just had a successful life-saving surgery in Kabul, and she's so thankful. The surgery and her continued treatment were paid for by Child Foundation donors.



Please consider donating to our [Thalassemia Treatment Fund](#). Your contribution could help relieve this unimaginable burden for children and their concerned parents. We are eager to raise more funds to help more kids have good news.

[Donate to support kids like Zoleykha](#)

The Success of Our Fuel for Families Program

Our Fuel for Families program provided fuel to families in northern Afghanistan to help them make it through one of the coldest winters on record. And what a success!

Read about the program's impact!



Read More!

Progress reports from your sponsored children in Iran are on their way. If you need no translation, you will receive yours in about a week. If yours needs to be translated, please have patience while our volunteers are hard at work on it.

There are even more children in need on our website. Mustafa and Fatemeh Zahra are just a few.



Mustafa is a 10-year-old student from Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, in 3rd grade. He is brilliant and loves playing soccer, and math is his favorite subject. Mustafa lost his father to diabetes four years ago. His mother is a housewife who suffers from severe back and leg pain. The family struggles to get by and lacks many basic necessities. A sponsor could make all the difference for Mustafa.



Fatemeh Zahra is a 17-year-old talented student in 11th grade from South Khorasan, Iran. Her father was a laborer who died of lung cancer in 2008. Fatemeh Zahra has two brothers, and their mother is the sole provider for the three kids. The family's income is from charities and government subsidies, which doesn't cover all of their expenses. Zahra's mother has a hard time providing for the family and making ends meet.

Sponsor a child

March Volunteer of the Month

We are incredibly grateful to every single volunteer who helped out with our Nowruz Spring for Kindness event. It would not have been possible without the help of the generous folks who gave their time and energy over the past couple of months.

Our supporters and volunteers are essential to the work we do, and we couldn't be more thankful!





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- 3. Select "Child Foundation" as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*

Child Foundation's Legal Means of Aid to Iran

Child Foundation is proud to stand by disadvantaged children in need of education in Iran and also those harmed by disasters. All of our humanitarian and emergency support in Iran, and other countries where we support children, is in compliance with best practices of charities and laws, including sanctions imposed on Iran.

