Greetings!

In the U.S. we are coming to a new normal in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. But frightening outbreaks are occurring in some countries, compromising children’s education now—and possibly for months and years to come. Nevertheless, amidst all the chaos, Child Foundation is working to turn the tragedy into opportunities for children. We are increasing our sponsorships to children and finding new ways of supporting learning for disadvantaged children.

**Iran** has been hit hard by the pandemic in 2021, and new infections are still hovering around 10,000 per day. Bonyad-e-Koodak reports that more impoverished children than usual have fallen out of school in the last year. While this was expected, we are excited to be providing direct support to nearly **2,500 more children in Iran** than at the same time last year—more than ever receiving sponsorship before.

**Afghanistan** is amid its highest new infection rate. In-person schooling has halted once again, and the children are back to distance learning. Thankfully, our donors helped ensure that every child who needed a TV for distance learning has one! And donors have responded to the needs in Afghanistan, as we now support nearly **600 students in Afghanistan** and their families.

While our partner in **Cambodia** reports matters are getting “worse and worse” and countries like **India, Nepal,** and **Indonesia** are facing their own COVID surges, Child Foundation is hard at work to better serve those children. We’ve had trainings and direct contact with each partner to keep tabs on families’ well-being and provided medical support where it was possible. Before COVID, Child Foundation welcomed new partners from **India** and **Tajikistan**, and we are glad that these new partnerships have helped students and families weather the pandemic.

Child Foundation is not slowing down in the countries where we work: in each, there are devastated economies, worsened food security, and loss of social safety nets. We have only increased our efforts to support children’s well-being and education. This is not just working in more countries and supporting more children, but assisting our partners in their provision of social services and extra support to children in dire need.

As of today, we have children from each of these countries on our wait list for sponsorship. You can expand our impact by either **sponsoring a child today** or giving to our **Sponsorless Children’s Fund**. Highly vulnerable children throughout the world need our support in staying motivated with hope, benefiting from a social service support system, and remaining and succeeding in school.

With gratitude,
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Save the date for our Back to School bash!

Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, let your children know there is a fun bash coming up featuring children around the world dancing and singing in their own traditions!

As an education-focused organization, our annual back-to-school campaign is one of the most important (and exciting!) parts of the year. And our bash in 2021 will special. So gather your little loved ones for a fun kids’ concert that features sponsored Child Foundation children!

In August, our remote back-to-school event celebrates the return to the classroom. This is a fun opportunity to learn about our kids and support their needs in accessing and succeeding in school. We plan to do everything we can to help children get back on track after a year of isolation and remote learning—and on their way to brighter futures.

Happy Father’s Day!

Father’s Day is a happy event for some each year—but it’s a complicated day for others. Not every child has a parental figure alive or present in their life. Many of the children that Child Foundation sponsors are orphaned by either one or both parents, or are otherwise lacking in sufficient support from a guardian.

Father’s Day is the perfect opportunity to support fatherless children and donate to make sure they can grow and thrive as children should. If you want to go the extra mile, consider becoming the sponsor for a fatherless child.

Fatema and Mohammad Reza are two such children who could use the help
Fatema is an intelligent 9-year-old girl in third grade. She is from Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. Her father passed away after a period of illness. The family now lives in one of the city’s charities run by the Red Crescent. Each family is allowed to live there for only three years. Fatema's mother sometimes works as a maid to earn money and provide for her six children's expenses. She is unable to do heavy-duty jobs because of her back pain, and she cannot seek treatment due to their financial problems. They have a hard time making ends meet.

Mohammad Reza is 15 years old and in 9th grade. He is from Darab, Iran. He is a talented, polite boy interested in studying. His father used to work in the education facilities of Fars province and provide for his family. Unfortunately, he passed away because of cardiac arrest. After his death, Mohammad Reza’s mother became the head of the family. She earns a living through working on farms. They get help from a charity, as well as the pension left by her late husband. They live in a house that was bought in the village while his father was still alive.

Sponsor a child

Join Child Foundation on Clubhouse

Persian speakers will have a unique opportunity to hear directly from Child Foundation’s leadership about our mission, work, and future. Come to ask questions and get an inside look at the challenges and opportunities of making education accessible. The focus will be on our largest programs in Iran and Afghanistan. Be sure to save the dates for each Clubhouse session!

Getting to know the kids آشنایی با کودکان
Thursday, June 17, 6pm-8pm PT
Join
School memories are the right of all children
خاطرات مدرسه حق همه کودکان است
With Tara Grammy
Thursday, June 24, 6pm-8pm PT
Join

Volunteer of the month

Always available, flexible, and dedicated, Fardin Abdi has supported Child Foundation with so many of his talents. From translations of key documents to acting as a live translator in hours-long meetings between our president and our Iran partner, Fardin gives back regularly. He’s also been extremely helpful by offering his technical knowledge to Child Foundation management so that programs can be run even more efficiently. Fardin demonstrates the heart and passion of our volunteer team with each new project.

Give through AmazonSmile!

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select “Child Foundation” as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They’ll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

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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.