Greetings,

I am excited about how we are making a big difference for disadvantaged children and families as we look ahead into this new year.

Child Foundation highlights so far in 2022 are:

- The **2021 Annual Report** is out! [Read it here](https://example.com) and see your impact.

- The **Iran Education Fund** is already making a major impact. 600+ laptops, 350+ tablets, and 100+ smartphones. We are seeing firsthand how these devices help kids better succeed in their studies. Every student we talk with explains how the gift immediately affected the quality of their education and boosted their confidence. Scroll down for a full report.

- We are seeing how the **Iran Cosponsorship Program’s** monthly food packages are clearly benefiting families amidst rising prices in Iran. They are becoming more nutritionally diversified with rice and chickpeas along with the beans and lentils that started this program. We are also increasing the food package allotments. Families testify how important receiving this food is each month and are grateful.

- Child Foundation is continuing to **fight hunger** with [emergency care packages in Iran](https://example.com). Your Thanksgiving generosity delivered significant food packages to 200+ families in Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, and Tajikistan and gift cards to dozens of Afghan refugee families in the Portland, Oregon area. [Photos are here](https://example.com).

- We are happy to report the reopening of our headquarters in Mazar-e Sharif, **Afghanistan**. Both male and female workers are re-establishing their outreach to sponsored student families. Sponsorship resources are beginning to flow to support children being in school, both girls and boys. And we are giving bread to families every day in the **Bring Bread to Afghanistan Campaign**. Scroll down for a full report.

- **Nowruz**, the New Year for more than 300 million people worldwide is coming! We are sending a small “seen” item to donors for their Nowruz haft seen. If you do not currently receive mail from CF but want this item, [please fill out this quick form](https://example.com) to celebrate with us that #SeenisforStudent.

There’s more below about the essential services the Child Foundation Family is getting to some pretty great kids!

May 2022 be a good year for you, your family, and the thousands of children we all care so much for.
With hope and excitement,

Gary N. Gamer
President & CEO
Child Foundation

Give to the Iran Education Fund

More News

Iran Education Fund

The Iran Education Fund has a huge impact. More than $1,000,000 has been sent from the Iran Education Fund to our partner to provide laptops, tablets, and other educational tools. After an on-the-ground assessment of the program here is some of our insights and illuminating case studies.

- Students told us laptops and tablets are gamechangers for them. “The biggest gift” some had ever received. Students can “finally finish college coursework” with access to the software they did not have before. Mothers told us laptops give them and their children hope.

  - Fatemeh Zahra (fashion design university student) can finally work with the design software of her trade.
  - Mohammad Amin (6th grade) is taking computer classes to get started early on tech literacy. And when classes are online, he no longer needs to borrow his married sister’s cellphone.
  - Aida (high school) can really dig into her university exam preparations.
  - Khatereh (high school) is engaging more meaningfully in her online classes because her cellphone had such limited capacity.
  - Fatameh (law university student) can access materials, enriching her education and preparations for her law exam soon after graduation.

- The Iran Education Fund is a phenomenal complement for children in our Cosponsorship Program. The monthly food support they already receive is nourishing and families say, vital for their wellbeing. Family after family told us that the sponsor-provided monthly food packages helped them make ends meet and nourish their school-aged children. Food prices hamper families’ abilities to provide for the basic needs of their children. Monthly food packages are becoming more nutritiously
diversified with rice and chickpeas along with the beans and lentils that started this program. Based on feedback, we are also increasing the food package allotments.

- The children are asking for more education resources. Nearly every child we spoke to wants to take after-school classes or university exam preparation courses or both! Many children also expressed a need for books, internet data, and an additional tech tool. Get involved by giving to the Iran Education Fund.

- There’s more work to be done and it will take time. We distributed 600+ laptops, 350+ tablets, and 100+ smartphones to students who needed them to learn. However, there are thousands of others in need of similar supplies and opportunities. Social workers in Iran are assessing which needs are the most pressing. But we know every student has needs and it will take the entire Child Foundation family to equip each child.

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Afghanistan Crisis Update

Hunger is rampant in Afghanistan right now. Just before the government change in Afghanistan, Child Foundation delivered significant food supplies to 300+ families. As the new government took over financial and other systems collapsed. **But there is good news.** Child Foundation is re-establishing financial pathways to support humanitarian aid and sponsorship stipends to ensure children are attending school.

In December, we successfully delivered more emergency food to another 100 our sponsored children’s families. More food packages are being prepared now. However, the UN reports around 23 million people in the country are facing extreme hunger.

Child Foundation Afghanistan networked with 30+ bakeries in Kabul and Mazar-e Sharif to provide freshly baked bread for our sponsored children and their families. In Mazar-e Sharif, the remaining loaves are given to other families in need so there is no waste. 20,000+ freshly baked barbari bread loaves have already been delivered, 5-8 loaves per family... but we are just getting started.

**Join our Bring Bread to Afghanistan Campaign.** The Bring Bread Campaign is vital; it supplements the monthly support flowing to our sponsored children.
Our monthly sponsorship support to children is revving back up, after a slowdown due to the government transition and ensuing crisis, including security concerns and a severely weakened financial system. We are replenishing the backlog built up in the crisis and this critical support is coming just in time to meet critical needs.

Social workers are now more freely moving about in local communities to visit and check in with families about their needs and student progress in school as the term ends. You should receive your sponsored child’s report soon. The next school year begins early March.

Our Mazar-e Sharif office is completely open now for both female and male staff, working in newly modified arrangements. While our Kabul office is not yet open again, staff are back working remotely.

In the midst of this good news, supply chain and financial restrictions place limitations for the Thalassemia Clinic we support in Mazar-e Sharif. The clinic is struggling to secure enough medication to help children receiving blood transfusions manage their iron levels and we are exploring every possibility to secure necessary medications. However, we have been successful this week in securing more medication until the next shipment comes in.

The need in Afghanistan grows day by day. We are so grateful for our hardworking staff on the ground and dedicated Child Foundation family who continue to support our amazing students and their families. We know that as Afghanistan’s banking system and society is opening back up, but there is still a long way to go. Thank you for continuing to support this program as it rebuilds and makes such a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and their families!

Did you know you can launch your own fundraiser for Child Foundation?

Hamid has begun a campaign to raise awareness and funds to knock down the barriers that keep kids from getting
a good education in countries like Iran, Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, and Tajikistan. He ran in Houston Marathon on Jan 14, 2022, to support the children’s education and on behalf of all those who contributed to his campaign. If you want to host a small fundraiser of your own, either online or in-person, you can set up your own fundraiser page here.

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.

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