Aid for Flood Victims in Pakistan

In 2010, massive flood waters devastated Pakistan, causing untold damage to lives and property. Life for Relief and Development responded to this tragedy by quickly dispatching a relief team to the flood zone to deliver humanitarian assistance to survivors. Phase 1 of Life's emergency response campaign was carried out during the holy month of Ramadan. At that time, thousands of people benefited from the distribution of food in the towns ofCharsadda and Nowshera...See Page 10

Haiti Relief Work Continues

Ever since a devastating earthquake struck Haiti in 2010, Life for Relief and Development has been there, helping survivors recover from one of the worst natural disasters in modern history. Thanks to its many donors and partners, Life has distributed nearly $3 million in emergency aid and reconstruction assistance across the country...See Page 10

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As we encounter difficult economic times, we all tend to watch how we spend our money. This is true whether we are shopping at the mall, eating at a restaurant, or donating money to charity.

As a donor myself, I am always looking for efficiency in the way that my charity dollars are spent, and effectiveness in terms of how that money is used. Therefore I am proud of the fact that Life is able to keep its administration costs at around 6%. This accomplishment has earned us a prestigious 4-star rating (the highest possible) from Charity Navigator, the most trusted organization that evaluates charities in the U.S.

Of course it is not just about the money, but more importantly it is about the orphans, the widows, the refugees, and the needy, whose suffering we all want to ease.

It is this philosophy that guided our responses to the flooding in Pakistan, and the earthquake in Haiti. Our philosophy has also guided our long-term humanitarian commitments around the world. If you have given to Life for Relief and Development in the past, I hope that you are proud of what you have helped to accomplish, and that you will continue to support Life's noble cause.

If, however, you have not donated to Life before, I hope that the reports and pictures in this newsletter will earn your confidence so that we can be your vehicle for charitable giving.

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Lastly, I encourage you to visit our website at www.lifeusa.org to watch the videos and photos, and read more reports that document how your charity dollars are spent.

May Allah Almighty bless you, your families, and all of those who make our work possible, and may He help us in our quest to ease the suffering of the world's needy. Ameen!

Sincerely,

Mujahid Al-Fayadh, Ph.D.
President & CEO
LIFE for Relief and Development
Orphan Sponsorship Program

Life's Orphan Sponsorship Program provides help and hope to thousands of children around the world who have lost one or both of their parents to poverty, conflict or natural disaster. The program is operated in the following countries:

- Afghanistan
- Ghana
- Iraq
- Jordan (Including Palestinian Refugee Camps)
- Lebanon (Including Palestinian Refugee Camps)
- Sierra Leone
- Syria (Including Palestinian Refugee Camps)

For $50 a month—that's about $1.65 a day—you can provide an orphan with food, clothing, school supplies, health services and living expenses. Soon after starting a sponsorship, a welcome package will be mailed to you, which will include a biography and photograph of your sponsored child. You will receive regular progress reports on your sponsored child's education, health and overall well-being. What's more, the orphan will send you a personal letter at least once a year and you will have the opportunity to write back as well.

Back to School Program in Iraq

Like everywhere else in the world, the start of the new school year in Iraq is an exciting time for families. Widows and orphans are often left on the sidelines of the festive atmosphere. Many are so poor that the hope of buying anything new for school, even a pencil is simply out of reach.

For years now, Life has sought to help struggling Iraqi families prepare their kids for back to school. This year, Life was able to assist hundreds of orphans by giving them new clothes, new shoes, book bags and school supplies during a back to school ceremony in Baghdad.

New Computers for Orphans in Yemen

In an effort to improve the skills of orphans in Yemen, Life for Relief and Development in partnership with Mohammed Bin Rashid Charity Organization (MBRC) sent several hundred new computers to over a dozen training centers and institutions throughout Yemen that were donated by the Municipality of Dubai. The hope is that thousands of Yemeni boys and girls will be able to acquire computer skills and become more competitive in the job market. Life in partnership with Children of Abraham recently sent a container of medical aid to Al-Thawra Hospital to improve the hospital's capacity to serve the poorest segments of the population.
180,000 Books Distributed in Sierra Leone and Ghana

Life recently distributed over 180,000 English-language books to nearly 100 schools, colleges and libraries in Sierra Leone and Ghana. The books were valued at over $2 million, and included modern textbooks covering mathematics, science, and literature.

The 2nd Lady of Sierra Leone, Madam Khadija Sam Sumana, led a ceremony for the distribution of the books in her country. She publicly praised Life for its longtime support of Sierra Leone's children, and pledged to continue the coordination with Life in the sphere of development through education.

In Ghana, Life distributed books to some 20 schools in and around the capital Accra. This was one of several projects launched to inaugurate Life's new expansion into Ghana.

6 Community Centers Built in Sierra Leone

Life is constructing two new orphanages in Freetown (one for boys, one for girls) and has nearly finished the construction of six new community centers in different parts of the country.

These community centers are providing a space for neighbors to come together to socialize, learn, and worship.

Each community center has a freshly dug water well, as well as restrooms and other facilities.

31 Water Wells Dug in Afghanistan, Somalia, Sierra Leone, and Ethiopia

In an effort to make water more accessible to people in the developing world, Life commissioned the digging of 31 new water wells. The wells are located in the following countries:

- Afghanistan: 8 wells around rural Kabul
- Somalia: 16 wells in Hargeisa, Lower Shabelle, and elsewhere
- Sierra Leone: 5 wells in rural areas
- Ethiopia: 2 new wells in rural areas

Tens of thousands of people now have instant access to clean drinking water thanks to the new wells.

Women and children no longer need to travel long distances to retrieve a few gallons of water at a time for their families.

New Projects

Six containers of textbooks, beds, mattresses and agricultural seeds are on the way to Sierra Leone and one container of university textbooks was recently sent to the Amoud University in Somalia.
Iraqi Hospitals Receive Medical Supplies

For over a decade, Life has worked to help solve many of the urgent needs of the Iraqi healthcare sector. In the most recent of these projects, Life distributed a container of medical supplies and equipment to the main hospital in the southern city of Diwaniyah. This past year, the Connecticut-based AmeriCares partnered with Life and delivered nearly $5.5 million worth of medical equipment, medical supplies and medicines to Iraq.

Iraqi Universities Receive New Books while Iraqi Schools Receive Desks

Life, through a partnership with the Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF), provided nine Iraqi universities with new textbooks, reference materials, and other publications. These books cover a wide variety of academic subjects, from business and management to statistics and social sciences. Over the past decade, the Life-BBF partnership has delivered hundreds of thousands of modern textbooks to schools in Iraq, Pakistan, Jordan, Sierra Leone, Palestine, and throughout the United States. In addition, Life sent desks donated by New York University (NYU) to the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum High School for Boys that Life is constructing in the southern city of Babil.

U.S. Schools Get New Books

Last December, Life partnered with the Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) to distribute books and school supplies to schools in Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Virginia, Arizona and Hawaii. Teachers and students felt that the books and educational materials richly enhanced skills in math, science, reading and geography. Life is happy to be the bridge that brings high quality educational materials to schools throughout the USA.
What If You Could Help Someone Walk?

Together, we can give new hope to the community of disabled Palestinians.

Disabled Palestinians Receive Wheelchairs

In 2010, Life launched a campaign to provide wheelchairs to handicapped Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and the refugee camps in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

In the ongoing campaign to help ease the suffering of the handicapped, Life provided wheelchairs to 300 handicapped Palestinians in Gaza and 550 to the Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan. The wheelchairs were given to both children and adults.
Water...the Other Palestinian Crisis

The lack of access to clean drinking water has reached a crisis level in Palestine. In response to this crisis, Life launched a program to provide large water storage tanks to needy Palestinian families in Gaza and the West Bank. These tanks can hold hundreds of gallons of water, which means that families need to fill them only once or twice a month. Since the project began, over 520 families, mainly in Gaza, received water storage tanks. Life also purchased a four-month supply of fresh water from delivery trucks for families who cannot afford the modest expense of filling up their new tanks. These tanks have greatly improved the health and welfare of the families who received them.

The Best of Charity is Water

give a family in Gaza and the West Bank the gift of clean water
Udhiyah Meat Reaches Nearly half a million Needy People

Life recently completed one of the most successful Udhiyah campaigns in its 18-year history. With the blessings of Allah (swt) and the generosity of its donors, nearly half a million people benefited from the distribution of fresh meat from animals sacrificed during the days of Eid ul Adha.

Below is a country-by-country report on Life's 2010 Udhiyah / Qurbani Campaign:

**Palestine:** The largest distribution of meat came in Palestine, where over a hundred thousand Palestinians benefited

**Pakistan:** Life's team in Pakistan distributed the meat to 63,500 Pakistanis

**Syria:** Meat was distributed to tens of thousands of Syrians, Palestinian refugees, and other residents of the country

**Jordan:** Tens of thousands of Jordanians and Palestinian refugees benefited

**Somalia:** Tens of thousands of people from Lower Shabelle to Somaliland received Udhiyah meat

**Lebanon:** More than 12,000 Lebanese and Palestinian refugees benefited

**Ethiopia:** More than 11,000 Ethiopians benefited

**Afghanistan:** Several thousand people benefited

**Sierra Leone:** Almost two thousand people, including orphans, benefited

**Sudan:** Several thousand Sudanese, including Darfurians, received Udhiyah meat

**Iraq:** Several thousand Iraqis were recipients of Udhiyah meat

**Yemen:** Over 1,600 received Udhiya meat

**Kenya:** Several thousand Kenyans received gifts of Udhiyah meat

**Haiti:** Over a thousand people received Udhiyah meat

**India/Kashmir:** Over a thousand people were treated to gifts of meat for Eid

**USA:** Nearly 1,000 needy families in Michigan and Ohio received meat

**Bangladesh:** Meat was distributed to nearly a thousand needy people

**Ghana:** Several hundred orphans and adults received shares of Udhiyah meat
Annual Ramadan Campaign

Every Ramadan, Life provides baskets of food to thousands of families around the world. These food baskets can have enough items to last a family for up to a month.
The campaign is greatly supported by donors in North America and around the world who generously donate so that poor families will have food to eat during Ramadan, and beyond.
Last year's campaign delivered food baskets to people in over a dozen countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Haiti, Niger, Sudan (East and Darfur), Eritrea, and Ethiopia.

Delegation of Iraqi Doctors Receive Training in Turkey

Life, in partnership with the British-based Human Relief Foundation (HRF), co-sponsored a three-day training workshop for two dozen Iraqi doctors.
The workshop was held in Istanbul, Turkey, where a team of British doctors from Edinburgh University updated their Iraqi counterparts on the latest developments in surgical procedures.
Nearly two decades of conflict in Iraq have had a very destructive impact on the country’s healthcare system. Keeping up with medical advances and technology has been difficult for most doctors and hospitals.
The training of Iraqi doctors is another step toward improving the quality of the healthcare system in Iraq, which in its prime years was the most advanced in the Arab World.

Adopt a Family Program

Life's Adopt a Family Program gives donors the opportunity to help an entire family on a regular basis. This unique program provides families with things like monthly food baskets, clothing, and other essentials.
Families in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, the USA and elsewhere can be adopted for a monthly donation of $150. The families that are selected for adoption come from areas of high poverty and unemployment, and their needs are verified before they receive assistance.
...Pakistan Floods Continued

Phase 2 of the campaign involved setting up a 20-tent camp where the sick and injured received first aid and medicine.
Phase 3 of the campaign began by sending 3 free humanitarian flights on Pakistan International Airlines of medical aid valued at over $2.5 million, donated by Spirit of America and Medical Teams International to Al-Shifa Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan.
Phase 4 of the campaign took place during the days of Eid ul Adha. Life distributed enough Udhiyah / Qurbani meat to feed 63,500 needy Pakistani.
Life also sent 2 shipping containers of food, hygiene kits, medicine and medical supplies donated by Masjid Saad in Toledo, Ohio.

...Haiti Continued

One of Life's biggest accomplishments has been the renovation of five mosques damaged by the earthquakes in and around the capital of Port au Prince. Life was approached by several donors and partners to renovate and rebuild the mosques.
Life's staff worked closely with the Haitian-Muslim community in order to assess their specific needs and create a plan that would not only restore their mosques, but would also improve them over their prior condition.
Masjid Al Fatiha in Delmas 18, which is the oldest mosque in Haiti, was completely renovated and equipped with new carpet for the prayer hall, plumbing, book cabinets, speakers for the minaret, and a new water filtration system. The Imam's residence next to the mosque was also renovated.
Similar renovations took place at Masjid Allahu Akbar, Masjid Al Tawheed, and Masjid Yassin. A fifth mosque, Masjid Al Qadri, is scheduled to be rebuilt by Life after it was determined to be structurally unsafe for use.
This project was funded in part by the Al-Rahma Charity, which is based in Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates, as well as other Life partners.
2011 Employees of the Year

Ayman Aburahma
Community Relations Coordinator
Life USA

Since joining Life in 2006, Ayman has juggled multiple responsibilities, including overseeing fundraising efforts and leading Life’s emergency response team.

Over the past year, Ayman demonstrated exemplary dedication through his numerous missions to Haiti, where he coordinated earthquake relief efforts.

Dr. Bahira Al-Jumaili
Assistant Director of Projects
Life Iraq

Bahira is a dedicated humanitarian who has focused much of her efforts on alleviating the suffering of Iraqi widows and orphans.

Her hard work and determination have touched so many lives, and have helped to make Life Iraq a very efficient and effective organization.

Noor-Agha Tohedi
Regional Director
Life Afghanistan/Pakistan

Since 2008, Noor-Agha has overseen Life’s projects in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He also has been in the lead of responding to multiple natural disasters, including last year’s devastating flooding in Pakistan.

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