



Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation (USA)

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Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani | August 2022

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Message from the CEO

To our family,

Salaam Alaykum, over the last two years I have had the honor to serve as the director of Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation USA. In that time, I have witnessed the commitment, generosity, and compassion of our national community. Your dedication to our cause and the trust you place in us to carry out your intentions and our mission is the cornerstone of everything we do.



Ali Hassanali - CEO

As a result of your efforts, we have witnessed growth in all areas of our organization. Earlier this year we expanded our reach to Afghanistan and Ghana. Our offices on the ground in these cities are working tirelessly to identify and support orphaned children in these regions where the need is great. We now care for 98,818 children in Iraq, 514 children in Afghanistan, and 184 children in Ghana.

We have distributed almost 3000 sadaqa boxes to families all over the country. Our Kareeman sadaqa box specifically has been a huge hit among our youngest supporters! They love engaging with the characters and giving charity everyday to help orphaned children.

Additionally, we have completed the construction of 8 Luminous Stars Centers and are still building 9 more. These centers are the hub of our operations, providing a safe place for mothers and guardians to collect their monthly aid, receive medical and mental healthcare as needed, 'shop' for clothing, and access vocational training to learn a marketable trade.

This past year we have expanded our team in Texas and New York and have spent considerable time reaching out to new communities in cities across the country. With this expansion comes additional responsibility for us to give back to the communities that support our work. From khums seminars, to parent drop in sessions to children's Kareeman events, we strive to create opportunities for the community to benefit from us.

Serving orphaned children is not something you choose to do, it chooses you. To be a light in the life of a child and to know that your actions, contributions, and commitment are transforming their lives and the lives of their families and communities is a gift reserved for those who have been chosen to receive it.

About us

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation (US) is part of Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation International, an umbrella body overseeing 14 national members across the world. Among these, 3 are field offices actively distributing aid to orphaned children and their families in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana. The remaining members serve as fundraising offices, raising awareness of our mission to support orphaned children living in poverty.

We all share the same objective to empower orphaned children and provide them with comprehensive support and services.

This year, we reached a significant milestone in supporting over 100,000 orphaned children and their families every month.

Over 170,000 orphaned children have been supported since Al-Ayn's inception over 18 years ago.

By providing families under our care with essential resources and holistic support, we aim to transform their lives, enabling them to build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

We do this through:



TRANSPARENCY

We comply with international standards in handling and disbursing money and donations.



DIGNITY

We ensure that our services are of the highest quality and promote the dignity of beneficiaries.



EMPOWERMENT

We provide for beneficiaries' needs completely so that they are free to concentrate on living their lives as they wish and fulfilling their potential.



EFFECTIVENESS

We continuously evaluate and improve the services we provide, to ensure beneficiaries have a positive contribution to society.

Key Achievements in 2023

10,000

Additional children sponsored in Iraq, bringing the total number of children benefitting from comprehensive care to 100,000

112

Additional children supported in Ghana, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 208. This assistance encompasses financial aid, nutritional support, access to healthcare, and housing support.

The Hikayati Center, a state-of-the-art facility for child development completed and in operation in Iraq.

171

Fuel for heating distributed to families in Afghanistan.

514

Ongoing support for children in Afghanistan, ensuring they receive financial assistance, nutritional aid, access to healthcare, and housing support.

4

19,000+

Medical treatments for orphaned children provided or facilitated by Al-Ayn.

370

Vocational training courses completed.

683

Blankets distributed to orphaned children and their families in Afghanistan.

470+

Children in Iraq registered for psychological rehabilitation.

2,000+

Volunteers across the world supported Al-Ayn in its mission.

37,215

Ramadan food packages distributed across Iraq, Ghana and Afghanistan to orphaned families.

2

United Nations participations at the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the Economic and Social Council in New York.

Al-Ayn attended the United Nations' 61st Commission for Social Development in New York for the first time.

104

Youth in Iraq provided with the financial means to enrol into university.

New Luminous Stars centers completed and in operation in Iraq, providing medical aid, psychological rehabilitation, educational support, and vocational training to over 31,000 orphaned children and their families living in impoverished areas.



The United Nations

Al-Ayn's work for orphaned children living in poverty has been recognized by the United Nations. In 2016, we were granted special consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council.

This year, Al-Ayn submitted an oral statement at the 52nd Human Rights Council in Geneva, and a written statement to the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council in New York. Our statement informed the

international community of our ongoing work in Iraq and our expansions in Afghanistan and Ghana. Al-Ayn also attended the 61st Commission for Social Development in New York to learn more about how we can represent orphaned children to the international community.



SINCE 2016, AL-AYN HAS HAD A TOTAL OF 17 ENGAGEMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, CONSISTING OF ORAL STATEMENTS, WRITTEN STATEMENTS, AND A SIDE SESSION.



Watch Al-Ayn at the Human Rights Council



Authorization

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation first registered as a non-governmental organization in 2006 in Iraq. Today, Al-Ayn has offices in Australia, Afghanistan, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Iraq, Germany, Ghana, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States of America.

Since its establishment, Al-Ayn has enjoyed the direct support and blessings of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani. This is renewed every 4 years and encompasses his authorization (Ijaza) to receive religious dues including Khums (both parts), Zakat, Kaffara, and Fidyah, in addition to encouraging supporters to donate towards our various Sadaqa Jariya projects and to leave a portion of their inheritance to us. In 2023, Al-Ayn implemented key new components in the Ijaza released in November 2022. This includes receiving religious dues for:

- **Widowed mothers in addition to orphaned children.**
- **The health needs of widowed mothers and guardians in addition to orphaned children.**
- **Orphaned children in regions outside of Iraq, including Afghanistan, and Ghana.**

We renew our thanks and appreciation to those working for, supporting, and contributing to the charitable activities of this pioneering foundation, for the distinctive care it provides to our beloved orphans and to needy individuals, including those who are widowed, ill, and displaced. We congratulate them on the expansion of (the Foundation's) work and its inclusion of countries other than Iraq. We ask Almighty to grant everyone further success in continuing this blessed journey, and to increase their reward. We have given you permission with regards to what you have requested, in relation to the areas mentioned, conditional on the supervision of the eminent honourable scholar Sheikh Amjed Riyadh, may his support be maintained, with the appointment of the eminent scholar Sheikh Nazar Yousef, may his support be maintained, as his deputy. This permission is for a period of five years. I advise everyone to invoke the observance of Almighty in private and in public, and to observe precaution, for it is the way to salvation. May peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.



26 Muharram 1444
Ali Al-Husseini Al-Sistani

Read the full Ijaza
by scanning the
QR code below:



Your Khums

20%

In 2023, thousands of supporters around the world were able fulfill their religious obligations with Al-Ayn, enabling us to expand our work and support even more orphaned children.

Khums, which means 'one-fifth' in Arabic, refers to a religious tax levied on specific items according to Islamic law. It serves as an important obligation for Muslims seeking to fulfill their religious duties. Khums mainly applies to surplus income derived from various sources, including earnings and gains.

Khums donations received by Al-Ayn were used to provide essential support to orphaned children, primarily in the form of monthly financial allowances to lift them out of poverty. This applies to both Sahm Al-Imam and Sahm Al-Sada donations. Khums donations also enabled us to:

- **Cover orphaned children's surgical or medical fees in Iraq and Afghanistan**
- **Build or equip health clinics in Iraq**
- **Provide school kids to orphaned children in Iraq**
- **Provide vocational training courses to orphaned youth in Iraq**
- **Build new homes for orphaned families for orphaned children in Iraq**
- **Repair homes in Iraq**
- **Provide a vital financial lifeline to orphaned children via our Sponsorship Fund**

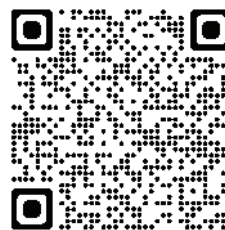


Al-Ayn's Khums Calculator

Al-Ayn's scholar-approved Khums calculator is the most comprehensive and accurate online Khums calculator to date. In 2023, supporters were able to find out how much Khums to pay with confidence and ease, and were sent comprehensive reports within seconds, for free.

Scholar support provided by Al-Ayn

In 2023, Al-Ayn assisted supporters in calculating their Khums by arranging for a scholar to call them and answer their queries.



Scan the QR code below to discover our calculator.

Transparency

Expenses:



Program Expenses

- Our goal is to direct all our funds toward programs that directly benefit orphaned children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana.

Program expenses include education, healthcare, housing, and other essential services.

In our financial reports, you will find a breakdown of these expenses, illustrating how your contributions directly impact the lives of those we serve.



Administrative Expenses

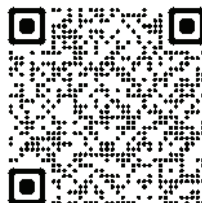
- While our administrative structure is lean and costs are kept at a minimum, **100% of administrative costs** are still covered by a particular group of Al-Ayn supporters who donate specifically for this purpose. Any shortfall from these donors is covered directly by **Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani's office**. As a result, 100% of every other form of contribution, including general charity and religious dues, goes only toward programs that benefit orphaned children.
- Al-Ayn scrutinizes its global income in relation to global administrative expenses, revealing a commendable ratio of less than 10%, emphasizing our commitment to efficient resource allocation for the betterment of orphaned children globally.

Financial Reports:



Monitoring Fund Use

As part of our commitment to transparency and best practices when it comes to the transfer and appropriation of collected funds, we have an agreement with Al-Ayn Iraq (AAIQ) detailing the way funds may and may not be used, as well as the importance of reporting how exactly funds transferred to Iraq are spent.



Scan the QR code to visit Our Guidestar profile.



Monthly, we receive a comprehensive spending report from AAIQ. This report details the total amount of funds received by AAIQ for a given period, along with the distinct types of donations and amounts constituting each making up the total sum. Each of these types of donations has a specific set of permissible uses and AAIQ ensures that each category of spending sources funds from the appropriate category of donation. The result is a hyper-specific spending report, in which all forms of donations making up funding sent by AAUSA correspond to specified charitable uses on the ground.

For instance, donations made for the expressed purpose of funding ongoing charity projects are used, as reflected in spending reports provided by AAIQ, to build Luminous Stars Centers, housing complexes, etc. In the case of sponsorships, where individual donors provide continuous financial support to one or more orphaned children, the identities, needs, and circumstances of every sponsored child is closely and consistently documented and monitored so as to ensure they receive %100 of the financial aid to which they are entitled and absolutely none of the contributions made by sponsors is misused or misplaced.

Finally, if the spending of grant monies from any transfer period results in a surplus amount unused, such an amount can be used by AAIQ for charitable activities where needed with approval from AAUSA

Audited Financial Statements:

To further enhance transparency, we undergo regular financial audits conducted by reputable external auditors. The audited financial statements offer an independent assessment of our financial health, assuring donors that their contributions are managed responsibly.

Annually, Al-Ayn International, under whose umbrella both AAUSA and AAIQ fall, performs an internal accounts audit to ensure complete transparency in funding and spending reports and compliance with nonprofit and anti-money-laundering laws.

An external, unrelated company hired by AAUSA also performs an audit on an annual basis for the purpose of ensuring the intended standards of compliance and transparency are upheld.

Donor Feedback:

We value your input and encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback is instrumental in our continuous improvement efforts, and we are dedicated to maintaining a transparent and responsive dialogue.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to empowering orphaned children. If you have any further questions or if there is additional information you would like, please feel free to contact us directly.

Sadaqa Box

The most recognizable feature of Al-Ayn is its Sadaqa Box. With special permission from Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani, money placed in an Al-Ayn Sadaqa Box is considered "received charity" (Sadaqa Maqbootha). This means that the rewards associated with Sadaqa are immediately received, as if the charity was given directly to the person in need or their guardian. 100% of Sadaqa box donations are spent on orphaned children living in poverty.

In 2023, our Sadaqa Box initiative helped us continue to connect with communities across the country. Our committed volunteers in different cities assisted in making, distributing, and collecting the Sadaqa boxes. Thousands of people have donated to the boxes, and these funds go towards our Sponsorship Fund, supporting orphaned children awaiting private sponsorship.

2,624 US Sadaqa Boxes collected in 2023

3,058 US Sadaqa Boxes distributed in 2023

Al-Ayn are also committed to ensuring that electronic Sadaqa donated via the Al-Ayn website or app, achieves the status of Sadaqa Maqbootha (Received Sadaqa) by the end of the next working day.



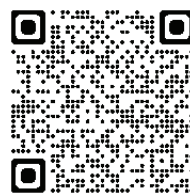
Kareeman

What is Kareeman?

Our goal with Kareeman is to harness a child's innate sense of compassion and to empower them to make a lasting difference for an orphaned child.

Our Kareeman Sadaqa Box is a fun, engaging tool that will help them develop a habit of giving charity.

Kareem and Eman are the sibling-duo starring as the main characters in Kareeman. Through stories, activities, events, and more they will accompany each child on a journey of selflessness and giving.



Scan the QR code to request your Kareeman box today!



Sadaqa Jariya

Sadaqa Jariya is one of the most powerful ways of giving in Islam since the benefits of this type of charity are reaped not just by the recipient, but also by the giver.

Since its inception, Al-Ayn has implemented over 200 Sadaqa Jariya projects, and we are committed to developing more to ensure long-term support for orphaned children and their families.

In **2023**, these projects included:



4 New Luminous Stars centers, providing comprehensive care to thousands of orphaned children in Iraq

 PROVINCE	 COMPLETED	 IN PROGRESS	 UNDER CONSIDERATION	TOTAL
BAGHDAD	21	8	28	57
NAJAF	17	6	16	39
KARBALA	9	3	16	28
AL MUTHANNA	5	1	1	7
BASRA	6	2	3	11
BABIL	6	4	9	19
WASIT	2	2	3	7
AL DIWANIYAH	6	1	9	16
SALAH AL-DIN	1	1	3	5
DIYALA	1	0	2	3
NASIRIYAH	0	2	1	3
MAYSAN	0	2	1	3
KIRKUK	0	1	1	2
	74	33	93	200

Luminous Stars Centers

Our Luminous Stars centers in Iraq serve as safe havens for over **100,000 orphaned children and families**, offering them access to high quality healthcare, psychological rehabilitation, vocational training, and educational programs. The staff at our Luminous Stars centers are trained professionals who prioritize the well-being and holistic development of vulnerable children and families. In 2023, Al-Ayn opened 4 new centers in Muthanna, Basra, Diyala, and Babil.

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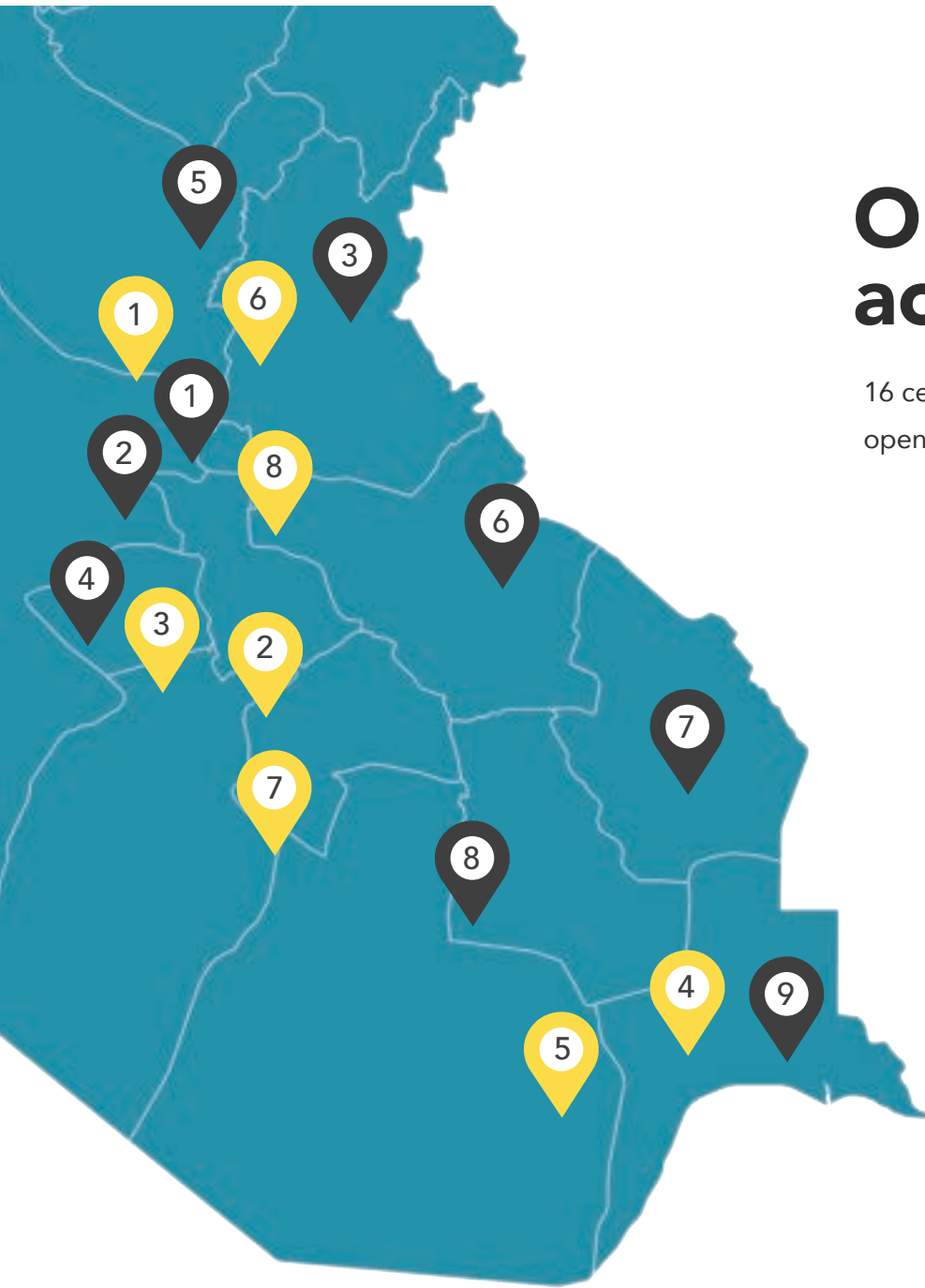
The centers serve the following key purposes:

- A financial aid distribution center, that includes a dedicated section to review and address children's medical care needs.
- A medical center that functions as a miniature hospital, with specialist clinics for pediatrics, dentistry, optometry, ENT, and general practice. Our clinics also comprise a pharmacy, laboratory and an X-ray room.
- A center for psychological rehabilitation and counselling.
- A playroom with fun games, where many children discover new hobbies.
- A 'mall' area for children to choose their clothing and shoes.
- Vocational training centers that cover a range of fields, including business management, IT skills, upholstery, cooking, mobile repair and more.



Our centers across Iraq

16 centers across Iraq, 8 of which are open and serving orphaned children.



8 Completed

1. Kadhimiya, Baghdad
2. Al-Hira, Najaf
3. Diwaniya, Qadisiyah
4. Al-Zubair, Basra
5. Al-Madina, Basra
6. Qazaniya, Diyala
7. Al-Samawa, Muthanna
8. Al-Hilla, Babil



9 Under Construction

1. Al-Rusafa, Baghdad
2. Al-Markaz, Karbala
3. Balad, Salah al-Din
4. Al-Markaz, Najaf
5. Al-Musayib, Babil
6. Al-Kut, Wasit
7. Al-Amara, Maysan
8. Al-Nasiriya, Dhi Qar
9. Al-Markaz, Basra



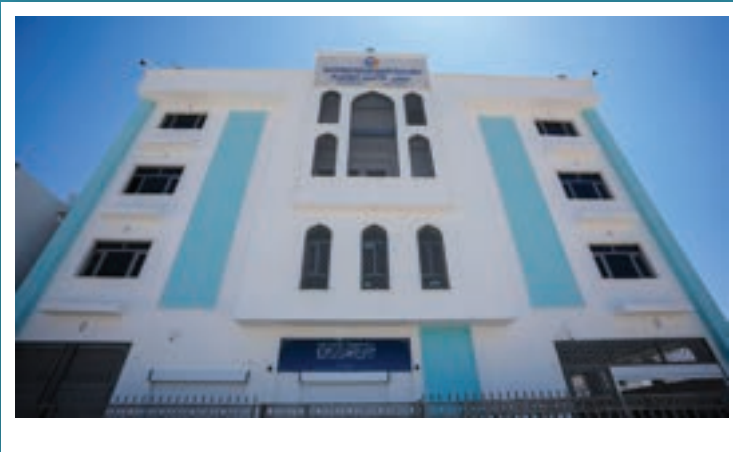
Al-Samawa, Muthanna



1,312
square meters across 4 floors



Serving **4,805**
orphaned children and their
families in the area



Zubair, Basra



1,834
square meters across 4 floors



Serving **14,604**
orphaned children and their
families in the area



Qazaniya, Diyala



300
square meters across 4 floors



Serving **3,410**
orphaned children and their
families in the area



Al-Hilla, Babil



1,500
square meters across 4 floors



Serving **8,263**
orphaned children and their
families in the area

HIKAYATI'S VISION

is to empower vulnerable young people to achieve mental wellbeing, realize their potential, become productive members of society and the leaders of tomorrow.

In May 2023, Al-Ayn opened the doors to the Hikayati center, a ground-breaking purpose-built new center in Najaf, Iraq which aims to foster the wellbeing, resilience and life chances of orphaned children and young people. The fact that the center opened exactly 20 years after the start of the war in Iraq is a promise of hope and positivity to the children of a country which has experienced years of conflict and turmoil.

Objectives of the Hikayati program

To encourage orphaned children and young people to develop crucial life-skills, resilience and wellbeing.

To provide orphaned children and young people with long-term mentoring which will provide emotional support, enhance school return and retention.

To enable the early detection of any mental or physical health difficulties, family or financial stressors, educational challenges or safeguarding concerns and activate early referral to the appropriate support services within and outside of Al-Ayn.

HIKAYATI

which translates to “My Story” is a purpose-built child-centered

building located in the Adala district of Najaf. Children and young people who come to the Hikayati center, make use of the cutting edge recreational and educational facilities of the center in parallel to undertaking a thorough, evidence-informed program which has been specially designed to develop their resilience, emotional wellbeing, and life-skills.

Keeping to the Hikayati name, the center’s design and architecture are inspired by children’s story books. All the rooms, including the library, theater, indoor swimming pool, museums, and prayer area were designed to cultivate a creative environment where the children can learn, grow, and use their imaginations.



The program development included a research and development phase and visiting and learning from similar projects and programs in various countries. **Children in Al-Ayn’s care were consulted as to what was important to them and what they would want to see in Hikayati.** External consultants from Great Ormond Street Hospital (UK) and the charity ‘Yes Futures’ were also consulted throughout.

The aim of the Hikayati program is to provide orphaned children with programs to enhance their wellbeing, mental health and life opportunities through a combination of education, play, leisure activities, mentoring, therapy and spiritual guidance. Every child receives a program that is personalized to their needs, with specially designed workshops and long-term mentoring. Each child is allocated to a mentor who supports them during the program, and then continues to mentor them long-term. This is to ensure that every child knows who to turn to if they are concerned, need guidance and advice or are in need of help.

We understand that many of the children have experienced adverse childhood experiences, that is why all our Hikayati staff have been trained specifically on trauma awareness and how to handle these sensitive symptoms as they arise.



Once the programs were developed, they were peer reviewed by a network of over 40 specialists from bereavement, psychology, speech and language therapy, counselling and educational backgrounds. Prior to its launch, all the Hikayati programs were piloted in Iraq and in the UK where children's opinions and feedback were gathered and taken into account.

Child Sponsorship

Our Child Sponsorship Program provides supporters with an opportunity to transform lives. Through expert-led research, we have determined the amount needed to lift an orphaned child in Iraq above the poverty line, enabling us to provide a comprehensive care system that gives the child access to:



FINANCIAL
AID



EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT



QUALITY HEALTHCARE,
INCLUDING TREATMENTS
& MEDICATION



RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES



PSYCHOLOGICAL
REHABILITATION &
THERAPY



CLOTHING AND
SHOES



SAFE
HOUSING



ADDITIONAL SEASONAL
RELIEF DURING RAMADAN,
EID, MUHARRAM, WINTER
AND MORE

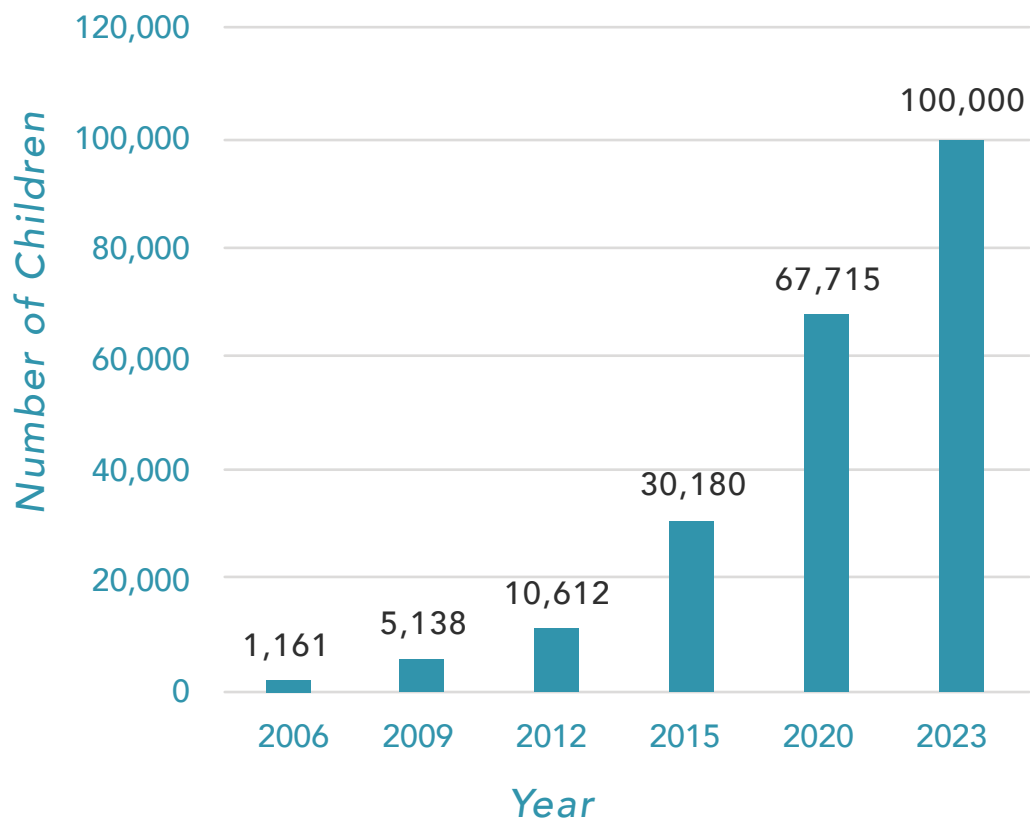


VOCATIONAL
TRAINING

In 2023, an additional 10,000 orphaned children joined our Sponsorship Program in Iraq, bringing the total number of children benefiting from comprehensive care to 100,000.



Orphaned Children Sponsored



Medical Care & Psychological Rehabilitation


Our health clinics contain the latest equipment and devices and are staffed by expert medical practitioners who offer free long-term healthcare to children, including regular check-ups and ongoing care for chronic conditions.

Medical professionals dedicate their time and services to the center and liaise with hospitals and physicians inside and outside of Iraq so that orphaned children with more complex needs can be supported.

Our clinics provide a wide range of medical support, including dental care, general medical care and optometry.



Since its inception, Al-Ayn has carried out:



OVER
116,000
MEDICAL
CASES TREATED



OVER
2,600
SURGERIES
COMPLETED



OVER
3,600
PSYCHOLOGICAL
REHABILITATION
CASES REGISTERED

In 2023, Al-Ayn facilitated 19,000+ medical treatments for children and their families.

Al-Ayn's Psychological Rehabilitation program focuses on monitoring the psychological wellbeing of the orphaned children in our care and addressing cases requiring specialized psychological interventions.

We employ evidence-based mental health interventions, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, group counselling, and other medical therapies, to cater to the unique needs of each child. With over 3,500 registered cases in Iraq, our commitment ensures that orphaned children receive tailored support, addressing their specific needs and contributing to their overall wellbeing and development.



Educational Support

Al-Ayn is dedicated to providing orphaned children and young adults with the resources and support they need to thrive academically. We believe that education is the key to unlocking their full potential, and we are committed to helping them stay in school and succeed. This year, we provided:



SCHOOL KITS

Every child of school age under our care was provided with school uniforms, school bags, and stationery.



TUITION CLASSES

We offer tuition support to orphaned children who are struggling in particular subjects. Our dedicated teachers provide personalized guidance to help unlock their strengths so that they can thrive academically and beyond.



UNIVERSITY FEES

We covered the cost of tuition fees for university students and provided financial incentives for children who are excelling academically. Over 700 of the orphaned youth we support are currently enrolled into university. In 2023, we provided 104 orphaned youth with the financial means to go to university.

We aim to empower the next generation by giving them the opportunity to thrive in school and beyond.



Vocational Training

We understand that not all orphaned youth are able to continue with education, which is why our vocational training initiative aids in the independence and transition of orphaned children into adulthood. The vocational courses are selected based on a study carried out to identify professions that are not oversaturated and will always be required in society.

Mobile phone repairs, IT skills, hairdressing, sewing, cooking, and handicrafts are just some of the training courses available for orphaned youth and widowed mothers to enroll in.

**TO DATE, WE HAVE HAD OVER
1,000 VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRADUATES.**

Al-Ayn offers the resources they require for training, including all necessary tools and equipment, transportation expenses, and meals during training hours. The training also includes seminars on project management and advice on how to apply their skills in the workplace.

**IN 2023, OVER 370 ORPHANED YOUTH AND
WIDOWED MOTHERS GRADUATED FROM
VOCATIONAL TRAINING.**



MICROFINANCE

Al-Ayn has supported orphaned youth with microfinance loans to start their own businesses and achieve financial independence. This program is primarily aimed at graduates of the Luminous Stars vocational training centers, although it is also open to other applicants. We support entrepreneurs in delivering a business plan and agree on a repayment schedule with them. Examples of successful projects in the past include mobile repair shops, hairdressers, sewing ventures, an aluminum factory and more.



Afghanistan

In 2021, Al-Ayn expanded its efforts to Afghanistan. Building upon our successful model developed over the past 18 years in Iraq, our experience of working in a conflict zone positioned us well to establish operations in Afghanistan and begin supporting orphaned children living in poverty around the world.

Over 3.5 million children in Afghanistan are orphaned. Millions of children have been forced to live without essential services such as education and healthcare, which has led to a major humanitarian crisis (UNICEF, 2022).

Al-Ayn's office in Afghanistan is located in Kabul. Going beyond financial assistance, our approach in Afghanistan strives to provide orphaned children and their families with essential necessities.

IN 2023, AL-AYN PROVIDED MONTHLY FINANCIAL AID TO **514** ORPHANED CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS RAMADAN FOOD BASKETS, EID CLOTHES AND TOYS AND QURBANI MEAT TO ALL THOSE UNDER OUR CARE.

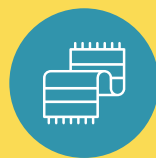
Our local teams identified the needs of orphaned children and their families, this enabled us to provide tailored support in 2023.

In 2023, we provided



171

Ramadan food baskets to orphaned families



514

Blankets for the winter months



551

Eid gifts for orphaned children



171

Orphaned families were provided with fuel for heating



514

Warm clothing packages for orphaned children

Fostering a cycle of empowerment



MEET SOMAYA

Somaya has experienced how financial constraints limit access to basic necessities. Her mother works tirelessly to provide for the family's needs, often knitting quilts throughout the night to make ends meet and ensure there is some food in the home. Despite their struggles, Somaya's mother instills in her children the value of education and the importance of dreaming big.

Seven-year-old Somaya's aspirations revolve around her passion for drawing and her desire to become a skilled artist. She dreams of capturing her family's memories through her artwork. She also aspires to become a civil engineer and sees a better future where she can build a four-story house for her mother and family. Somaya views her mother as her role model, because despite her own challenges, she has always seen her mother display kindness, bravery, and unwavering love for her and her siblings.

Al-Ayn became a beacon of hope for Somaya and her family. The assistance provided helped alleviate their financial burdens significantly. The support includes essential items such as clothing, winter fuel, carpets, and essentials. The family's living conditions have also improved, allowing the children to attend a school and access better educational resources.

Ghana

In 2021, Al-Ayn International established its operations in Ghana, and in 2022 initiated its projects dedicated to providing assistance to orphaned children and their families. Our mission in Ghana mirrors the triumph we have achieved in other areas, guaranteeing that orphaned children have access to secure homes, necessary healthcare, educational aid, and a range of crucial services that foster their overall wellbeing and potential.

The dimensions of poverty in Ghana extend beyond monetary indicators. Deprivation spans across various facets of life, encompassing inadequate access to education, healthcare, housing, and sanitation among the most vulnerable populations (UNICEF, 2022).

The Al-Ayn Ghana office is located in Accra. We now operate in most of the Southeast and central regions of Ghana, providing financial assistance to orphaned children, as well as family assistance grants, housing assistance and medical support extending to widowed mothers.

IN 2023, AL-AYN PROVIDED SUPPORT TO 181 ORPHANED CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY IN GHANA.

The needs of orphaned families were identified by our local teams and actions were implemented to support those under our care.

The following were distributed in 2023



37

Ramadan food baskets to orphaned families



106

Eid gifts for orphaned children



46

Qurbani meat parcels distributed to orphaned families

Planting seeds of hope



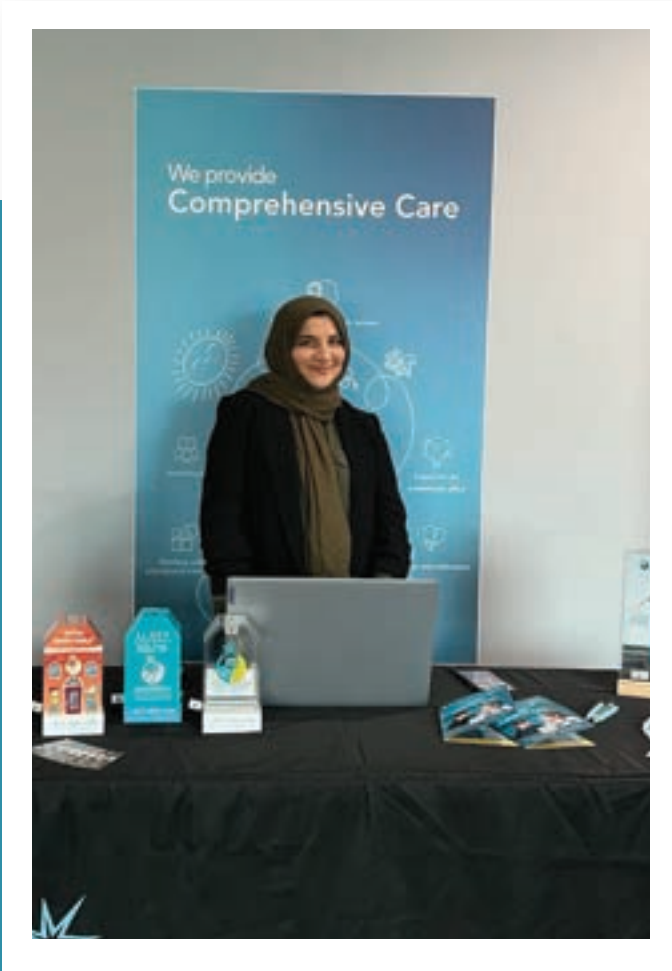
MEET KHIRAT


"I love playing with my elder sister Hibatullah, we do everything together. When I'm in school, the math classes are my favorite, and my teacher is always helpful; but I also really enjoy my science lessons. I love going to school because my best friend and I play games together and spend time reading different books. When I'm older, I want to be able to travel, and the first country I want to visit is India and try all of the different foods!"

We are committed to ensuring that children like Khirat have access to the tools and opportunities they need to overcome their difficult experiences, and have brighter futures.

US EVENTS

At Al-Ayn, we regularly organize events and workshops for our community. Here are some examples of events we hosted in 2023



AL-AYN Social Care Foundation presents

A Practical Guide to Khums

Saturday December 2nd 2023 2PM EST

A seminar led by Sayyid Muhammad Razi, and Br. Ali Hagi, CPA, offering practical guidance to fulfil your religious obligation and maximize your end of year tax deductions.

Register at: www.al-ayn.org/events

If you are in the New York area we invite you to join us in person at the NY Office. Online registrants will receive a link to access the live seminar.




AL-AYN Social Care Foundation presents

THE LITTLE IFTAR

Interactive activities for 4-8 year olds

12:30-2:00PM Drop off Event \$10 ENTRY

Purchase your tickets: www.al-ayn.org/littleiftar

SUNDAY APRIL 16th / 2023

111 W Old Country Rd Suite 201, Hicksville NY 11801



Al-Ayn App

Thousands of our supporters across the world use the mobile app to give Sadaqa with ease, keep track of donations and request Sadaqa Boxes. In 2023, our app received over 3,000 donations from US supporters alone.

**Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters,
orphaned children's lives have been positively transformed -
all in just a few taps!**



Plans for 2024

Al-Ayn aims to build on over 18 years of experience to ensure its services have a lasting impact. This involves improving existing initiatives, expanding to different regions to support more orphaned children in need, and expanding reach to children in various areas across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana.



His Eminence Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani

'Your service to orphans and your care for them is the most precious thing you offer to your hereafter and the most beautiful thing you do in your world.'

Get Involved

We believe that volunteers play a vital role in our mission. Their contributions allow us to provide opportunities that benefit both our local community and orphaned children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana. Over 2,000 volunteers across the globe have become part of the Al-Ayn family, each making a unique and valuable contribution.

Broaden your skillset and gain valuable experience with us today while also helping to make a lasting impact on the lives of orphaned children in need.

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