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## LETTER FROM THE CEO

As we begin 2021 still sheltering at home due to the global pandemic, we have renewed hope for the year ahead. I want to sincerely thank all of you for making 2020 a remarkably successful year during very trying times. We could not have achieved our many accomplishments without your support.



When the COVID-19 outbreak struck the world early in 2020, Life staff and volunteers mobilized and quickly worked to provide emergency food and hygiene kits to families who lost their livelihoods due to the lockdown as businesses were forced to close. Our staff worked tirelessly and faced many challenges to distribute aid to families struggling to survive in several states and worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of food baskets were given to families in need, hundreds of hospital workers were given hot meals, the elderly were given meals door to door through Meals on Wheels and 6,000 recovered COVID-19 patients received Life gift bags when they left hospitals in Michigan.

We were able to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including hospital grade masks, gloves, gowns, oxygen masks and tubing and ventilation devices to many hospitals and clinics in several countries. We shipped 22-40 foot containers of medical aid that helped the medical communities in eight countries cope with the pandemic as well as the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Through the most difficult year in our recent history we continued to serve humanity by providing support for over 6,250 orphans in eleven countries giving them an opportunity for a better life. We also distributed thousands of Ramadan food baskets and fed hot iftar meals to tens of thousands of individuals. We were able to supply over \$9 million in in-kind shipments of school and dorm room furniture, food and medical aid. We dug 124 water wells in 12 countries and constructed a community center with an artesian well and village latrines in Ghana.

We thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of many people struggling to survive during the pandemic this past year and we look forward to your continued support of Life's programs in 2021.

Sincerely yours,

Hany Saqr, M.D, Ph.D., President & Chief Executive Director

LIFE for Relief and Development











## **COVID-19 RELIEF**

## **COVID-19 RELIEF KITS**

Provided food aid, hygiene kits, personal protection equipment, medical supplies and equipment and in-kind donations to hospitals, clinics, senior homes, unemployed families, food banks, and soup kitchens helping thousands of people around the world.

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## **EMERGENCY RELIEF**

## **LEBANON EMERGENCY**

The day after the blast in **Beirut** emergency food aid, water, shovels, brooms and carts were distributed to displaced families and five 40ft containers of medical supplies and 81 dialysis machines were sent to **Beirut**.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

## **ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES**

Immediately after the Ethiopian refugees entered Sudan, Life through its partner was able to distribute blankets and soap bars to over 1,000 refugee families in the Um-Rakoba refugee camp on the Sudan-Ethiopian border in Al-Qadarif state, Sudan.







## **ONE MILLION LOAVES**

Thousands of families in northern **Syria** cannot afford to buy bread for their children to eat. In 2020, Life distributed one million loaves of bread to families in need in northern **Syria**.







**EMERGENCY RELIEF** 



## SYRIAN EMERGENCY RELIEF

Thousands of families struggling to survive the harsh winter needed emergency relief to survive the cold in **Syria**. Over 2,000 displaced families in Idlib were given food aid, winter blankets and winter jackets.











## FLOOD RELIEF: SUDAN

In September, continuous rainfall caused devastating flooding in 17 out of 18 states in **Sudan**. Emergency food aid was given to families displaced by the floods in Tokar, **Sudan**.



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## FLOOD RELIEF: BANGLADESH

Over one million people were affected by the flooding in **Bangladesh**. Monthly food baskets were distributed to 500 families in Jamalpur and Gaibandha where families were displaced by three consecutive floods.











## FLOOD RELIEF: YEMEN

Widespread flash flooding caused the displacement of thousands of families in **Yemen**. Emergency food aid was distributed to 200 families affected by the floods in Raimah, **Yemen**.



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## FLOOD RELIEF: AFGHANISTAN

In August, a series of flash floods caused many families to lose their homes in **Afghanistan**. Emergency food aid, water coolers and kitchen essentials was distributed to 120 families displaced by the flooding in Khiwa Kuz Kunar District **Afghanistan**.







## FLOOD RELIEF: SENEGAL

Unusually heavy rains caused massive flooding in **Senegal**. Food aid was distributed to 300 families affected by severe flooding in Keur Massar **Senegal**.







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## PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKE

After the earthquake in **Puerto Rico**, tents, camp stoves, air mattresses, food aid, water and hygiene products were distributed to displaced families in seven areas and outdoor showers were constructed near the tent camps for residents to bathe.







## **HURRICANE LAURA: LOUISIANA**

Emergency food aid, cleaning supplies, masks and gloves were distributed to families in Westlake, Lake Charles, Elton, Sulphur, Bell City and to evacuees in New Orleans after the hurricane struck Louisiana.







**EMERGENCY RELIEF** 

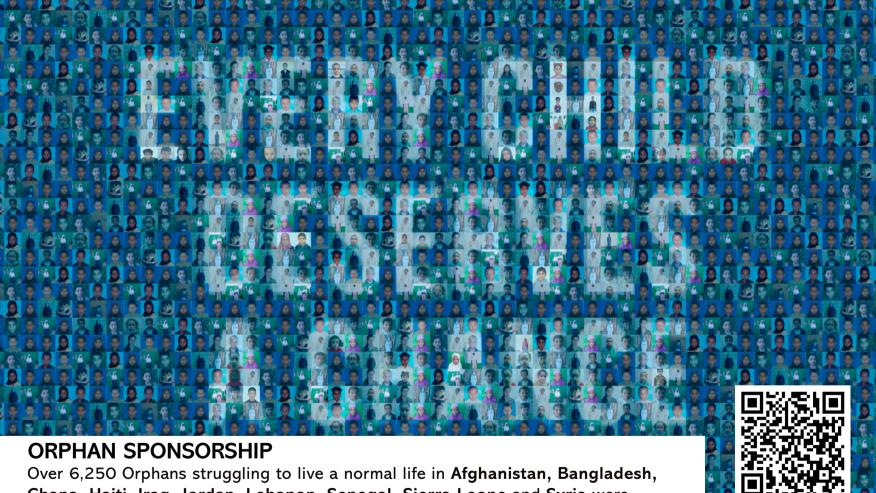
## **HURRICANE LAURA: HAITI**

Hurricane Laura caused widespread destruction throughout **Haiti**. Hygiene kits, masks, bedsheets and shoes were distributed to affected families in Mont Noir, an area that was heavily flooded by the hurricane.









Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Syria were provided food, clothing, education and basic medical care.

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## ORPHAN EID CARNIVAL - SYRIA

Life sponsored an Eid shopping day for Orphans in northern **Syria** so they could choose their new Eid Clothing. The orphans were so happy to receive their new clothes for the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr.











## **ORPHAN EID PARTY - S. LEONE**

An Eid Al-Fitr party for orphans in **Sierra Leone** was held after Eid, the orphans played games, ate lunch and received Eid gifts. The party was a big success and put a smile on the faces of every orphan.



## **ORPHAN EID PARTY - YEMEN**

An Eid party for orphans in Taiz **Yemen** was held after Eid, the orphans played games, had lunch and received gifts of toys and backpacks filled with notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons and erasers for the orphans.

















# **COMMUNITY DEV.**

# COMMUNITY CENTER: GHANA Community center with an artesian well was constructed in Jasikan Ghana near the local hospital. Over 1,500 people are benefitting from the center and well.

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COMMUNITY DEV.

## **VILLAGE LATRINE - GHANA**

A latrine compound for men and women was constructed in Dodowa **Ghana** for 2,000 villagers that do not have toilet facilities in their homes.













## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Household furniture was donated to Habitat for Humanity in Oakland, CA for families displaced by the California wildfires. To the NW Furniture Bank in Tacoma, WA for families that lost their jobs to COVID-19 and to New Horizon's Ministry in Canon City, CO for women who are restarting their lives after incarceration.

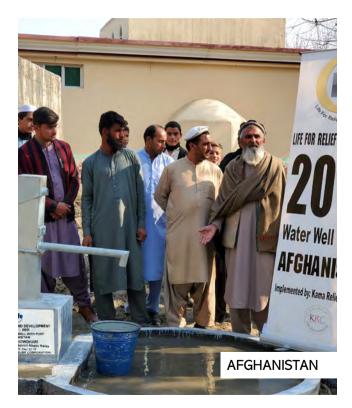


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## **CLEAN WATER**

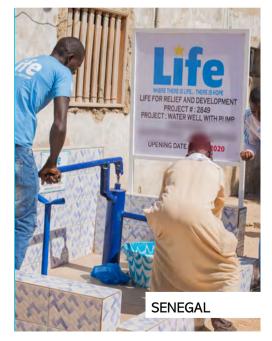
## **WATER WELLS IN-PROGRESS**

124 wells with hand pumps were dug or are in the process of being dug in 12 countries.























## **WATER TANKS: GAZA**

Water tanks with a capacity of 1,000 liters (264.17 gallons) installed in the homes of 50 needy families and water is delivered to the homes for one year.



## **ARTESIAN WELLS: GHANA**

An artesian water well was dug in Ho, Volta region and two borehole wells were dug in Dodwa and Kue Oti Regions in **Ghana**.







## **HEALTH**

## **HEARING AIDS: SOUTH AFRICA**

Life partnered with Entheos to provide Audiology services and hearing aids to 268 patients in Tempsia, **South Africa** in February of 2020.



## **HEARING AIDS: GUATEMALA**

Life in partnership with Entheos organized a hearing aid mission trip to Petén, **Guatemala** in February to provide Audiology services and hearing aids to the hearing impaired.









## **MEDICAL AID: MOSUL IRAQ**

Oxygen concentrators, Bi-pap machines, oxygen regulators and personal protective equipment was donated to the Al-Salam Hospital in Mosul **Iraq** to help provide Covid relief.



## **MEDICAL AID: DRC**

A 40-foot container of Medical supplies and equipment was shipped to the Democratic Republic of the **Congo** and distributed to nine health facilities in Lubero and Mabalko by Save the Children in the DRC for Ebola patients.







#### **DIALYSIS MACHINES**

Eighty-one dialysis machines donated by the North Arab American Medical Association were shipped and distributed to hospitals in **Beirut**.





## **MEDICAL AID**

After the blast in **Beirut**, five 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment were shipped to **Beirut** hospitals. The shipments are just arriving for distribution in **Beirut**.





## **MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

Medical supplies and equipment was shipped and distributed to the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation Hospital in Karachi, **Pakistan**.



## MEDICAL AID SHIPMENT

Three 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment was sent and distributed to many hospitals throughout **Senegal**.









## **MEDICAL AID TO GHANA**

Three 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment was sent to hospitals in **Ghana**.

# MEDICAL AID TO SIERRA LEONE

Three 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment was sent to hospitals in **Sierra Leone**.











## MEDICAL AID TO IVORY COAST

One 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment was sent to four hospitals in Abidjan and Adjame Ivory Coast.





Two 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment was sent to hospitals in Mogadishu and Hargeisa Somalia.









#### **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Medical equipment donated to Teen Challenge in Muskogee, **Oklahoma** for their community service program.



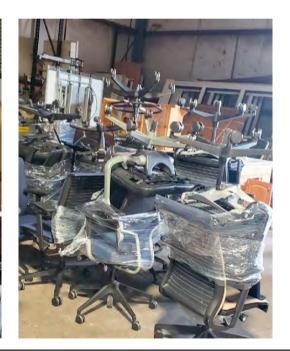
#### **MEDICAL FURNITURE**

Hospital lobby furniture donated by the **Denver** Children's Hospital was sent to Habitat for Humanity in **Kansas City, Missouri** for families in need.









#### **MEDICAL AID**

Shipping containers of dialysis machines medical supplies and equipment shipped to:

- · Ghana three containers
- · Sierra Leone three containers
- · Ivory Coast one container
- · Somalia two containers
- · Senegal three containers
- · DRC one container
- · Pakistan one container
- · Lebanon seven containers
- · One to Habitat for Humanity, Kansas



























### EDUCATION BACK TO SCHOOL

Backpacks filled with pens, pencils, erasers, glue, sharpeners, rulers, copybooks, color pencils, pencil cases, watercolors and color markers were distributed to thousands of students in nine countries.











#### **DORM ROOM FURNITURE**

180 pieces of dorm furniture including beds, desks, dressers and chairs were donated to a school for the blind and a school for the deaf in the eastern regions and a high school in the Oti region of **Ghana**.

















## RAMADAN RAMADAN FOOD BASKETS

Life and its partners distributed food baskets to nearly 102,000 needy beneficiaries and provided Iftar meals to over 14,655 needy individuals in 21 countries.













































## **FRESH MEAT**

#### **UDHIYAH/QURBANI**

Life and its partners distributed Udhiyah on behalf of its donors during the four days of Eid Al-Adha to nearly 170,000 needy beneficiaries in 25 countries.





























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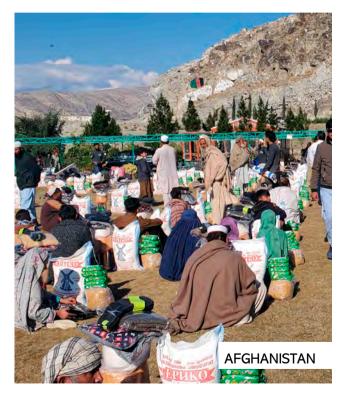




## **WINTER RELIEF**

#### WINTER WARMTH CAMPAIGN

Winter blankets, coats, jackets, mittens and hats were distributed to needy families in seven countries.







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CLOTHES TO FOSTER CHILDREN Life partnered with Michigan Foster Care Closet in December and distributed winter coats, hats and gloves to over 200 Foster children.

**WINTER RELIEF** 

#### TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

Life partnered with Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and distributed 500 turkeys and 1,000 food boxes to families in need in Detroit, Inkster, Dearborn and Highland Park, **Michigan**.





#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Life hosted a Holiday party for 150 residents at a senior center in Dearborn, **Michigan**. Lunch and gifts were given to the residents.







## IN-KIND: \$9 MILL

#### **FOOD AID:**

Seven 40 foot containers filled with food aid from Feed my Starving Children:

- · Six Containers to Somalia
- · One Container to Sudan



#### **SOCIAL:**

Four 53 foot truckloads of household furniture shipped to:

- · Habitat for Humanity
- · NW Furniture Bank
- · Teen Challenge
- · New Horizons Ministry









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•GHANA
•GUINEA

•GUINEA BISSAU

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•INDIA
•INDONESIA

•IVORY COAST

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•USA

•YEMEN



# WHERE THERE IS LIFE THERE IS HOPE





## TO THOSE WE HAVE LOST...

LIFE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS NEWSLETTER TO ALL OF THE VICTIMS OF COVID-19 AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL AS THE HEALTH WORKERS ALL AROUND THE WORLD THAT ANSWERED THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS.

LIFE IS ACCEPTING DOANTIONS THAT ARE GOING TOWARDS COVID-19 RELIEF.
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THEY MAY FORGET YOUR NAME, BUT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

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