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NEWSLETTER



WHERE THERE IS LIFE...  
THERE IS HOPE

# LETTER FROM CEO

Dear Respective Donors,

Over the past 26 years, Life has been committed to its mission, working reliably and dependably in over 45 countries to serve humanity through a number of programs that save lives, alleviate suffering, eradicate poverty, enhance water delivery systems, develop strong communities, protect women and children, support health initiatives and improve literacy.

Life's efforts have reaped great success in bringing food, medicine, and emergency humanitarian supplies to the neediest throughout the world. Life always answers the call for help when emergencies strike, like the most recent hurricanes Michael and Florence in the U. S. and the earthquake in Indonesia, the hardships Iraqi's faced during the water shortage in Basrah and the displacement of Syrians from Dara'a. Life's emergency response teams and partners were immediately on the scene to distribute emergency food, bottled water and other essential items to the displaced and refugees.

A few of the most important projects in 2018 were the distribution of a 40 foot shipping container of medical supplies and equipment to the Al-Quds and Amal hospitals in Gaza. The hearing aid mission trip where 106 hearing impaired children were fitted with new hearing aids and thirteen containers of Mannapack high protein rice meals donated by Feed my Starving Children were distributed to malnourished students and families in Djibouti, Mogadishu Somalia and Hargeisa Somaliland.

During Ramadan Life distributed food baskets that fed over 1,004,112 people in 23 countries and held iftars that fed over 31,400 people. In Yemen Life was able to feed over 72,180 people.

Life's staff worldwide seeks to achieve the highest efficiency and maintain the utmost effectiveness in its work. We look forward to expanding our outreach to other countries in 2019 to better serve displaced families, refugees and those in most need.

On behalf of Life's Board of Directors, employees and beneficiaries, allow me to express our sincere gratitude to each donor without whom this organization would not function or be able to deliver much needed humanitarian assistance to those less fortunate.

Additionally, I would like to thank all of our partner organizations that played a crucial role in the many successes of our humanitarian efforts worldwide.

Sincerely,



Hany Saqr, M.D., Ph.D.  
CEO

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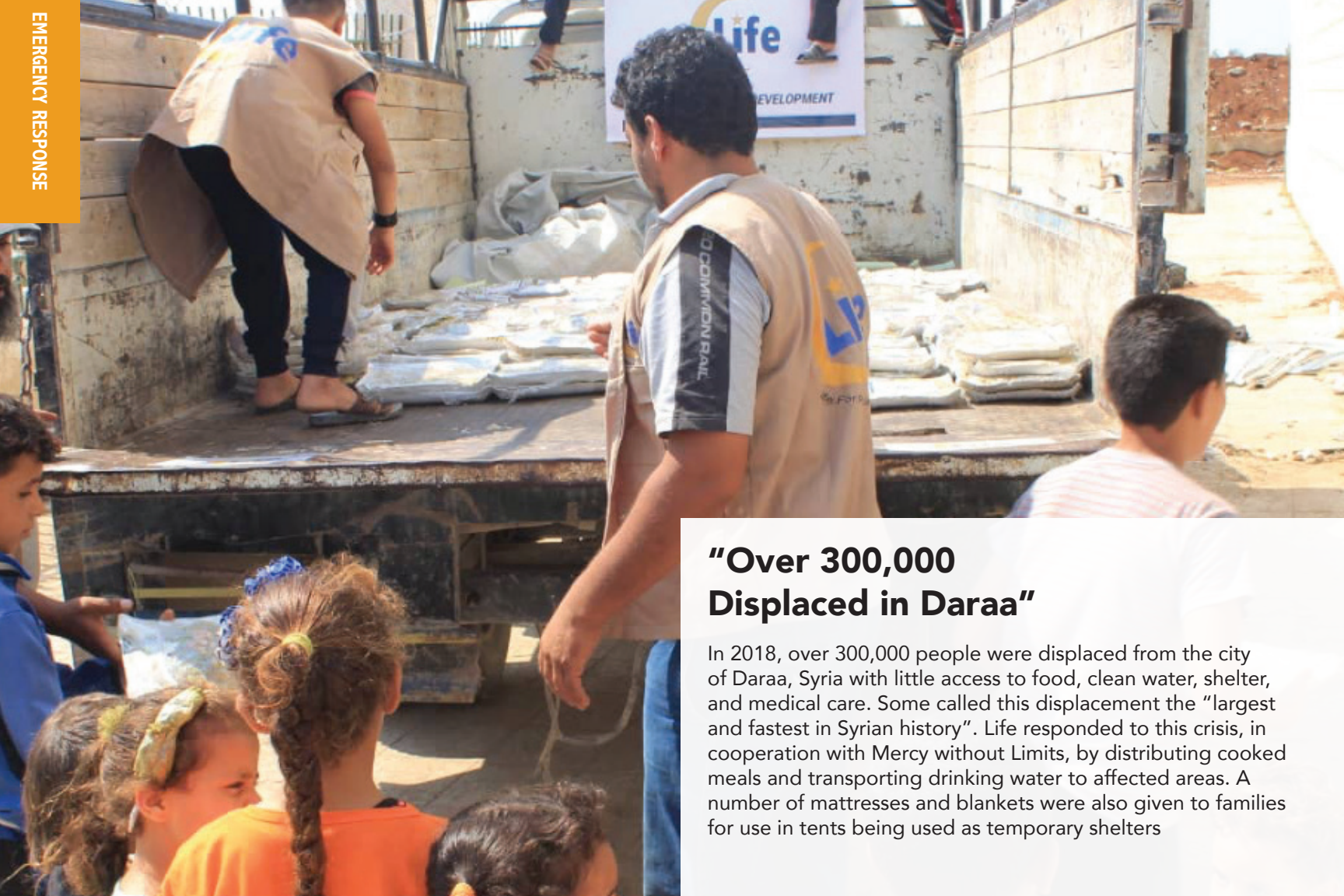
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## DIHAD 2019

Life participated in DIHAD (Dubai International Humanitarian Aid & Development) Conference & Exhibition at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibitor's Centre March 12-14, 2019.

As a sponsor and participant Life displayed its global humanitarian work in the exhibition hall and attend the conference to share and gain knowledge on this year's theme, "People on the move; causes, consequences and the way forward."





## **“Over 300,000 Displaced in Daraa”**

In 2018, over 300,000 people were displaced from the city of Daraa, Syria with little access to food, clean water, shelter, and medical care. Some called this displacement the “largest and fastest in Syrian history”. Life responded to this crisis, in cooperation with Mercy without Limits, by distributing cooked meals and transporting drinking water to affected areas. A number of mattresses and blankets were also given to families for use in tents being used as temporary shelters

# Indonesia Relief Campaign

Tsunami Relief / Palu – 2018

## Relief Efforts in Indonesia

Life's emergency relief team arrived in Indonesia in early November to distribute hot meals and hygiene kits to the survivors of the earthquake and tsunami. Shortly after the team arrived, another earthquake struck the region just off the coast of Mandano city in Northern Sulawesi, Indonesia.



## Hurricane Florence Emergency Relief

Hurricane Florence struck North Carolina on September 14th, 2018 leaving houses flooded and many people displaced. In response to this disaster, Life distributed emergency food and relief items to more than 6,000 individuals in need. Life also repaired houses and fixed tarps on the roofs of homes for families affected by the hurricane in Lumberton, Fairmont, Seven Springs, Clinton and Garland.





## Hurricane Michael Emergency Relief

Emergency aid was distributed in October 2018 to over 5,000 people in Florida who were affected by Hurricane Michael. Households were provided safe flood cleanup items and mold remediation. Emergency food aid and bottled water were also given out to those who needed it, and a wellness center, staffed by volunteer medical professionals, was established to treat minor injuries and illnesses in areas where medical clinics were closed due to the storm.



## “Nearly Two Million Displaced in South Sudan ”

Nearly 2 million people have been displaced in South Sudan since the conflict started, with an estimated 5.2 million people facing severe malnutrition. The majority of refugees arriving in Sudan from South Sudan are women and children, including unaccompanied and separated youngsters. Life distributed a one-month supply of food aid to 1,000 families in critical need in Alalagaya and Dabbat Bosen refugee camps located on the border with South Sudan.





## Basrah Emergency Water Distribution

In September, 2018 the water in Basrah, Iraq was contaminated and was unsafe to drink. Thousands of families were suffering from a lack of clean water for drinking and cooking. Life distributed 20 gallon bottles of emergency water to 3000 families in Basrah during the water crisis.



## Winter Distribution in Afghanistan

Life through its partner KRC distributed winter aid to 630 families in Kama Afghanistan. Families came from different districts to the distribution location in Kama. Each family received 20kg flour, 5L cooking oil, 7kg beans, 7kg sugar, winter clothes and a winter jacket.

The families were very happy to receive the winter package and thanked Life donors for providing the items they received.



## Over 5,000 Orphans Sponsored

With support from our orphan sponsors, Life provided food, clothing, healthcare and education to over 5,000 orphans in Iraq, Afghanistan, Ghana, Syria, and Lebanon, as well as child refugees in Jordan, and Sierra Leone. Regular updates on the status of each sponsored child are sent to their sponsors annually.



## Medical Shipment to Ghana

A 40 – foot container filled with fluid resistant gowns, solution sets and fog free masks donated by Brother's Brother Foundation was sent to Ghana. The medical supplies, equipment and medicines were distributed to 10 hospitals and clinics throughout the country. Staff in all hospitals and clinics were very grateful and appreciative for the items they received.

## Medical Supplies to Iraq

Three 40 foot-shipping containers filled with medical aid was sent to hospitals and clinics in Iraq. The containers were filled with medical supplies and equipment. The items were used to medically treat needy, refugee and displaced patients.



## Medical Shipment to Gaza

Life sent a 40-foot shipping container filled with surgical, orthopedic, urological, obstetrical, gynecological and pediatric supplies and equipment to Gaza that was distributed to provide aid to patients and doctors in the Al-Quds and Amal Hospitals.



## Hearing Aid Mission Trip

Life organized a Hearing Aid Mission Trip to Jordan for 3 days at the end of July. The team arranged for clinics in Irbid and Zarka. They saw 161 hearing impaired children and fitted brand new hearing aids for 106 children. The families of the recipient children were very happy and grateful when their child could hear for the first time.



## Medical Aid to Senegal

Six 40 foot shipping containers of medicines, medical supplies and equipment was sent to Senegal hospitals and medical centers for distribution in Dakar and surrounding communities. The recipients were very happy to receive the items to be used for the poor and needy patients within their communities





## Community Center in Ghana

A community center and deep machine-dug water well with a reservoir were both constructed in Koue-Nkwanta South Volta, Ghana close to the border of Togo. Families from Togo walk to the center in Ghana for social gatherings and community prayers. The center and water well have made a positive impact on the communities served in both countries.





## Aid to Families in Jenin

Women's clothing and shoes was distributed to widows and single mothers as part of a multi-phase project in the West Bank. The distribution took place in:

- Jenin Camp
- Jenin City
- Khabatiya
- Alkarroobah
- Aljalmah
- Jabe'a

A family in Jenin received a bathroom commode for their child with quadriplegic cerebral palsy, and another family received milk powder and diapers after the father of the household went missing for over a month.



## Aid to Women's Shelter in Georgia

Blessing bags were distributed during the holiday season to women and children at the Tiftarea House of Hope in Tifton, Georgia. The bags were filled with basic items like food, toothpaste, and hygiene products. Everyone who benefitted was very thankful to Life for the help they received.



## Backpacks for Students in Iraq

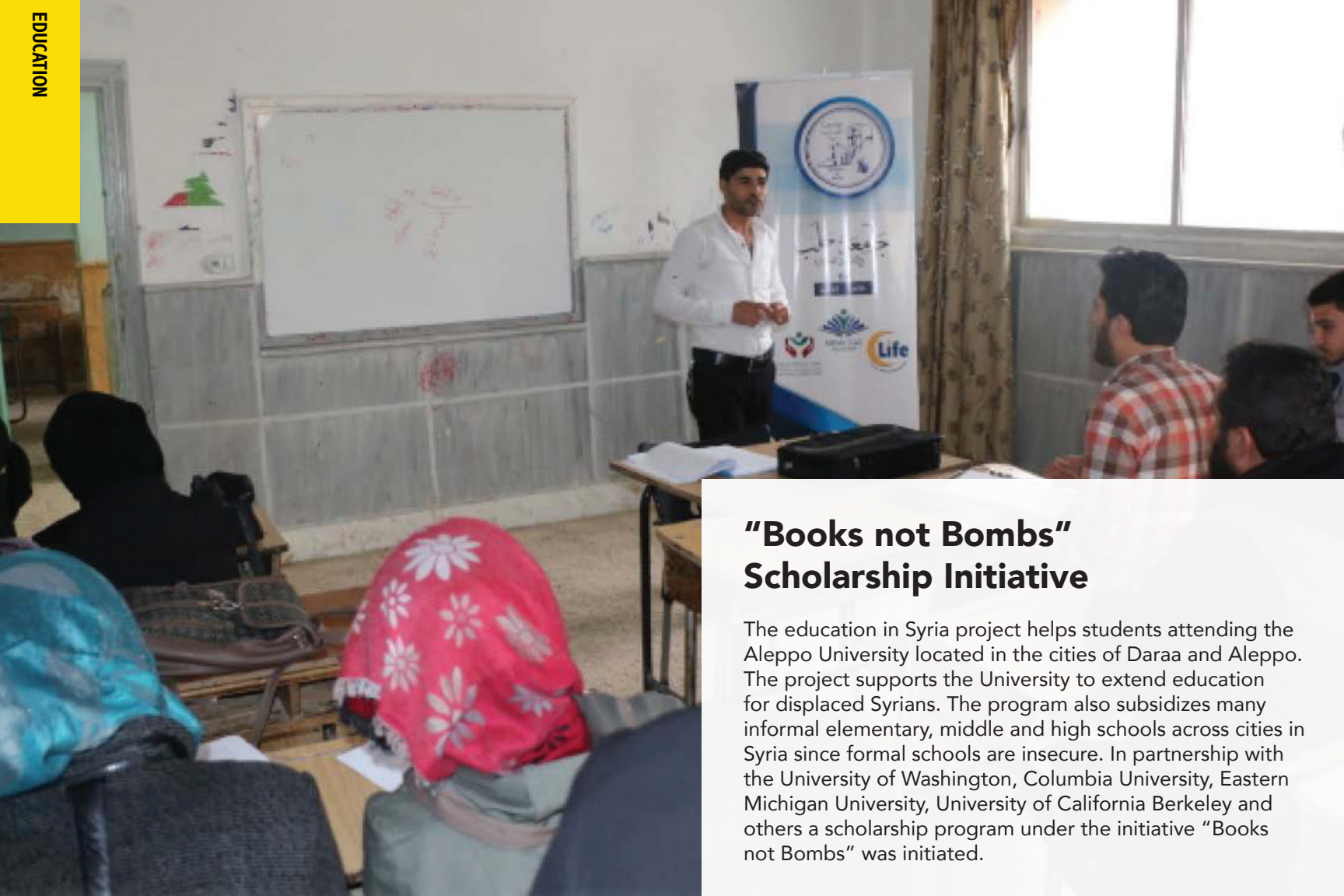
Life was able to distribute 2,210 backpacks filled with stationary and supplies to elementary and middle school students in five districts in Iraq, including: Zainab Elementary, Haify Elementary, Tarza Elementary, Khalil Wahab Elementary, and Al Masudi Middle. Life also assisted with providing school renovations and repairs for damage produced by heavy rains, earthquakes, and war. A total of 2,400 backpacks were distributed, 190 of which were distributed to orphan students in the district of Ninaveh. The school administrations were very cooperative and thankful for the help the students received.





## Textbooks for Students

Life sent K-12 books donated by McGraw-Hill Publishing in partnership with Brother' Brother Foundation to six schools in South Carolina, Illinois, Kentucky, Texas, Georgia, Michigan and Canada. K-12 books were also shipped in 40 foot containers to Uganda, Sierra Leone and Lebanon.

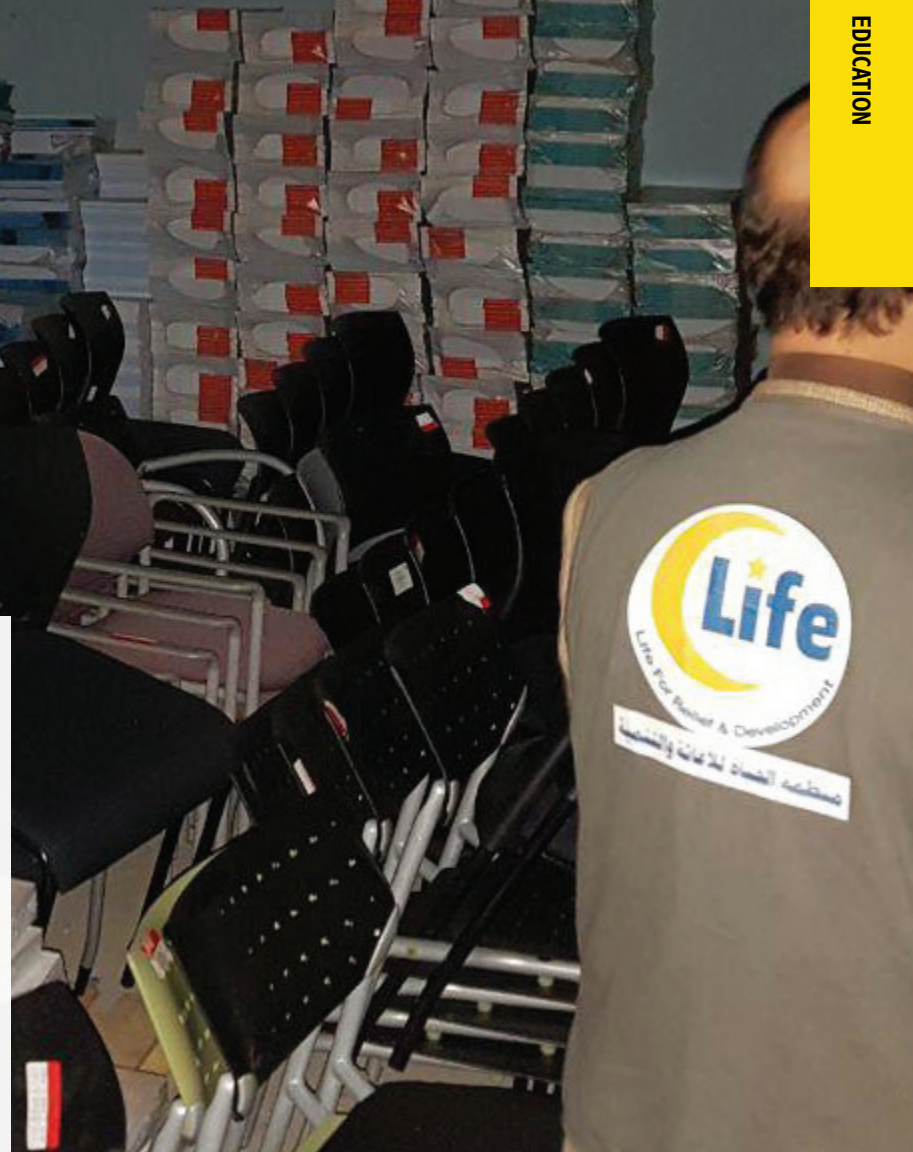


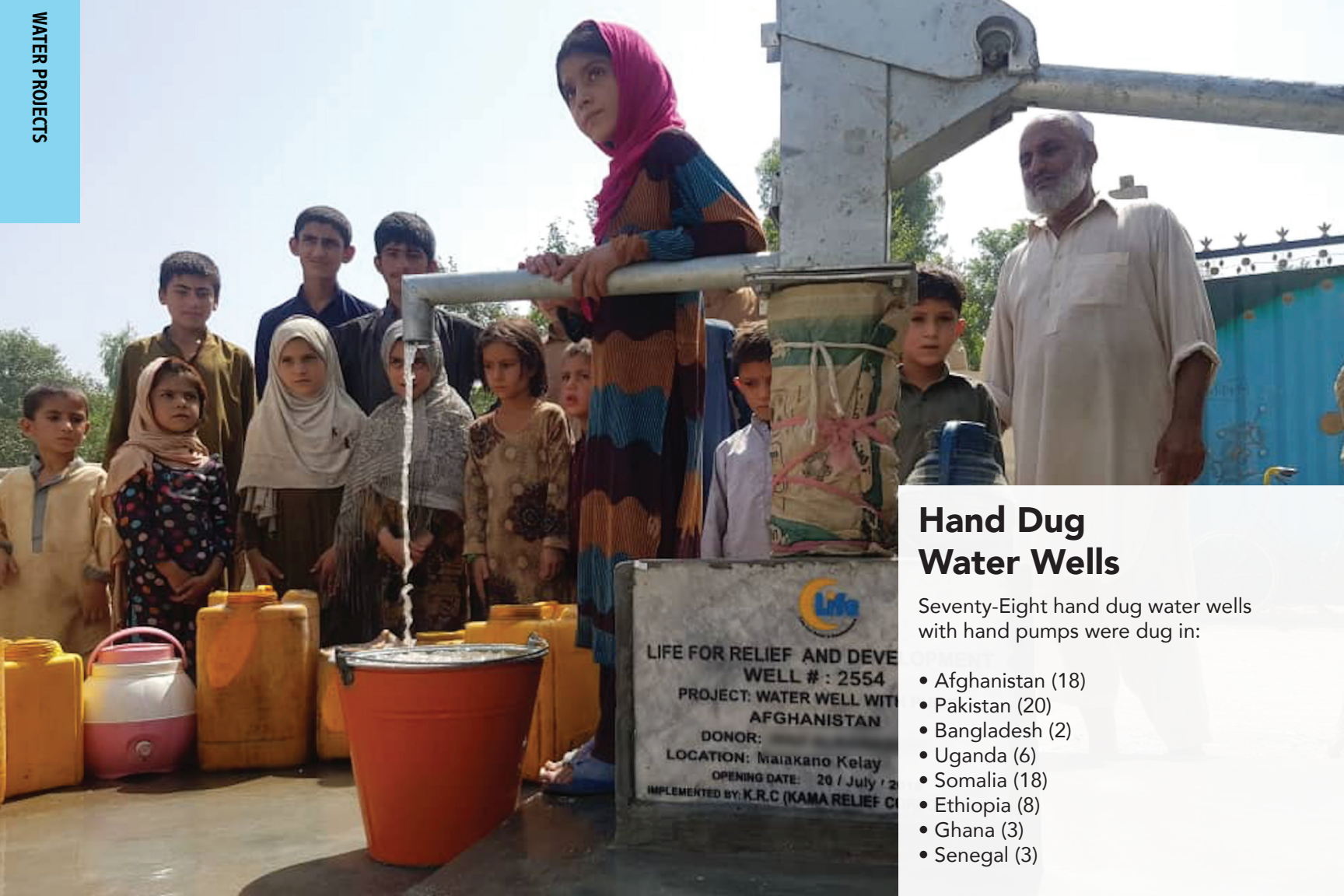
## **“Books not Bombs” Scholarship Initiative**

The education in Syria project helps students attending the Aleppo University located in the cities of Daraa and Aleppo. The project supports the University to extend education for displaced Syrians. The program also subsidizes many informal elementary, middle and high schools across cities in Syria since formal schools are insecure. In partnership with the University of Washington, Columbia University, Eastern Michigan University, University of California Berkeley and others a scholarship program under the initiative “Books not Bombs” was initiated.

## Classroom Furniture for Schools & Colleges

Classroom furniture donated by International Recycling Network was sent to 3 Native American and non-profit schools in South Dakota and a school in Ontario Canada. Seven 40 foot containers of classroom furniture was sent to Palestine, 3 containers to Iraq and 2 containers to Uganda. The recipient schools and colleges were very happy to receive the furniture for their students and staff.





## Hand Dug Water Wells

Seventy-Eight hand dug water wells with hand pumps were dug in:

- Afghanistan (18)
- Pakistan (20)
- Bangladesh (2)
- Uganda (6)
- Somalia (18)
- Ethiopia (8)
- Ghana (3)
- Senegal (3)

  
LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT  
WELL # : 2554  
PROJECT: WATER WELL WITH HAND PUMPS IN  
AFGHANISTAN  
DONOR:  
LOCATION: Maiaikano Kelay  
OPENING DATE: 20 / July / 2012  
IMPLEMENTED BY: K.R.C (KAMA RELIEF CENTER)





## Water Wells in Africa

In 2018, Life dug 38 water wells in rural villages in Africa, 18 wells were dug in Somalia, 8 wells in Ethiopia, 3 wells in Ghana, 3 wells in Senegal and 8 wells in Uganda. All wells were dug by hand with the exception of one machine drilled large capacity well that was dug in Ghana near the Togo border where families from villages in Ghana and Togo are benefitting from the well.



## Water Wells in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh

Life dug 20 water wells in Sindh Province, Pakistan, 18 wells in District Kama, Afghanistan and 2 wells in Cox's Bazaar Bangladesh in the Rohingya refugee camps in 2018. The wells were hand dug in rural areas.



LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT #: BG2016WW01

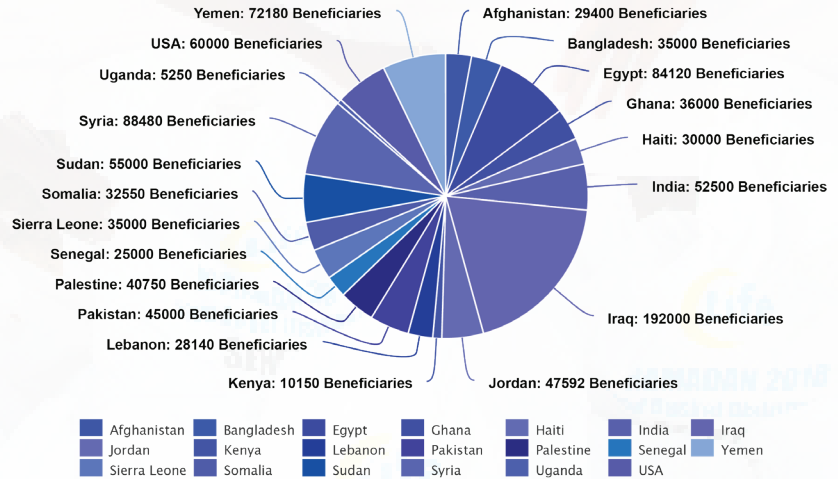
PROJECT: WATER WELL WITH PUMP  
DONOR: USAID, UNICEF, USAID, UNICEF

LOCATION: Kutupalong (Khyra Cox's Bazar) - BANGLADESH  
OPENING DATE: 15-01-2018



## Feeding over 1 Million During Ramadan

Life's Ramadan program was the most successful in its history, feeding over 1 million individuals. Food baskets were distributed to 1,004,112 beneficiaries and Iftar meals were provided for 37,700 displaced people, refugees, orphans, widows and needy families in 20 countries. The total number of individual beneficiaries of food this Ramadan was 1,041,812. Our generous donors helped us to successfully implement Ramadan food programs in the following countries:





## Ramadan Village Iftar Meals

During the month of Ramadan Life hosted large Iftar gatherings for families living in villages. Hot cooked Iftar meals were provided for between 500 to 1500 individuals living in villages each night.

- Afghanistan 20,000
- Syria 1,500
- Uganda 6,300
- USA 6,300





## Masjid Al-Aqsa Iftar

Life provided hot Iftar and Suhoor meals in Masjid Al-Aqsa during the last 10 days of Ramadan. Between 100-1000 people were fed each night.



## Udhiyah 2018

Life staff and partners implemented Udhiyah on behalf of donors, during the 4 days of Eid-ul-Adha, in the following countries:

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bosnia
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Gaza/West Bank
- Ghana
- India
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Syria
- Sudan
- USA
- Uganda
- Yemen

Thanks to our donors this project was very successful with over 166,145 families receiving fresh Udhiyah meat packages.



## SHARE Program

Life partnered with Islamic centers, grocery stores, and supermarkets at over 1,000 locations in 39 states to distribute Udhiyah/Qurbani to needy individuals and families in U.S. communities.

Community members purchased animals at participating market locations, took a share of their Udhiyah/Qurbani, and left a share for those in need. Islamic centers distributed "SHARE" vouchers to needy individuals and families in their communities so they could visit one of the participating markets in the program and receive their free share of meat.



## SHARE: Christmas

A Christmas party was organized in collaboration with US Arab Radio for a senior home for the elderly in Dearborn, Michigan. Lunch was served to almost 100 seniors and their families, and gifts were given out to everyone during the festive event.



## SHARE: Thanksgiving

There is a very large number of poor and homeless people in the city of Detroit, Michigan. Last year, statistics show that more than 33,000 students in Michigan were homeless. In an effort to support those who are struggling, Life (in partnership with Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry) provided meals for 1,250 families on Thanksgiving Day. Food baskets that included turkeys with canned and dry foods, were distributed to 300 families in three locations in the Detroit area.



## In-Kind Donations 2018

Your donations helped Life send 45 (40 foot) shipping containers and ten (53 foot) truckloads of in-kind donations to needy countries in 2018.

### Food Aid

Thirteen containers of Mannapack high protein rice meals (donated by Feed my Starving Children) were sent to:

- Djibouti (3 containers)
- Mogadishu, Somalia (5 containers)
- Hargeisa, Somaliland (5 containers)

The food was distributed to 510 school children as part of an ongoing monthly school nutrition program and to 3185 families on a monthly basis in need of food aid.

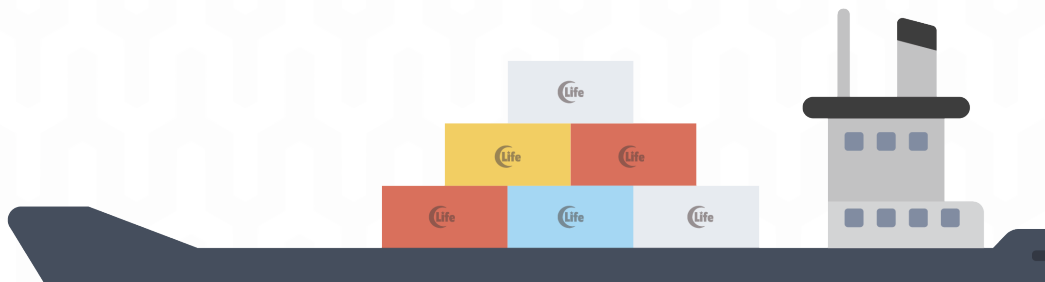
## Medical Supplies/ Equipment and Medicines

Fifteen containers of medical supplies/equipment and medicines (donated by World Medical Relief and Brother's Brother Foundation) were sent to:

- Gaza (1 container)
- West Bank (2 containers)
- Iraq (3 containers)
- Lebanon (1 container)
- Uganda (2 containers)
- Senegal (6 containers)

### College Books

Books donated by Brother's Brother Foundation and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University were sent to Iraqi Universities and Colleges.



**x 45 Shipping Containers**

## Classroom Furniture

Fifteen containers of classroom furniture for use in primary and secondary schools and colleges (donated by International Recycling Network) were sent to:

- Native American schools in South Dakota (3 truckloads)
- Palestine (7 containers)
- Iraq (3 containers)
- Uganda (2 containers)

## Textbooks

New K-12th grade textbooks for students and teachers (donated by Brother's Brother Foundation and McGraw-Hill Publishing) were sent to:

- Six schools in South Carolina, Illinois, Kentucky, Texas, Georgia and Michigan
- Canada (1 truckload)
- Uganda (2 containers)
- Sierra Leone (1 container)
- Lebanon (1 container)



# x 10 Truckloads



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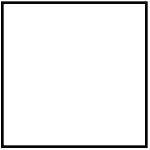
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