

ORPHAN

All smiles, if an orphan smiles



iHH
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOUNDATION

ABOUT US

Since its establishment in 1992, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation has continued to operate with the aim of delivering humanitarian aid to all people who have been victimized, distressed and persecuted due to reasons such as wars and natural disasters, wherever they are in the world, and to prevent the violation of their fundamental rights and freedoms. These efforts, which started with volunteer activities and became institutionalized in 1995, have spread to 123 countries in a short time and a bridge of charity has been established from Türkiye to the whole world.

While operating in the axis of humanitarian relief, human rights and humanitarian diplomacy, IHH also promotes the development of the sense of solidarity, communion and brotherhood in Türkiye and across the world by developing many social and cultural projects as it continues its operations. IHH assumes the duty of a pioneer and a role model in the development of NGOs that operate in regions experiencing hardship and victimization. In addition to emergency aid, IHH also takes part in the construction of sustainable projects including schools, orphanages, mosques, water wells, cultural centers, health clinics and hospitals to serve the people in these regions and contribute to the development of the countries. IHH also acts as a mediator in solving issues using humanitarian diplomacy in all regions where people are victimized, and international diplomacy is inadequate.

IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, which was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM) in 2007, was granted tax exemption and public benefit foundation status with the decision of the Council of Ministers dated 04.04.2011 and numbered 2011/1799. IHH was also awarded the "State Medal and Order of Outstanding Sacrifice" for its disaster management efforts during the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes in 2023.

IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation is a member of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) with consultant status, a council member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Humanitarian Fund (OICHF), and a member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), the Voluntary Organizations Foundation of Türkiye (TGTV), the Union of Non-overnmental Organizations of the Islamic World (UNIW NGOs) and the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) of the United Nations.



INTRODUCTION

According to the United Nations, there are more than 150 million orphans and children worldwide. The majority of orphans who have lost their families and are orphaned and defenseless live in regions of war and crisis. Since 1992, we have been working on projects that enable orphans to live in their own country without being separated from their culture, with their relatives, or needing anyone; we work continuously to cater to their needs for education, health, food, clothing, and shelter.

We provide regular support to more than 133 thousand orphans in 43 countries and 80 cities across our country. Through our projects, we touch the lives of more than one million orphans every year.

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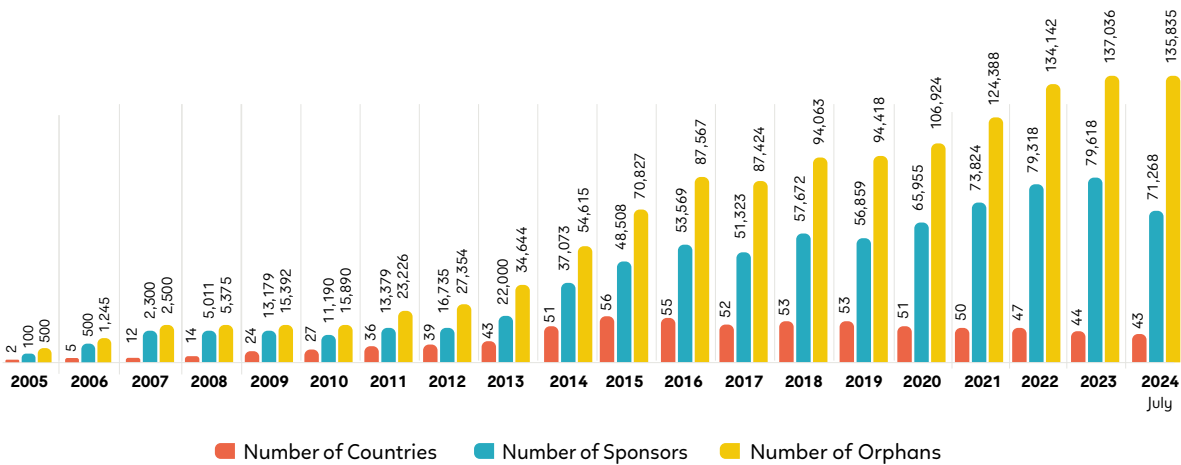




133 THOUSAND SMILING FACES

Through the orphan sponsorship system, we regularly support orphans every month in 43 countries and 80 cities across our country. Owing to the generous contributions of philanthropists, we have successfully extended our benevolent hand to an impressive count of over 133 thousand destitute orphans through the initiation of a project to cater to their fundamental necessities and provide them with a secure environment to thrive. We continue to work to reach even more orphans and make a difference in their lives and those of their families.

SPONSORSHIP SYSTEM FOR ORPHANS BETWEEN 2005 AND 2024





HOW ARE THE NEEDS OF ORPHANS MET?

There are five systems we have developed to help orphans meet their basic needs, such as food, health, shelter, education, and clothing, and to ensure that they can look to the future with confidence:



Orphan Sponsorship System



Educational Sponsorship for Orphans



Stakeholder Sponsorship System



Project Sponsorship



Orphan Relief Fund







Orphan Sponsorship System

We bring together orphans and those who want to help them with the sponsorship system, which aims to support orphans financially and meet their needs on a regular basis. With regular monthly donations, we help orphans meet their needs for education, health, shelter, food, and clothing.



Look Out for 1 Orphan in 5 Steps



Kindly fill out the application form on

ihh.org.tr/en/donate/orphan

to proceed.



The donor can access the information and photos of the orphan they have sponsored by logging into their account through the website or IHH mobile app.



After the initial payment, the search for an orphan begins.

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Once the process is completed, the

"Orphan Information Form"

is emailed to the donor.



The regular monthly donation will support the needs of the orphan.

Words of Foday

Yavuz Selim Gündüz, Sierra Leone, 2024

We are visiting orphans in the areas close to the capital, Freetown. As we approached Foday's house, he was sitting in front of it, unaware of our arrival. His mother, Mrs. Meryem, was also preparing homemade fruit juices for sale.

It is evident that Foday is a well-behaved child. At 17 years old, he is stepping into young adulthood and has attained the maturity of being the eldest son of the household. His mother confirmed our impressions as she spoke about him: "My husband passed away nine years ago due to diabetes. He was a very good and responsible person. Thank God, my son Foday is just like him. He is hardworking, well-mannered, and never causes me any distress. He has wanted to become a doctor since he was little. Alhamdulillah, he is now in his first year of university. When he has exams, he doesn't sleep and studies until morning. God willing, I hope to see him graduate. Thanks to the sponsorship support from IHH, I can cover Foday's university expenses

and buy his medications when he is sick. This support is a great relief for us," she said.

As in many African countries, exams in public schools in Sierra Leone are not free. Although students receive free education throughout the year, only those who pay the fee can take the end-of-year exams. Therefore, no matter how successful a student is, if they cannot take the exam, they cannot move to the next grade and continue their education. Thanks to the support from Turkey, Foday is able to take the exams and is successfully progressing towards fulfilling his and his mother's dreams. With the support of benefactors, he will keep his promise to his father and become a doctor.

By sponsoring an orphan, you can help meet their education, healthcare, food, and housing needs, enabling them to achieve their dreams and look to the future with hope.







Educational Sponsorship for Orphans

We support our orphans until they stand on their own two feet. Through our educational sponsorship program for orphans, we offer support to orphans aged 18 and above, enabling them to pursue their education until they secure stable employment. By providing orphans with the opportunity to complete their education, they can make valuable contributions to their families, communities, and country as a whole.







Stakeholder Sponsorship System

Two donors who want to support orphans can jointly contribute to meeting an orphan's food, education, healthcare, and housing needs.* Each donor can impact an orphan's life by covering half of the sponsorship cost.

** In the Stakeholder Sponsorship System, the second donor is assigned by the system. In accordance with KVKK (Personal Data Protection Law), the information of the donors cannot be shared.*







Project Sponsorship

Project sponsorship includes the promotion of project-related activities such as the construction or renovation of orphanages, houses, schools, the provision of teaching materials or health services. Furthermore, we extend our support to orphan families by facilitating income-generating ventures, which include vocational training courses, store openings, fishing boats, and provision of livestock. Through the generous aid of philanthropic project sponsors, we can undertake the establishment of an orphanage. These contributions enable us to construct vital facilities within the orphanage, such as the library, dormitory, and kitchen, or alternatively, they can help cover the annual expenses of any one of our 42 orphanages spread across 12 countries.

New room of Ayash

Mehmet Eren Metin, Sri Lanka, 2024

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After approximately a two-hour drive, we arrived at the place where we would be working. We came to a small village in the Alankuda area, 147 km from the capital, Colombo. As soon as we got out of the car, we were greeted by smiling people who had been waiting for us. The first words I heard were “Assalam Alaikum.” Until that moment, I was a stranger in this place, but with a single greeting, I suddenly felt connected to the people. Without keeping our brothers and sisters waiting, we started distributing food packages. Then, our partner told us that an orphanage would be opened in the same village and asked us to inaugurate it.

Since the distance was short and the roads were dirt paths, we began walking. Along the way, people watched us carefully from their windows and gardens. When we greeted them, they were very happy and a bit shy. After walking for about three minutes, we turned left and were greeted by a crowd gathered around a very charming, lush green house.

The house is surrounded by a fence and has a small, beautiful garden. A ribbon is tied to the front door. Behind the mother of the

house, who is waiting by the ribbon, is a sweet and shy child peeking at us. This lovely child is named Ayash, and he is in the 5th grade. His father passed away four years ago. Ayash has an older sister in university and another sister in middle school.

Ayash and his family’s only source of income is the orphan sponsorship money and occasional small contributions from their uncles. Previously, they lived in a makeshift, one-room house. Now, they have a big house. The three siblings can now study comfortably. They even have a small living room where they can enjoy conversations together. Ayash’s disbelief that such a beautiful house belongs to them is evident in his eyes. His mother, overwhelmed with happiness at being able to provide a good future for her children, has tears streaming down her face, and her prayers fill the room.

“I first got to know IHH when they distributed food and clothes in our village. After my father passed away, they didn’t leave us alone. But this help is very different from the others because now we have a beautiful house, and I can study comfortably,” says Ayash.

You too can impact the lives of orphan families by sponsoring vocational training courses, shop openings, house construction or renovation, and providing livestock assistance.





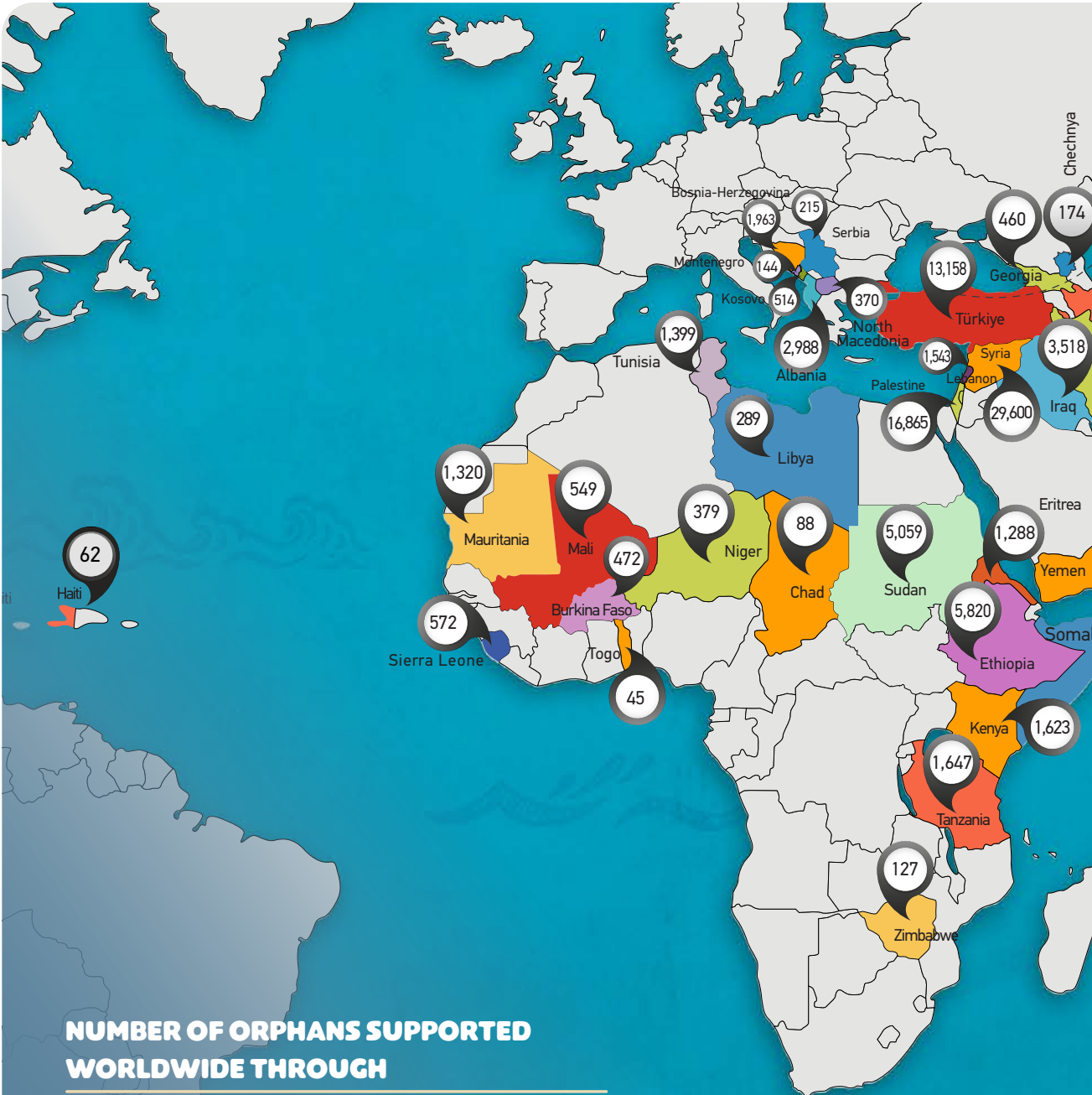
Orphan Relief Fund

In addition to orphan and project sponsorships, we include all kinds of assistance made for the benefit of orphans in the Orphan Relief Fund. With the accumulated donations, we carry out projects such as orphanage renovations, healthcare services, social activities for orphans, and holiday clothing gifts.

**You can make
a donation
of any amount via
the QR code.**





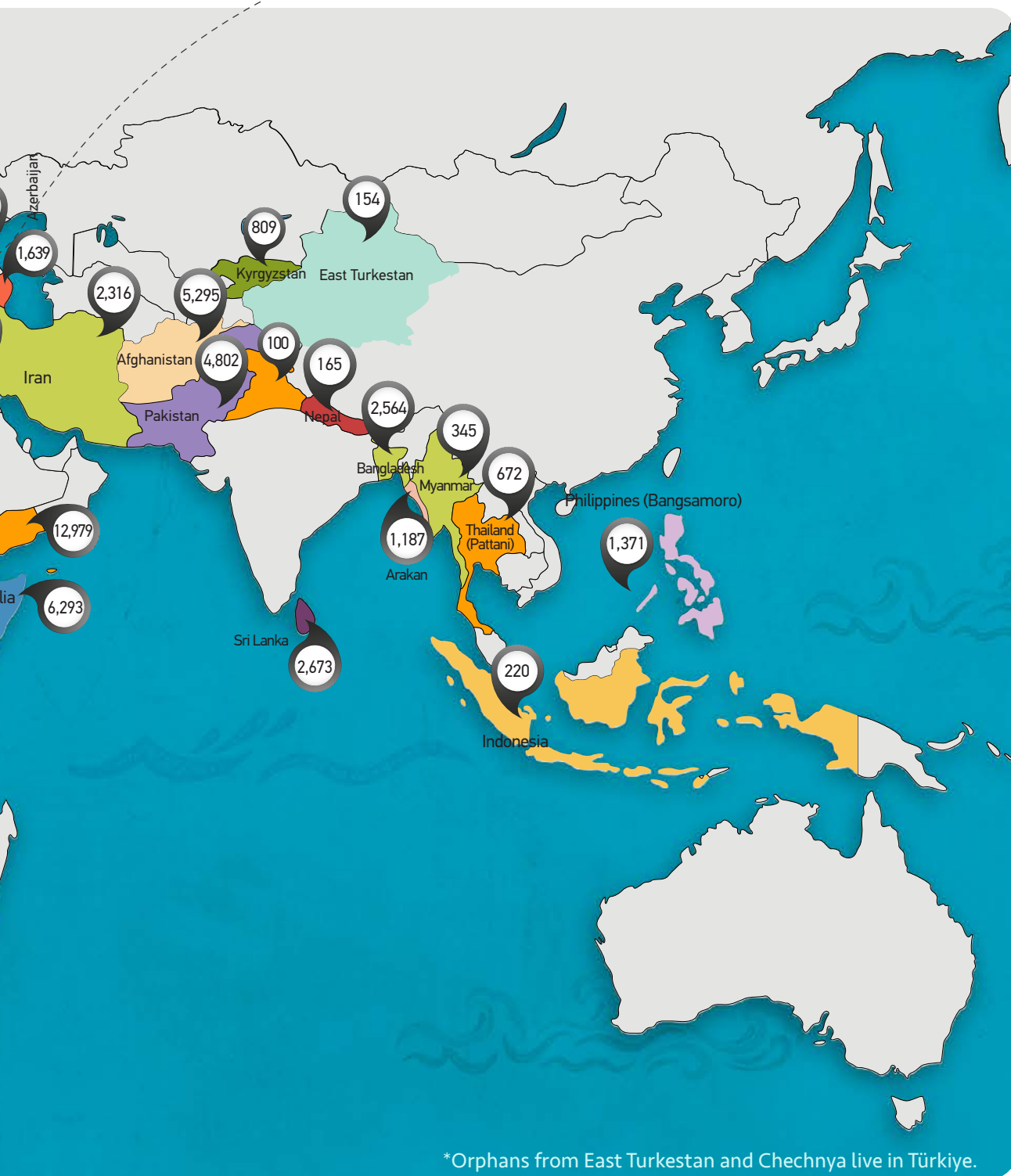


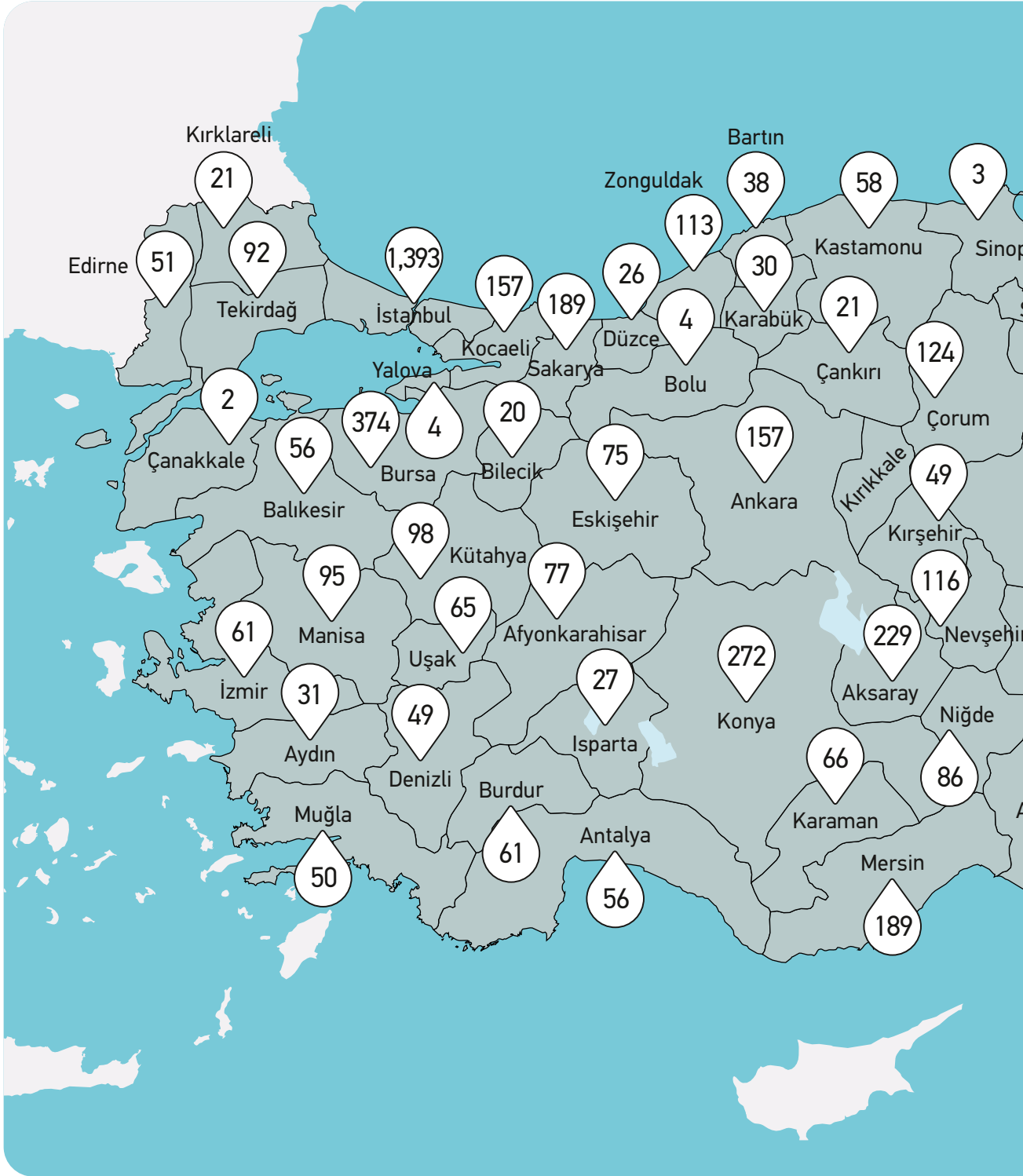
NUMBER OF ORPHANS SUPPORTED
WORLDWIDE THROUGH

THE ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP SYSTEM

135,835

(2024 July)







42 orphanages, 1 orphan education center and 1 educational campus in 12 countries

Our journey with orphanages began with the occupation of Afghanistan. The orphans who found refuge in Pakistan with the refugees fleeing the occupation needed a warm and safe home. While our relief work in Pakistan continued, we decided to find a permanent solution for orphans. We undertake the construction of orphanages to shelter and provide a safe haven for vulnerable and defenseless children who have been orphaned as a result of wars, crises, and diseases. Additionally, we establish education centers to equip them with the necessary tools and resources, ensuring they can prepare for a promising future. Today, we continue to touch the lives of orphans with 42 orphanages, an orphan education center, and an educational campus.





سبحان الله فتح مركز السعادة لجمعية الأيتام - بورنيو - في يوم الثلاثاء
الثاني من رمضان 1433 هـ الموافق الثاني من أغسطس 2011 م
شكرًا على يد فضلي تيس (أزيمو ماليزيا)
The Ophiranga (Rena) school center was opened on the
2nd of Ramadan 1433 H corresponding to the 2nd of August 2011.
Donor: BUGDAYCI ALESE (IZMIR - TURKEY)

สถานศึกษาเด็กกำพร้าจังหวัดบึงกาฬ
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ในนามของมูลนิธิศูนย์พัฒนาเด็กกำพร้าอิสลาม

Firdaus's Dreams

Serdar Gürçay, Pattani, 2023

We are chatting with orphans at the Yaşar Zerdali Orphanage, one of IHH's eight orphanages in Pattani, Thailand. Each of the 50 girls here is entertaining, successful, and full of dreams, preparing for the future in a safe environment. One of them is Firdaus, who is in her final year of middle school.

Firdaus's biggest dream for the near future is to study at an Imam Hatip High School in Türkiye. She continues to work hard and prepare for exams to achieve this goal. She has been excited by the things she has learned about Türkiye in her Turkish language class, which is why she wants to study there. Her favorite subject is English, and she is working hard to learn and speak it well. In the future, she aspires to become a dentist.

They are very happy when volunteers from Türkiye visit them several times a year. "The sisters who come from Türkiye take us to the beach and for picnics, and they give us gifts. We play games here and have a lot of fun together. I feel that they love us very much," she says.

When I asked her if she remembered the first day she came to the orphanage, she said, "I cried on the first day because I was

separating from my mother for the first time. But I have changed a lot since then. I used to be very antisocial, but here I made new friends and gained confidence in many areas. I have become more responsible. My mother is also very happy with this change. She is pleased to see that I can handle things on my own and thanks IHH for that. I feel very at ease during my time here."

Like Firdaus, dozens of children here are preparing for the future in a safe and healthy environment. Their food, shelter, and educational needs are met through the donations of benefactors in Türkiye. Orphanages that have been nurturing and realizing the dreams of thousands of orphans for years continue to serve as secure and joyful homes.

Firdaus is just one of the thousands of orphans IHH sponsors until they can stand on their own feet. You can also support our orphanages to help prepare orphans for the future in safe and healthy environments.







Kabul - İstanbul Kardeşlik Orphanage (Afghanistan, 2013)



Darul Iman Orphanage / Arakan (Bangladesh, 2009)



Togra Kamil Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2009)



Darussaadet / Fatih Sultan Mehmet Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2013)



Babul Aman Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2013)



Sultan Abdulhamid Han Kardeşlik Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2014)



Bahattin Yıldız Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2015)



Esma Biltaci Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2016)



İnegöl Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2016)



Muhammad Enes Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2016)

IHH Orphanages

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İyilikhane Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2018)



Atila Orhan Girl's Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2021)



Hz. Hatice Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2022)



Candemir Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2023)



Barbaros Orphan Education Center (Ethiopia, 2014)



Antalya Haticetül Kübra Girl's Orphanage (Philippines/Bangsamoro, 2009)



Konya IHH Akıncılar Orphanage (Philippines/Bangsamoro, 2009)



Uğur Süleyman Söylemez Orphanage (Philippines/Bangsamoro, 2015)



Ali Ramazan and Hatice Üstünsoy Orphanage (Nepal, 2014)



Dinç Ailesi Education Center (Niger, 2022)



MSAL Orphanage (Pakistan, 2003)



Rara Orphanage (Pakistan, 2009)



Bursa Emir Sultan Orphanage (Pakistan, 2011)



Sargodha Orphanage (Pakistan, 2013)



Darul Erkam Orphanage (Pakistan, 2014)



Haripur Orphanage (IICO)
(Pakistan, 2020)



Islamabad Boy's
Orphanage (Pakistan, 2020)



Konya IHH Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2011)



Pattani Şifa Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2011)



Miyase Tanış Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2013)



Ankara Yaşar Zerdali
Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2014)



Furkan Emre Kesik
Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2014)



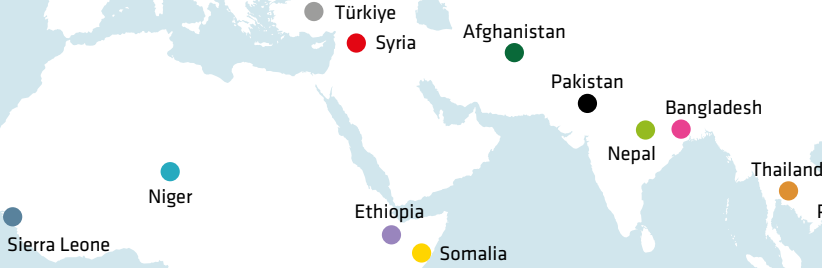
İstanbul İtfaiyeci
Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2015)



Martyr Furkan Doğan
Orphanage
(Thailand/Pattani, 2016)



İskilipli Atıf Hoca
Orphanage (Thailand, 2018)



Ismail's Guests Education
Center (Sierra Leone, 2018)



Al-Mufallihun
Orphanage (Somalia, 2019)



Namaz Kardeşliği
Orphanage -1
(Somalia, 2019)



Pendik Eğitim-Bir-Sen
Tahir Kaya Girl's Orphanage
(Somalia, 2019)



Martyr Eren Bülbül
Orphanage (Somalia, 2019)



Martyr Muhammed Fatih
Saftürk Orphanage
(Somalia, 2019)



Namaz Kardeşliği
Orphanage -2 (Somalia, 2020)



Başakşehir Jarabulus Girl's
Orphanage (Syria, 2022)



Reyhanlı Educational
Campus (Türkiye, 2017)



Annually, on Orphan Solidarity Days, our dedicated volunteer teams embark on journeys from Türkiye to visit orphanages across the globe. During these compassionate missions, we extend much-needed aid, inaugurate new orphanages, assess ongoing local initiatives, bring joy to the lives of the orphans, and fulfill their essential requirements.

In addition, we diligently execute projects aimed at augmenting the income of orphan families, which encompass diverse initiatives such as vocational training courses, the provision of livestock, and the establishment of retail stores. By doing so, we help them stand on their own two feet without depending on others.

During the 2023 Orphan Solidarity Days, more than 18,000 people, including orphans and their mothers, benefited from the 130 projects we carried out in 23 countries.





In 2013, at the suggestion of IHH to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the 15th day of each Ramadan was declared World Orphans Day.

Annually, on World Orphans Day, we endeavor to raise awareness regarding the plight of children left vulnerable and unprotected, and strive to facilitate transformative projects that will positively impact and uplift their lives





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