



ORPHAN

All smile, if an orphan smiles





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 44 countries and 80 cities across our country. Through our projects, we touch the lives of more than one million orphans every year.

We provide regular aid
to more than

1 million

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We provide regular support to more than

133 thousand

orphans in 44 countries

We support orphans in
12 countries with



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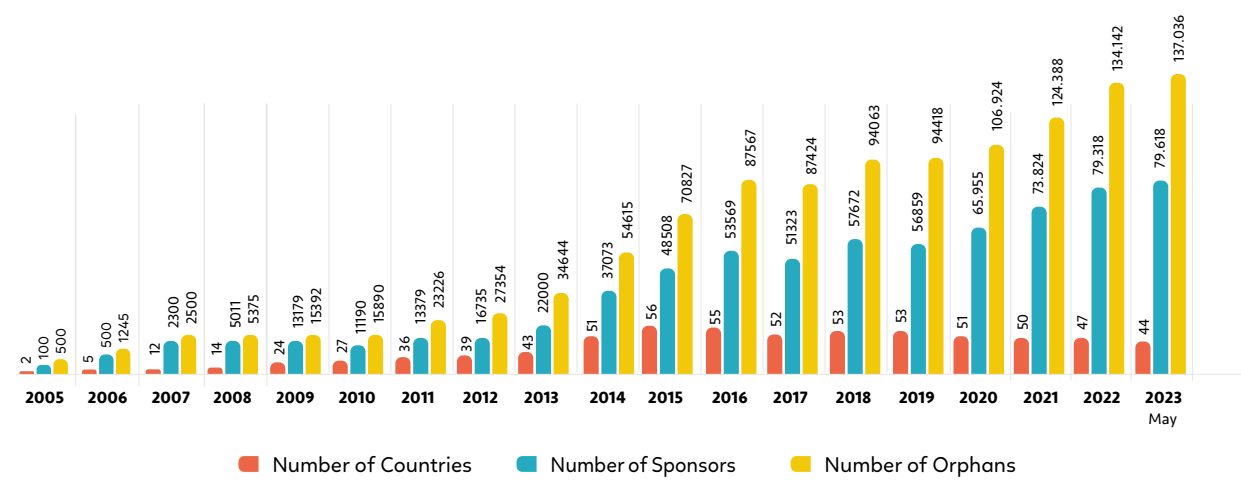
1 orphan education center, and
1 orphan village.



133 THOUSAND SMILING FACES

Through the orphan sponsorship system, we regularly support orphans every month in 44 countries and 80 cities across our country. As of May 2023, 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 2023



From little favors to big hopes





Abdurrahim Kibritçi / Afghanistan, 2021

We are in Afghanistan to have a look at our projects and visit orphaned families. The story of 60-year-old Aunt Voguma, to whom we gave a goat last year, sums up very well what can become of small acts of kindness: “My son died in a traffic accident last year. I live with my three grandchildren and my daughter-in-law. Before the goats came, we lived off the help of our neighbors and relatives. Now I have three goats, and one of them is pregnant. Soon we will have four goats. We drink the goats’ milk, and my grandchildren like it very much. I sell some of it at the market. From what we earn, we buy food. My greatest aspiration is to have even more goats. If I have more goats, I can easily pay for my grandchildren’s school fees. My eldest granddaughter, Cemile, was the most happy about the goats. She used to help me a lot with the housework, but now she forgets all about me when she plays with the goats.”



HOW ARE THE NEEDS OF ORPHANS MET?

There are four 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
-  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.

You can sponsor an orphan via the Orphan Sponsorship System. By donating

\$22 PER MONTH

you can provide essential support to the orphan you are sponsoring and help meet their needs.



Kindly fill out the application form on

ihh.org.tr/en/donate/orphan

to proceed.



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

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.

(If you wish, you can pay the sponsorship fee in advance.)



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.





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.



A Success Story

My name is Rizkina. I live in Aceh, Indonesia. I was only three years old when my father died, and I became an orphan. Life after my father was very difficult. You can be sure that my mother had the hardest time. She tried very hard to make sure that we had a good life.

At the age of six, I entered elementary school, which I finished successfully. When my mother noticed my success and enthusiasm, she wished to enroll me in a better school. However, due to financial constraints, we were unable to afford it, and it left us feeling desperate. In 2010, I learned that there was an orphanage for girls in a place far from our home. That's how I got to know IHH.


When I came to the orphanage, I was still in secondary school. I was aware that I had to work hard to have a good future. After graduating from secondary school, I gained admission to one of the best high schools in Aceh with my friend Wasmiani. Initially, high school posed some challenges for me, but through perseverance and hard work, I managed to overcome them and consistently excel in my studies. The

sisters in the orphanage where I lived played a big part in this. They always supported me.

After graduating from high school, I enrolled in the business faculty of a state university in Aceh. I was very happy about that. During my studies, I always tried to support my younger and older sisters at the orphanage and make their work easier.

At the end of four years, in 2020, I graduated from university with a very good grade. I could do any profession I wanted and have better opportunities. But I decided to be a big sister to orphans and started working at IHH's orphanage.

I have worked hard all my life to achieve something. Now I will strive to be an exemplary big sister for orphans and support dozens of orphans in the future. I would like to thank my brothers, sisters and IHH in Türkiye for their support. I will continue to prove myself worthy of them and stand by orphans throughout my life.



Rizkina is just one of the 133,961 orphans IHH sponsors until they can stand on their own feet. You have the option to support an orphan, such as Rizkina, by providing them with an educational scholarship through the Orphan Education Sponsorship System



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.

They call me mom

Mustafa Olgun / Niger, 2021

"We visited the mothers of orphaned children in Niger. One of these mothers was Sister Selamu, to whom we gave a sewing machine three years ago. She told us how her life has changed with the sewing machine: "My husband died of an illness five years ago. I was left alone with my three children. The household had an abundance of needs that required my immediate attention. I had to ask my siblings for money. IHH gave me a sewing machine in 2018. Now I can meet the needs of my house and children by myself. In three years, my business has grown and I have bought four more sewing machines. I teach sewing and embroidery to other mothers of orphaned children like me and to students. We make the orders I receive together. The students call me mom because I give them work. My business had improved, but in the meantime my sister passed away. I took one of my nieces who now lives with me. Thanks to the sewing machine, I can also take care of my sister's child."

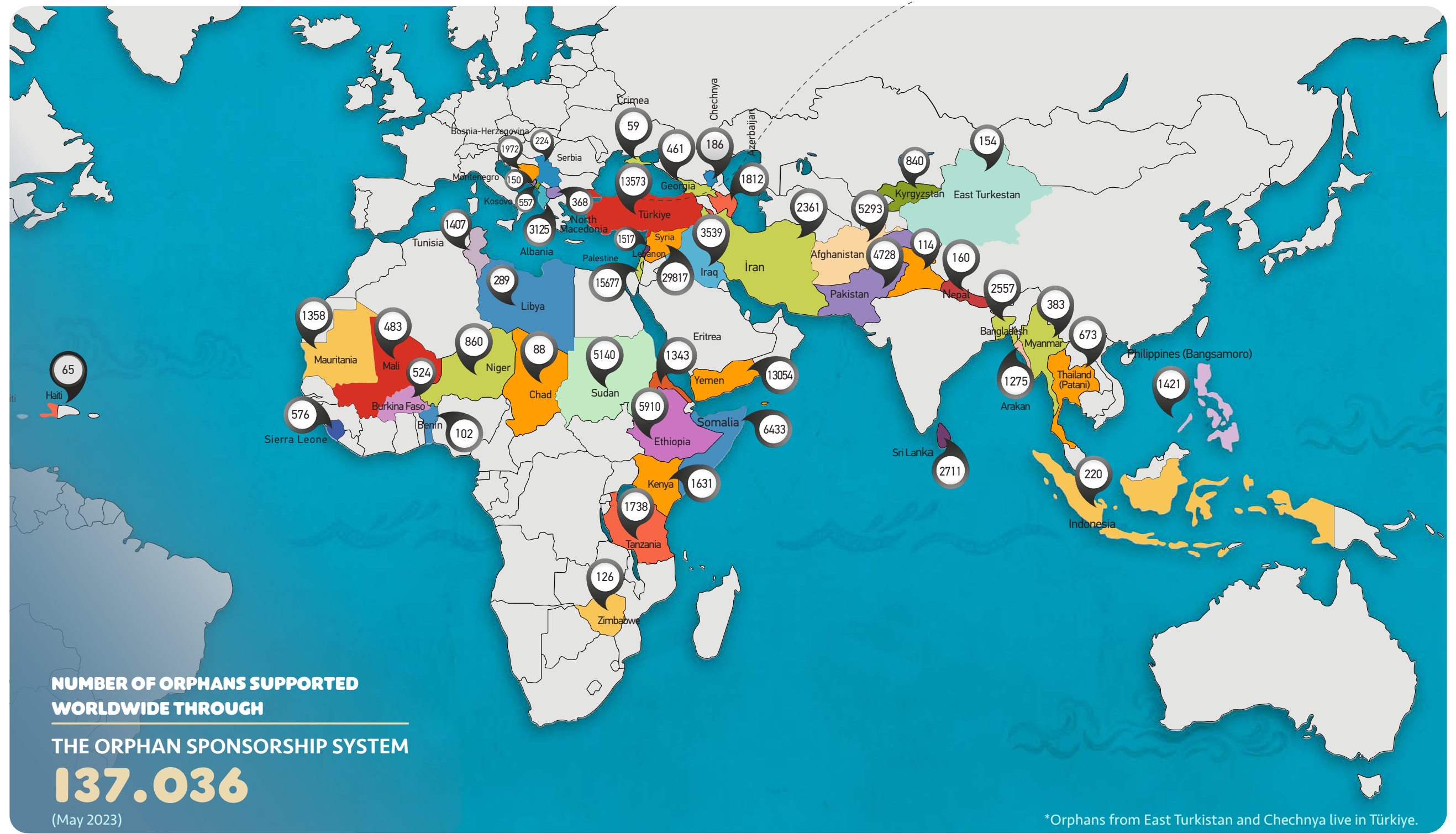




Orphan Relief Fund

Aside from orphan and project sponsorships, any form of charitable contribution made for the betterment of orphans is encompassed within the Orphan Relief Fund. The funds amassed through this initiative are channeled into various projects, including the refurbishment of orphanages, provision of healthcare services, organization of social activities for orphans, and distribution of clothing for Eid holidays.







42 orphanages,

1 orphan education center and 1 educational village 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 training center, and an educational campus.





Kabil - 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)



Haripur Orphanage(IICO) (Pakistan, 2020)



Islamabad Orphanage for Boys (Pakistan, 2020)



Konya IHH Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2011)



Patani Şifa Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2011)



Miyase Tanış Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2013)



Ankara Yaşar Zerdali Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2014)



Furkan Emre Kesik Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2014)



Seven Seasons Meva Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2015)



Martyr Furkan Doğan Orphanage (Thailand/Patani, 2016)



İskilipli Atıf Hoca Orphanage (Thailand, 2018)

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İyilikhane Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2018)



Atila Orhan Orphanage for Girls (Bangladesh, 2021)



Hz. Hatice Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2022)



Candemir Orphanage (Bangladesh, 2023)



arbaros Orphan Education Centre (Ethiopia, 2014)



Antalya Haticecul Kübra Orphanage for Girls (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 Family Training Centre (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)



Ismail's Guests Training Centre(Sierra Leone, 2018)



Al-Mufallihun Orphanage (Somalia, 2019)



Namaz Kardeşliği Orphanage -1 (Somalia, 2019)



Pendik Eğitim-Bir-Sen Tahir Kaya Orphanage for Girls (Somalia, 2019)



Şehit Eren Bülbül Orphanage (Somalia, 2019)



Şehit Muhammed Fatih Saftürk Orphanage (Somalia, 2019)



Namaz Kardeşliği Orphanage -2 (Somalia, 2020)



Jarabulus Orphanage (Syria, 2022)



Reyhanlı Education Campus (Türkiye, 2017)

The Dreams of Firdevs

Serdar Gürçay / Patani, 2023

We chat with orphans at Yaşar Zerdali Orphanage, one of the eight orphanages of IHH in Patani, Thailand. In this place, fifty girls, each surpassing the other in humor, success, and aspirations, are securely and diligently preparing for their promising futures. One of them is Firdevs, who is in her final year of secondary school.

Firdevs' biggest dream for the near future is to study at an İmam Hatip high school in Türkiye. For that, she continues to study and prepare for her exams. What she has seen and learned about Türkiye in her Turkish classes excites her. And that's why she wants to study in Türkiye. Her favorite subject is English. She tries to learn it and speak it well. She wants to be a dentist when she grows up.

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

When I asked her if she could remember the first day she came to

the orphanage, she said, "I cried the first day I came. It was the first time I was separated from my mother. But I have changed a lot since then. Before, I used to be antisocial. Here I made new friends and gained confidence in many fields. I have become a responsible person. My mother is also very happy about this change. She is happy that I can manage my own affairs, and she thanks IHH. She feels very comfortable when I am here."

Dozens of children like Firdevs are preparing for the future here in a safe and healthy environment. Their needs for food, shelter, and education are covered through donations from philanthropists in Türkiye. The orphanages, where thousands of orphans have been growing up and realizing their dreams for years, continue to be a safe and happy home.





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.



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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