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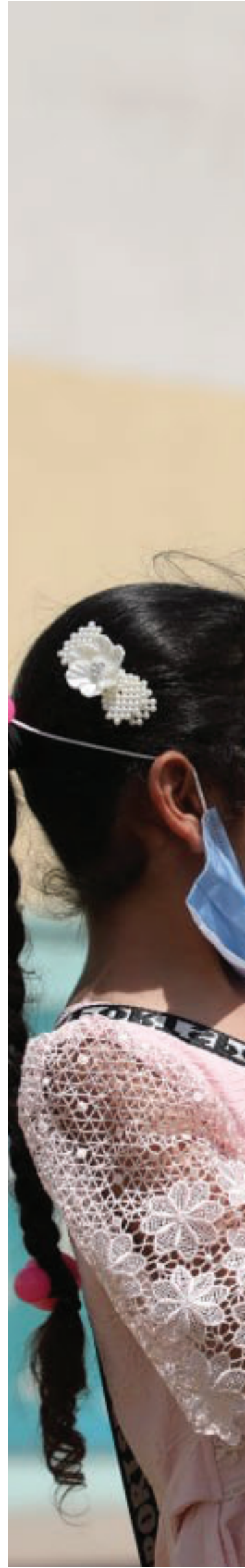
Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation (UK)



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.



His eminence Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani
on 23rd August 2022.





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About Al-Ayn

Al-Ayn (Iraq) was established in 2006 to provide care and support for orphaned children in Iraq. Today, Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation International works with 14 member bodies across the world to give orphaned children the tools they need to fulfil their potential at each stage of their lives.

Al-Ayn continues to receive authorisation and support from Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani, and his permission to receive religious dues. The unrivalled grassroots support we receive from cities and villages across Iraq, as well as overwhelming international support, has enabled Al-Ayn to continue to reach out to even more orphaned children in need. We are now supporting over 91,100 children across the world.

We believe in:

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 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.





Sadaqa Boxes

Perhaps the most identifiable marker 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 the rewards associated with Sadaqa are received immediately as if the Sadaqa was placed into the hands of the needy person or their guardian. The boxes can be requested for homes or businesses, and they will be posted to your door.

We operate on a 0% admin fees basis, with 100% of donations contributing towards the sponsorship of orphaned children awaiting private sponsorship. Please get in touch to request a Sadaqa Box for Iraq or Afghanistan today.

Your Khums

Khums donations received by Al-Ayn are 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.

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation has direct ijaza (written permission) from Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani to receive religious dues (Khums) to spend on orphaned children. The permission includes both parts of Khums (Sahm Al-Imam and Sahm Al-Sada), and the exact amount of your Khums donation will go towards supporting orphaned children.

If you would like your Khums donation to be spent specifically on one of our projects, please contact us and we can apply on your behalf for permission for that from the office of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani.





Authorisation

Al-Ayn (Iraq) was registered as an NGO in 2006. It has since been registered in the UK and 12 other countries. Al-Ayn operates with the direct support and blessings of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani. This encompasses his authorisation (Ijaza) to receive religious dues including Khums (both parts), Zakat, Kaffara, and Fidya, in addition to encouraging supporters to donate towards Al-Ayn's various projects and schemes and to leave a portion of their inheritance to Al-Ayn.

This year, Al-Ayn's granted authorisation (Ijaza) was renewed by His eminence Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani to continue to receive donations and religious dues to care for the orphaned, needy, and displaced children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana. In his authorisation, His eminence reiterated his support and prayers for the success of Al-Ayn, a 'pioneering' foundation, and recognised the "distinctive care it provides to our beloved orphans and to needy individuals, including those who are widowed, ill, and displaced."

Al-Ayn International

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation International is an umbrella body with 14 global members, representing fundraising and field offices, all with one mission to empower orphaned children and provide them with core essential services.

To find out more, please visit www.alayninternational.org

Our Relationship with the United Nations

In October 2022, our International Liaison Officer delivered an oral statement at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. This was the 51st session of the Human Rights Council, where Member States and major international organisations took part. There was mention of our continued work in Iraq, whilst we took a significant opportunity to mention Al-Ayn's involvement in Afghanistan under Agenda item 2, the Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.



? Did you know...

Al-Ayn (Iraq) currently holds special consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council

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Medical Care & Psychological Rehabilitation

To date, Al-Ayn (Iraq) has carried out over 89,000 medical treatments for orphaned children and their mothers or guardians. In hundreds of cases, the treatment included operations, sometimes conducted abroad. We are dedicated to providing services that cater to the mental health needs of orphaned children because we believe mental health matters. Thus far, Al-Ayn (Iraq) has registered over 3,029 orphaned children for its Psychological Rehabilitation Programme. We are building twelve more Psychological Rehabilitation Centres across Iraq to give even more children access to vital care.





Education

Every child of school age at Al-Ayn is encouraged to remain in school to enable them to achieve their potential. Al-Ayn (Iraq) runs volunteer-led tuition classes for children during holidays and weekends. Each child also receives a back-to-school kit at the beginning of every year, which includes a school uniform, a school bag, stationery and more. Children are often invited to graduation ceremonies and ceremonies for high achievers to encourage them to reach their potential. Many of the children that have been supported throughout the years are now in university. Where needed, we continue to support them throughout their time at university.

Vocational Training

Our vocational training initiative aids in the independence and transition of orphaned children into adulthood, as well the empowerment of widowed mothers. 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.

The following courses are offered:

- Handicrafts
- Hairstyling
- Mobile phone repairs
- Sewing
- IT skills
- Cooking, baking and many more

Al-Ayn offers the participants all the resources they require for training, including all necessary tools and equipment, transportation expenses, and meals during training hours. The training includes seminars on time management, how to draw in clients, and how to interact with them, as well as life skills and advice on how to apply their new knowledge in future careers and in wider society. It should be noted that all instructors are salaried, have a university degree, and run profitable enterprises of their own.

Microfinance

Al-Ayn has supported many youths with microfinance loans to start their own businesses and achieve financial independence. This programme is targeted at graduates of the Luminous Stars Vocational Training Centres, 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 aluminium workshops, grocery stores, mobile repair shops, hairdressers, and sewing ventures.



03 SPONSORSHIPS

Our Child Sponsorship Programme gives our supporters in the UK an opportunity to rebuild lives. Becoming a sponsor means lifting an orphaned child in Iraq above the poverty line.

The interested individual or group pledges to covering the basic monthly financial assistance for the child (£55 a month). In turn, Al-Ayn delivers this to the sponsored child. Alongside the financial aid, Al-Ayn gives the child and their guardian access to free medical care, psychological rehabilitation, personal development, educational support, housing, clothing and other services tailored to their need.

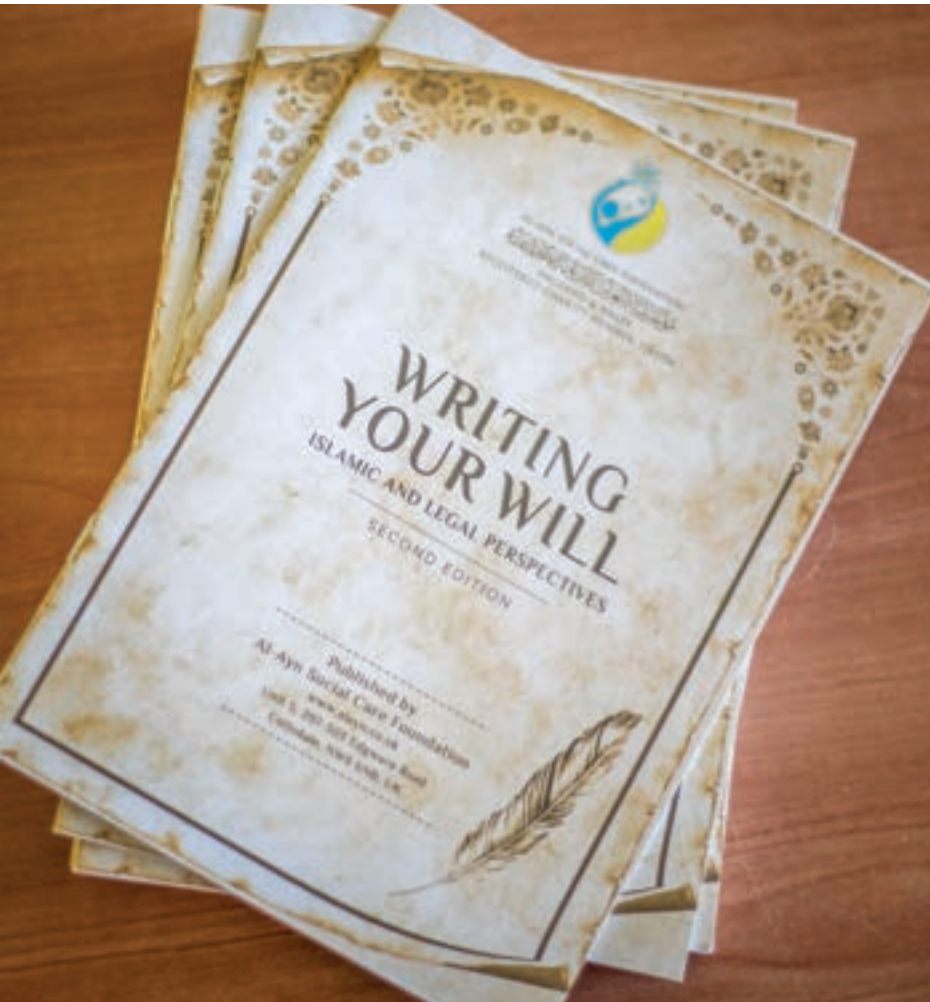
Once the sponsorship process starts, the sponsor is matched with a particular orphaned child and receives basic information about them. The guardian of the child receives the entirety of the financial aid at monthly intervals from their local Al-Ayn Office. In some instances, the living conditions of the family improve and therefore the sponsorship is no longer needed. The sponsor is notified of any significant changes in the circumstances of the child they are sponsoring.

With the expansion of the work of Al-Ayn, we are now also sponsoring orphaned youth through university or vocational training. In addition to this, children with special medical needs who continue to be in need of their sponsorship beyond their childhood years continue to be supported. Sponsorship programmes are also underway in other countries.

The number of sponsors increases every month thanks to people like you. Each Sponsor has a unique reason for making a pledge to help transform a life. Sometimes it is in honour of a loved or lost one. It could also be a gift to their own child, as a reminder of their blessings. We have heard many stories from you that have inspired us. Thank you for empowering orphaned children in need!



04 WILLS



Legacy giving is an aspect of the work that we do that gives our supporters access to choose how they would like their legacy to be shaped. When individuals contact us to arrange a gift in a will, we are able to support them so that they are able to make informed decisions.

In light of the demand expressed by our supporters, we published a guide titled: Writing Your Will: Islamic and Legal Perspectives to provide support to those wishing to find out more. Our second edition was published in 2019.

The guide covered the following areas:

- An introduction to the Islamic requirements for writing a will
- An introduction to the legal requirements for writing a will
- An introduction to tax rules
- An introduction to child guardianship rules
- A checklist of areas to consider

We offer a delivery service for the guide that could be ordered online: www.alayn.co.uk/wills

We also hold Will Writing workshops to benefit various communities. Do get in touch for more information. Email: enquiries@alayn.co.uk



Our Work in Afghanistan

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

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation is an organisation committed to ensuring that every orphaned child living in poverty has access to the tools and opportunities they need to overcome their difficult experiences.

In the spring of 2021, we expanded our efforts and established an office in Kabul to support orphaned children in Afghanistan, building on our successful model developed over the past 17 years in Iraq. Our experience of working in a conflict zone made us well placed to set up operations in Afghanistan to support those in need.

Our Kabul office opened after receiving its licence in February 2021 and began its operations. This process included submission of documents to the Ministry of Economy, receiving appropriate licences, opening bank accounts, equipping the office with furniture, receiving training, and starting the actual process of registration.

Staff members received comprehensive training by Al-Ayn Iraq and began trailing registration soon after. A selection and prioritisation process was set to ensure they registered the families most in need first. As of December 2022, we have been able to support over 600 orphaned children from 175 families.

Meet Samad

Samad is 9 years old, his favourite subject is Maths and he loves playing football. He used to work with his siblings as a rug maker, this would make his shoulders and back ache. At school, he was tired and hungry and couldn't concentrate in lessons. After successful registration by our team in Afghanistan and receipt of financial aid, Samad no longer needs to work as a rug maker and he is not tired when he goes to school anymore.



This year we distributed:

Qurbani meat for Eid Al-Adha

Ramadan food baskets

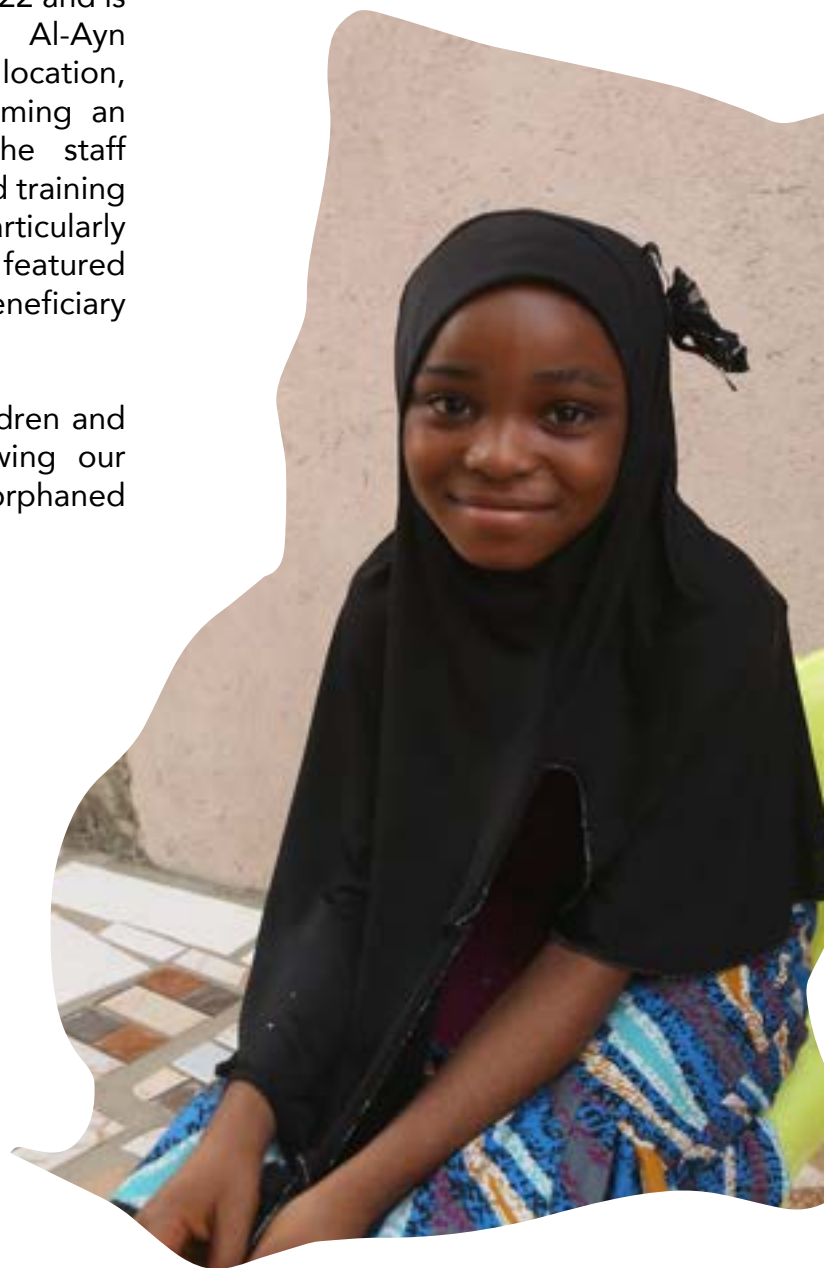
Eid clothes and toys

Our Work in Ghana

Statistics show that 3.4 million people in Ghana live in extreme poverty (Statista, 2022). Extreme poverty in this context is defined as living below the international poverty line of \$1.90, as set by the World Bank.

The Al-Ayn Ghana office opened in March 2022 and is situated in the capital city of Accra. Al-Ayn International conducted assessments of the location, facilities and capacity – along with performing an inventory check in order to support the staff effectively at the Ghana Office. They also held training sessions with the Ghana office staff, particularly focusing on Social Care development. This featured field visits to registered and prospective beneficiary families.

We currently support over 50 orphaned children and their families and hope to continue growing our operations in Ghana to support more orphaned children in need.



Meet Abdul Mumin Alhassan

Abdul Mumin was born in 2012 and is in primary school in Kotobabi. He loves robots and games, with his favourite food being jollof rice. Abdul Mumin really enjoys creative art and has excelled in drawing and painting. Abdul Mumin's father died naturally when he was 8 years old. Abdul Mumin has now been registered under the Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation and is receiving sponsorship every month.

With Al-Ayn's support Abdul Mumin now gets 3 meals daily. He now owns new colouring pencils, paint, and brushes to assist him in his drawing. Abdul Mumin's mother mentioned that the family is now very happy, they get 3 meals a day, have gained healthy weight, and they get to do what they love like drawing and painting.



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07 OUR EVENTS

At Al-Ayn, we like to hold events and facilitate workshops for our community. Here are examples of events we have held:

Children's Events



Online Events



EMPOWERING ORPHANED CHILDREN



COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL
MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL
& EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

MORE THAN 57,000
ORPHANED CHILDREN
SPONSORED

HOUSING COMPLEXES
VOCATIONAL
TRAINING CENTRES

ADMIN FEES



Al-Ayn International Conference 2022

Al-Ayn International's first annual conference in November brought together representatives from across the world to build and reflect on key developments in our vital work for orphaned children.

The three-day flagship event heard from expert speakers at Al-Ayn, with seminars and workshops covering a wide range of topics within the international development sector.

Representatives were excited to share research, outline best practices, and explore future opportunities for Al-Ayn International as it expands its global reach.

As a proud member of Al-Ayn International, Al-Ayn UK is excited to continue working alongside its members to ensure that every orphaned child living in poverty receives the care and support that they need.



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OUR FUTURE

We are continuing to evolve. We aim to build on over 17 years of experience to ensure our services have a lasting impact. This includes improving the existing work and building more Luminous Stars centres as well as increasing access to children across different towns and cities in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana.

We will continue our mission to help orphaned children with your support.



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. //

His Eminence Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani





Get Involved

We believe that volunteers are crucial to our ability to empower orphaned children. By contributing to our work in all aspects, they allow us to offer opportunities that serve local communities in the countries we operate in whilst simultaneously serving orphaned children in Iraq.

We have had hundreds of volunteers join the Al-Ayn family, all helping in their unique way. Our fundraisers have been incredible over the years, inspiring us with their creative ways of raising money from running marathons to climbing mountains, bake sales and more! We also hold events throughout the year. To find out what is happening near you, to volunteer or to fundraise for orphaned children in need, do get in touch!

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Khoms (Sahm Al-Sada): **AYN KHS**
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Africa Fund: **AYN AFR**