



EMPOWERING ORPHANED CHILDREN





OUR STORY

Al-Ayn was established in 2006 to provide care and support for orphaned children in need in Iraq, and has since grown to provide support in Afghanistan and Ghana. Today, Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation works to give orphaned children the tools they need to fulfil their potential at each stage of their lives. Al-Ayn continues to be supported by Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani and has his authority to receive religious dues.

Unrivalled grassroots support from Iraq's cities and villages and overwhelming international support has enabled Al-Ayn to continue to reach out to even more orphaned children in need. Tragically, many children continue to be orphaned every day with thousands living in poverty and in desperate need of support.



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

Empowering Orphaned Children in Iraq

When a major disaster strikes, it may briefly hit the headlines before quickly losing the world's attention. Al-Ayn is on the ground in cities across Iraq, serving over 98,000 children every month.

We believe that every orphaned child living in poverty should have access to the opportunities and tools they need to succeed in their life and fulfil their potential. Alongside essential monthly financial aid, each child in Iraq sponsored through Al-Ayn is given access to psychological rehabilitation, medical care, educational support, personal development, vocational training, housing and more.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve orphaned children with the help of our generous supporters.

Our work in Afghanistan and Ghana

At Al-Ayn, we believe that no child should bear the

brunt of poverty, violence and displacement. All children have the right to dignified care, wherever they may be. In Afghanistan, an unparalleled humanitarian crisis is unfolding, with an estimated 95% of the population facing food insecurity.

Orphaned children remain among the most vulnerable; poverty, violence, and displacement have left them in urgent need of vital humanitarian aid and essential services. In Ghana, children face a growing inequality gap with approximately one in four of the population living in poverty. Ghanaian children are among the worst affected by poverty and are about 40% more likely to be impoverished than Ghanaian adults, a staggering 15% rise from the 1990s.

Al-Ayn has been working on the ground in Afghanistan and Ghana to build sustainable, effective, and dignified services for orphaned children.

This includes monthly financial aid, food, health care, housing support, and other essential needs.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Once a sponsor is matched with an eligible child, the monthly support to the child is life changing. The sponsorship amount covers the costs of food, clothing, medication, tuition classes and any other items a child may require. This is monitored regularly by dedicated follow-up teams.

By simply gifting £60 a month (£2 a day), you are providing vital financial aid; just enough to lift a child above the poverty line. This enables the child and their family to live in dignity with their essential needs covered and access to Al-Ayn's comprehensive services.



GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE

Visit: www.alayn.co.uk/sponsorship
or call: 0203 719 5221

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 mailed for homes or businesses, and 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 either Iraq or Afghanistan.





Sadaqa Jariya

Al-Ayn (Iraq) has built a number of Sadaqa Jariya projects and continues to build further projects so that your support today benefits orphaned children for many years to come.

These include housing complexes, vocational training centres, psychological rehabilitation centres, and

personal development centres. Each project serves orphaned children by providing them with access to essential services. Make your mark on the lives of orphaned children in need.

Find out more about our ongoing projects by getting in touch.



Impact of Our Work



The Luminous Stars Centre for Vocational Training was built with your donations. Today, it gives orphaned youth a real chance at independence. Students are trained in skills such as mobile repair, catering, IT, sewing, hairdressing and more. Already, many have graduated and either found employment or started their own businesses.



Housing projects are crucial to address the housing crisis

in Iraq. With thousands awaiting adequate shelter, Al-Ayn has continued to build homes for those most in need. There are a number of completed projects that now house families including the Al-Baqer Complex which houses 66 families. Further homes are being built.



Part of Al-Ayn's multi-layered approach includes understanding the complex and unique needs of children at all stages of their life. During the last few years, Al-Ayn (UK) has led the research, development and implementation of programmes that will empower orphaned children, youth, and their families for years to come. The My Story (Hikayati) Centre is a centre for personal development, education and recreation which aims to ensure that all aspects of the child's needs are met.



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.

Others are at work and already providing for themselves and their families.



MEDICAL CARE & PSYCHOLOGICAL REHABILITATION

To date, Al-Ayn (Iraq) has carried out over 124,000 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 3,497 orphaned children for its Psychological Rehabilitation Programme.

There are currently twelve more Psychological Rehabilitation Centres undergoing construction across Iraq to give even more children access to vital care.





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.





VOLUNTEER, FUNDRAISE, ATTEND OUR EVENTS

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 our local community here in the UK whilst simultaneously serving orphaned children in Iraq, Afghanistan and Ghana. 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 funds, 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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