

**Our Mission: We focused on making a long-term impact by helping orphan children living in poverty.**



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hat a year we had! The phenomenal changes you made possible in the lives of nearly 2000 children fill me with hope, gratitude, and deep determination. In 2019 and 2020 over 90% of our spending went toward life-changing programs, and we continue to receive high ratings and awards from charity review organizations. Additionally, new supporters and sponsors joined the Iraqi Children's Hope family.

We continued strengthening and expanding the foundational pillars of our work in health, education, empowerment, and employment. Out of all the stories of innovation and transformation you've made possible this year, here is one of my favorites:

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I am inspired every day by your generosity and passionate commitment to help end poverty. Together, our kids, families, staff, volunteers, supporters, sponsors, and partners are a powerful force for good. Thank you for being part of this determined, confident community of people working through Iraqi Children's Hope to help change the course of history!

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Gratefully,  
Qassim Alowaid  
Founder & President



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Necessary Medicine for:

**77**

Children

**45**

Widows

School Supplies:

**210**

Children

Girls School Uniforms:

**450**

Children



Training Courses for:

**213** Youth

**355** Widows



# Training Courses in 2019

## Computer Training Courses

- Orphans and widows are provided with computer skills which increases the job opportunities.
- They learn about hardware, software, and Operating Systems.

## Cell Phone & Tablet Repair Courses

- These courses were for young adults to become a Cell Phone & Tablet Technician.
- Real hands-on repair experience and direct interaction with instructors.
- Many Trainees benefited from lessons.

## Sale Training Courses.

- These courses were for widows interested in becoming salespersons.
- Many trainees benefited from lessons which developed their selling capabilities.

## Barber Courses - for Women

- Many widows have been trained in haircut specialist.
- These courses contributed to changing the living conditions of many families.

## Barber Courses - for Men

- Teaching young adult barber skills to use after school.
- These courses helped young adult to support their families.

## Sewing Courses – for Women

- Many widows have been trained in the sewing profession to enable them to change and develop their living conditions.
- These courses helped widows find a job



# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Necessary Medicine for:

**52** Children

**17** Widows

School Supplies:

**108** Children

Children Clothes:

**515** Children



Training Courses for:

**74** Youth

**68** Widows



## COVID-19 Awareness

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the specific strain of coronavirus disease that emerged in late 2019, it's imperative to share the facts about the virus. There's a lot of misinformation about COVID-19, and if people don't know the truth about its symptoms and how it spreads, they could engage in behaviors that put portions of the population at risk.



Partnering with Altawen Health Organization, IChope was pleased to announce a workshop on March 2020 called (COVID-19) Safety and Health Awareness.

This awareness course was intended to increase the widow's knowledge of hazards they may encounter on a daily and how they can protect their families and others. The training emphasized what is a coronavirus, how is it spread, the symptoms, how to protect people, and cleaning and disinfecting.

This class was provided by Dr. Balqees Shawi







Because of the virus pandemic, a curfew was imposed in Iraq, leaving many day laborers with no source of income for themselves and their families. Many of the families were going days without food. Reportedly, there were more than 80,000 families needed help getting food and milk for children or diapers for babies.



# Supporting Families During Pandemic

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have served Iraqi's orphans and poor families by:



5,880

Food Baskets

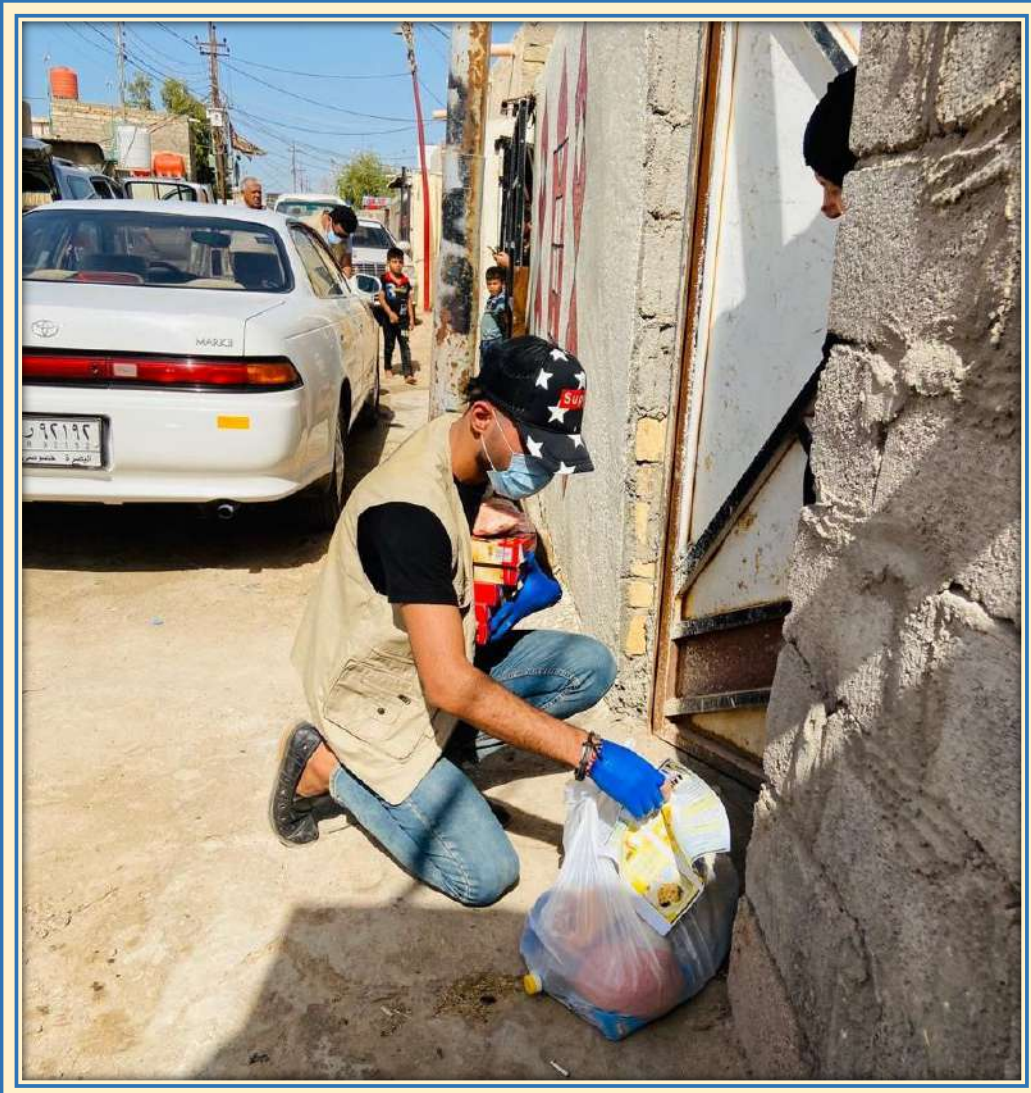
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Babies Milk Cans

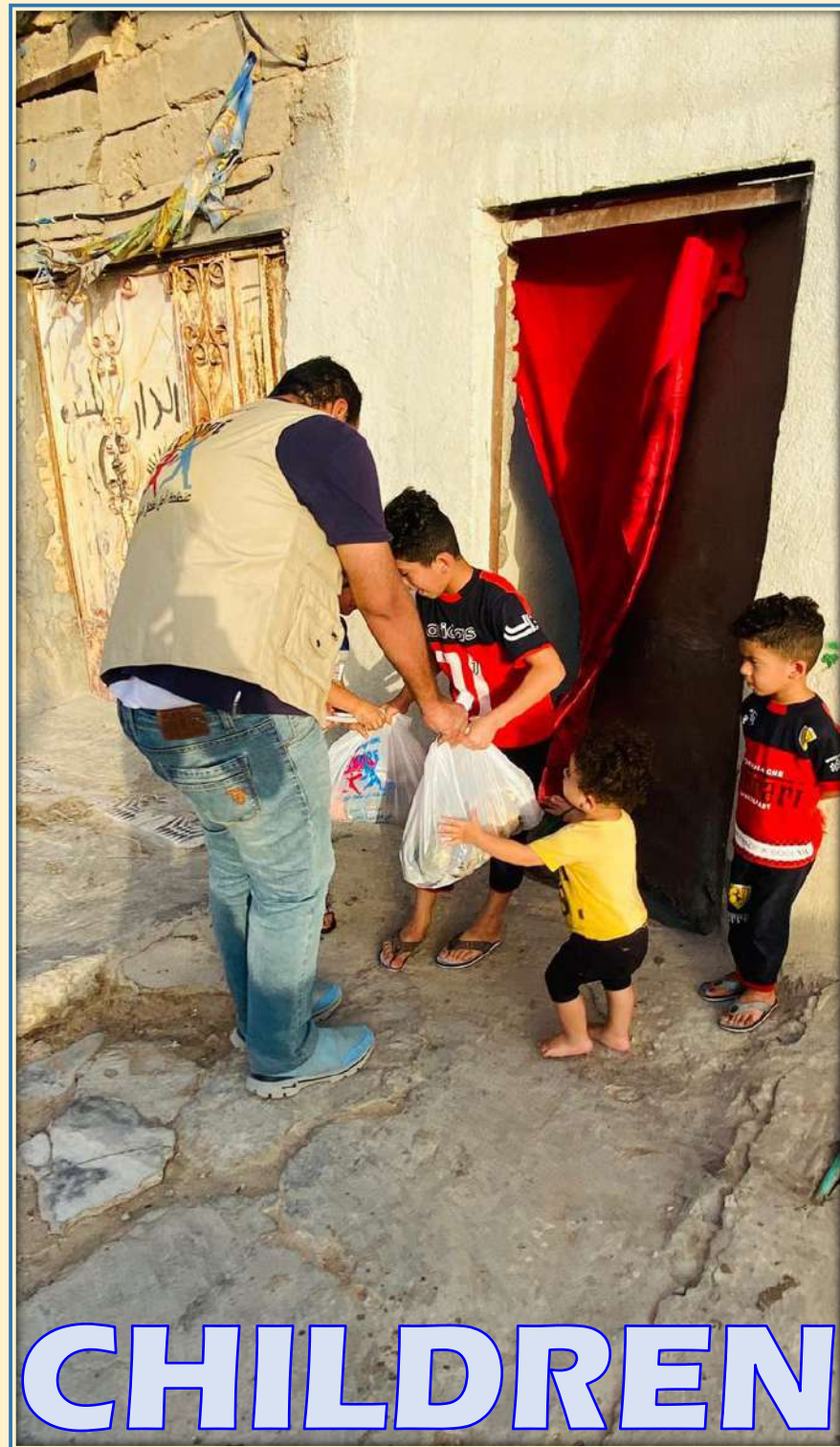
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Baby's Diapers





**STAY HOME  
WE COME TO  
YOU!!**

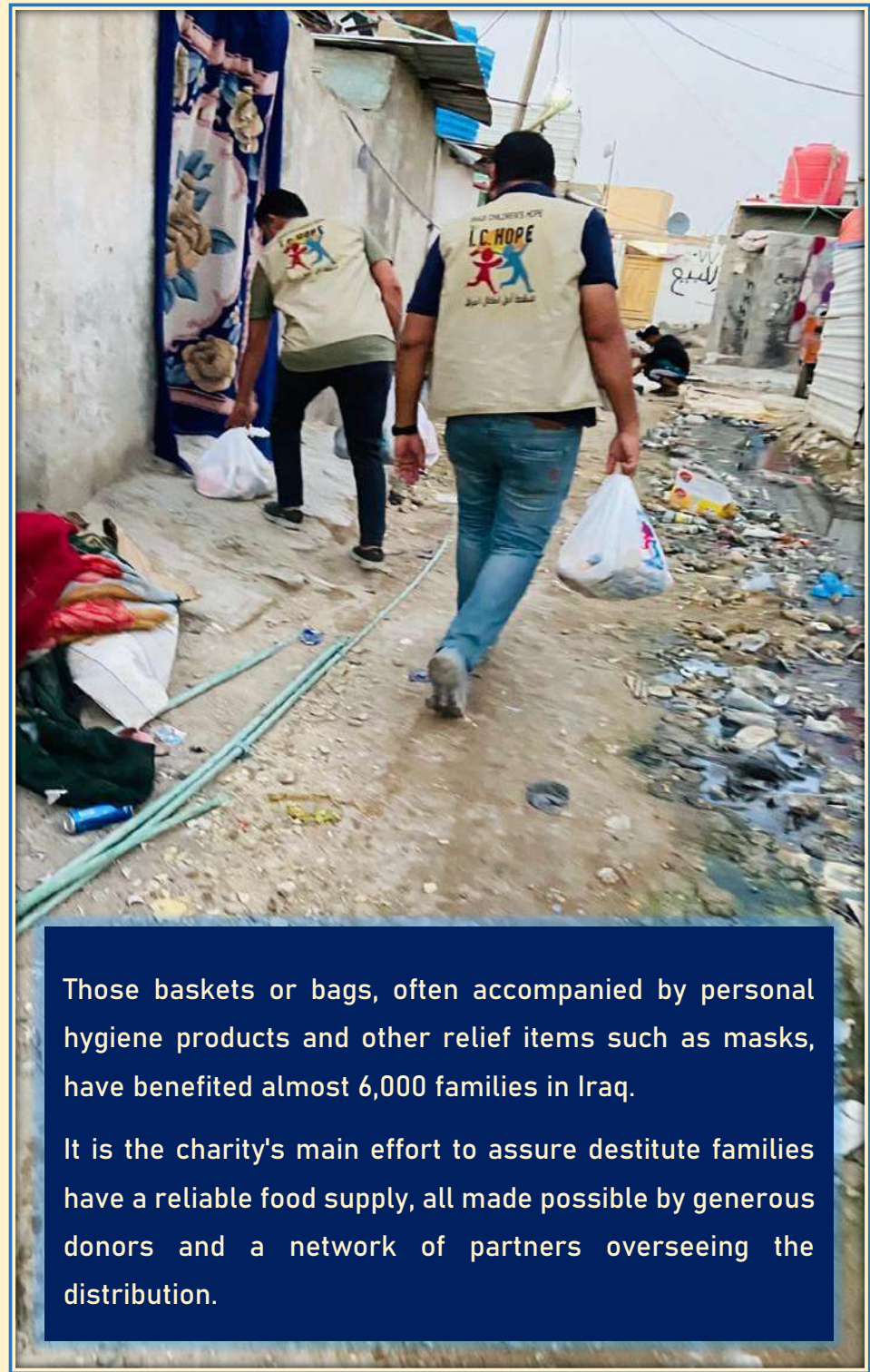


**CHILDREN**





As a global pandemic makes finding food even harder for those living in extreme poverty, [I.C.Hope](#) is providing food baskets directly to thousands of hungry children and families in Iraq.



Those baskets or bags, often accompanied by personal hygiene products and other relief items such as masks, have benefited almost 6,000 families in Iraq.

It is the charity's main effort to assure destitute families have a reliable food supply, all made possible by generous donors and a network of partners overseeing the distribution.





Ahmad Al-Jamilani, Executive Director of **I.C.Hope** in Iraq said: "We knew poverty existed here, but this virus is threatening to amplify the effects of this poverty because those who once attempted to provide for their families are now stuck at home by governmental order and for fear of their lives," he added. "When the people receive the care packages, they give so much thanks to God."



Amena Haj was grateful for the food package, which she said helps her family a lot, noting "life is hard." She has learned to stretch the food to make only one or two meals a day because her family is large. She was smiling and said, "We have been blessed by God". A government officer said it is difficult to imagine how much more dire the situation could get as cases of COVID-19.



## EID CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION

Iraqi Children's Hope celebrated by distributing Eid clothes to more than **400** boys and girls, a gift from the organization on the blessed Eid Al-Adha. The ceremony was held to distribute clothes at (Rotana) Hall in Basra Governorate for two days

Sunday and Monday 26-27 July 2020.





"We care for orphans not because we are rescuers, but because we are rescued."







There was great joy and delight in the faces of the orphan children as they were shopping inside the exhibition hall to choose from the different types of clothes that were shown in the hall.











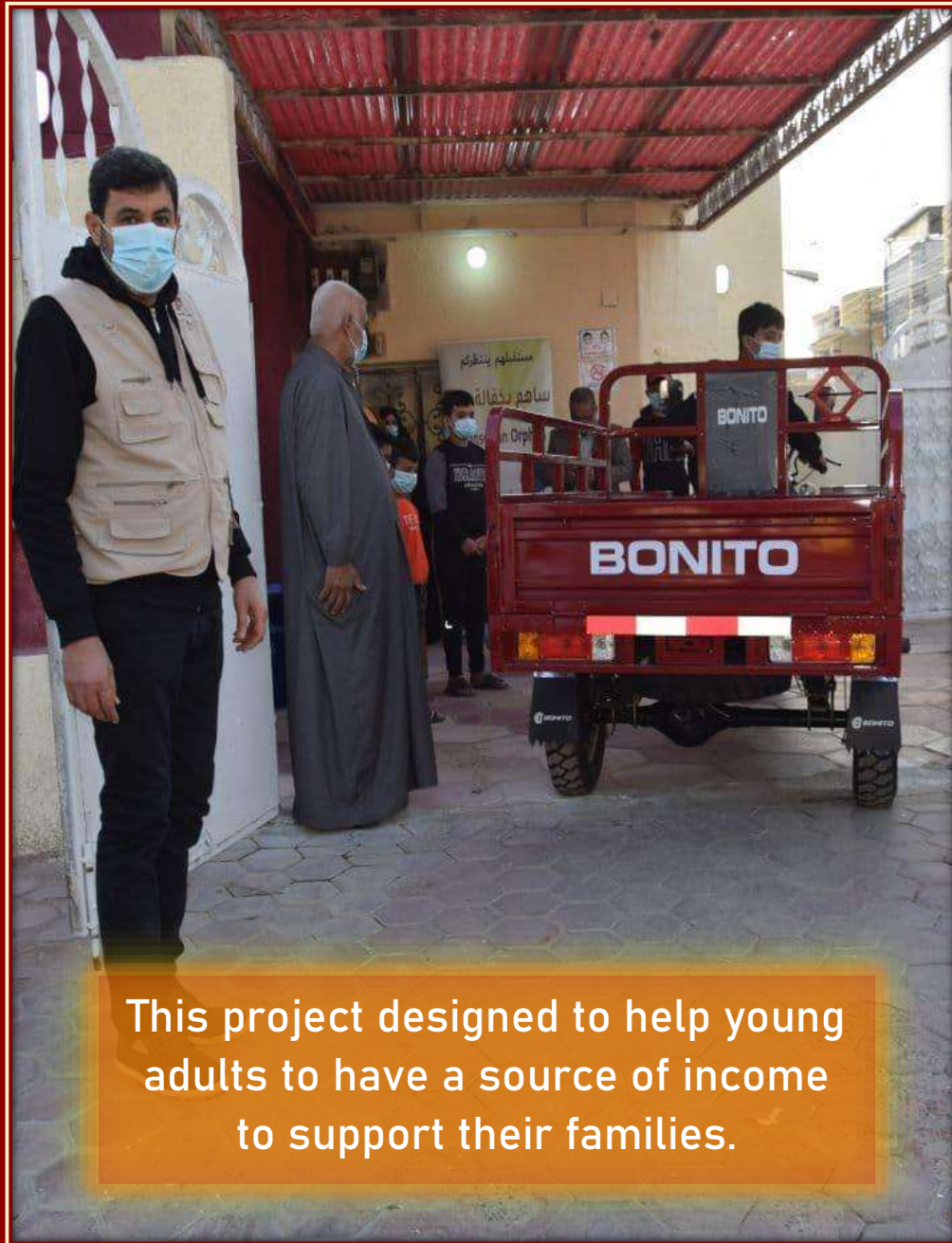
## DISTRIBUTING (THREE-WHEELER CARGO CARRIERS)

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”

On December 11, 2020, Iraqi Children's Hope distributed 5 (Three-Wheeler Cargo Carriers) to the families of young adult to support their families as a source of income for them







This project designed to help young adults to have a source of income to support their families.





# BEAUTY & BARBER COURSE FOR WOMEN

The Iraqi Children Hope is committed to providing sustainable solutions to the social problems stemming from poverty. Self-development is crucial to achieving this.

The workshop was set for the period from 12/17/2020 to 1/12/2021.

Each student received a certificate of completion and beauty supply products as gifts from ICHOPE.

The women are taught the basic of beauty industry, including how to do nails, massaging, facial, make up, waxing and hairdressing. We offer skills development programs to over 120 women.





Noor Abid, workshop student said:  
“After I lost my husband, I felt lost, but I have to stand up and support my kids. I try to be the best I can and focus on my hair styles career so that I can graduate and show others that anything is achievable. Thank you ICHOPE for this opportunity.”



Madiyah Hussain, the project manager at I.C.Hope said: “We teach these courses for widows because the industry has a high employment rate.”

“We have seen widowed mothers being able to provide for their children as result of attending these classes.” She added.







BY GIVING WOMEN TRAINING, SKILLS, AND TRADES, WE ARE GIVING THEM POWER.





### Meet Mariam!

Mariam is a young teenager, who, along with her mother and two younger brothers, endured years of poverty and hunger after the deviating loss of her father. Her mother was unable to support the family as she was uneducated and did not have working skills.

Mariam was eager to step up and provide for her family. [I.C. Hope](#) offered Mariam beauty school training, allowing her to work at a beauty salon near her home, where she uses her newly acquired skills of facial make-up application and hairdressing. Not only is Mariam now equipped with a skill set allowing her to earn an income, but she is also able to provide for her mother and two brothers, transforming their deprivation into happiness!

During [I.C. Hope's](#) latest check-in conversation with Mariam, her eyes filled with tears in appreciation for the life-changing opportunity granted to her and her family!





## 2019

Necessary Medicine for:

**77** Children

**45** Widows

Physician Office Visit:

**73** Children

**14** Widows

Surgery:

**2** Children

**1** Widow

## 2020

Necessary Medicine for:

**52** Children

**17** Widows

Physician Office Visit:

**65** Children

**42** Widows

Surgery:

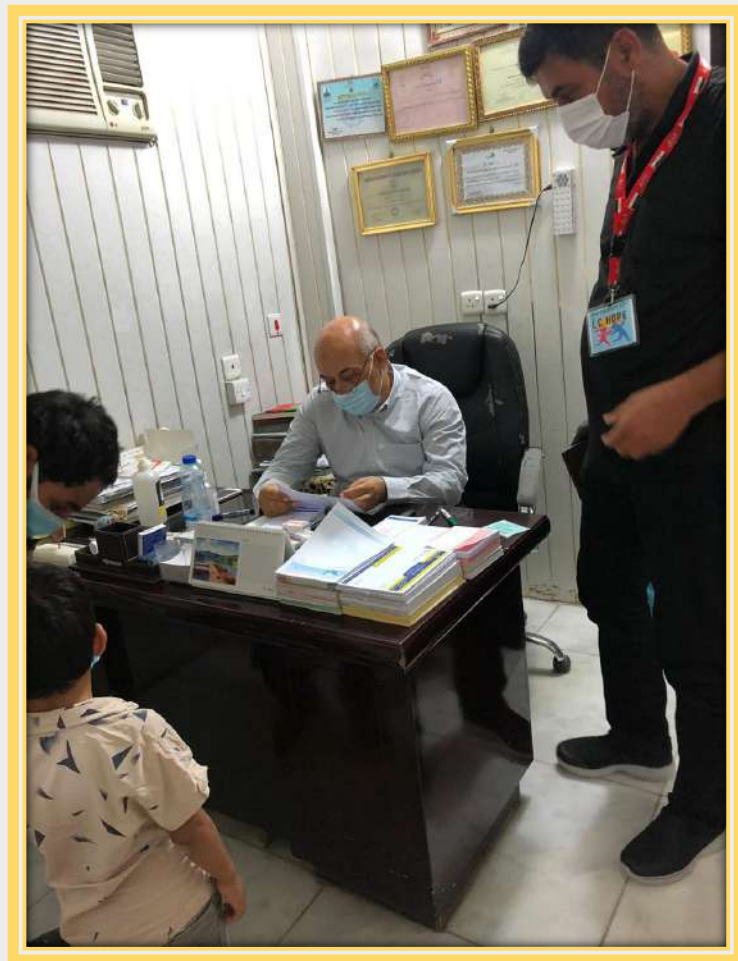
**4** Children

**1** Widow



## TREATMENT OF A CHILD HEALTH CASE

Case # 54: Mustafa is a young child at the gentle and inquisitive age of 5. Sadly, he lost his father as a toddler. Unfortunately, Mustafa's tragedy does not end there. This young boy has suffered more emotional and physical pain than most people have, well into adulthood. After the death of his father, his mother was unable to provide food, clothing, and medical care. Mustafa suffered from a bulge in his abdomen, but his mother could not afford to have it diagnosed. Mustafa's bulge continued to grow, and as a young child concerned with the impression of his peers, he became embarrassed to play with other young children and isolated himself.





I.C. Hope became aware of the situation and quickly came to Mustafa's help by providing him the care of a specialized doctor who diagnosed him with an inguinal hernia, requiring emergency surgery. With the help of generous donors as yourselves, **I.C. Hope** was able to cover the expenses of Mustafa's medical care including his surgery, treatment, medication, and follow up care. Mustafa is now a happy and active young boy, eager to play with his peers. When asked how she now feels witnessing her son's restored health, Mustafa's mother responds with tears flowing down her cheeks, unable to express her gratitude for the donors responsible for giving her son a chance at a happy childhood, free from the pain he had once endured.





## MEET ALI!

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The [I.C. Hope](#) team became aware of Ali's situation and provided him with medical attention, where he was diagnosed with a lack of hearing, which fortunately is treatable with supplemental aid. I.C. Hope then purchased the necessary hearing aid required for Ali to be able to hear. Now that Ali can hear, I.C. Hope continued with Ali's care by providing him with special speech therapy and tutoring sessions to learn to speak, beginning with the very basics of learning the alphabet.

Imagine the feeling of a young and innocent boy, fallen victim to a society plagued by war and poverty, to be able to hear sound after 12 years of silence! Ali now has a chance for a bright future by enabling his sense of hearing, which allowed him to speak, read, write, and learn. Thankfully, Ali is progressing wonderfully and eagerly awaits his tutoring sessions, showing up for class even before his tutor arrives!

I was unable to speak for the first 12 years of my life!!





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# We've Established Sponsorship Program in 2020

We have over **500** children that waiting to be sponsored

**48** children  
received sponsors  
in 2020



Warda



Roqaia



Rawan



Mahedi

By sponsoring them you essentially feed them, give them an education as well as the basic tools to make a living and get on their feet.

For **\$58** a month a sponsor will provide an orphan with food, clothing, education, and healthcare.

We encourage our sponsors to correspond with their orphans on a regular basis.



Kathim



Hussain



Abbas



Fatema



# LEADERSHIP TEAM & STAFF

## BOARD OF ADVISORY

- **Dr. Ryadh Al-Hilfi**  
General Director of Public Health at the Iraqi Ministry of Health
- **Dr. Jawad Al-Khafaji**  
MD, MSHA. Assistant Professor of Medicine University of Michigan
- **Steve Lutes**  
Vice President, Middle East Affairs U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- **Dr. Naufal Al-Hassan**  
Former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Iraq
- **Aminah Al-Saeedi**  
Primary/Dermatology/Occupational/ Pain Management

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Qassim Alowaid**  
President / Founder of Iraqi Children's Hope
- **Roz Fuller**  
Vice President
- **Farah Sami**  
Secretary & Legal Counsel

## KEY STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

- **Maya Vega**  
Business Development - U.S
- **Ahmed Al-Jomilani**  
Executive Director - Iraq
- **Faten Fawaz**  
Business Consultant - U.S
- **Salam Basri**  
Project Manager - Iraq
- **Medeeha Hussain**  
Family Consultant - Iraq
- **Mohamed Al-Ebadi**  
Medical Advisor - Iraq
- **Emad Alemary**  
Administrator Manager - Iraq
- **Hussain Saleh**  
Public Relations Manager - Iraq
- **Danielle McCarthy**  
Autism Specialist - U.S
- **Ahmad Sadeq**  
Web Developer - U.S
- **Ali Abid**  
Volunteer Coordinator & Research Specialist- US



# CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For two years 2019-2020 (\$ in 000s)

## OPERATION REVENUE

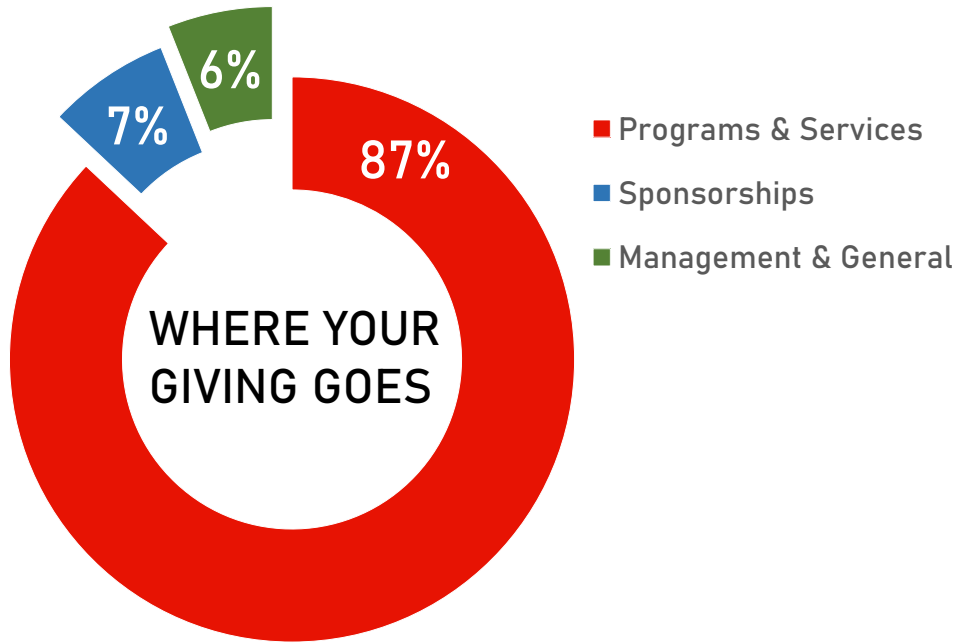
	2019	2020	Change \$	Change %
<b>TOTAL OPERATION REVENUE</b>	43,435	47,128	3,693	8%

## OPERATING EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

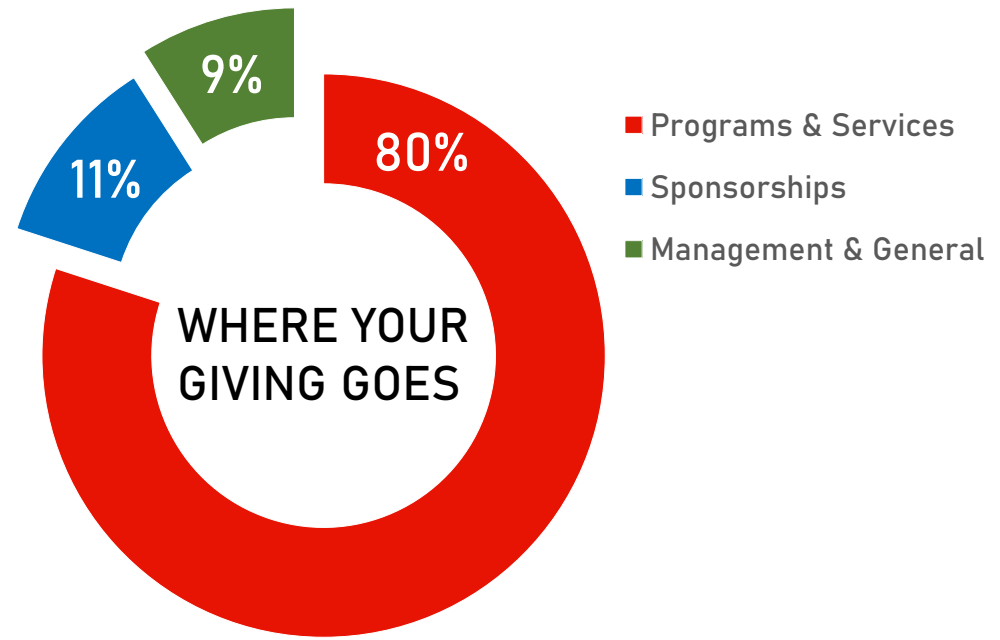
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<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>				
Food & Beverage	4,750	10,480	5,730	120%
Health	5,500	5,640	140	2%
Child Protection	6,766	5,810	– 956	– 14%
Education	10,400	5,120	– 5280	– 50%
Skills & Empowerment	9,680	8,380	– 1300	– 13%
<b>Total Programs &amp; Services</b>	<b>37,096</b>	<b>35,430</b>	<b>– 1666</b>	<b>– 4%</b>
Sponsorship	2,610	5,150	2,540	97%
Management	2,210	4,250	2,040	92%
<b>Total Sponsorship &amp; Management</b>	<b>4,820</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,916</b>	<b>44,830</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>6%</b>

## FINANCIALS

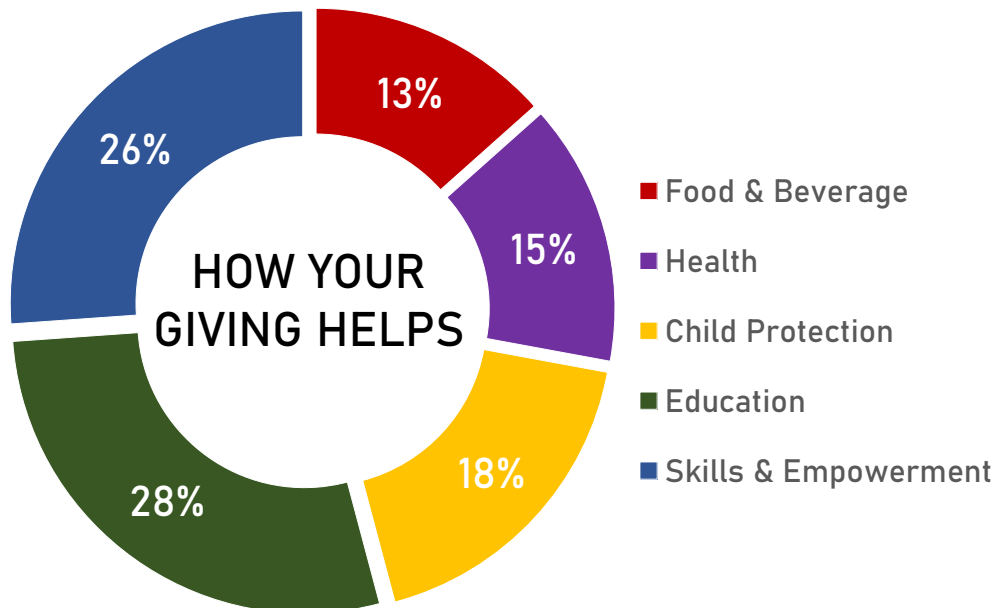
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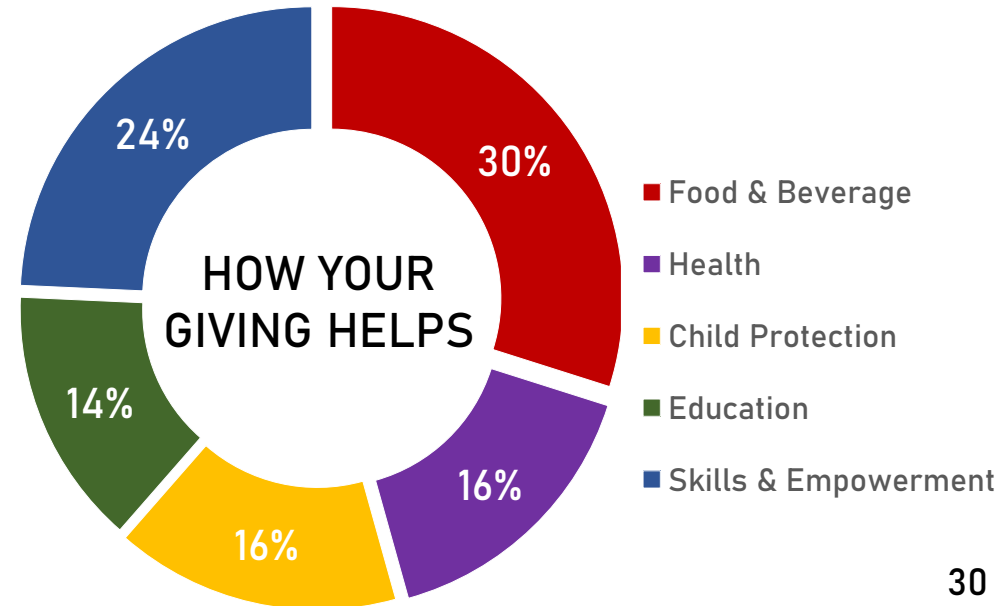
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2019



2020





*These children in Iraq have a message for I.C.Hope supporters.*

