



ORPHAN SCHOLARSHIPS 2017



Orphans and widows are amongst the most vulnerable members of a community.

In addition to being vulnerable, they are often forced into poverty due to conflict, societal norms, natural disasters, etc. This adds another limitation to their ability to have hope and attain a better life.

Orphaned children tend to be the ones that experience the effects of poverty the most. With the financial and emotional hurdles of life, these children learn at a young age that achieving their dreams will come with great difficulty.

As these children mature, their cost of living increases, which hinders their chances of improving their conditions. Because of the added financial burden, their dreams and aspirations are drawn to a halt.

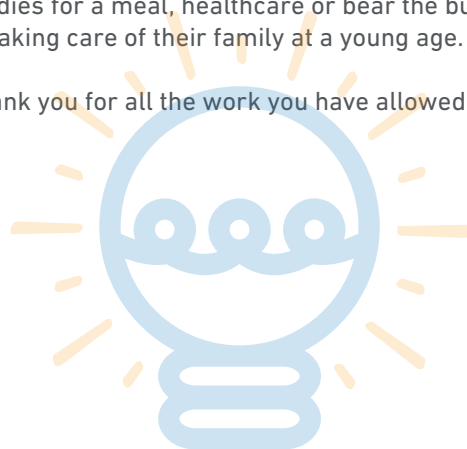
However, most of these adolescent orphans are ambitious and aspire to become working engines of their community. However, because of their

circumstances, they are forced to set their dreams aside and focus on living one more day.

Islamic Relief Canada's scholarship fund was created to provide these orphans with the financial means to achieve their goals and attain a better future. The fund has benefitted 187 orphans over the span of a year.

Through the help of this fund, orphans can afford education and no longer have to compromise their studies for a meal, healthcare or bear the burden of taking care of their family at a young age.

Thank you for all the work you have allowed us to do.





At a Glance

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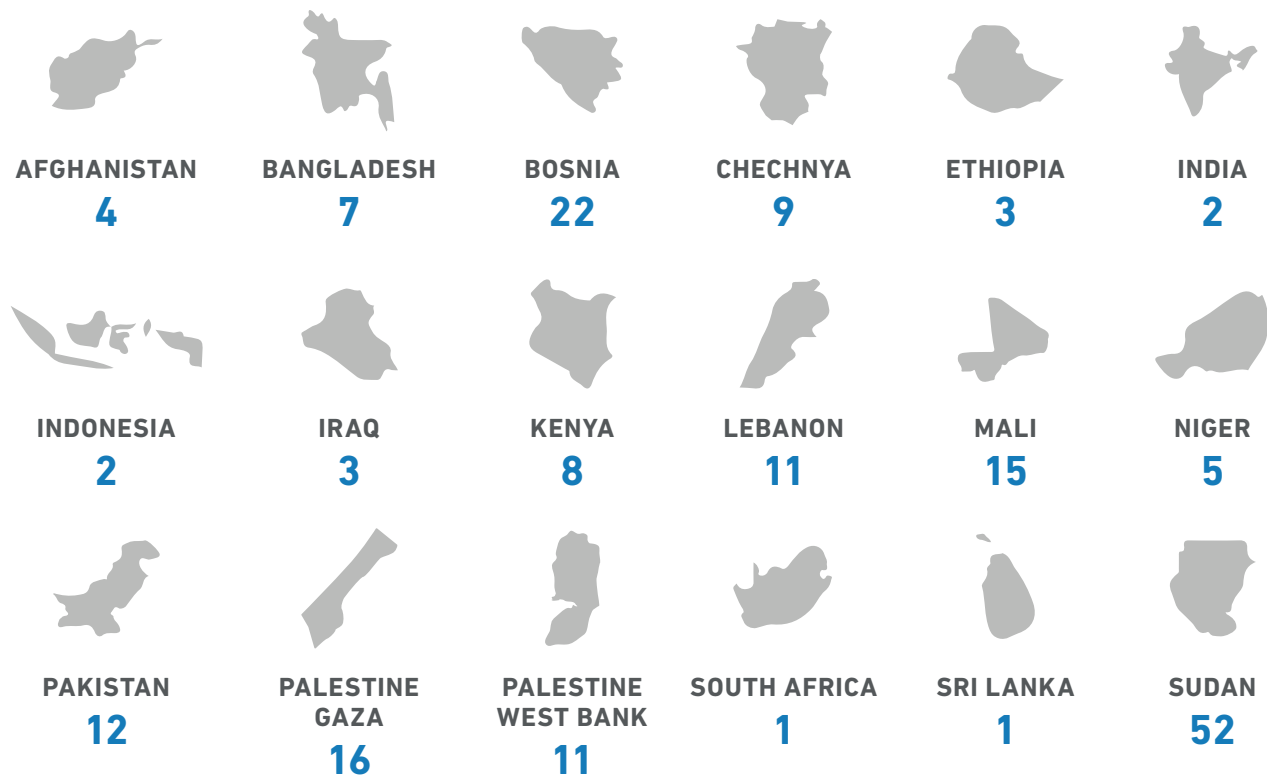
TOTAL ORPHANS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS



GIRL



BOY





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MOHAMMAD NAZIR
BOY, 16
AFGHANISTAN

Mohammad Nazir is among the top 3 students of his class. He lives with his mother and brother. Due to their dire financial need, he started selling chewing gum and pop drinks on the street after school to make money. This kept him away from studies but he had no choice since he was the only source of income for his family. His deepest aspiration is to become a pilot. Through Islamic Relief's support he has enough money to have his necessities fulfilled so he can continue to focus on studies. He's also taking courses to help him with entry exam for University. He's very grateful for your support.

HAVKA
GIRL, 16
BOSNIA

Havka's father passed away within 3 months of her birth. Since then she has lived with her mother and her grandmothers, one of whom is sick and immobile. Since Havka's mother is responsible for the ill grandmother, she's unable to work. Through orphan sponsorship, the family has benefitted a lot and Havka has been able to get this far. She's now enrolled in university where she studies agronomy. She wished to enrol herself for a Magistrate degree in the future however her mother always worried about how she would be able to get the funds for the degree. She can foresee this future ambition becoming a reality through Islamic Relief's support.



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**FITRIA
GIRL, 22
INDONESIA**

Fitria lost her both of her parents and a sibling to the tsunami disaster in 2004. She is now in the care of her uncle and aunt who have families of their own and cannot support her financially. Despite her dire financial situation she aspires to take on the profession of midwifery and offer her services within her community. Currently she is studying to be a midwife in Banda Aceh City, however the school is about 200 kilometers away from her village which adds pressure to her already stressful financial situation. Because of the scholarship, Islamic Relief is helping her achieve her dream to change her circumstances so she no longer is an aid recipient but instead a donor.

**MAHMOUD
BOY, 19
PALESTINE, WEST BANK**

Mahmoud lives with his two sisters and mother in Palestine. From the very beginning his father had a very hard time trying to make ends meet. He was a qualified accountant but due to lack of employment opportunities, he worked as a taxi driver. However, at the young age of 9 his father passed away from a heart attack. With his father's death Mahmoud had no choice but to become the head of the household and earned for the family working long hours at a gas station as an attendant. He gave up his educational priorities to fulfill the healthcare needs for his mother who's a heart patient and to educate his sister who wants to become a doctor. He's now able to afford his own education as well as his sister's, at the same time his mother's health care needs are taken care of and cannot be more grateful.



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NUSRAT ABEDIN
GIRL, 19
BANGLADESH

Nusrat lives with her mother and siblings. Her father passed away when she was less than a year old. Their family's source of income comes from the hard work of her mother rearing poultry and cultivating vegetables. Regardless of their difficult financial situation Nusrat worked hard towards her education, and attained a really high GPA in her past exams. Currently she is studying science and aims to be a doctor. Nusrat is grateful for the support of her donors as she believes this has enabled her to reach where she is right now. Now the scholarship fund is helping her through medical school allowing her dreams to become reality.

REJHAN
BOY, 17
BOSNIA

Rejhan and his mother were abandoned by his father when he was barely a year old. His mother has epilepsy and he suffers from autism. Over the years she has not been able to work and has relied on the support she has received from the orphan sponsorship program. His disability requires that he take regular medication. With the support of the scholarship, Rejhan now attends school for children with special needs. He also attends occupational workshops twice a week, which improves his sense of inclusion in his community.

