



EMPOWERING ORPHANED CHILDREN

# AL-AYN'S **SPONSORSHIP** PROGRAMME

IRAQ | AFGHANISTAN | GHANA



# ABOUT AL-AYN

Since 2006, Al-Ayn has been dedicated to empowering orphaned children by equipping them with the tools they need to thrive. Our mission is to unlock their full potential, enabling them to build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

With over 18 years of experience, we have served over 180,000 orphaned children in Iraq and have expanded our operations to Afghanistan and Ghana.

With your support, our sponsorship programme enables us to transform the lives of orphaned children by providing them with everything they need to thrive in spite of their circumstances.



## AUTHORISATION FROM AL-SAYYID AL-SISTANI

Al-Ayn continues to receive the direct support and blessings of Al-Sayyid Al-Sistani. This includes his authorisation to receive religious dues and donations. The official and latest Authorisation (Ijaza) from His Eminence can be read on our website.



**SCAN TO READ**

# OUR UNIQUE APPROACH TO SPONSORSHIP

Every child deserves a chance to succeed, no matter their beginning. In the regions we serve, poverty intensifies the struggles of orphaned families.

Through expert-led research, we have determined the amount needed to lift an orphaned child above the poverty line. This means that your sponsorship provides essential monthly financial aid that allows the guardian of the orphaned child to address their essential needs.

Our comprehensive care system provides sponsored children access to additional services such as medical care, mental health support, education, housing assistance, and more.



Financial aid



Recreational activities



Psychological rehabilitation and therapy



Educational support



Quality healthcare, including treatments and medication



Clothing and shoes



Safe housing



Vocational training



Seasonal relief during Ramadan, Eid, Muharram, Winter, and more.



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WE TAKE  
GREAT CARE IN  
HANDLING EVERY  
SPONSORSHIP  
DONATION,  
ENSURING IT  
REACHES THOSE  
WHO NEED IT  
THE MOST.

**£60**  
a month

Sponsor  
a child in  
Iraq

**£60**  
a month

Sponsor  
a child in  
Afghanistan

**£55**  
a month

Sponsor  
a child in  
Ghana

By joining our **Sponsorship Programme**,  
You can take a step towards transforming a child's life.

## HOW CHILD SPONSORSHIP WORKS WITH AL-AYN



### IDENTIFYING CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Our selection process is thorough and starts with closely monitoring and documenting cases requiring assistance. Our dedicated social workers conduct on-site visits to orphaned families, recording essential information about each family member and their living conditions.



### VERIFICATION

We cross-check the data for eligible orphaned children with relevant agencies. This involves assessing the financial resources of the orphaned child's family, housing conditions, furniture, and the physical and psychological well-being and educational level of family members.



### EVALUATING NEEDS

We conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine the family's eligibility for aid. This includes evaluating their overall financial situation, living conditions, and specific needs. By thoroughly understanding their circumstances, we can accurately calculate their required support.



### SPONSORSHIP

Families included in Al-Ayn's sponsorship programme start receiving financial benefits on fixed monthly dates.



### REASSESSMENT

We conduct a reassessment of those under our care every six months to confirm their eligibility for the provided aid. If these individuals have acquired adequate resources that alleviate their need for assistance, support is discontinued based on a fair and precise evaluation system.



## ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Our financial aid initiative helps alleviate economic hardships, providing essential resources to meet basic needs and support the children's education and overall welfare. Through these efforts, we strive to create a nurturing environment where orphaned children can thrive.

### SPONSORED CHILDREN ALSO GAIN ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND SERVICES, INCLUDING:



#### FOOD SUPPORT

Our food support programmes aim to combat hunger and malnutrition, providing essential nourishment for the children's growth and development.



**15,214**

PARCELS

Qurbani meat parcels  
were distributed to  
families in 2023



OVER

**45,000**

Orphaned children  
and their families  
received Ramadan  
food baskets in 2024





## HOUSING

We also prioritise housing stability, offering safe and secure living arrangements to ensure the well-being of orphaned children and their families.



IN IRAQ

**832**

Houses have been made available for orphaned children and their families

**268**

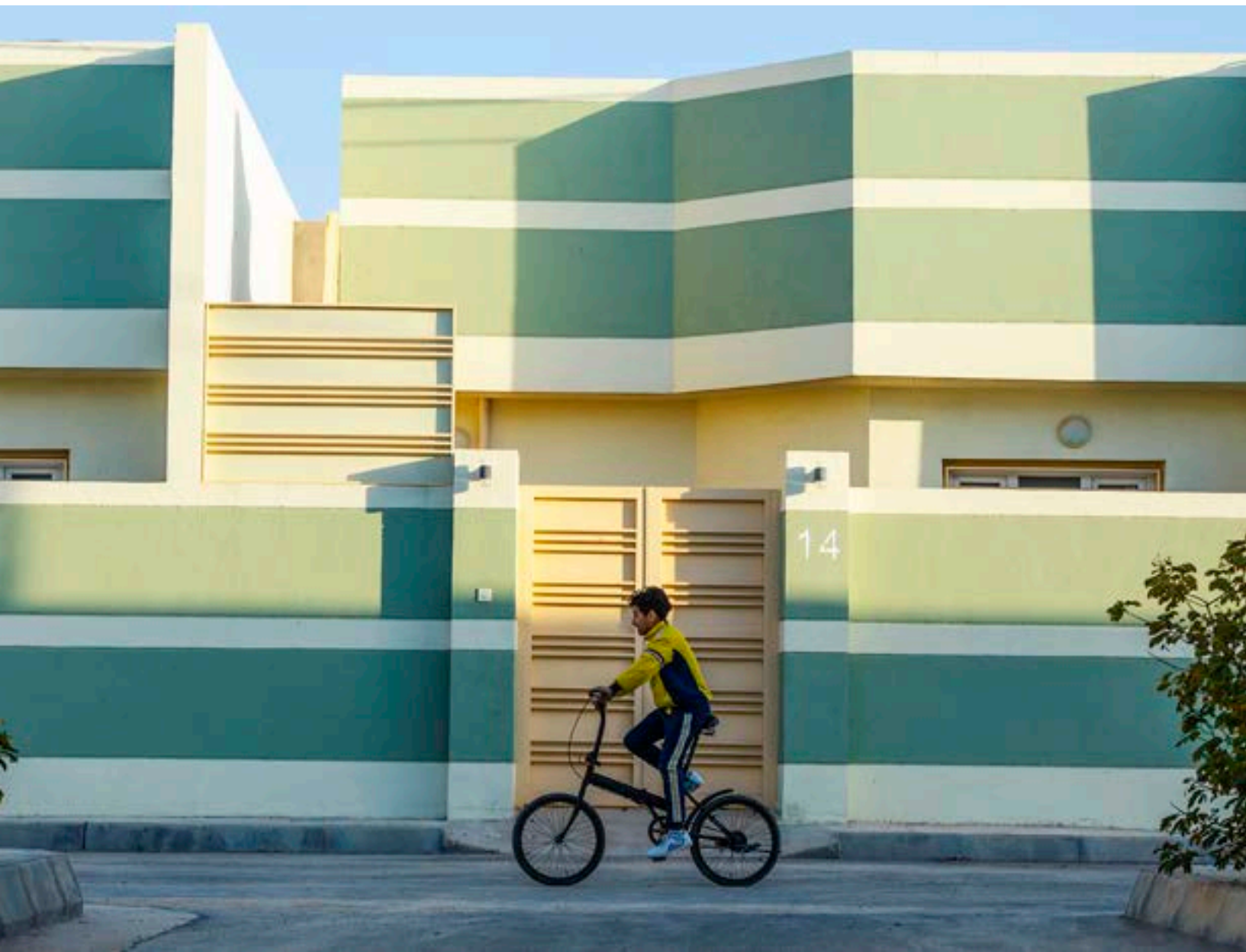
REPAIRS

**157**

NEWLY BUILT HOUSES

**407**

HOUSING UNITS IN OUR HOUSING COMPLEXES





## MEDICAL CARE

Our health clinics in Iraq contain the latest equipment and devices and are staffed by expert medical practitioners. They offer free, long-term healthcare to children, including regular check-ups and ongoing care for chronic conditions. Dedicated medical professionals collaborate with hospitals and physicians both within and outside the country to ensure that orphaned children with more complex needs receive the necessary support.

In Afghanistan and Ghana, we extend our commitment to quality healthcare. We ensure that orphaned children and families registered with Al-Ayn receive medical attention as needed. We offer assistance as required to ensure prompt access to essential treatment, including surgical procedures and necessary medications.



OVER  
**124,217**

medical cases treated



OVER  
**2,613**

surgeries completed



OVER  
**3,646**

psychological rehabilitation cases registered

To date over 120,000 orphaned children have been treated with the support of health services provided by Al-Ayn.



## PSYCHOLOGICAL REHABILITATION IN IRAQ

Al-Ayn's Psychological Rehabilitation programme, accessible to sponsored children in Iraq, monitors the psychological well-being of the orphaned children under our care. It addresses cases requiring specialised interventions, ensuring comprehensive support for their mental health needs.

We use evidence-based mental health interventions, such as cognitive-behavioural therapy, group counselling, and other medical therapies, to cater to the unique needs of each child.

With over 3,600 registered cases in Iraq, our commitment ensures that orphaned children receive tailored support, addressing their specific needs and contributing to their overall well-being and development.





## LUMINOUS STARS CENTRES

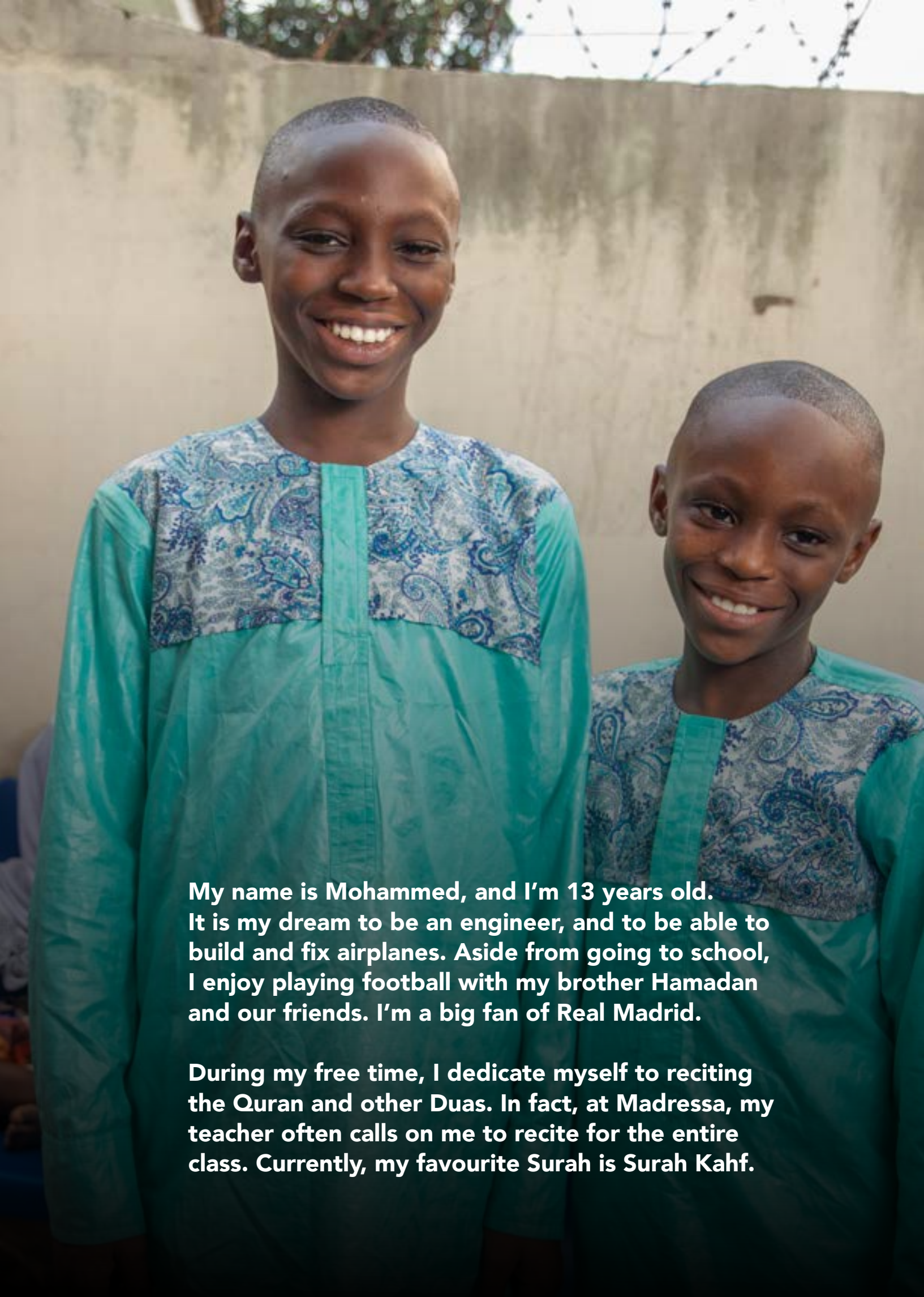
Al-Ayn has 8 Luminous Stars centres across Iraq, with 9 additional buildings under construction. They serve as safe havens for over 100,000 orphaned children and their families, offering sponsored children access to high quality healthcare, psychological rehabilitation, vocational training, and educational programmes. The staff at our Luminous Stars centres are trained professionals who prioritise the well-being and holistic development of vulnerable children and families.

### THE BUILDINGS SERVE THE FOLLOWING KEY PURPOSES:

- ✓ A financial aid distribution centre, that includes a dedicated section to review and address children's medical care needs.
- ✓ A playroom with fun games, where many children discover new hobbies.
- ✓ A medical centre that functions as a miniature hospital, with specialist clinics for paediatrics, dentistry, optometry, ENT, and general practice.
- ✓ A 'mall' area for children to choose their clothing and shoes.
- ✓ Our clinics also comprise of a pharmacy, laboratory and an X-ray room.
- ✓ Vocational training centres that cover a range of fields, including business management, IT skills, upholstery, cooking, mobile repair and more.
- ✓ A centre for psychological rehabilitation and counselling.

**SPONSOR AN ORPHANED CHILD IN IRAQ TODAY FOR £60 A MONTH OR £720 FOR A YEAR.**





**My name is Mohammed, and I'm 13 years old. It is my dream to be an engineer, and to be able to build and fix airplanes. Aside from going to school, I enjoy playing football with my brother Hamadan and our friends. I'm a big fan of Real Madrid.**

**During my free time, I dedicate myself to reciting the Quran and other Duas. In fact, at Madressa, my teacher often calls on me to recite for the entire class. Currently, my favourite Surah is Surah Kahf.**



## TRANSPARENCY AT AL-AYN

Your donations to Al-Ayn go directly to supporting children who have lost one or both parents. In order to uphold transparency, we have specialised teams that maintain communication with both beneficiaries and their guardians. Additionally, our staff and volunteers monitor the support process and maintain meticulous records of the beneficiaries.

### 100% OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP PAYMENTS

- ✓ reach our orphaned children

### THOUSANDS OF ORPHANED CHILDREN

- ✓ continue to be supported each month



# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## WHAT DOES MY SPONSORSHIP COVER?

The guardian uses the monthly sponsorship payment to pay for the child's food, clothing, medication, school fees, and any other needs the child may have. The money is spent on the orphaned child, and this is regularly monitored by our devoted follow-up staff.

## CAN I CHOOSE THE CHILD I SPONSOR?

Al-Ayn's sponsorship process does not allow for choosing a specific child due to the nature of the needs and fairness in allocation. However, the foundation ensures that your sponsorship directly supports a child in need, providing them with essential services and support.

## WILL I RECEIVE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORPHANED CHILD I SPONSOR?

Sponsors will receive basic information which includes the name and date of birth of the orphaned child in Iraq, Afghanistan or Ghana.

## CAN I CONTACT THE CHILD OR DIRECTLY MEET THEM?

Direct contact is not permitted. However, in Iraq, Al-Ayn can facilitate a visit between the sponsor and the child at the child's local Al-Ayn office, subject to the approval of the orphaned child and their guardian.

## HOW IS SPONSORSHIP AID DISTRIBUTED?

Mothers (or guardians) of orphaned children receive their monthly stipends by visiting the Al-Ayn office on designated dates each month. Additionally, seasonal aid is available as needed during these collection periods.

## ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED IN SPONSORING A CHILD?

No hidden or additional costs are involved in sponsoring a child with Al-Ayn. The monthly sponsorship fee covers all the support services provided to the child.

## CAN I PAY FOR MY SPONSORSHIP IN ADVANCE?

Yes, you can pay a year's worth of sponsorship in advance. This would be £720 for a child in Iraq and £660 for a child in Ghana or £720 for a child in Afghanistan.

## WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NOTICE PERIOD REQUIRED FOR CANCELLING A SPONSORSHIP?

We kindly request a minimum of four months' notice for cancelling a sponsorship. This allows us sufficient time to make necessary adjustments, and to allow enough time to find an alternative sponsor.

## HOW CAN I START SPONSORING A CHILD?

To start sponsoring a child, visit [www.alayn.co.uk/sponsorships](http://www.alayn.co.uk/sponsorships)

## WHAT IS THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME I CAN SPONSOR AN ORPHANED CHILD?

For private sponsorship, we ask that you commit for at least a year in order to be matched with a particular orphaned child.

## HOW DOES GROUP SPONSORSHIP WORK?

A collaborative effort to sponsor an orphaned child is possible. For instance, as a sports team, study group, student organisation, or simply as a group of friends. Please choose a representative from your group to correspond with us and complete the group sponsorship form.

The representative would be in charge of either gathering the required annual sponsorship sum and transferring it to us, or gathering the required monthly sum each month. Once the first payment is received, you will be given information on the sponsored child.





To sponsor a child visit:  
**[www.alayn.co.uk/sponsorships](http://www.alayn.co.uk/sponsorships)**

Account Name:  
**Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation**

Sort Code:    Account No:  
**20-35-93      20315753**

Bank Transfer Code:  
**SPO AFG  
SPO GHA  
SPO IRQ**

**GET IN TOUCH  
TO SPONSOR AN  
ORPHANED CHILD  
TODAY**

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 **[enquiries@alayn.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@alayn.co.uk)**

\* Any excess donations received will be allocated towards our Orphaned Children Fund, which supports the various needs of orphaned children, their families and their guardians in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Ghana.