

# Shelter Relief Program

## CASE FOR SUPPORT



Helping Hand for Relief and Development's Shelter Relief Program (SRP) provides both permanent and temporary shelter solutions for families and communities in crisis. They are designed to withstand local weather and to keep people safe from storms, animals and thieves. Many of our beneficiaries were previously unhoused or living in dilapidated tents. Stepping into a home they can call their own for the first time in years makes all the difference in the world.

## Jordan

Following the outbreak of war in 2011, many Syrian families fled to neighboring countries where they stayed in government refugee camps or in tents. The desert of the governorate of Al-Mafraq, located in northeastern Jordan near the Syrian border, has been host to thousands of families who reside inside Zaatari camp or outdoors and make a living by working on nearby farms. They must endure rough weather, horrific rodents, reptiles and wild animals, and forced seclusion from main cities and populated areas.

Caravan homes, meant for Syrian refugees, use high-quality materials known for endurance in extreme temperatures, including galvanized steel, insulation sheets, wooden doors, and solid steel bases. Beneficiaries are selected based on need, with a high priority placed on children, the elderly and orphan families.





# Bangladesh

Since 1978, the Rohingya have faced decades of systematic discrimination. Families find themselves statelessness and targeted for violence in the Rakhine State, Myanmar. Helping Hand USA has been assisting the Rohingya since 2008 and scaled up assistance during the August 2017 mass migration. An estimated one million Rohingya reside in what has become the world’s largest refugee camp. They remain tremendously vulnerable, living in exceedingly challenging conditions.

Shelter homes for Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh consist of two rooms along with a balcony. The structure is made with bamboo and tarpaulin that can sustain high winds and rains. This type of construction is necessary to conform to the regulations of the camp. Homes are provided with solar powered electric fixtures such as fans and bulbs etc.



# Pakistan

Due to its unique geography (including 7,200 mountain glaciers) Pakistan has the misfortune of being the 8th most vulnerable country to the climate change crisis. Record breaking heat and superpowered monsoons were responsible for catastrophic floods in 2022. More than a thousand people lost their lives and half a million were left homeless in the wake of the devastation. HHRD stepped up its work in the region, deploying disaster relief responses including emergency shelter homes.

For Pakistan flood victims, HHRD provided homes made of brick and mortar. There are one or two rooms along with a kitchen, bathroom and a verandah. Proper electricity via solar panels is provided.



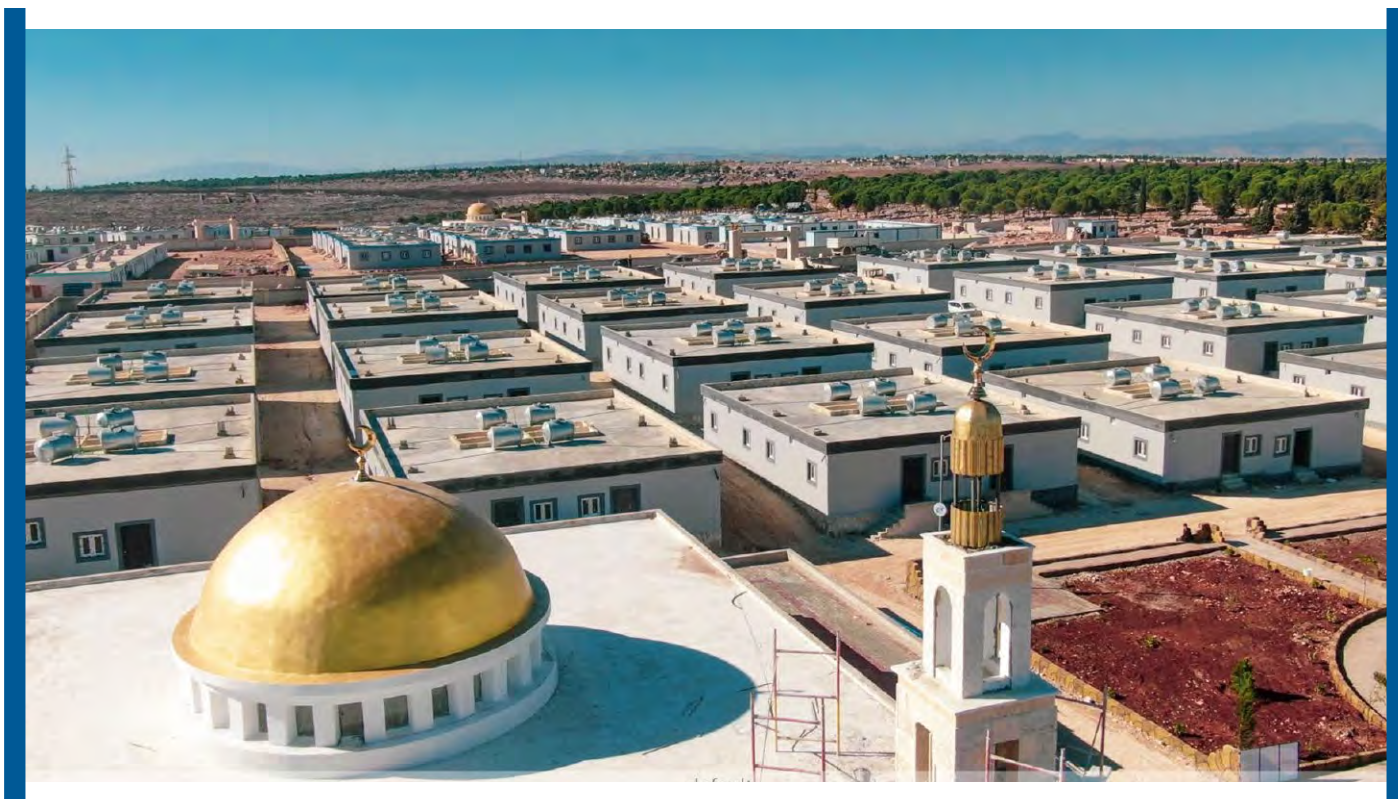


## Emergency Shelter Relief

The SRP works in conjunction with HHRD’s Emergency Relief and Disaster Management Program to rebuild cities and communities after natural devastation. In 2023, we completed many building projects in Pakistan, Syria, Morocco and Afghanistan to help those suffering from grief and trauma.

# Syria

With the support of generous donors, HHRD undertook one of its most monumental projects to date: the building of two entire villages in Syria. Each village features homes, a school, a mosque, a playground and a commercial district. We are pleased to report that both villages are open for inhabitants, allowing many displaced Syrian families to finally come home.



# Morocco

On September 9th, 2023, the historic city of Marrakesh witnessed a catastrophic event. A shallow earthquake, measuring 6.8 magnitude, emanated from the High Atlas Mountains, killing thousands and injuring thousands more. In cooperation with regional partners, HHRD is committed to providing Caravan homes, social centers, public restrooms and public kitchens in the Taroudant & Al-Houz regions near Marrakech.

# Afghanistan

A series of earthquakes struck Afghanistan in late 2023, creating even more devastation for a population already under duress. The impact was immediate and catastrophic; buildings sustained extensive damage, trapping countless individuals beneath the rubble. Three districts and 15 villages were affected by the earthquake; 12 villages were destroyed. HHRD is building homes to replace the ones lost.



## Success Story

The Al Qassim family fled from Syria many years ago, seeking refuge in Jordan. The father is 51 years old and works on a farm. He is the only breadwinner for a wife and seven children.

While winter for many children is the month of coziness and heartwarming memories, for this family, winter only holds brutal cold, heavy rain, and windstorms. The tent fell on their heads and all their blankets and belongings were soaked in water and mud. They couldn't stop shivering.

Summer days were not any better. The tent where the family lived offered zero protection against the heat and it was too small to fit everyone. There was no space for the children to do their homework or play.

Al Hamdu Lillah, Helping Hand granted this family a clean, safe, insulated caravan where all their dreams can finally come true. With solar powered electricity and insulation, it is warm in the winter and cooler in the summer. The family no longer must sleep on the ground, and their clothes and belongings are protected from harsh weather.

# Your Support is Needed

Without the Shelter Relief Program, thousands of families would still be living in tents, denied the basic dignity that a home affords. Families would be left out of doors, whether fleeing war, persecution or natural disaster. Our mission is to provide a more normal life for people who find themselves at the mercy of the elements.

HHRD is different from other organizations because we use local labor. Our homes are built to strict standards, using only approved materials. You can be sure that your donation will go directly to the beneficiaries with little overhead expenditures. HHRD is a highly rated organization that takes the stewardship of its supporters' dollars very seriously.

Charity Navigator ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)), a nonprofit that evaluates thousands of nonprofits, is the gold standard when it comes to nonprofit ratings. It has rated HHRD as a 4-star (highest rating) public charity for the past 9 years. It has rated HHRD as the top Zakat-eligible charity (score 98.3%). An A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau is another indicator of the effectiveness of the organization.

*Thank you*



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