



# WORLDHARVEST

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## Giving Every Child the Right to Education



Dr. Daniel Hanafi, WorldHarvest VP, Visited Sponsored Children in Pakistan Before the Pandemic

There is a saying that goes “an investment in education pays the highest interest.” This statement is especially true in the Islamic nation of Pakistan where the nation faces so many macro-economic challenges. Many studies have indicated that increased Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and reduction in poverty are possible if Pakistan can increase its literacy rate.

According to a UNESCO Report published in January 2020, the literacy rate in Pakistan stands at only 58%. An estimated 22.8 million children aged 5 to 16 are not attending school. In addition, 5 million children between the age of 5 to 9 year old are not enrolled in school. Literacy rates vary regionally, particularly by gender. But significant disparities also exist due to socio-economic status, religious beliefs, and geography.



Children from Hassan Abdal school seen studying in their classroom

At WorldHarvest, we believe that every child deserves an equal opportunity to receive education. Since 2017, we have been actively involved in Pakistan by opening a school serving the minority Hindu population who experiences the stark reality of discrimination. In Pakistan, children from Hindu families are usually not allowed to enroll in schools and at the same time face serious physical persecution. Hassan Abdal, just outside of the capital city of Islamabad, is where our school operates.

Earlier this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the school (continued on pg. 2)

had to be closed. Many families in Hassan Abdal have also lost their source of income. But through generous donors like you, WorldHarvest have been able to provide basic food supplies to these families. Through the **Sponsor A Child (SAC)** Program, children are still able to continue their education despite their families' current economic situation.



A school staff giving students temperature-check on arrival

After a six-month closure, the school was finally allowed to reopen on September 15. Thanks to the wonderful school staff and teachers, the school can follow and implement certain guidelines ordered by the government of Pakistan to ensure the

safety and protection for all the students. "Our staff would do temperature check upon students' arrival every morning, and after that the students are asked to sanitize their hands before going to their classroom. Masks are also required at all times and we make sure that students do not sit too closely from one another," explained Mr. Nadeem Anwar, WorldHarvest's Community Leader for SAC Pakistan. "I'm very delighted to see the smiling faces of all our sponsored children who have been waiting for their school re-opening. Most of all, we are very thankful to all WorldHarvest donors who have been continuously and generously supporting these children even during the pandemic," added Mr. Anwar.



Students wearing face masks as they continue their studies

## The #stop hunger Campaign Has Started in Mumbai

The devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world in more severe ways than was expected. As the infection numbers shot to record highs, the world economy ground

to a near halt. In India, 12.2 million people have lost their jobs due to the lockdown to curb the coronavirus. In many third world countries, the pandemic affected the livelihoods of a huge number of people who found themselves without work, earning very little to sustain themselves and their families on a day to day basis. This grim reality calls for urgent interventions in the most innovative way in order to sustain their food supply while still conforming to government directives. Thus the idea of sack farming is introduced.



A Mother and Her Children Pose in front of Their Sack-Farm

When Worldharvest launched the Pandemic Response campaign back in May, we raised more than \$80,000. The first phase of the project utilized more than \$20,000 to immediately provide 15 - 30 days of food supplies to more than 550 families in India. Realizing that the pandemic would last well into next year, we immediately launched the

second phase of this project, which is to equip families with the skill and ability to secure their own food supply. That is what the remaining funds will be used for - to educate and equip underprivileged families with sack-

leaders have committed to overseeing the families for 12 months and afterwards each family is expected to continue on their own without close supervision.



A Family in the Slum of Mumbai Ready to Sack-Farm

farming skills in order to protect their own food security.

Ten qualified and dedicated community leaders were chosen in Maharashtra District of Mumbai in Central India. Their assignment is to equip and to teach 150 families living in 7 slum areas - Koperkhairane, Vashi, Chembur, Nerul, Panvel, Mankhurd and Ghatkopar. These leaders had been meeting regularly since August and were initially supposed to start this project in September. But when the heavy, seasonal monsoon rain arrived in the area, they had to delay the start of the project.

Worldharvest would like to express our appreciation to all of our donors who have contributed towards this Sack-Farming project. Most importantly, we are grateful for



A Family in the Slum of Mumbai with Their Seedlings

individuals and families who have contributed their time and effort this past summer to help research and test the project.

These 150 families are just the initial steps of our campaign. There are more needy families living in the slum areas of other regions in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, and many other countries around the world.

Finally on October 11th, the project officially started and each of the 150 families was given 5 sacks complete with soil, manure, seedlings, and training on how to set up and take care of their plants. These 10 leaders will also be responsible to monitor the growth of each family's plants. These 10



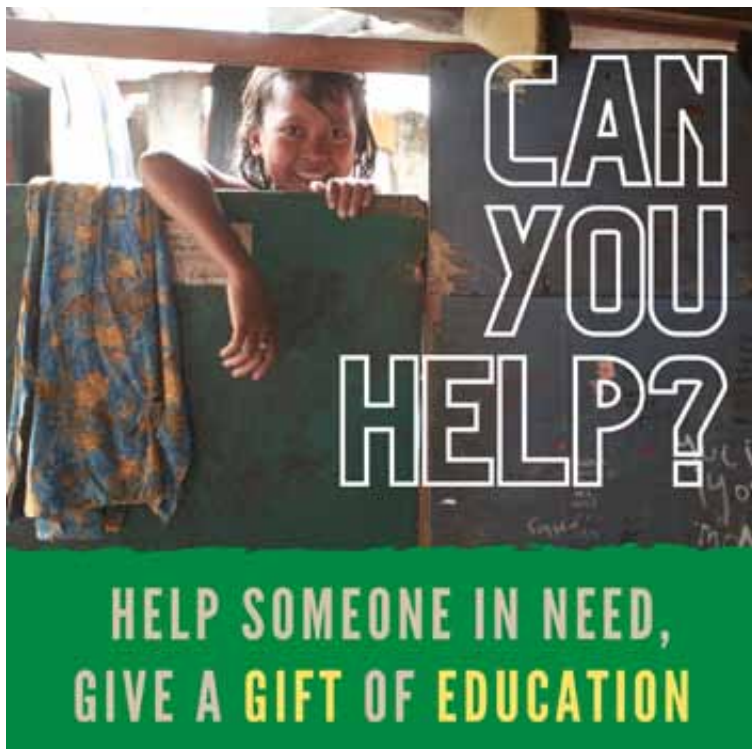
Ten Project Leaders Supervising 150 Families in Mumbai for Our #stophunger Campaign

WorldHarvest will be launching this #stophunger campaign in full force throughout these countries next year. And you play an essential role in the future well being of these families. Therefore, your partnership is needed more than ever. Please make your gift today at [www.worldharvest.cc/donate](http://www.worldharvest.cc/donate).

## This Holiday Season, Help Sponsor a Child In Need

As we enter the holiday season and look forward to Christmas, people in many parts of the world are battling the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are desperately looking for relief and comfort. So as you think of your shopping list, would you please consider supporting WorldHarvest and/or continuing your donations to our many programs?

WorldHarvest has been working hard to help hundreds of families all over the world recover from the devastating effect of this pandemic. Yet, we still have a lot of



work to do: from helping the children in Aceh, Indonesia to continue their education, to educating the migrant families in India to secure their food supply through our #stop hunger campaign, to investing in the villagers in Gbangbayela, Sierra Leone who have become glimmer of hope to their community through the Eco Farming Project. There are so many opportunities in which you can participate.

As we were preparing this newsletter, we received a story from Aceh on how impactful your donation has been. WorldHarvest's representative had known Hadi Ulhaq for quite some time. Recently, his father had to undergo another dialysis treatment which was very expensive for his family's living standard. Hadi and his mother, a dedicated teacher in one of the Islamic School (Pesantren) in the area, have been struggling financially in the past 2 years since his father started having kidney problem.

When Mr. Hendra, one of WorldHarvest's Community Leader, visited Hadi's family and told them about Hadi's sponsorship, they broke into tears. They were so grateful that there are still people who are willing to help in the midst of the current pandemic. With just less than \$1/day, you can send children like Hadi to continue their education and change the future trajectory of their lives.

Currently, there are 143 school-age children in need like Hadi and waiting to be sponsored. Be one of the first people to become a sponsor and make your donation at [www.worldharvest.cc/donate](http://www.worldharvest.cc/donate).

## Attention Amazon Shoppers: You Can Support WorldHarvest!

Do you shop on Amazon? It is super easy to support WorldHarvest with each purchase. A few minutes to set up is all it takes. Type in the world 'smile' before amazon.com and you will be brought to the amazon fundraising site: <http://smile.amazon.com/>.

The first time you go to the 'smile' side, you will be asked to choose the organization that you want to support. Simply search and choose 'WorldHarvest'. Then just browse Amazon like you always have. Same products, same prices, and same services. Change your bookmark so that you always go directly to the smile site. We only get credit if you order from the 'smile'.

Do you know other families and friends that would not mind taking a minute and choose



to donate to WorldHarvest? It costs the shopper nothing but benefits the needy children and communities WorldHarvest serves. Thank you for your continued support!



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