



2022–2023

A Year of Resilience



Annual Report

Iraqi Children's Hope

Iraq: Basra – Samawah

United States: Virginia

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"In the face of hardship among widows and orphans, our team united to transform lives in Iraq. Your support is truly inspiring."

**QASSIM
ALOWAID**

Letter from the Executive Director

As we close another remarkable year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community and the profound impact we have achieved together. Your commitment has transformed the lives of thousands of orphaned children and widows in Iraq for the better. This year, we've reached more families than ever before, providing food, clothing, school supplies, and essential appliances.

Our workshops empowered women with skills to build livelihoods, while our tutoring programs ensured children had the tools to succeed academically. These successes were made possible by your generosity and your belief in our mission. Yet, there is still much to be done. Thousands of families across Iraq continue to face unimaginable challenges, and we remain committed to standing by their side. In the coming year, we aim to expand our programs, strengthen our services, and reach even more lives in need.

During my recent visit to Iraq, I met many of the families that we support. Witnessing the positive impact of our programs firsthand reminded me of our power as ordinary people to create this change. Your generosity enables us to address both immediate needs and long-term development.

I thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,

Qassim Alowaid



Mission

Empower communities, especially orphans and widows, through education, healthcare, and resources, fostering self-reliance and growth.

Vision

A future where every child and widow in Iraq can realize their full potential through access to empowering resources in order to succeed.

Our Approach



Education

Providing quality tutoring and resources for children.



Health

Ensuring healthcare services for children and widows.



Support

Fostering self-reliance through sustainable development initiatives.

Your Impact

Because of your support, Iraqi Children's Hope was able to do more this year than any previous year before! None of this would be possible without you!

3000+

People Served

Children, widows, and other disadvantaged groups across Iraq

3095

Food Baskets Served

To hundreds of families in desperate need

50+

Children Sponsored

With the power and generosity of our selfless donors

10,000+

Volunteer Hours

From our hard-working volunteers in Iraq and the United States



Ramadan Food Baskets

On every Friday during the Holy month of Ramadan during its two occurrences in the 2022-2023 period, Iraqi Children's Hope, through its volunteers, distributed food baskets to various groups of disadvantaged people within the community in both Basra and Samawah, including women, children, and hundreds of families in need. These food baskets included staple food items and essential provisions to ensure families could observe Ramadan with dignity and comfort.

The campaign saw tremendous success, with the community coming together and allowing us to provide crucial support to those in need.

1,370

**Baskets Distributed
in 2022**

1,725

**Baskets Distributed
in 2023**



Eid Clothes for Children

On multiple occasions during the 2022-2023 school year, our volunteers on the ground in Iraq worked tirelessly to distribute clothes on the occasions of both Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha to hundreds of children, embracing them, spreading joy and smiles, along with fostering sense of value and community to these kids.

These efforts were met with overwhelming success, thanks to generous support from our donors and the hard work of our volunteers who made a lasting impact on the lives of these children

410+

Children receiving
Eid clothes



Visiting Cancer Patients

On 2 occasions, representatives from our organization visited the **Children's Specialist Hospital** in Basra City and the cancer ward at the **Al-Hussein Teaching Hospital** in Samawah Governorate. We aimed to understand the needs of these young patients and offer them health materials, medicines, and gifts of joy to support them in overcoming the obstacles they encounter.

Dr. Qasim Basry, our founder and CEO, personally presented these gifts to the hospitalized children. Our team was able to provide support during their journeys, and provide life-saving treatments to over **100** children in need. **Your generous support remains instrumental in bringing happiness and inspiration to these courageous young fighters**



Iraqi Women: Our Work with Widows

Why we want to help? A brief insight.

82%

of Iraqi women do not participate in the labor force, as a result of social and cultural norms exacerbated by prolonged conflict.

Women for Women International

10%

of all Iraqi households are headed by a widow.

United Nations Development Programme



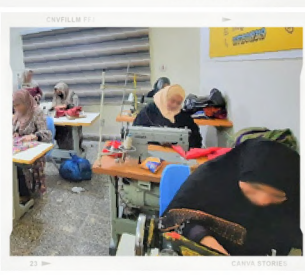
Empowering Women: Literacy Courses & Sewing Classes

Iraqi Children's Hope, as part of its values for development and empowerment, held a course to teach women how to read and write. These women had expressed a strong desire and seriousness to learn. This course included **15 teaching sessions**, and the women registered in this course all regularly attended and completed any homework, demonstrating their commitment to self-improvement. We honored outstanding students at the graduation ceremony at the end of the course.



Additionally, as part of our commitment to enabling widowed women to earn a decent living and support their families, we also held a sewing workshop to develop the capabilities of widowed women for a period of **35 days**, in which the women were taught sewing, design, and embroidery.

These women showed great interest in learning and daily practice, and were rewarded with certificates at the end of the course



A Widow's Journey to a Better Place

When a widow had first approached us a couple years ago, she was consumed by despair after tragically losing her husband. She had tearfully shared with us how her children had **gone to bed hungry** the night before, and how, even by noon the next day, she still had **no food to give them**. With no income and no path to move forward, she was feeling completely hopeless.

After spending 2 years with our program, she'd found the tools and support to rebuild her life. Through her hard work and determination, she was able to start her own **market and bakery**, selling sweets and cakes that she'd make.

Today, she is fully self-sustainable, providing for her children and ensuring they never go hungry again.

Fact:



One in every 4 Iraqis fall below the poverty line.

Approximately 3.5 million children are affected, with 1 in 5 facing stunted growth due to chronic malnutrition. Households led by women, typically widows, are disproportionately affected. Learn more about our work and aims to empower widows at ichope.org

UNICEF Iraq

Providing Home Appliances to families in 2022–2023



In the years 2022-2023, Iraqi Children's Hope was able to provide household appliances to families that were registered with our organization. For more information on our work with these families, visit ichope.org.



What we Provided in 2022

- 11 refrigerators
- 7 air conditioning units
- 8 ovens
- 6 TVs
- 8 water heating tanks
- 55 room heaters
- 10 washers & dryers

What we Provided in 2023

- 13 refrigerators
- 5 air conditioning units
- 11 ovens
- 6 water heater tanks
- 78 room heaters
- 7 washers & dryers
- 6 microwaves
- 3 clothing cabinets

Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives

Learn more about our housing initiative.

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Home #1

For families that live in unsafe housing, the lack of a secure home makes life an **ongoing struggle**. For many struggling Iraqi families, their homes are crumbling, unfit for children, and exposes them to health and safety risks everyday.

We recognize this need, and Iraqi Children's Hope took action, launching an initiative to construct safe housing for vulnerable families.



During the 2022-2023 year, **we successfully built 2 houses**, providing not just a shelter, but also a renewed sense of stability and dignity for these two families. Beyond uplifting these families from unsafe living conditions, this project also created jobs for local workers, supporting the community economically while addressing this critical need.

Through these efforts, we have been able to ensure that these two families no longer have to worry about the roof over their heads. Their children can now focus on schooling and their future, while living in a space they can truly call home.

This would not be possible without the generous continued donations of people like you.



Home #2

Our Tutoring Initiatives

Untold numbers of Iraqi children, due to various hardships, are unable to keep up with their schooling. Those who struggle financially or face hardships have fewer educational opportunities. We offer tutoring to children who struggle to keep up with schoolwork, as well as those who feel they aren't challenged enough academically. Orphans and children who can't afford tutoring or private school tuition are prioritized. During the 2022-2023 year, we provided **thousands of hours** of tutoring to kids in grades 1-8 across all subjects with homework assistance and various other needs.

Our volunteers have made a profound difference in their lives, and we continue to contribute towards their success.

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Students Utilizing Our Tutoring Services 2022

114

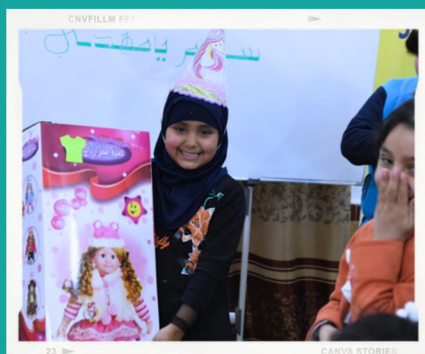
Students Utilizing Our Tutoring Services 2023



Baneen: A Success Story

Baneen is an orphan enrolled with Iraqi Children's Hope who had been struggling with school and did not have the adequate resources and support to improve academically.

Shortly after her enrollment with our tutoring services, her grades rapidly improved to near full marks, and was rewarded for gifts for her perseverance and achievement!





Meet Haneen

An orphan with hopes and dreams

Haneen, an orphan girl living with her relatives in poor financial circumstances, faces tremendous challenges on her way to school that no one should face: **packs of stray dogs**. They would often chase and bite her, making her journey terrifying. The repeated attacks left her with **several bite wounds** and **Haneen had developed a fear of going to school**. Her attendance dropped, and her grades suffered.

No child should have to endure such a hardship.

When our representatives visited her, she showed us her bite wounds. We were shocked to learn that paying for a Tuk Tuk vehicle for transport, costing as little as 22,000 Iraqi Dinars (~\$15) per month, could change everything for her and provide her with safe transport to school.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to secure this for Haneen, along with gifts and clothes. She now goes to school with joy and enthusiasm, and her grades have significantly improved.

Meet Sherifah

A Special Wish: Sherifah's First Strawberry



“I see there’s a fruit called strawberry and I just wish I could have it so I could know what it tastes like”



Our representatives had visited Sherifah, a child that is registered with our organization, at her relatives’ home. When asked what she wishes for, she made a simple yet poignant request—**she wanted to taste strawberries, a fruit she’s never had before**. Her curiosity about their taste was touching.

Of course, our volunteers made sure to fulfill her wish and witnessed the joy and wonder on her face as she tasted them for the first time.



Meet Hussain

Hussain spent his evenings collecting plastic cans to support his family, earning just 70,000 Iraqi dinars (\$60) a month. Exhausted, his grades had suffered, and his dreams faded.

When we heard his story, we stepped in to help. By providing 150,000 Iraqi dinars (\$100) a month, we gave Hussain the chance to leave work behind and focus on school. Now, he attends with joy and hope, free to dream of a brighter future.

نتائج الاختبارات المدرسية

الدرجات للمصروف الاولى

الدروس	تشرين الاول	تشرين الثاني	كانون الاول	كانون الثاني	الصف	عبد	دار	هيسان	هبار	الامتحان	الملاحظات
التربية الاسلامية	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
اللغة العربية	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
اللغة الانكليزية	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
تيمات الحديثة	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
اجتماعيات	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
الرياضة	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
الحاسوب	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
اللغة الفرنسية	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
التربية الفنية والنشيد	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
التربية الرياضية	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
المجموع	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

مدرسة: مدرسة هبار

مدرس: محمد عبد الله هبار

Fact:

Per UNICEF, 13.5% of school-aged Iraqi children (1.2 million) do not have access to basic education.

Out-of-school rates disproportionately affect girls, children in war-torn governorates, and children without access to paid private education.



Meet Zain Al-Abadin

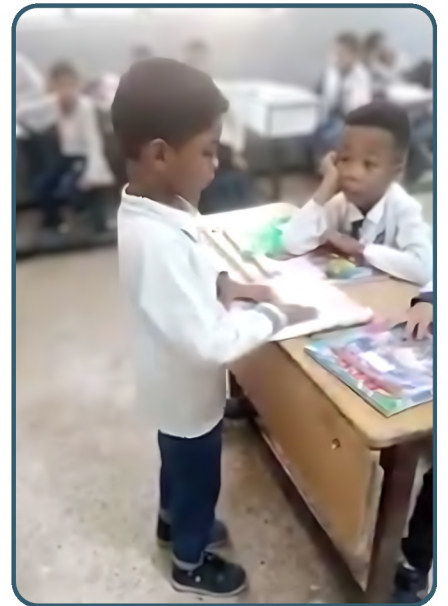
From struggling to exceeding expectations

Zain Al-Abidin, a young boy with a bright spark of curiosity, faced a significant challenge—he **couldn't read or write**. His family faced financial security, and struggled to support his education. He was never able to realize his potential. Zain began to fall behind, and the opportunities that come with education began to feel out of reach.

Seeing his struggles, we stepped in to provide Zain with a **private tutor during the summer break**. Through one-on-one lessons tailored to his needs, he began to learn the fundamentals of reading and writing right from the comfort of his home. With every session, his confidence grew, and his progress became a source of joy for his family.

Today, Zain thrives in school, equipped with the tools to dream big. Through your generous contributions, we were able to unlock this child's potential.

His story continues to remind us of the transformative power of an education. Keep going, Zain!



Meet Roz Fuller

Roz's Dedication to Children in Need

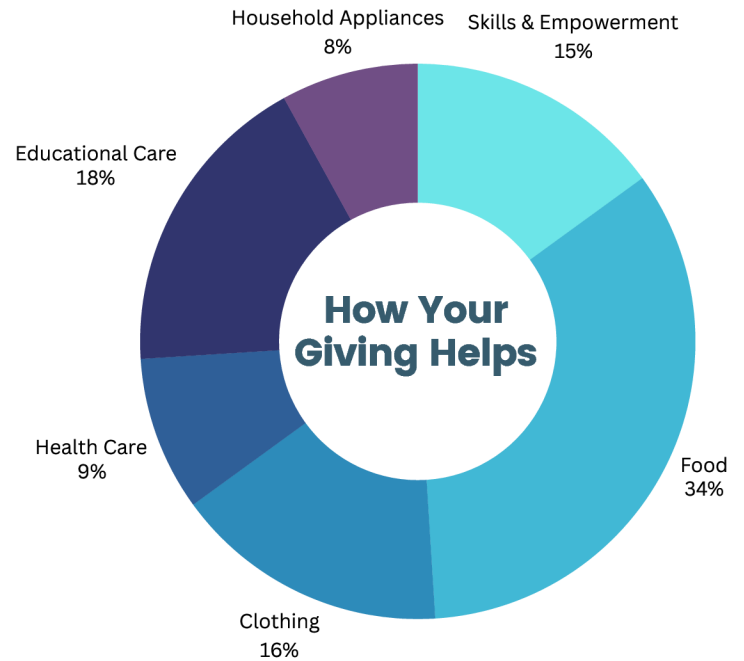
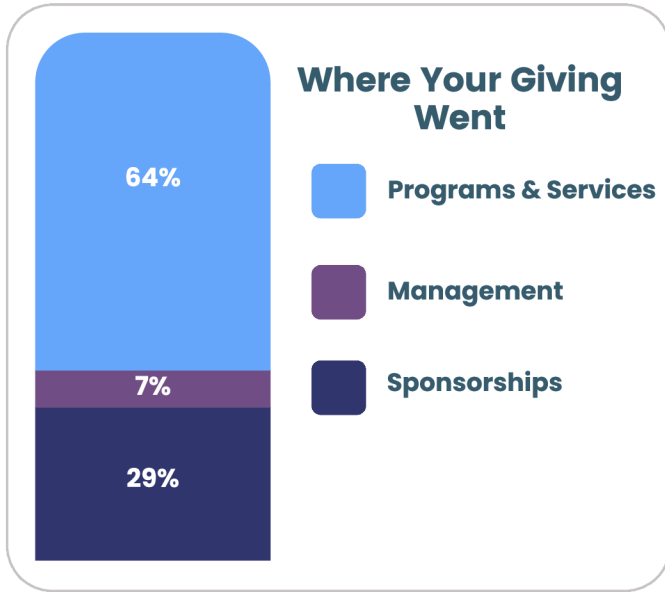
At the heart of our organization, one woman's unwavering dedication stands out as a source of inspiration: **Roz, our vice president**. She embodies the true spirit of service and compassion. Driven by her deep love for children and a desire to make a meaningful difference, she has devoted her time to supporting the most vulnerable, especially children grappling with mental health challenges and those battling cancer. Roz's efforts have not only shaped our mission, but also left an indelible mark on the hearts of those she serves.

We deeply admire her work and leadership, which has turned despair into hope, and challenges into opportunity for so many.

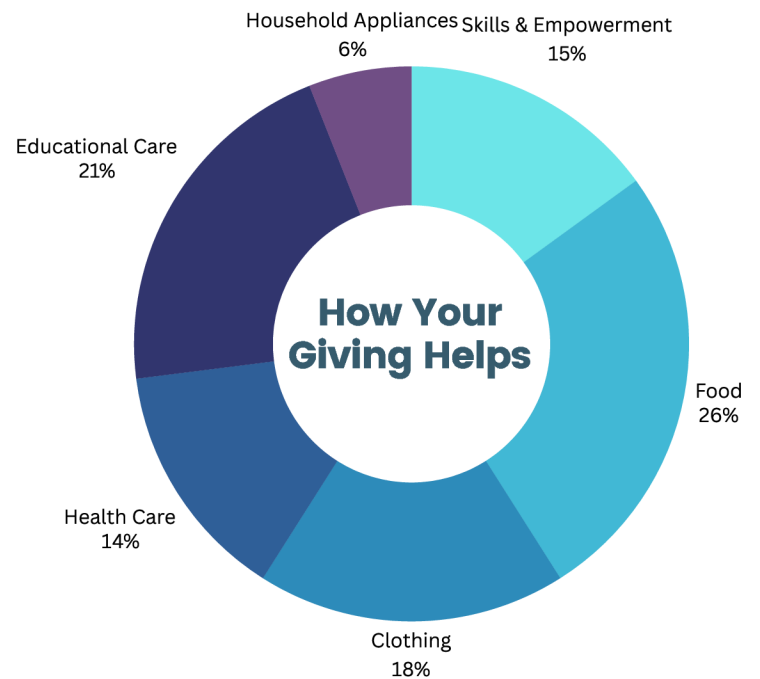
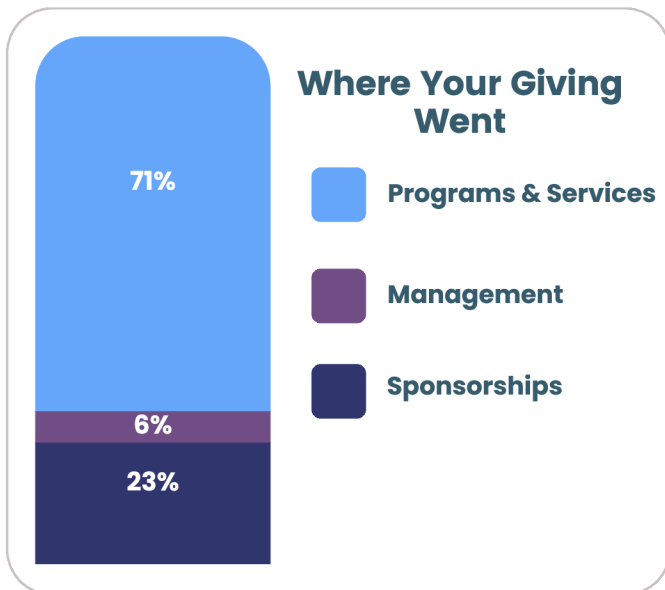


Financials

2022



2023



Financials

Extended Financial Information

Operation Revenue

	2022	2023	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Total Operation Revenue	\$206,430	\$317,433	\$111,003	54%

Operating Expenses & Changes in Net Assets

Program Services	2022	2023	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Food & Beverage	\$40,321	\$46,825	\$6,504	16%
Clothing	\$19,352	\$31,957	\$12,605	65%
Health Care	\$11,190	\$24,313	\$13,123	117%
Educational Care	\$21,554	\$37,785	\$16,231	75%
Household Appliances	\$9,024	\$10,487	\$1,464	16%
Skills & Empowerment	\$18,475	\$26,472	\$7,997	43%
Total Programs & Services	\$119,916	\$177,840	\$57,924	48%

Sponsorship	\$63,687	\$109,276	\$45,589	72%
Management	\$17,904	\$25,136	\$7,232	40%
Total Sponsorships & Management	\$81,591	\$134,412	\$52,821	112%

Thank You!

Our work is only possible because of YOUR generosity.

We want to thank all the incredible members of our community who went above and beyond to support our mission.

Our Team

Board Of Directors

- Qassim Alowaid
- Roz Fuller
- Farah Sami

Board Of Advisory

- Dr. Ryadh Al-Hilfi
- Dr. Jawad Al-Khafaji
- Steve Lutes
- Aminah Al-Saeedi

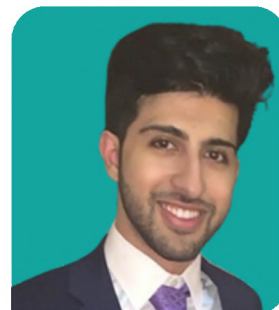
Key Staff & Volunteers

- Maya Vega
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- Ahmed Al-Jomilani
- Salam Basri
- Medeeha Hussain
- Emad Alemary
- Hussain Saleh
- Danielle McCarthy
- Nedal Bader
- Faten Fawaz
- Amena Alhassan

Iraqi Children's Hope Team - Iraq



And a special thanks to...



Ali Abid

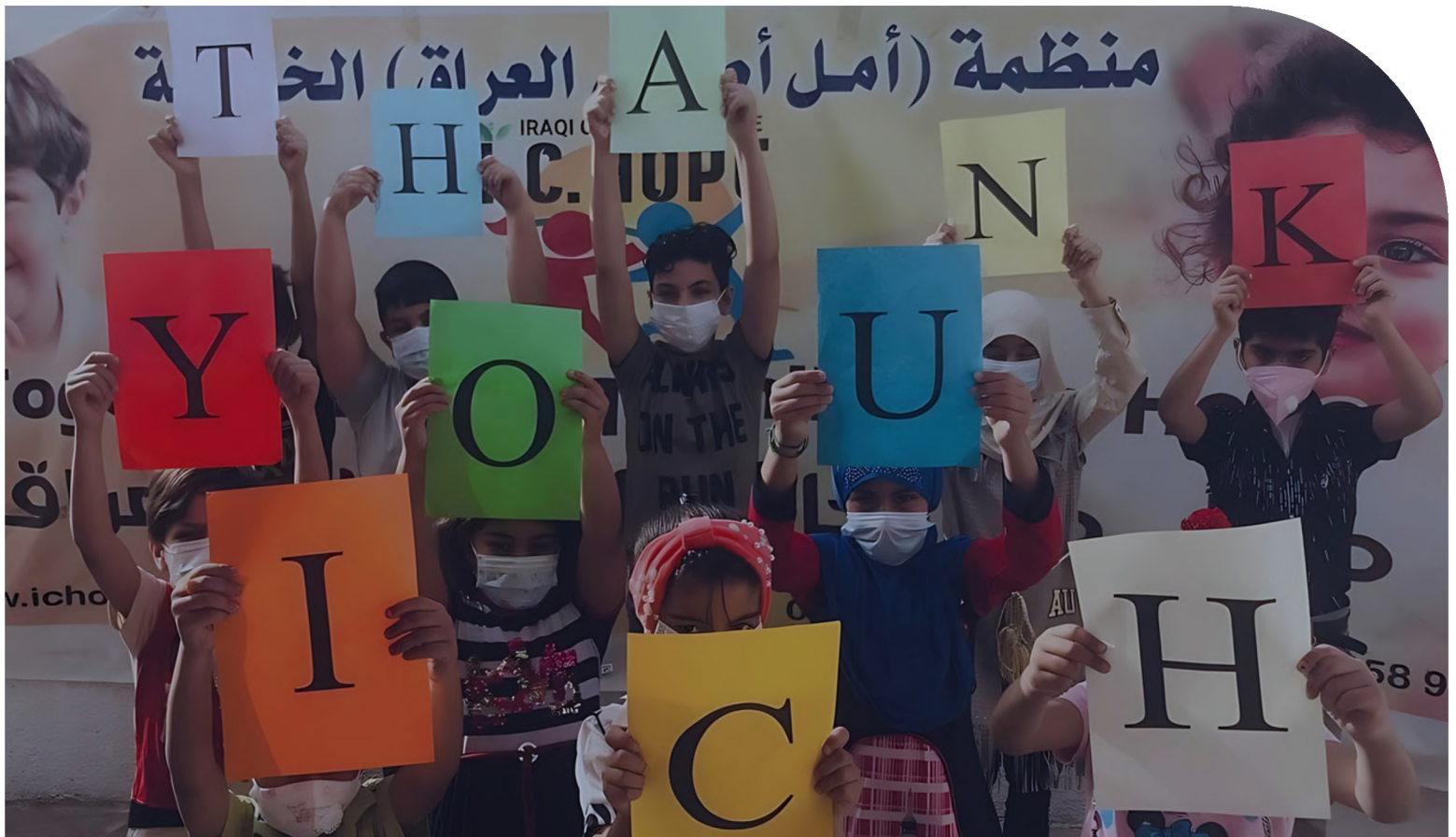


Ahmad Sadeq

Every child deserves a place to feel safe

Our work at Iraqi Children's Hope in improving the lives of each individual child would be **impossible** without your continued interest and contributions.

We thank you deeply, and hope you continue to contribute and empower these children with us.



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