ORPHANKIND VILLAGE

December 2019 Pakistan Progress Report
ABOUT ORPHANKIND VILLAGE

Location: Sohawa, District Jehlum, Pakistan

Program Dates
JUNE 2016 – JULY 2020

Country Profile– Pakistan
Pakistan has currently around 4 million orphans. Orphans often result in loss of family income, poorer health and emotional problems. It also disturbs the family network and adds further responsibilities to family members and caretakers. The type of care received after becoming an orphan significantly impacts on the development of their lives. Most studies reveal that orphans suffer a higher level of psychosocial problems than their non-orphan peers. In particular, double orphans (those with no parents) are more likely to experience behavioral and emotional difficulties, suffer abuse and a low rate of trusting relationships.

Mera Apna Ghar (My Own Home) is a unique idea to help transform lives of poor orphan children for a better future in a family setting. As per the idea 6-8 orphan children are gathered to make a family. This family is headed by a trained foster mother.

Children live under foster care in a proper house filled with all necessary comforts and facilities necessary for their healthy upbringing. These children attend schools with other non-orphan children from the communities nearby and have an all-time access to rich and full nutrient food. Proper shelter, healthy food, access to education and a continuous psychosocial support through a foster mother help boost their confidence. Although, it looks like spending a lot on a single child as compared to traditional orphan sponsorship schemes but the impacts are far greater under this kind of home-based orphan care.

$2M
approx. amount required to build a complex

Ongoing Complex Construction
THE COMPLEX

OrphanKind Complex

Our OrphanKind program is designed to help transform the lives of disadvantaged orphan children, offering them a better future in a secure family setting. Each of the homes in our OrphanKind village houses 10 orphan children and together with a trained foster mother, they form a family. The community is designed to provide for the complete nurturing of each child through education, access to quality healthcare, and the love of a foster mother to tend to their emotional and psychological needs.

OVERALL Complex Construction

*Estimated time remaining: 1.5 years*

- Land was identified and purchased at the end of 2018
- 1 Completed OrphanKind Home
- Complex Security
- Roads for Transportation
- Sewage System
- Electricity Grid System
- Water Supply & Plumbing
- 9 Other OrphanKind Home
- Fostering services & Staff
- 2 High Schools (gender)
- Playgrounds
- Mosque
- Provision of balanced diet, bedding, clothing
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**ORPHAN HOMES**

**30% Completed:**
- 1 Orphan home was constructed in September 2019. The residential building is complete with bedrooms for children, activity and play rooms, toilets, and a kitchen.
- Water tank has been installed, as well as the plumbing and drainage system. All pipes have been coated and insulated to protect them from corrosion and rust.
- The electricity system lines have been buried and connected to feeder pillars.

**In Progress:**
- The excavation sites 6 Orphan Homes and foundational structure of 4 homes are completed and awaiting construction.

**SECURITY**

**98% completed**
- A guard room was built for the children and personnel's security and safety.
- A reception area has been built to welcome visitors.
- A main gate and external wall has been constructed, surrounding and protecting the whole complex

**In Progress:**
- Finishing touches are required.

**ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

**90% Completed:**
- Main roads within the complex have been constructed— includes ground leveling, grading, cutting, & filled.
- Ramps, steps, and road-side walls have been constructed

**In Progress:**
- Constructing footpaths, tuff tiles— will be completed in the final stage of construction.
- General cutting and filling of external roads are 95% complete.