

MOHSIN AND FAUZIA JAFFER FOUNDATION Inc.

Livelihoods Support Project

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Program Overview

This initiative supports the Ronald Noor Children's Orphanage building sustainable food and income sources through small-scale farming solutions. By providing a poultry rearing coop and a greenhouse, the program aims to strengthen food security while creating an opportunity for long-term self-sufficiency within the orphanage.

The primary goal is to reduce reliance on external support by enabling the orphanage to produce its own food and generate supplementary income. This approach supports both nutritional needs and financial stability.

The orphanage has been equipped with:

- A chicken rearing coop with 50 chickens to support poultry farming for eggs and potential sale
- A greenhouse to facilitate controlled crop production of various vegetables including tomatoes, bell peppers, and brinjals, ensuring a consistent supply of vegetables regardless of weather conditions.

These interventions were selected for their practicality, sustainability, and suitability to the local environment.



Expected Impact

The combined use of poultry and greenhouse farming is expected to:

- Improve access to fresh and nutritious food for the children
- Reduce daily food cost
- Create a small but steady income stream through sale of surplus produce and eggs
- Introduce basic agricultural skills within the orphanage setting



"Real progress comes when people are empowered to build their own livelihoods."

António Guterres— Secretary-General of the United Nations



Learning to Earn

The homes' caregivers were trained in best practices for chicken rearing, including feeding, hygiene, and disease prevention. They were also equipped with chicken feed, vaccinations, and vitamins to support the health and growth of the chicken and help sustain the poultry project.



Impact – Our Stories

Initial feedback indicates increased optimism among caregivers, with clear plans already in place for managing and sustaining both the poultry and greenhouse units. There is a strong sense of ownership and commitment to making the project successful.



"This support has changed how we plan for the future. We are no longer just receiving help, we are building something that can sustain the children every day"

Zubedha Athumani - Administrator - Roland Noor Children Home



"We are truly grateful for the chicken coop. It will provide us with a reliable supply of eggs to sell and help support the maintenance of the facility, while the surplus will go towards the children's meals. This means so much to us because it provides both nutritious food for the children and an opportunity to build a source of support for their future."

Caregivers at Ronald Noor Childrens Home

Reflections

“This initiative goes beyond short-term support by equipping the orphanage with practical tools to meet its own needs, promoting dignity, stability, and a more secure future for the children. Designed to be low-maintenance and replicable, both the coop and greenhouse can continue to provide consistent benefits with proper care, while any income generated can be reinvested to sustain and expand production.

Looking ahead, there is strong potential to extend this model to other orphanages facing similar challenges.

With additional support, more institutions can be equipped to strengthen their own food systems and reduce long-term dependency.

Expanding this approach will not only increase reach, but also build a more sustainable and resilient network of care across the region.”

Dr. Nashina Admani - Head of Social Programs