

PROJECT REPORT 2023

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A Letter From Leadership

Dear Valued Donors,

I am humbled to share that we exceeded our goals for serving humanity across the globe this last year, thanks to your support. We believe in transparency and accountability, and we are committed to using the donations wisely and effectively to make the greatest impact possible. Our programs and initiatives have had a positive impact on people in need, and we are continuously working to expand our reach and impact. Your contributions help in providing essential services and support to those who need it the most. As we conclude a successful year by achieving several important milestones, I want to reach out to you and pay my gratitude. This report is a way for us to showcase the impact of our work and highlight the key achievements from the past year.

Over the past year, our organization has made significant strides in realizing our mission. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, we have successfully launched several new programs that have positively impacted the lives of individuals and communities in need. Despite these achievements, the need for our services continues to grow, and we need your help to meet these growing demands. Thank you again for your support. Together, we can make a difference in the world. I look forward to your continued support and partnership in the years to come.

Warm Regards,

Abdul Maten

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President, ZamZam Foundation Inc.

Feeding Orphaned & Needy Children 2023

Overview: The urgent crisis of starvation and malnutrition among needy children in Bangladesh and Uganda prompted the initiation of a project by the ZamZam Foundation. To combat this dire situation, we focused on providing free meals daily to vulnerable children in these countries. The project aimed to address the rising malnutrition rates and alleviate the daily threat of hunger faced by thousands of children.

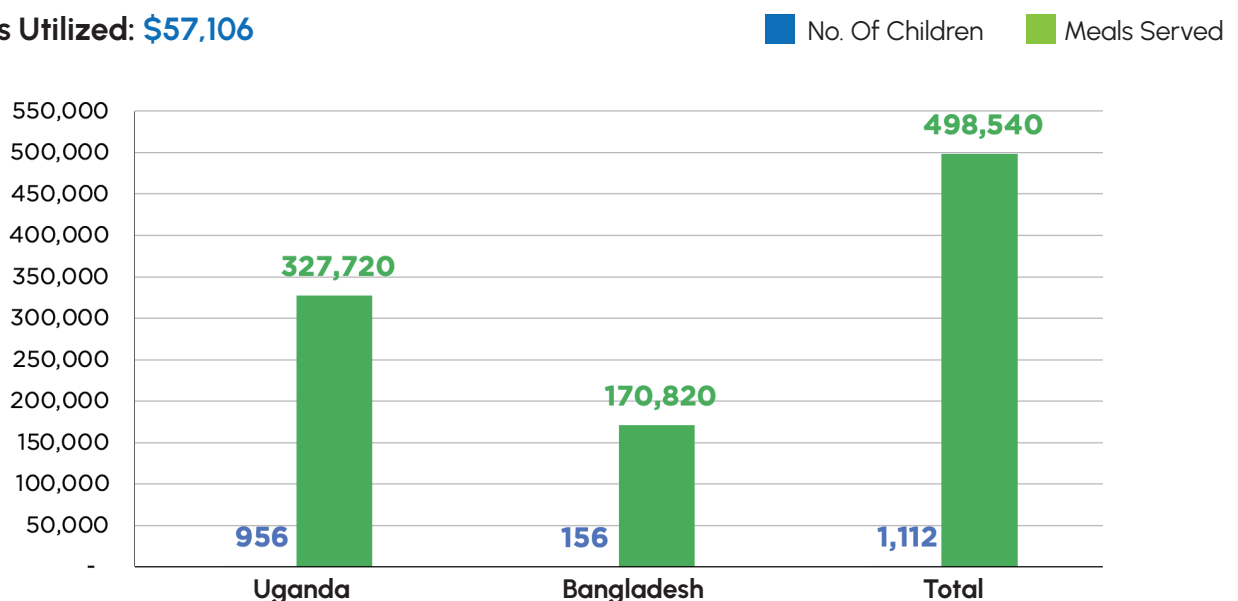
Timeline: Since this is an ongoing project from previous years, the hot meal distribution program continued from January through December 2023.

Project Activities: The project successfully addressed hunger and malnutrition among orphaned children in Uganda and Bangladesh. In Uganda, a total of 956 children were provided with essential nourishment, translating to 327,720 hot meals served. This comprehensive effort not only aimed to alleviate immediate hunger but also contributed to the overall well-being and development of the vulnerable children in the region. In Bangladesh, the project reached 156 orphaned children, providing a total of 170,820 hot meals, ensuring their nutritional needs were met. As a result, a total of 498,540 hot meals were provided through this project to 1,112 children.

Challenges Faced: Procurement of products from diverse local sources due to shortages, price hikes, and inflation.

Impact Assessment: The project profoundly and positively impacted the lives of over a thousand children facing starvation and malnutrition. The comprehensive relief program was well-received and appreciated by both governmental authorities and the general masses, showcasing the effectiveness of our mission in providing essential nourishment to those in need.

Funds Utilized: \$57,106



Emergency & Disaster Relief 2023

Overview: In response to the urgent needs arising from various disasters and emergencies, the ZamZam Foundation launched a comprehensive relief effort to assist affected communities, families, and individuals in Uganda, Bangladesh & Turkey. Whether it be earthquakes, floods, medical emergencies, or other crises, our mission remained steadfast in delivering essential aid to those facing adversity.

Timeline: Emergency relief efforts commenced throughout the year whenever needed.

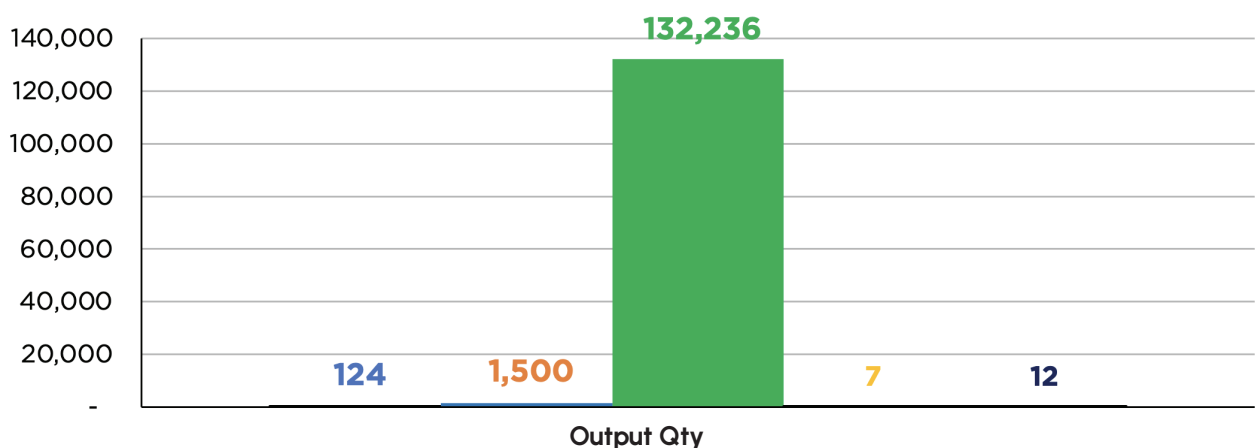
Project Activities: Our relief efforts encompass a range of activities aimed at addressing the immediate needs of affected individuals and families. In our recent response efforts, we provided critical support to communities impacted by disasters. This included giving cash assistance to 124 families to help them rebuild their lives, distributing 1,500 sets of children's clothing to ensure the comfort and well-being of young ones, and delivering 132,236 pieces of emergency supplies such as hygiene products, toiletries, and basic necessities to alleviate the hardships faced by those affected. Additionally, shelter support was extended to 7 families, offering them a safe haven amidst the chaos, while health and medical treatment were provided to 12 individuals in need, ensuring access to essential healthcare services during times of crisis.

Challenges Faced: Procurement of products from local sources due to shortages resulting from supply chain disruptions and destroyed infrastructure among areas that faced natural disasters.

Impact Assessment: The project positively affected thousands of lives in a time of dire need, which was appreciated by the governmental authorities and the general masses.

Funds Utilized: \$65,213

- Cash Assistance
- Children Cloth Distribution
- Emergency Supplies
- Shelter Support
- Health Treatments



Fighting Hunger Globally 2023

Overview: One person dies of hunger every four seconds globally, and malnutrition is a leading cause of death among children. To address the pressing issue of hunger and malnutrition in communities across Bangladesh, Uganda, Gambia, and Pakistan, the ZamZam Foundation initiated multiple vital projects under our main cause to fight hunger globally. The Food Drive & Food Basket Distribution initiatives, aimed to provide immediate relief by distributing hot meals, food baskets, and meat to those in need. As part of this project, another unique endeavor allowed compassionate donors to sponsor animals, which were then slaughtered, processed, and distributed as nourishment to communities facing adversity. Despite the challenges, the project persevered and succeeded in delivering much-needed aid to communities in need.

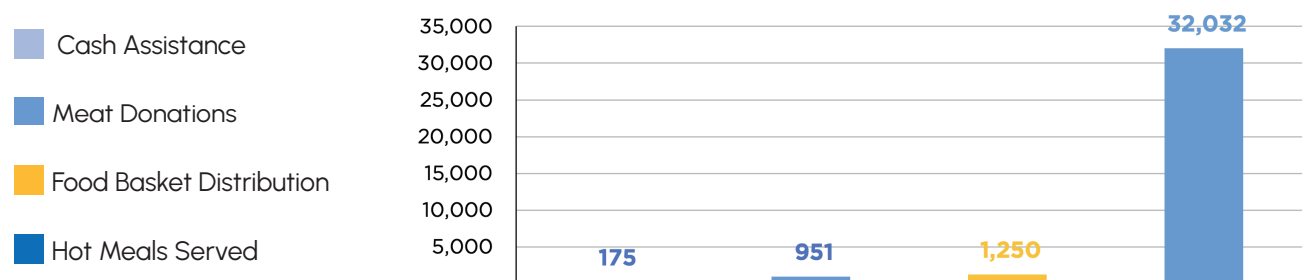
Timeline: Fighting Hunger Globally 2023 project is an on-going one and continued throughout the year 2023.

Project Activities: A total of 32,032 hot meals were distributed among communities in need in Bangladesh, Uganda, Gambia, and Pakistan. In addition, 1,250 food baskets were distributed, providing essential food supplies to families facing hardship. Fresh meat was distributed to 951 families and 175 families were served with cash assistance that covered some immediate and essential needs for them.

Challenges Faced: Procuring goods in rural areas proved particularly arduous, as the project faced shortages and price hikes in these regions.

Impact Assessment: The project had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of individuals and families who were facing dire circumstances. Through the distribution of hot meals, fresh meat, and food baskets, the project provided essential sustenance and nourishment to those who were struggling to obtain basic necessities. This relief was received with gratitude and appreciation by the local communities, who were facing significant challenges due to poverty, inflation, and other economic difficulties. Overall, the project brought hope and support to those who needed it the most, and its impact will continue to be felt for years to come with the continuation of such projects.

Funds Utilized: \$94,745



Clean Water for Life 2023

Overview: The project aimed to address the critical issue of water scarcity in impoverished areas of Bangladesh and Pakistan. As per a recent report by WHO, globally, an estimated 703 million people, constituting approximately 10% of the world's population, lack access to clean water supplies, leading to severe health consequences, including diseases like diarrhea. This initiative aimed to create sustainable access to clean water in these regions, significantly impacting the lives of those in need.

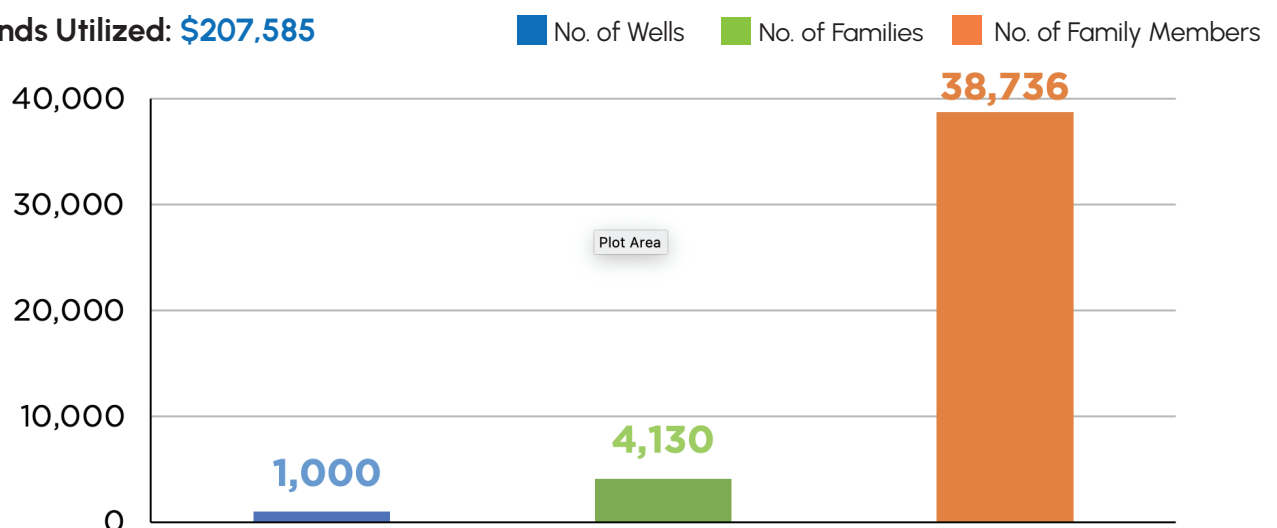
Timeline: The project started in May 2023 and is an on-going project, implementing water well installations to address water scarcity since the inception of ZamZam Foundation.

Project Activities: The project has successfully installed 1000 water wells across poor neighborhoods in Bangladesh & Pakistan (a whopping 143% increase from the number of wells installed in 2021/2022). This extensive effort has directly served 4,130 families, benefiting a total of 38,736 family members. The comprehensive budget of the project includes material costs, labor costs, transportation, and local administrative expenses, ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of the clean water installations.

Challenges Faced: While executing the project, various challenges were encountered, including logistical hurdles, ensuring the quality and durability of the water well installations, and navigating local administrative complexities. Despite these challenges, the project remained strong in its commitment to providing clean water solutions to the communities in need.

Impact Assessment: The Clean Water for Life project has made a substantial impact, not only in terms of the number of water wells installed but also in the number of people it has served. The project has directly improved the living conditions of thousands of families, positively.

Funds Utilized: \$207,585



Skill Development Program 2023

Overview: The Skill Development Program focuses on empowering individuals in remote communities in Bangladesh & Uganda through skill development in various areas and supporting education for many others. The initiative enhanced the economic independence of individuals, especially women, by providing training from raw material extraction to the creation of a diverse range of finished products, including blankets, baskets, handbags, rugs, placemats, flower vases, lamp shades, and more.

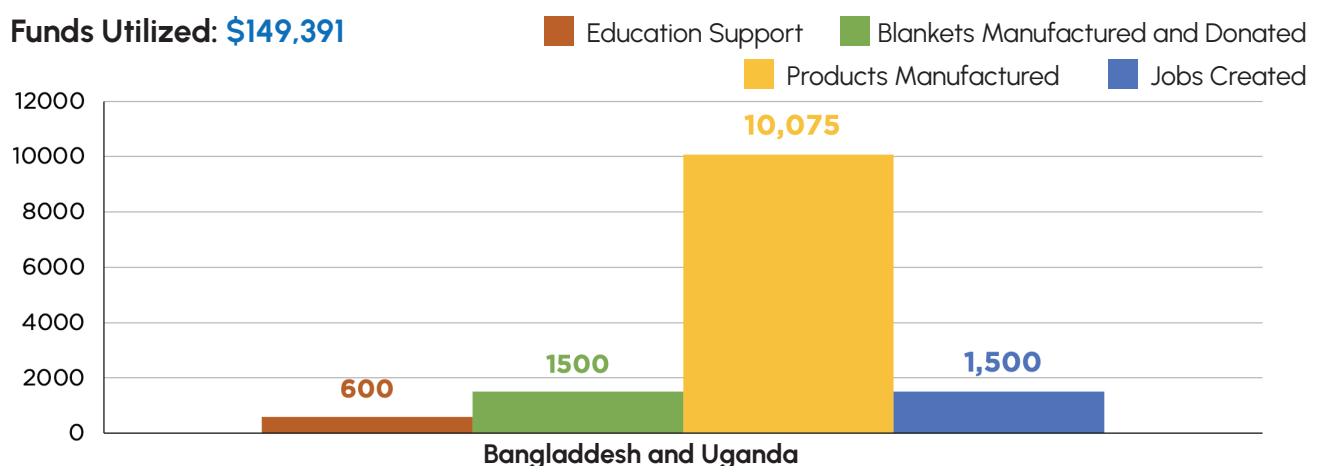
Timeline: Since this is an ongoing project from the year 2022, the skill development project continued from January through December 2023.

Project Activities: The program successfully trained a group of individuals, including women, under the guidance of experienced artisans. The participants were involved in every aspect of the production process, from raw material extraction to creating finished products. The project achieved remarkable results, manufacturing a total of 10,075 export-quality handicraft products and 1500 warm blankets. Additionally, the program supported the education of 600 refugees and created 1500 jobs for individuals, contributing to their economic empowerment.

Challenges Faced: Throughout the implementation of the projects, several challenges were encountered, including logistical considerations, ensuring the quality of the produced crafts, and addressing any barriers to the effective participation of women in the program. Despite these challenges, the project persevered, prioritizing the skill development and empowerment of communities.

Impact Assessment: The project has made a significant impact on the lives of women in district Kushtia and other refugee communities in Uganda, where we provided free education to them. The production of export-quality handicraft products not only reflects the success of the training but also contributes to the economic development of the region. By creating job opportunities for many individuals, the program has directly enhanced their financial stability.

Funds Utilized: \$149,391



Fighting Period Poverty Project 2023

Overview: The critical issue of period poverty among vulnerable populations globally prompted the initiation of this project by the ZamZam Foundation, initially it served communities in Bangladesh and Uganda and then started a thread in the US as well. To address this pressing challenge, our focus was on donating menstrual hygiene products to those in need. The project aimed to tackle the stigma surrounding menstruation, ensure access to essential hygiene products, spread awareness, and alleviate the burden faced by individuals unable to afford such products.

Timeline: As an ongoing initiative, the Fighting Period Poverty Project continued its efforts from January through December 2023, striving to reach and support as many beneficiaries as possible.

Project Activities: The project successfully addressed period poverty by distributing menstrual hygiene products to beneficiaries in Bangladesh, Uganda, and the USA. A total of 105,000 pads were distributed to 920 girls and women, ensuring that individuals facing economic hardship had access to essential menstrual hygiene supplies. In addition to providing tangible support, the project also aimed to raise awareness about menstrual health and hygiene, empowering individuals to manage their periods with dignity and confidence.

Challenges Faced: One of the main challenges encountered during this project was the procurement of menstrual hygiene products from diverse local sources. Shortages, price hikes, and inflation often presented obstacles to obtaining an adequate supply of products for distribution. Moreover, the taboo surrounding the topic among less educated communities made it difficult to set up awareness camps. However, through strategic planning and collaboration, these challenges were overcome to ensure the success of the project.

Impact Assessment: The Period Poverty Project had a profound and positive impact on the lives of thousands of individuals facing period poverty. By providing essential menstrual hygiene products, the project not only addressed immediate needs but also contributed to promoting health, dignity, and empowerment among beneficiaries.

Funds Utilized: \$82,747

