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CHILDREN OF WAR FOUNDATION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A Year of Resilience and Impact





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At the Children of War Foundation (COWF), 2024 was a year that showcased both the immense challenges faced by children caught in the crossfire of global crises and the indomitable spirit they embody. Through your generous support, we were able to continue our vital work of transforming lives through education, healthcare, and humanitarian relief. This year's report reflects on the incredible impact we achieved together, the stories of resilience that inspire us, and the path ahead as we expand our mission.



BY THE NUMBERS

Here's how your contributions directly impacted lives in 2024:

Gross Funding Contributions in 2023:

\$174,104

Gross Funding Contributions in 2024:

\$91,463.41 *(budget allocated for 2025 as of Jan 1 2025)*

Expenditures:



MENAP
Programming
Spend

\$65,787.42



Emergency
Response
Initiatives

\$23,330.00



Global Health &
Humanitarian
Outreach, COWF
Legacy Fund

\$28,714.89



Overhead &
Administrative
Costs

\$4,618.02



Fundraising
Costs

\$1,428.25

Every dollar was thoughtfully allocated to maximize impact for the children and communities we serve. From education programs to life-saving interventions, these funds reflect hope in action.



LOW ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNDRAISING COSTS **2.7% & .8%**

Ensured that donor contributions went directly to impactful programs while maintaining efficiency and transparency.



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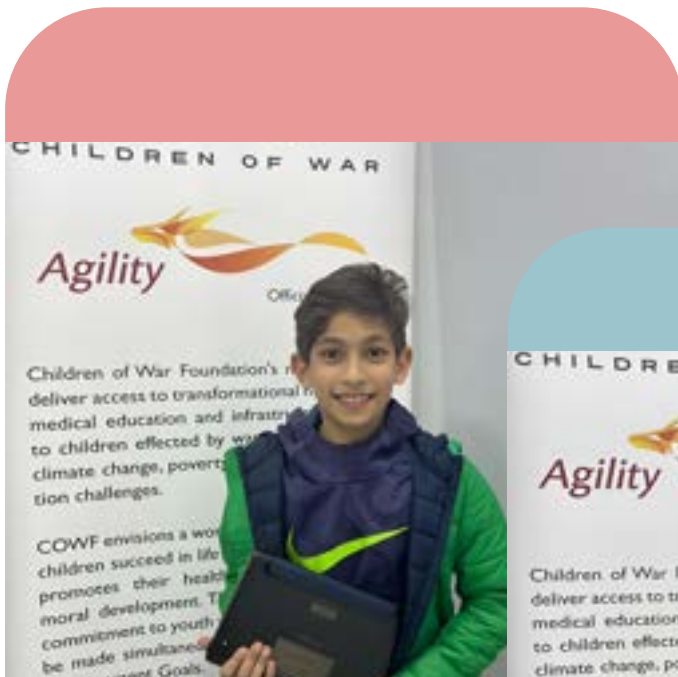


2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

Empowering Youth and Women Through Education

With generous financial support from major sponsors, including **Unique Zan Foundation** and **Agility**, our education programs have impacted children across the Middle East, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and North Africa (MENAP), helping them overcome significant challenges and barriers to learning. The effects are far reaching will resonate through generations, deeply shaping the lives of the families impacted by your support.

- **329 Students Enrolled** through our Remote Education Program, providing access to tailored, high-quality learning experiences regardless of nationality or circumstance.
- **58.7% Female Participation:** Empowering women and girls overcoming societal barriers such as early marriage and displacement.
- **Digital Literacy Training:** Each student received a toolkit including tablets, Wi-Fi access, and personalized guidance from remote tutors and field coordinators.





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A FEW STORIES OF RESILIENCE THROUGH ACCESS TO EDUCATION


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2024 saw continued devastation in conflict zones around the globe. Families fled their homes, basic infrastructures collapsed, and children bore the brunt of displacement. Despite the hardships, their resilience shone brightly.



Ator, a 13-year-old who had missed a year of schooling due to war in her home country, demonstrated extraordinary intelligence and resilience upon enrolling in the Children of War Foundation remote education program. During her placement test, she excelled beyond expectations and was placed in the 9th grade—two years ahead of her peers—despite her disrupted education. Ator’s story is a testament to the boundless potential of displaced youth. It proves that, even in the face of uncontrollable circumstances, education and determination can empower them to excel, pursue knowledge, and build successful futures wherever they may be.



Rahaf, who fled her home country two years ago, faced the daunting challenge of missing an entire year of school. Thanks to the support of the Unique Zaf Foundation, she was enrolled in a remote education cohort that helped her regain her footing. Today, Rahaf has caught up with her grade level and is determined to graduate high school. With a passion for cooking, she dreams of becoming a chef and helping feed families who are less fortunate than herself. Her resilience and compassion shine brightly as she works toward building a future where she can give back to others in meaningful ways.




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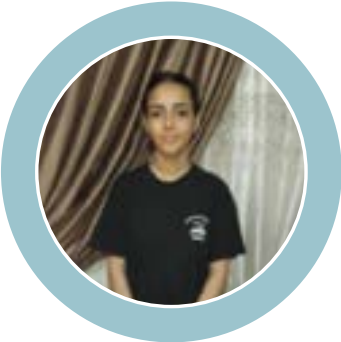
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Raghad is one of the most exceptional students to come through COWF's program. She was first introduced to COWF after being diagnosed with thalassemia, a condition that caused her to miss significant time in school. Five years ago, Raghad joined the program, gaining not only access to quality education but also critical support during her health challenges. Now at 18, she is just a year away from graduating high school—a remarkable achievement given the obstacles she has faced. Despite limited resources, years of displacement, and difficulties integrating into her community, Raghad's resilience shines through. With a deep passion for art and journalism, she continues to inspire with her determination and ambition. We are especially grateful to an anonymous donor who has generously supported Raghad's medical care for nearly four years, making a profound difference in her journey.



Lujain, a dedicated student in the 10th grade, she dreams of becoming a doctor and pursuing a life filled with purpose and positivity. As she prepares to enter the eleventh grade, her determination shines through her many ambitions, both personal and professional. With a passion for success and a heart set on making a difference, Lujain aspires not only to excel in her studies but to bring joy and hope to those around her. Her unwavering optimism and drive embody the transformative power of education and the endless possibilities that come with it. Thanks to our remote learning program she has a chance to complete high school and pursue higher education.



Fifteen-year-old Fatima Haitham Farraj began her educational journey with the remote education program after losing two years of schooling due to the war in her home country. Starting in the 6th grade, Fatima embraced the opportunity to rebuild her future. Now in the 8th grade, she has made remarkable progress and is determined to complete high school and catch up academically in the coming years. With continued support and her unwavering perseverance, Fatima is on track to achieve her goals and create a brighter future for herself. Her story is a powerful reminder of how education can restore hope and opportunity.



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Ibtehal, a 32-year-old single mother living in Jordan, is a testament to the power of education and resilience. Displaced and unable to attend traditional school, she joined our education program to learn reading, writing, and digital skills. Like many mothers in her situation, Ibtehal was forced to abandon her education, a vital opportunity often overlooked for women in similar circumstances. Through her dedication, Ibtehal has not only advanced her own learning but has also begun teaching her children, proving the transformative impact of educating women. We firmly believe that every woman deserves access to education—not only to empower herself but also to overcome challenges, educate future generations, and foster stronger families and communities.

Today, Ibtehal is working toward her dream of becoming a nurse, inspiring those around her to believe in the power of second chances and the limitless potential of education.



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Ammar, a bright and determined young boy, has faced the challenges of living with hemophilia, a condition that has caused him to miss significant amounts of school. But thanks to access to our education platform, Ammar now has the opportunity to learn wherever he is. With the flexibility and support of remote learning, he has not only caught up on his education but has become one of the top-performing students in the program. Ammar's story is a testament to the transformative power of education and how access to the right tools can unlock the potential of every child, no matter their circumstances.



Similarly, young Osama defied the odds to pass the Tawjihi (national exam), a milestone nearly impossible amidst displacement. He is now planning to study engineering, a testament to what is possible when children are given the tools to succeed.

Through education and healthcare, these individuals are writing their own futures—ones of hope and possibility.



At just 16 years old, Judy Mohamed Sabry Kseibi, faced the daunting challenge of finding quality education amidst instability. Struggling with public schooling whenever she could attend, Judy's academic journey seemed uncertain—until she enrolled in the Educational Platform. With access to tailored learning and support, her grades soared, and so did her confidence. Now brimming with hope and determination, Judy dreams of becoming a doctor, ready to heal others and transform lives, just as hers has been transformed.



Zayed, a refugee student, faced immense challenges when he arrived in Jordan. Though he was the age of a ninth-grader, the disruptions to his education placed him in the fifth grade. Struggling with the unfamiliar Jordanian curriculum, Zayed found it difficult to keep up. However, his journey took a positive turn when he received support from the COWF Remote Education Platform. With access to tailored resources and tools, Zayed's performance improved significantly. He managed to pass many of his classes and has reignited his passion for learning. Inspired by his progress, Zayed is now determined to complete his studies and pursue his dream of becoming an electronic engineer.



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Marwa, a 16-year-old who moved to Jordan with her family in search of a better life, faced significant challenges during the pandemic. Like many students, she struggled to access education, as her family lacked a television to follow the national broadcasted public schooling—the only option available for many in Jordan. When Marwa received her tablet through our program, her determination and hard work transformed her situation. With access to the platform, she not only caught up but surpassed her classmates in both scores and dedication, proving that with the right tools and opportunities, barriers can be overcome, and dreams can thrive. Marwa is preparing to complete her final year of high school and wants to apply to college.



Fahmy, a refugee student and the eldest of his siblings, faced immense challenges after losing his father. Struggling with academics and burdened by his family's circumstances, his future seemed uncertain—until he received support from the Children of War Foundation and sponsorship from Unique Zan Foundation. Joining the educational platform in 2022 as a ninth grader, Fahmy's life took a transformative turn. With continued access into 2024 to tailored resources and encouragement, he not only improved academically but also built confidence in his abilities. Now in the eleventh grade, Fahmy has successfully passed his exams and is preparing for his final year of high school. Inspired by his progress, he plans to pursue a professional diploma in automotive or mobile engineering, hoping to become self-reliant and secure a brighter future for himself and his family. His journey is a testament to the power of opportunity and resilience.



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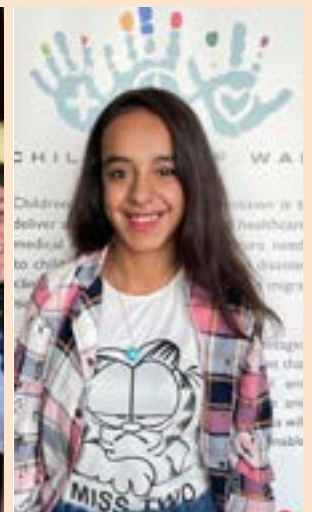
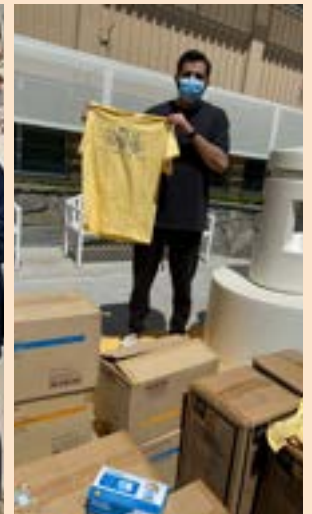
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A LEGACY OF SUPPORT

The stories of the thousands of children supported by COWF over the years illustrate the transformative power of the **COWF Legacy Fund**, which extends far beyond immediate care to ensure long-term support for those in need. From life-saving medical interventions to travel assistance, cash stipends for education, and other forms of impactful support, COWF has remained a constant source of hope and possibility for children displaced by conflict. These resources help beneficiaries overcome barriers that would otherwise limit their ability to heal, learn, and thrive as they mature into adulthood. Many of the children first served by COWF are now young adults, and they reflect the impact of our work in the ways they are shaping the communities they serve. Their journeys remind us that, even in the face of unimaginable adversity, children have the potential to overcome challenges and build meaningful futures when given the right support and care. The lives of these young people stand as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the profound impact of compassion and commitment.





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A PLACE OF HOPE: THE CHILDREN OF WAR FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF DREAMS



The **Children of War Foundation School of Dreams** has become a sanctuary for displaced children and families across the MENA region, offering them a chance to rebuild their lives through education and community. For children who have been uprooted by conflict and hardship, the school provides not only an opportunity to learn but also a safe and nurturing environment. Students walk miles on foot to attend, some arriving early in the morning to have a place to stay while their parents search for work, while others attend evening classes after long days working in farm fields. Here, they are taught to read and write in both Arabic and English, build foundational math skills, and access mentorship that fosters resilience and curiosity.

Beyond academics, the School of Dreams addresses the children's most basic needs, offering warmth and shelter in the winter, meals for those who come seeking food, and a place of joy through simple learning materials like art supplies, coloring paper, and balloons. Surrounded by livestock and farmland, the school creates a sense of community where children and families can enjoy locally grown and cultivated food, finding comfort in these small but meaningful connections. The program has transformed lives, giving children a safe space to dream, play, and learn, while helping families find stability and hope for a brighter future.

With the generous support of Agility, the **School of Dreams** has continued to serve as a guiding light for displaced child refugees. In 2024, the school provided a nurturing environment for **students aged 5 to 17**, offering not only a quality education but also a space where children could simply be children—free to learn, play, and rebuild their childhoods amidst challenging circumstances.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPACT



EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES

- **Core Subjects:** Under the guidance of Ms. Kaffa, students engaged in daily classes covering Math, English, Arabic, and Elementary Science. These structured sessions ensured a well-rounded foundation for academic growth.
- **Flexible Scheduling:** The school operated **four class sessions daily, Sunday to Thursday**, allowing consistent, focused learning tailored to the needs of each student group.



ADDITIONAL AND ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Enhanced Learning Environment:

- Installation of **overhead lighting** and a **ceiling fan** improved ventilation and comfort.
- A **new whiteboard** enhanced the teaching process, while **new stools, tablets, and notebooks** supported active learning.
- **Cushioned flooring** provided a safer, more comfortable setting for younger students.
- **Security Upgrades:** A **locking cabinet** was added to store valuable school property like tablets and projectors, ensuring their safety and minimizing transport needs.



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Community Building

- Beyond academics, the school has fostered a strong sense of community, giving children a consistent space where they can form friendships, feel secure, and regain a sense of normalcy in their lives.

Emergency Humanitarian Response

This year, emergency funds empowered swift action in critical conflict-affected regions, delivering impactful aid where it was needed most:

- Life-Saving Medical Interventions: Provided vital support to frontline clinicians with surgical equipment and trauma care supplies, directly saving the lives of children in conflict zones.
- Life-Enabling Medical Care: Delivered essential medical and surgical interventions to disadvantaged and displaced children whose conditions had previously kept them out of school, enabling them to resume their education and rebuild their futures.
- Cash Assistance: Supported over 15 displaced families with direct cash aid, offering them stability and the autonomy to secure basic necessities during times of crisis.

Your generous contributions enabled us to respond rapidly, demonstrating that even in the darkest moments, timely support can bring hope and pave the way for recovery.





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A CALL TO ACTION: JOIN US IN TRANSFORMING LIVES

Nearly half of all school-aged refugee children are estimated to be out of school. By April 2024, more than 120 million people globally were displaced, including 31.6 million refugees. Of this population, 14.8 million are school-aged — 49 percent of whom are estimated to be out of school. The scope of the challenge is immense, but with your support, we can make a difference.

Our work has always been powered by passionate volunteers, dedicated staff, and minimal resources, allowing us to maximize impact. But to reach even more children left in the shadows, we must expand.

By 2026, we are embarking on new initiatives to:

- Create scalable education solutions for displaced youth.
- Increase access to advanced medical care and recovery support.
- Strengthen emergency response funding for life-saving interventions.
- Partner with larger organizations to boost resources.
- Secure funding for program management and program development to sustain these vital efforts.

This mission cannot succeed without you. Together, we can deliver hope and opportunity to those affected by war and displacement. Your support makes transformation possible—be part of the change today.



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WHY THIS MATTERS

Although it may feel that the challenges faced by children in disadvantaged communities or conflict zones are distant and unrelated to those in secure and well-resourced parts of the world, the reality is far more interconnected.

When we think of children as the future, it becomes clear:

- Their future is our future.
- The lives they lead, the innovations they create, the world they shape—these are the realities that will influence us all.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, prosperity in one region relies on the stability and progress of others. Supporting these children today means investing in a world where we all can thrive tomorrow—a world of hope, opportunity, and shared progress.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Financial Contributions: Your donations allow us to continue providing critical support to children and families in need.
- Connections: Introduce us to potential grantors, strategic partners, and individuals or organizations passionate about making a difference.
- International Board and Board Advisory Participation: Help us build a dynamic and committed international board to guide and sustain our growth.

Will you help us transform lives and empower the next generation? By donating today, you're giving children in crisis the tools to survive and thrive.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION
CREATES CHANGE—
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HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Your partnership can directly strengthen COWF's ability to provide life-changing support to children and young adults affected by conflict. We invite you to make an impact through one of the following funding opportunities:

1. \$40,000 – Surgical Care for 40–60 Children

Help provide life-saving and life-changing surgical interventions for children who would otherwise go without care. This support covers the cost of surgeries, follow-up treatment, and essential logistics for 40–60 young patients in need.

2. \$55,000 – Program Management & Operational Support

Sustain the core infrastructure that powers all COWF initiatives. This grant supports program management, operational capacity, and donor development, ensuring we can continue delivering high-impact services to the children and families who rely on us.

3. \$80,000 – Remote Education Program (2026 Cohort Renewal)

Invest in the continuation of our Remote Education Program for the 2026 cohort. This funding provides students with access to high-quality virtual learning, mentorship, and critical educational resources, helping them remain connected to school despite instability and displacement.

4. \$155,000 – MENA Regional Program Support

Support COWF's comprehensive programming across the MENA region, including:

- Medical Assistance
- COWF School of Dreams
- COWF Remote Education Program

This investment strengthens all three pillars and expands our reach to the most vulnerable children in the region.

DONATE NOW

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HELP FUND OUR LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAMS FOR 2026.

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Thank you for standing with us, THE CHILDREN OF WAR FOUNDATION TEAM

