

# **ORPHAN CARE**

# ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Thank you very much for supporting Islamic Relief's Orphan Sponsorship Programme and for making a difference.

Please find attached your sponsored Orphan's Annual Report for 2022/2023. We hope you are pleased to see how your donations have helped support your sponsored orphan this past year.

Without your generous support many orphans and children would continue to suffer daily. You have brought a wonderful improvement to your orphan's circumstances throughout your sponsorship period.

## Salma

#### **About Salma**

Salma is a cheerful 14 year old girl whose father died in 2015. Her mother, Salam Mustafa Al Qarhany, is taking care of her along with her 4 siblings.

Salma sometimes has the responsibility of looking after other children at home. Salma likes to play card games, cycling and photography. In the future, Salma would like to be a doctor.

Salma's diet typically includes potato although her favourite food is fish.

### Salma's Home

Salma lives in a rented house made from stone, which is in average condition.

The house has a gas supply that meets the basic needs of her and her family and there is a limited water supply which does not meet family needs. There are adequate sanitation facilities available and the electricity supply is unreliable and does not meet family needs.

Salma's family do not own any land. The family do not own any livestock.

### Salma's Education

Salma goes to primary school where she is making satisfactory progress. Reports show that her attendance is good.

Salma walks to school and it takes her about 15 minutes. She receives religious education as is common in the community.

Salma's favourite subject is arts and her least favourite subject is social studies!

#### Salma's Health

Salma is in good general health for her age and she is generally fit.

Salma's nearest doctor is less than an hour away and she visits the doctor every year for a medical checkup.

In case of an emergency, the nearest hospital is less than an hour away.

**Orphan Officer's Statement** 

Due to sanitary issues, Salma and her family relocated from one house to another. She lives in an average condition rented house of rent with her mother, brothers, sisters, and stepfather. The house is in an unsafe neighborhood, which causes problems from time to time. Salma transferred to another school for better education and less transportation cost. Salma did not pass the sixth grade, however, after transferring to another school she was able to compensate some subjects, so she got promoted to seventh grade. She also requires a tutor, but the family cannot afford because of poverty. She spends her time in school, then studies her lessons, watches TV with her sisters, and plays with them. She is a cheerful and outgoing person. She wishes to be a doctor. Her family is burdened by high living expenses, difficult economic conditions, and high prices. Clothing, food, stationery, school supplies, and other monthly expenses are difficult for the mother to secure for her children. The financial and economic situation is dire. She has a problem in her spin; an X-ray was taken, but she is unable to go to the doctor due to financial constraints. The sponsorship had a positive impact on the family, and it is now used to secure the needs of the children, especially in light of the economic crisis. The family has extended a Free water line, provided by a charitable association and they have a shared water tank with the neighbors. Not to mention they have to buy water so they can drink from it considering their water is unclean. The family considers the sponsorship as their primary source of income with the stepfather's income who is a daily worker and his income is low. They were able to secure some of their basic needs and live in dignity as a result of the sponsorship, and they hope that it will continue. Salma and her family are very thankful for your generous offer and they wish him the best of success in your future endeavors.

Sara Sahrawi Orphan Officer – Lebanon