

# IMPACT REPORT

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"Together for  
a Better  
Tomorrow"

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# LOOKING BACK

“ I am thrilled to present our 3rd impact report which is a consolidation of significant changes in the lives of the marginalised population that Miles2Smile has been working with. The report synthesises major achievements of our programmes carried out during January 2023 to June 2023, in the areas of education, healthcare, relief & rehabilitation, livelihoods, skill development, and emergency relief. It is a work that requires initiative, innovation and real determination. In this report you will read several field-stories of hope & transformation.

During the period, we also responded effectively to the deadliest earthquakes in Turkiye & Syria through the provision of essential relief materials and working closely with the state and national government teams in these efforts.

In Bihar, this year too, we continued to strengthen our

impact through our transformative livelihood rebuilding assistance program 'Ummeed'. We provided life-saving aid to a total of 100 individuals and successfully rebuilt businesses in Siwan, Darbhanga, and Bihar Sharif after communal violence.

This being our third report of this nature, is a beginning of an onward journey to hold ourselves accountable in ensuring a dignified life for our programs' participants that fulfil their human potential and fundamental right to life with dignity. We will continue to produce similar reports for deeper engagement, dialogue and collaboration to build a better future for our communities.

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**Aasif Mujtaba**

*Founder & CEO*

*Miles2Smile Foundation*



# **R**elief & Rehabilitation

## TURKIYE RELIEF WORK (8 FEB - 31 MARCH) EXTENDING A HELPING HAND TO TURKIYE AND SYRIA DURING EARTHQUAKE CRISIS

Several earthquakes of magnitude 7.8, 7.7, 4.4, and 5.6 shook the Central & Southeastern regions of Türkiye, near the border with Syria on February 6, 2023, at around 04:17 AM (01:17 UTC), causing major upheavals mainly in the cities of Gaziantep, Killis, Diyarbakir, Hatay, Aleppo, Hama, Latakia, and Tartus. These natural disasters brought immense tragedy, affecting thousands of lives, leaving behind shattered homes, and mourning communities.

**A Call to Action:** Upon learning about the catastrophe, Miles2Smile swiftly activated a fundraising campaign on February 8, 2023, to extend support to the affected families, particularly women and children, who bore the brunt of the calamity. The response we received from all corners of India was overwhelming and inspiring. In just four days, more than 1,100 donors contributed a total of 20 lakhs towards our relief efforts.

**Partnerships that Strengthened our Impact:** We are deeply grateful to our volunteer groups and local partners – MEEM Foundation, Fatima Charitable Trust, Forever Muslim, Project Rahee, and Project UMEED – who joined hands with us, reinforcing our relief response. Their unwavering commitment allowed us to channel the collective strength of our organisations towards providing aid to the affected regions.

**Urgent Relief Dispatch:** Understanding the urgency of the situation, we swiftly dispatched two rounds of relief aid, coordinated with the Turkish Embassy in Delhi. Each slot consisted of four trucks laden with essential relief items to meet the increasing demands in the quake-hit regions.

**Resource Allocation and Relief Supplies:** On February 13, 2023, our first relief consignment included crucial supplies, such as sanitary pads, baby diapers, woollen overcoats, snow boots, baby feeder bottles, blankets, kids' clothes, woollen mats, baby food, warm clothes for women and men, tents, flexible chairs, and sleeping bags suitable for cold temperatures.

On February 15, 2023, we dispatched another set of relief supplies, including thermal tents, inflatable pillows, long overcoats, folding chairs, blankets, sanitary pads, baby diapers, unisex boots, and sleeping bags.

**Dedicated Teams Working Day and Night:** Throughout these two weeks, our teams worked tirelessly, day and night, with utmost dedication. Our focus revolved around two main workstreams:

- 1. Spreading Awareness and Fundraising:** Our team urgently launched and spread our fundraising campaigns, rallying individuals and local organisations to join our cause. The collective efforts of our community of supporters were instrumental in helping us mobilise relief efforts and achieve our target donations.
- 2. Efficient Coordination:** We maintained constant communication with the Embassy Officials to identify the most pressing and impactful short-term needs of the affected communities. This streamlined approach allowed us to allocate our resources where they were needed the most.



## DISASTER RESPONSE IN TURKIYE & SYRIA

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metric tonnes of emergency relief containing tents, thermal mattresses, blankets, clothing, sanitary napkins, baby diapers, baby food, long overcoats, snow boots, flexible chairs, sleeping bags, towels, inflatable pillows worth **Rs 21.74 lakhs** were dispatched to affected families.

Miles2Smile's work around immediate relief and rehabilitation of communities affected by natural and man made disasters are directed towards helping disaster affected people build their capacity to cope with and recover from disasters. The response particularly covers aspects like shelter, food and nutrition, livelihoods, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), and gender in emergencies.



### PRESS RELEASE:

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/02/18/miles2smile-joins-hands-with-local-ngos-for-turkiye-syria-earthquake-relief-operation/>

### VIDEOS:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_00Qb\\_TgzU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_00Qb_TgzU)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARKvirEj3FU>

### REPORT:

<https://miles2smile.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Turkey-Syria-Relief-report.pdf>

### DONATE:

<https://donate.miles2smile.org/disaster-emergency-relief.php/>

A man with a mustache, wearing a light blue shirt, sits amidst a large pile of rubble and debris. He is looking down with a somber expression. The background shows the remains of a brick wall, suggesting a scene of destruction. The overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and poignant atmosphere.

## RELIEF & REHABILITATION OF COMMUNAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN BIHARSHARIF

Miles2smile, with the help of our donors and our teams' combined efforts in response to the communal violence that shattered the streets of Bihar Sharif, Nalanda, during the Ram Navami procession in April 2023 tried to bring back the smiles of the tormented muslims. The aftermath of the riots left behind a trail of devastation, despair, and shattered dreams, particularly affecting the lives of the Muslim community.

**A Tale of Tragedy and Resilience:** Bihar Sharif, a town known for its vibrant culture and religious diversity, bore the brunt of hate and bigotry during what was meant to be a joyous occasion. The riots, fueled by a sinister agenda, engulfed the town in flames of violence and targeted aggression against innocent lives, homes, businesses, and religious spaces. Our team was deeply moved by the sense of loss and trauma endured by the Muslim community. We witnessed the destruction of the revered Madrasa Azizia, a symbol of knowledge and heritage, as well as the profound impact of the communal clashes on families and livelihoods.

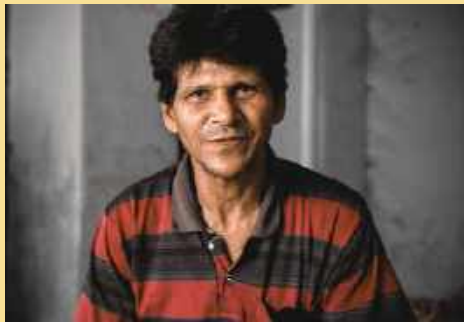
**Emergency Relief and Support:** Moved by the urgency of the situation, Miles2Smile launched a comprehensive relief and rehabilitation initiative to address the immediate needs of the affected families. With the support of our local volunteers, we identified around 30 families who were detained on false charges or lost their livelihoods as daily wage earners.

In the spirit of compassion and solidarity, we extended a helping hand, providing a month's ration amounting to Rs 83,664 to support these families during their darkest hour. Our team spent around 3 days in each visit, engaging with the victims and listening to their stories, ensuring that they felt heard and supported during their time of distress.

**Rebuilding Businesses and Restoring Hope:** Actively engaging with the community, we instilled confidence among the victims, showing them that hope could triumph over hate. We worked tirelessly to restore the affected businesses, ensuring that the victims were not left to fend for themselves. By helping them rebuild their livelihoods, we aimed to send a powerful message that solidarity and unity can overcome the forces of division and hatred.

**A Journey of Healing and Unity:** Throughout this journey of healing and unity, Miles2Smile stood by the affected families, providing not just material support, but also emotional comfort and solidarity. Our commitment to creating a brighter future for the victims of hate and violence guided our every step.

**Investing in Resilience and Transformation:** As we concluded this work, we were humbled by the profound impact that our relief and rehabilitation efforts have had on the lives of those affected. We remain committed to continuing our support to distressed communities.



**1 Smile Project**



**432 Smile Hours**



**2764 Miles Covered**



**70 Smiles Restored**

**VIDEOS:**

[https://youtu.be/MU4Q\\_50aMm4](https://youtu.be/MU4Q_50aMm4)

<https://youtu.be/gqRRidMc-U8U>

<https://youtu.be/UUCXrRqKkFc>

<https://youtu.be/2yi2qNAimRY>

<https://youtu.be/Oe2glc3Fgll>

[https://youtu.be/8\\_kL1KaCPNk](https://youtu.be/8_kL1KaCPNk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak83xRpRjU0>

**DONATE:**

<https://donate.miles2smile.org/relief-rehabilitation-of-victims-of-communal-violence.php/>



# SMILE STORY

## Building Resilience

On a peaceful Friday afternoon, Jamaluddin's life turned upside down. His vegetable business, which he had been running for years to support his family, was vandalised and burnt down by Hindu Militants during the Ram Navami Shobha Yatra in Bihar Sharif, Nalanda.

This is not an isolated incident but part of a distressing pattern of violence targeting Muslims during the Hindu festivals. From March 31 to April 1, 2023, several districts including Rohtas, Nalanda, Bhagalpur, Gaya, and Muzaffarpur were engulfed in turmoil. Perpetrators, chanting "Jai Shri Ram," hurled petrol bombs at Muslim shops, fueling an atmosphere of absolute anarchy.

During the violence, Jamaluddin reported a significant loss which included his five carts. Jamaluddin and his sons made a meagre income by selling vegetables and fruits near the Murarpur Mosque Compound. The carts that they relied on to transport and sell their produce were reduced to charred remnants, along with all their vegetables worth thousands of rupees.

Jamaluddin was devastated not knowing from where he would feed his family. When Miles2Smile visited the violence-affected area, he met us and recounted his harrowing experiences. Miles2Smile responded swiftly to provide him with an initial capital to kickstart his business.

# UMMEED

LIVELIHOOD REBUILDING ASSISTANCE

## Driving Towards Success

After the 2020 Delhi Pogrom, **Saleem's** life took a dramatic turn leaving him and his family homeless, and without a stable source of income. During the pandemic, in our relief & rehabilitation work, we helped Saleem get back on his feet by providing him with safe rented accommodation and assisting him in running a grocery shop. However, his earnings through the grocery shop barely covered his expenses. Following that, undeterred Salim started driving a rented auto rickshaw with a hope to increase his earnings.

Salim usually would start his day early at 5:30 AM to get more passengers for his rickshaw. Then at 8:30, he would drop off his children at school and drive his rickshaw till 2 PM before heading home. Thereafter, having lunch and a little rest, he would again go and drive his rickshaw till 9:30 PM before calling it a day. With the rented rickshaw, despite his hard work and dedication, Salim could only earn a maximum of Rs 1000 on a good business day, while his daily earnings ranged between Rs 400-800. Out

of which, Salim had to spend Rs 400 on CNG. There were times when he could only manage to bring home Rs 200-300 a day. Additionally, his monthly rental charges for his house amounted to Rs 4000 and about 5000 he would spend on groceries each month.

**“There is too much hard work, with too much competition”,** Saleem.

On days when Saleem would work too late, he had no other option but to sleep in the open, either in his rickshaw or in a nearby garage.

Salim's wife's recurring health issues also added to his financial burden, leaving him anxious about the future of his children. He had to spend a major part of his income on her treatment. Last year, he had to get medical treatment for his wife twice in private hospitals, which ended up costing him about Rs 18,000. As his savings were sparse, he was tense about his daughter's marriage.

On some days, the feeling of having little to no money in his pocket made him feel increasingly anxious and stressed. The persistent financial insecurity took a heavy toll on Salim's mental wellbeing. Salim is a victim of 2020 Northeast Delhi violence. The thoughts of experiencing another unforeseen calamity like the one he endured, deeply affects Saleem.

**"I am at God's mercy now after losing my salon in the riot,"** says Salim.

Unable to control his sobs, he conceded that it would make his economic situation better to have his own rickshaw since he wouldn't have to pay the rent.

### Having his own Auto Rickshaw was all Salim wished for

Like every other parent, he too wished that his children get a good education. It is for them that he works from early morning till late in the night. If given a little support, Salim can pay an initial amount for purchasing his own auto rickshaw and rest he can pay through EMIs.

### Miles2Smile fulfilled Saleem's wish

We initiated a fundraiser last month to seek support from generous minds to help Salim buy his own rickshaw. And with your help, we were able to do so. Since then, he has been able to save enough and the entire family is happy.

It was heartwarming to see the impact our collective effort had on his life. Saleem was beaming with joy and sense of relief, after receiving the tremendous love and support from the kind-hearted donors. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this cause.

#### **PRESS RELEASE:**

<https://stories.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/04/10/driving-towards-success/>

#### **VIDEO:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SWHxm1Bdt4>

#### **DONATE:**

<https://donate.miles2smile.org/sustainable-livelihood.php/>



# EDUCATION

## SHAAGIRD

**“Education is the great equalizer.  
It provides hope and opportunity  
for those who have been left  
behind”** *Malala Yousafzai*

In our pursuit to fight hatred, violence, and socio-economic disparity, we acknowledge the immense impact on children who are the most vulnerable in such situations. Families struggling for basic necessities find it even harder to provide a quality education for their children. Shagird aims to be a catalyst of change by taking up the colossal responsibility of mentoring underprivileged children, including those orphaned in communal violence, other victims of violence, and economically backward children.

Inspired by the vision of Kulsum Sayani, an inspirational pioneer worker in adult literacy in India, who advocated the slogan “each one teach one,” Shagird aspires to have a million mentors who will contribute to the education and skill development of a million children, nurturing a brighter future for them.

**VIDEO:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vf8DJYFvxE>

**DONATE:** <https://donate.miles2smile.org/education-of-victims-of-communal-violence.php/>

# SUNRISE PUBLIC SCHOOL LONI, GHAZIABAD

Sunrise Public School is a school situated in Loni, Ghaziabad, established under the benevolent 'Miles2Smile' & 'Shaagird' Foundation. Originally founded to provide relief to the victims of the North-East Delhi Pogrom in 2020, the school has since expanded its reach to include orphans, underprivileged, and marginalized children. Our heartfelt efforts have successfully reintegrated over 450 disadvantaged students into the classrooms.

To nurture the individual interests and aspirations of our students, we offer access to engaging programs. Throughout the year, the school organizes various activities and competitions, providing a platform for students to explore and enhance their true potential. Be it sports, cultural events, or literary pursuits, we strive for 100% participation from our students.

**Over the past year, the school has evolved into a centre of excellence, boasting a team of 16 dedicated teachers serving our 450+ students. Our robust instructional and educational program places special emphasis on reading and writing workshops while fostering competency across various subjects, including science, social science, and languages.**



## **VIDEO:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r6ToE-4p2iA>

# SMART INDIA SCHOOL KHARGONE, MADHYA PRADESH

Devastating and long-lasting, violence on children bears a direct influence on their psychological and social development, shaping their perception of the future and their place in the world. This influence, in turn, gives rise to numerous challenges, such as education barriers, diminished hope, and a lack of self-confidence.

Such was the case following the communal clashes in Khargone & Sendhwa on April 10, 2022. Many innocent children suffered major losses in the aftermath of the violence, losing their sources of income or being left without a home. Recognizing the urgency of addressing these issues, Miles2Smile took the initiative to collaborate with Smart India School under their program 'Shaagird'. This innovative initiative by Miles2Smile Foundation pledges to provide free education to 30 children who are victims of communal violence in Khargone.

Smart India School is dedicated to offering access to quality education, essential resources, and a supportive network of caring adults, fostering these children to become empowered members of society. The school's safe and secure learning environment, along with highly trained faculty, ensures that these children receive the same educational opportunities as any other student.

With this collaboration, the children have the opportunity to cultivate a sense of self-efficacy, empowering them to take charge of their own lives and future careers. Moreover, they are provided with the best possible chance to lead a life free from the trauma, pain, and distress caused by the violence they experienced.

# LEARNING CENTERS

In the 10 Rohingya Refugee Camps, situated across Shahpur Nangli, Ferozpur Namak, Chandeni, Saddik Nagar, and Punhana, more than 300 children are residing.

Currently, we are operating three portable learning centers in the Nuh settlement, with a special focus on providing English language education to the Rohingya children. Additionally, they are receiving instruction in general knowledge, Mathematics, English, and Science.

- 1. Fatima-al-Fihri learning center**
- 2. Fatima Sheikh learning center**
- 3. Kulsum Sayani learning center**

These centers, namely Fatima-al-Fihri learning center, Fatima Sheikh learning center, and Kulsum Sayani learning center, are pivotal in

our efforts to ensure that the children not only receive education but also find solace from the challenges they encounter in their daily lives through play-based learning activities.

**With approximately 100 Rohingya children already enrolled, our aim is to expand these centers further and open doors for as many children as possible. Our organization is committed to enhancing educational opportunities and making a positive impact on the lives of these children.**

**VIDEO:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfFRlueYRGU>

# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2022-23

**Celebrating Unity and Discipline:** Sports and games play a pivotal role in the holistic development of children. They instil qualities of discipline, sportsmanship, team spirit, and leadership, while also contributing to their physical and mental growth. Our annual sports day at Sunrise Public School, held on 14th February '23, was a joyous occasion filled with fun, enthusiasm, and life lessons.

The day began with an energetic performance by pre-primary kids, mesmerising the audience with their rhythmical movements. Proud parents filled with happiness witnessed their children's spirited performances.

The sporting activities commenced with the release of balloons by the Principal, Mr. Mohammad Danish, followed by morning prayers and an oath-taking ceremony by students of grades I to VIII. The day witnessed fun races, Pom-pom Calisthenic drills, and competitions for various grades, showcasing the children's enthusiasm and athletic talents.

The event also witnessed the enthusiastic participation of teachers, proving that age is no barrier for running and winning on the tracks. The Tug-o-War, an inter-house event, displayed the students' team spirit and camaraderie.

**Promoting Equality and Encouraging Participation:** Our Principal, Mr. Mohammad Danish, emphasised the importance of participation and how it is the spirit of involvement that truly matters. He congratulated all the teams, teachers, and admin staff for a successful afternoon, fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouragement for every child.

The Sports Day was a testament to the diverse range of energetic and bouncy sports events, ranging from Lemon race, Cricket, Kho-kho, Tug of War, 50m race, Head balloon race, to Hoola Hoops. Our Principal, along with school staff and parents, raised the morale of the students, while emphasising the significance of sports in a child's life.

**Celebrating Achievement and Unity:** The day concluded with the National Anthem and the awarding of medals and certificates to the winners across various sports events. Approximately 200 students participated in this year's annual sports day, with around 50 medals presented to the deserving winners.

**A Brighter Future Together:** We are immensely proud of the impact that Shagird and our annual sports day have had on these young minds. Through your support and the dedication of our team, we are shaping a future where every child, regardless of their circumstances, can dream big and achieve their full potential.

**PRESS RELEASE:** <https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/02/16/annual-sports-day-2022-23-was-a-lot-of-fun-and-frolic/>



# THE ANNUAL DAY FUNCTION

The Annual Day function was organised by Miles2Smile at Sunrise Public School on Saturday, March 04, 2023. This event was a celebration of the diverse talents of the students and a testament to the power of education and mentorship in transforming lives.



**A Day of Inspiration and Celebration:** The Annual Day Program commenced with a beautiful Qirat recitation by a talented girl student, setting the tone for the day's festivities. Mr. Danish Khan, the Principal of Sunrise Public School, welcomed all the dignitaries and esteemed Guest of Honor, Mr. Umar Majeed, research scholar & COO of the Hunar Academy, with warmth and gratitude.

**Acknowledging Academic Excellence and Talent:** Mr. Umar Majeed lauded the efforts of the school and Miles2Smile foundation in providing quality education to children affected by violence and those from underprivileged families. He shared words of advice and appreciation with the parents, inspiring them to support their children's journey of growth and learning. During the event, the meritorious students were recognized and rewarded for their academic excellence and achievements in extracurricular areas. Additionally, the hardworking teachers received tokens of appreciation for their dedication and commitment to nurturing the students' talents. Mr. Umar presented these awards, motivating both students and teachers to strive for excellence.

**A Proud Moment for Miles2Smile:** Mr. Aasif Mujtaba, Founder & Director of Miles2Smile foundation, expressed immense pride in the students' achievements and the teachers' efforts in nurturing their talents. He reiterated the organisation's commitment to providing education and skill-building opportunities to underprivileged children, ensuring a brighter future for them.

### A Platform for Artistic Expressions:

The Annual Day event featured a variety of performances that included artistic expressions, scripted plays, fancy dresses, singing, dancing, and mime. The event allowed students to come together and showcase their natural talents. The audience was treated to a spectacular performance, and as they took it all in, they showed their appreciation by nodding their heads and beaming from ear to ear. This caused the arena to reverberate with thunderous applause.



### Empowering Through Education:

This Annual Day function was not just a celebration of talent, but also a reaffirmation of our commitment to empowering underprivileged children through education. With your unwavering support and the dedication of our team, we continue to strive towards creating a better future for these young minds.



### A Journey Towards Excellence:

The program culminated with the National Anthem, filled with great hopes and happiness. The vote of thanks, proposed by the two senior teaching staff, Ms. Gulnaaz and Mr. Ishlamuddin, expressed gratitude to all who made the event a success.

### VIDEOS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPud2xgw2hU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nstLoiw9g1M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKY6QbgaSYM>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66g\\_bZL1UV8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66g_bZL1UV8)

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### PRESS RELEASE:

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/03/06/miles2smile-organizes-annual-day-2022-23-at-sunrise-public-school/>

# SMILE STORY

## MY MOTHER IS MY HERO

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**If I study well and get a good job,  
she will not have to work**

So eager is this little girl to ease the burden of her mother that she has already promised to work very hard and she does so. She goes to school every day and finishes all her work on time. Nasra's father passed away when she was only 2, leaving it for her mother to shoulder the responsibility of raising their three children. She has a brother Rehan, younger than her and two elder sisters in her family. Her mother along with her sisters weave beautiful bags, belts and other home decor with fabric, pearls and sequins. They work hard to bring in money for the family, but on some days when the demand is low, it causes them severe disappointment.

Her family however learned to adjust to whatever they had. "My mother would often tell me that we cannot have all that we wish for and it is okay," says Nasra.

In spite of the many challenges and difficulties the family faces daily, her mother knows that providing her children with a quality education is the only option for the family to escape the cycle of poverty and lead a better life.



Nasra says her favourite play activity is skipping rope. She is the most adorable girl in her class. She aspires to make her career in sports. Nasra is lively and a happy-go-lucky child despite her family battling many challenges in life.

### SMILE STORY

<https://stories.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/02/04/my-mother-is-my-hero/>

We enrolled Nasra at our relief school only this year. It was through her friends that her mother learnt about the school being run by 'Shaagird' and 'Miles2Smile' foundation.

Nasra was initially very shy and reserved but she is now growing confident with continued support from her teachers. Apart from conventional education, her teachers focus on interactive and creative exercises to engage students and make learning a fun experience.

# TALEEM

Focusing on supporting madrasas for the underprivileged Muslim children, Project 'Taleem' is closest to our hearts.

Our goal is to transform these educational institutions by providing them with the infrastructure, curriculum enhancement, and loving support necessary to nurture the minds and hearts of these young learners.

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## MADARSA MIFTAHUL QURAN, SHIV VIHAR

We are proud to highlight our significant contributions to the Madarsa Miftahul Quran in Shiv Vihar, Delhi, as part of Project Taleem. We currently have 60 kids enrolled in this Madarsa.

When we first encountered the Madarsa, it was in a desolate state due to the violent attack it faced during the Northeast Delhi pogrom. Recognizing the challenges faced by the Madarsa and its students, we embarked on a comprehensive intervention to improve its infrastructural facilities. It came to our attention that the students lacked access to essential resources, including clean drinking water and quality educational and informative books, which hindered their learning and knowledge acquisition.

To enhance the living conditions of the resident students, we provided durable and comfortable beddings, long-lasting sets of kurta pajamas, and 25 high-quality warm blankets to help them cope with the cold winters. Additionally, we installed four well-built wooden racks to ensure the students could keep their belongings safe and organized.

Sports equipment and utensils were also provided to encourage physical activity and practical skills.

We expanded the educational curriculum for the students beyond Quran memorization, allocating 6 to 7 hours a day for learning English, Mathematics, Urdu, and Science. This broader approach aims to equip the students with a well-rounded education and empower them with knowledge beyond religious studies.

The Miles2Smile Foundation remains committed to supporting educational institutions like Madarsa Miftahul Quran and making a positive impact on the lives of its students.



## **MADARSA IMAM-UL-BUKHARI, NUH HARYANA**

In the Rohingya settlement of Nuh, Haryana, Miles2Smile is actively engaged in its project "Taleem," where we operate the esteemed madrasa Imam-ul-Bukhari. 30 Rohingya children are enrolled in this Madarsa. Understanding the significance of holistic development, we have not only focused on academics but also on sports and recreation. With this in mind, we have provided sports equipment, including badminton sets and cricket gear, enabling the children to engage in physical activities that foster teamwork and health.

## **MADARSA TALEEM-UL-QURAN NUH HARYANA**

Madarsa Taleem-ul-Quran, located in Chandeni 1 Rohingya settlement in Nuh, currently serves a total of 60 Rohingya children. The primary focus of this institution lies in instilling Quranic knowledge, with the young students dedicating a significant part of their day to memorizing the Quran. The dedicated teachers at the madarsa are chosen from within the community itself, ensuring a sense of familiarity and cultural understanding.

# AWARD CEREMONY ON HIFZ ‘COMPLETION’ AT MADARSA MIFTAHUL QURAN

The Hifz completion ceremony held on January 26, 2023, at Madarsa Miftahul Quran, and the progress of our project ‘Taleem’, dedicated to uplifting underprivileged Muslim children studying in madrasas.

- **A Celebration of Dedication:**

The Hifz completion ceremony was a momentous occasion for the students who had committed themselves to memorising the entire Quran. Dressed in traditional Islamic attire, they were felicitated with certificates of achievement and prizes. The ceremony was graced by parents, friends, and community leaders, who joined in the celebration of the students’ hard work and dedication.

- **Miles2Smile’s Commitment:**

Miles2Smile’s Founder & Director, Mr. Aasif Mujtaba, also attended the ceremony, reminding the young Hafiz students that memorising the Quran is just the beginning of a lifelong pursuit of knowledge and understanding. The event showcased the dedication of Miles2Smile to empowering the underprivileged through education.

- **A Message of Encouragement:**

During the ceremony, esteemed teachers, imams, and community leaders delivered inspiring speeches, applauding the students’ efforts and encouraging them to continue their journey of learning and spiritual growth.

- **Transforming Madarsa Education:**

Madarsa Miftahul Quran faced immense challenges after being attacked during the Northeast Delhi pogrom. Miles2Smile Foundation swiftly stepped in to rescue and support its resident students, providing them safe housing and transportation back to their homes. To improve the infrastructure, we donated several hundred textbooks of English, Hindi, and math, specifically curated for the students. We also ensured comfortable and durable bedding, high-quality warm blankets to combat the chilly winters, and well-built wooden racks for secure storage. We equipped the madrasa with sports equipment, utensils, and installed a water purifier to ensure clean drinking water.

- **Empowering Through**

**Education:** Madarsa Miftahul Quran focuses on both Quran memorization and comprehensive learning, including English, Mathematics, Urdu, and Science. Through Project ‘Taleem’, Miles2Smile aims to raise the standard of madrasas and provide students with all-round development opportunities.

- **Project Goals:**

1. **Analyzing Madrasas:** We are compiling a comprehensive database of madrasas within our reach and closely assessing their condition in terms of education, infrastructure, and facilities.
2. **Supporting Every Child:** Our aim is to provide unwavering support and love to each child studying in the madrasas, ensuring their overall development.
3. **Enhancing Curriculum:** We encourage madrasas to incorporate English, computer education, and sporting activities into their curriculum.

**Together, We Transform Lives:** With your continued support and the dedicated efforts of our team, Miles2Smile Foundation is making a profound impact on the lives of underprivileged Muslim children. We envision a future where education becomes a powerful tool for empowerment and change.



## VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvQ2CUKXC4>

## PRESS RELEASE:

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/03/18/award-ceremony-on-hifz-completion-at-madarsa-miftahul-quran/>

## SMILE STORIES:

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<https://stories.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/02/08/glitter-of-hope/>

## DONATE:

<https://donate.miles2smile.org/sponsor-a-hafiz.php/>

# SMILE STORY

## TALENT RESIDES EVERYWHERE, OPPORTUNITY DOESN'T

Of the most valuable things we can give our children is the gift of education, and what better way than to give decent Islamic education? However, many young boys don't receive a quality religious education.

**Mohammad Nabi**, Hailing from such a perspective, where he lost his father at the tender age of three, along with his brother and one elder sister. The bereaved young boy was left miserable with his widowed mother, as they left their homeland in Myanmar. For the past few years, these vulnerable mother-son duo were relying on the assistance and provisions given to them by others. "Often, my mother would emotionally collapse, which started deteriorating her health badly. There was no one to look after our needs," says Nabi.

However, Mohammad Nabi grew up to be a very intelligent and enthusiastic boy. He was nine-years-old when his [hafiz sponsorship](#) came from Miles2Smile.

He started his Hifz course simultaneously alongside his primary school education. The gap in his education meant that he had a great deal of catching up to do. However, it's refreshing to know that he quickly excelled in his class with his great potential.

**Mohammad Nabi** is looking forward to pursuing an Alim (Islamic scholar) education full time. Sponsorship covers the expenses of the madrasa where he stays. It pays for his clothing, schoolbooks, stationery and even basic medical care. Mohammad Nabi's confidence and zest for life have been restored once again.

### SMILE STORY:

<https://stories.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/02/17/talent-resides-everywhere-opportunity-doesnt/>



# HUNAR

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTHS

This initiative aims to transform the lives of young girls and boys from economically poor backgrounds, providing them with in-demand skills and resources to thrive in their careers.

### **Background and Mission:**

At Miles2Smile, we recognized the urgent need for skill development among the underprivileged, Madarsa-going students, and families affected by communal violence. These communities face challenges like higher dropout rates and unemployment due to financial constraints and limited educational opportunities. The socio-cultural barriers further exacerbate the difficulties faced by youths, especially in the Muslim community.

With 'Hunar Academy,' we aspire to bridge the gap between education and employment, fostering a skilled and future-ready generation of young leaders in underprivileged communities. Our mission is to create employment opportunities and stable incomes, ensuring progressive pathways towards financial stability for individuals from the lower strata of society.

### **The Launch and Collaborations:**

Our 'Hunar Academy' received an auspicious start with esteemed guests Mr. Abdul Bari, President of IMAN (Indian Muslim Association of NGOs), and President of MASCOTs, gracing the launch event. An MoU was exchanged between Miles2Smile and IMAN, formalising our collaboration for the academy's success. During the event, Ms. Khansa Fahad, Co-Founder of Gurucool, emphasised the significance of skill-based setups, supporting our vision for empowering young minds through practical and applicable learning experiences.

### **Courses and Support:**

At 'Hunar Academy,' we are dedicated to providing free or low-cost, teach-enabled, and skill-based courses to our students. These courses are designed to equip young individuals with essential skills and also guide them for competitive exams. In addition, we have received tremendous support from organisations like Fatima Charitable Trust, TPR, Project Rahee, Meem, Mukhlis Foundation, and Forever Muslim Foundation during the Turkey-Syria Earthquake relief works.

### **Nurturing Changemakers:**

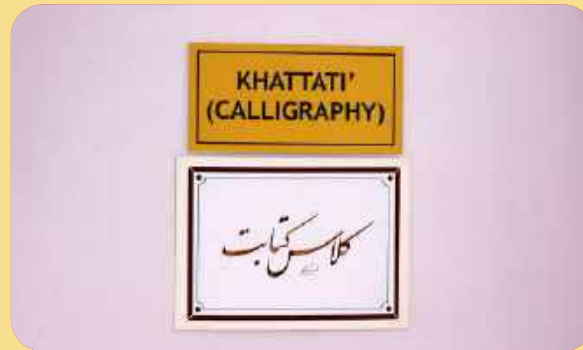
Our vision for 'Hunar Academy' goes beyond mere skill development; it seeks to nurture a powerful generation of youth changemakers. We believe that true changemakers are individuals who take action to effect positive change in their communities and beyond. They are ordinary people making significant impacts through their innovative and creative solutions, whether as social entrepreneurs, community organisers, activists, volunteers, or tech enthusiasts.

### **Empowering Dreams:**

For us at Miles2Smile, 'Hunar Academy' represents a platform for underprivileged students to embark on self-paced learning experiences. We strive to provide them with knowledge, support, and resources, enabling them to drive social change in their communities. Each success story emerging from the academy reflects a life transformed and a dream empowered.

### **Celebrating Collaboration and Young Volunteers:**

We take immense pride in recognizing the collaborative efforts of various organisations during the relief works. The launch event saw more than 50 delegates from 10 different organisations, with volunteers like Abdullah, the youngest among them, lending his helping hand in packing relief materials during the earthquake relief work. We were privileged to host the renowned Urdu calligrapher, Mr. Wasim Sahab, as our special guest. With over 40 years of experience, Mr. Wasim will soon serve as a faculty member for our Calligraphy classes, adding an artistic touch to our comprehensive list of courses.



### **VIDEO:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5Eswjx\\_4wk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5Eswjx_4wk)

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### **PRESS RELEASE:**

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/05/08/launching-hunar-academy-learn-upskill-empower-with-miles2smile-foundation/>

# TAHARAT

## UNLOCKING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF WOMEN

The 'TAHARAT' initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to empowering women, especially victims of the 2020 Northeast Delhi Pogrom and other underprivileged women, by providing them with vocational training and skills development for a sustainable livelihood.

**A Ray of Hope for Women:** 'TAHARAT' Stitching Centre stands as a beacon of hope for women who have faced adversity and challenges. Through this center, we offer comprehensive courses in stitching, nail art, tailoring, and other vocational skills. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to cater to the needs of underprivileged women, empowering them to earn a living with dignity.

**Paving the Path to Independence:** Our vision for 'TAHARAT' is to provide women with the necessary tools and resources to achieve financial independence and support their families. By offering vocational training and skill development, we aim to break barriers and create pathways for women to embark on a journey towards self-reliance.

**The Inauguration Event:** The center's inauguration was a momentous occasion, graced by the presence of an esteemed social activist, Mr. Nadeem Khan, along with key team members, local community leaders, and media representatives.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Mujtaba expressed his delight in launching 'TAHARAT,' an initiative that would empower women victims of the Delhi Pogrom to create sustainable livelihoods for themselves and their families. Mr. Nadeem emphasised the pivotal role of women in history and the business world, acknowledging their unique set of skills and competencies that can drive effective change.

**A Holistic Approach to Empowerment:** At 'TAHARAT,' we believe in a holistic approach to empowerment. In addition to teaching tailoring skills, we provide training in Entrepreneurship Development, Personality Development, Small Business Accounting, Financial literacy, soft skills, and health & hygiene. This comprehensive approach empowers future women entrepreneurs to work efficiently and sustainably.

**Creating a Place of Excellence:** The Stitching Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery and high-end sewing equipment, ensuring efficiency and greater output in production. We are dedicated to providing the best resources and opportunities for the women who train at 'TAHARAT,' so they can hone their skills and thrive in their chosen fields.

**Resource Allocation and Team Efforts:** Miles2Smile has strategically allocated resources to ensure the success of 'TAHARAT' Stitching Centre. From securing the necessary equipment and training materials to providing expert trainers, we have spared no effort in creating an environment conducive to learning and growth.

Our dedicated team has been working tirelessly to provide continuous support to the women at 'TAHARAT' Centre. Our partnership with local community leaders has further strengthened our outreach, enabling us to identify and assist those in need.

**Creating a Bright Future:** The women who complete the training at 'TAHARAT' have the opportunity to work on various projects of the organization, contributing to garment production for sale or participating in the production of goods for other NGOs or businesses. This endeavor enables them to gain hands-on experience and establish a strong foundation for their future endeavors.



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## Our Project Goals:

- Transform unskilled/semi-skilled rural and urban poor women into skilled artists (tailors).
- Provide skill-based training, regular monitoring, and supervision to sustain livelihood/income generation activities.
- Build capacities of women to generate income through job orders and teaching other women as well.
- Promote and strengthen women's financial knowledge by instilling the habit of savings and enforcing credit discipline through intensive financial education.

**We remain committed to our vision of empowering women and creating a lasting impact in their lives. With your continued support, we will strive to expand the horizons of 'TAHARAT' and touch the lives of even more women, fostering a brighter and more equitable future.**

### **VIDEO:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8O6ctJxwp-c>

### **PRESS RELEASE:**

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/03/02/miles2smile-inaugurates-stitching-centre-for-2020-delhi-pogrom-women-victims-to-empower-them-under-initiative-taharat/>

# RAMADAN SPECIAL PROJECT

With great joy and gratitude, we present the report of our heartwarming program conducted during the holy month of Ramadan in April 2023. At Miles2Smile, we believe in embodying the values of reflection, solidarity, and generosity, especially during this sacred time.

## **A Beacon of Hope for Rohingya Refugee Communities:**

This Ramadan, we extended our hands to the Rohingya refugee communities who have endured immense suffering in their homeland, Myanmar. Displaced from their homes, separated from their families, and left without livelihoods, they rely solely on humanitarian aid for sustenance.

We were deeply concerned that the fasting children among these communities might remain hungry during iftar time, as the festive atmosphere typically associated with this holy month was lacking for them.

## **A Fulfilling Suhoor and Iftar Program:**

To alleviate some of their hardships, we initiated a daily Suhoor and Iftar program throughout the entire month. Our community kitchens in the Rohingya refugee settlements became bustling hubs of activity, resonating with the sounds of clanging pots and pans, the laughter of a hundred kids, and the dedication of our volunteers.

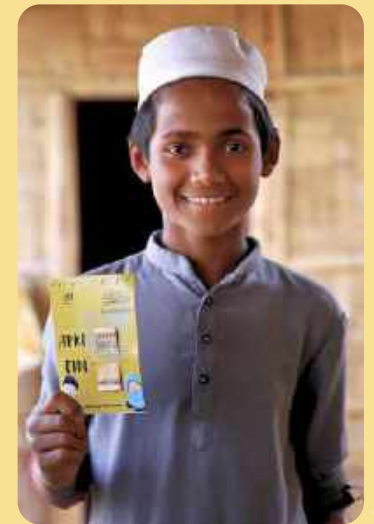
Over the course of the month, we were able to serve nutritious meals to more than a hundred and fifty refugee, orphaned, and Madarsa-going children. Witnessing their smiles and contentment while enjoying their Iftar dinners brought immense peace

and happiness to our Founder & Director, Mr. Asif Mujtaba.

**The Power of Charity and Volunteering:** The success of our Iftar event on April 16, held in the Imam-ul-Bukhari, was a testament to the power of charity and volunteering. Our dedicated team, led by Mr. Mujtaba, ensured that the children experienced an unforgettable Iftar evening, surrounded by love and support from the community members and volunteers.

The Ramadan kitchen relied on the support of individual charitable donations, and every contribution made a significant impact on the lives of these children. It was heartwarming to witness the act of feeding someone Iftar as a form of charity, a practice cherished by the Prophet Muhammad. The act of giving is deeply gratifying, and feeding a fasting person, in particular, is profoundly rewarding, as they receive as many rewards as the fasting person without any reduction in the latter's blessings.

**Eidi - A Token of Love and Joy:** In addition to providing Iftar meals, we wanted to uplift the emotional well-being of these children during Eid al-Fitr, the festival marking the end of Ramadan. Therefore, we extended the tradition of Eidi, a traditional gift given during this auspicious occasion. With hopes to spread joy and happiness among the children, we ensured that every child in the Rohingya refugee camp received this token of love, blessings, and gratitude.



RAMADAN



**Investing in Joy and Nourishment:** The success of this program would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated team and the unwavering support of our generous donors and supporters. We invested our resources, time, and energy to ensure that these children experienced a sense of joy, nourishment, and belonging during Ramadan.

We, at Miles2Smile, firmly believe that small acts of kindness can create significant positive impacts, and we are deeply committed to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

**A Message of Gratitude:** As we conclude this impactful program, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to its success. Your support has enabled us to spread smiles and provide nourishment to the hearts and bellies of these children, creating lasting memories for them to cherish.

**PRESS RELEASE:**

<https://blog.miles2smile.org/index.php/2023/04/21/iftar-meals-help-rohingya-refugee-kids-experience-the-spirit-of-ramadan/>

# SENSITIZATION ON 'ROHINGYA ISSUE' THROUGH A DOCUMENTARY LAUNCH

Miles2Smile achieved a major milestone with the launch of a powerful documentary 'The Promise of Dignity', on June 6, 2023. The documentary sheds light on the unheard plight of the Rohingya people. The unfiltered portrayal captures their struggles, resilience, and determination to rebuild their lives despite unimaginable loss. Through this documentary, Miles2Smile advocates for basic human rights of Rohingyas, aiming to bring lasting change and support their journey towards justice and dignity.



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THE PROMISE OF DIGNITY SHEDS LIGHT ON THE PLIGHT OF ROHINGYA COMMUNITY

## VIDEOS:

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## PRESS RELEASE:

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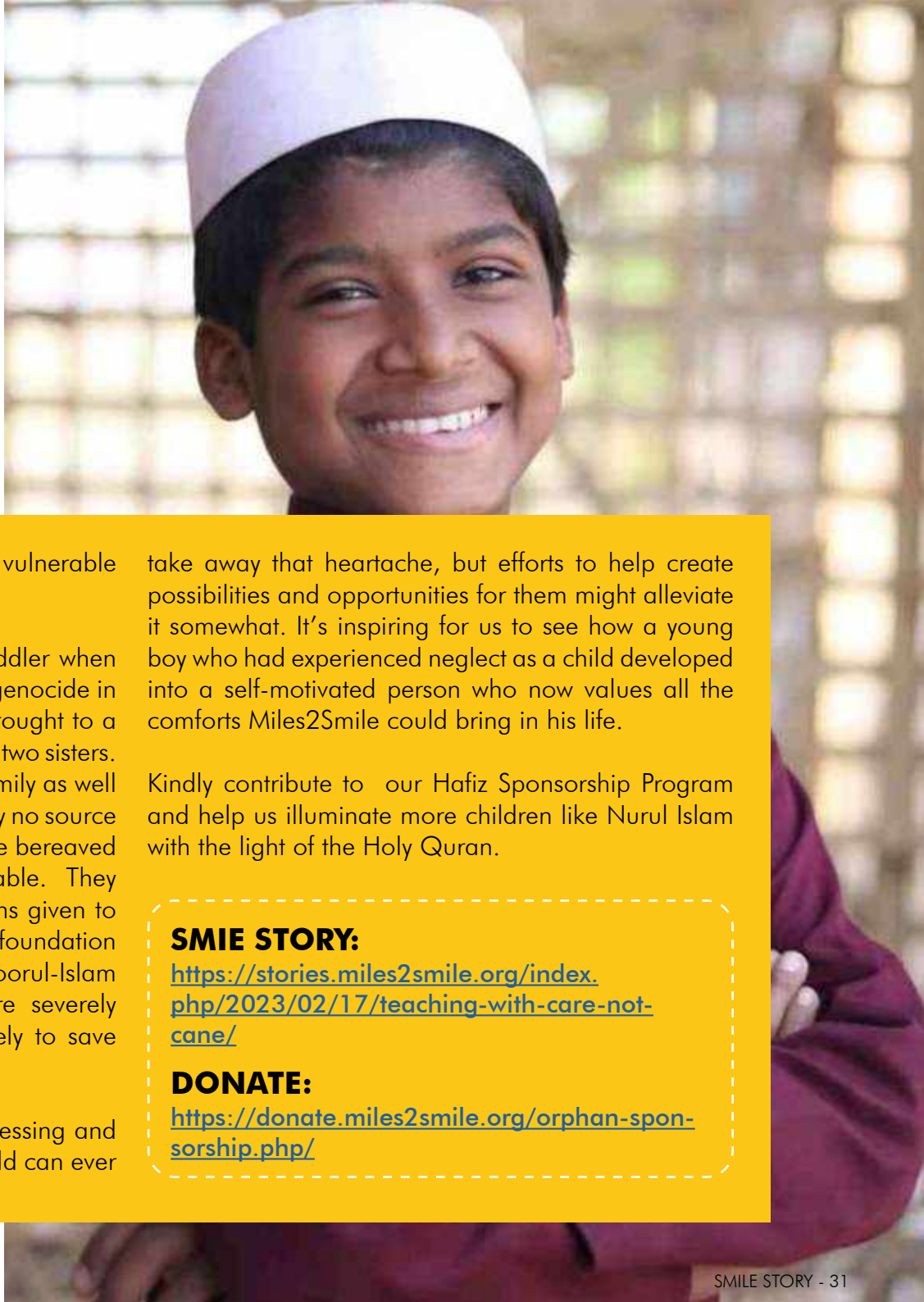
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# SMILE STORY

## TEACHING WITH CARE, NOT CANE



Children without parents are the most vulnerable people in the world.

**Muhammad Noorul-Islam** was just a toddler when he lost both of his parents in the Rohingya genocide in 2017. He was rescued by his uncle and brought to a safer land along with his one elder brother & two sisters. His uncle had to support himself and his family as well as these three children alone, with absolutely no source of income, and they were all homeless. The bereaved young kids were left oppressed and miserable. They had to rely on the assistance and provisions given to them by others. A year ago, Miles2Smile foundation learnt about the plight of Muhammad Noorul-Islam and his three siblings. The children were severely malnourished. Miles2Smile tried desperately to save them from their misery.

The pain of losing parents is the most distressing and harrowing for any child. Nothing in the world can ever

take away that heartache, but efforts to help create possibilities and opportunities for them might alleviate it somewhat. It's inspiring for us to see how a young boy who had experienced neglect as a child developed into a self-motivated person who now values all the comforts Miles2Smile could bring in his life.

Kindly contribute to our Hafiz Sponsorship Program and help us illuminate more children like Nurul Islam with the light of the Holy Quran.

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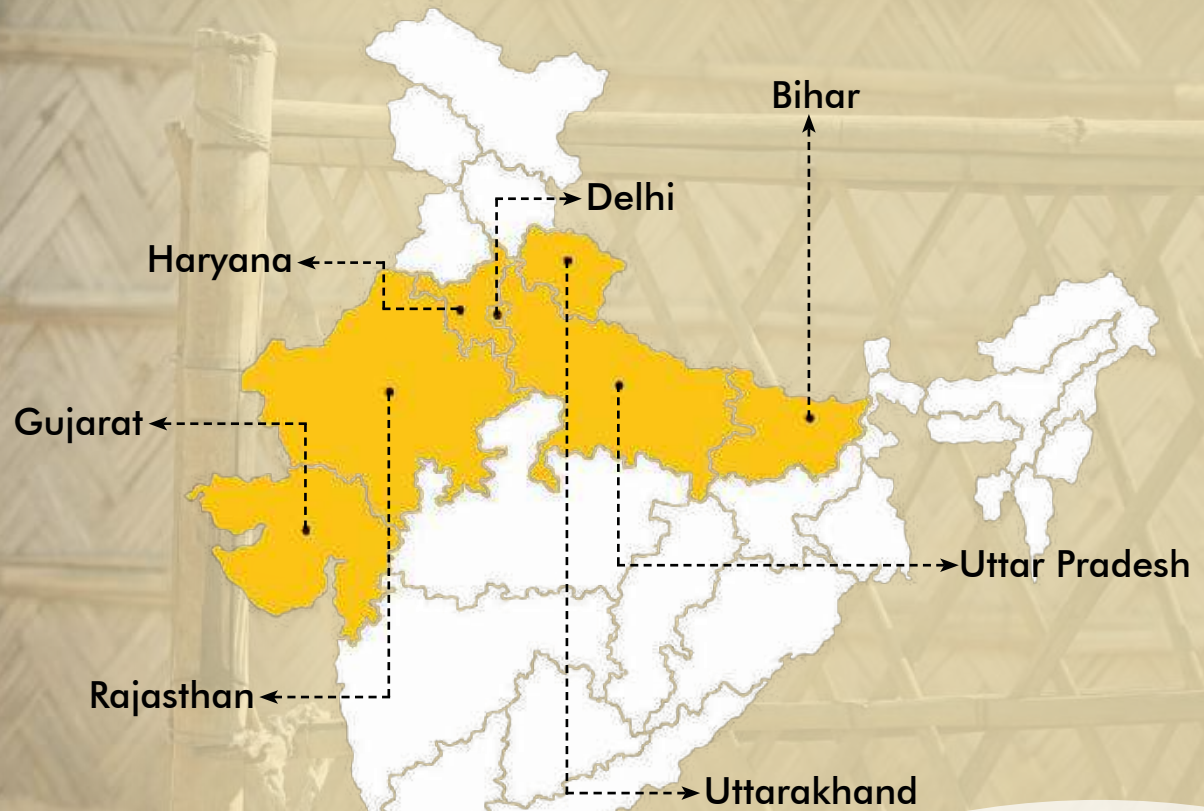
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### DONATE:

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# OUR FOOTPRINTS

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A group of children in a schoolyard, with one child in the foreground smiling. The background shows other children and a building. The image has a warm, golden-yellow tint.

# LOOKING AHEAD

I am extremely proud of what has been achieved by our hard-working staff and volunteers, the resourceful and resilient communities we serve, and those who continue to give so generously to support our causes.

What matters is not just the number of people we are assisting, but also the long term impact of our work and what the communities we serve think of what we are doing.

In 2023 I am looking forward to the addition of a Taharat centre at Kashmir as part of our commitment to expand economic prospects for women. We are also launching an exciting new long-term strategy for the diversity, transparency and wider accountability at our Organisation that sets out to strengthen not only our humanitarian and development work but also our campaigns for change and the coordination and Collaboration we are building across our foundation.

**With your continued support, Miles2Smile will continue to do all it can to build a future free from poverty and sufferings.**



## ABOUT ORGANISATION

Miles2Smile was established three years back as a not-for-profit organization, based in Delhi. The organization works primarily in relief activities and brings smiles to the faces of victims looming over penury and distress. Livelihood creation, healthcare and educational empowerment are also some core areas of work by the organization. In the past two years, the organization has made commendable service in delivering solace to the people languishing in the heap of despair. The organization is on an assiduous mission to revive happiness to the people ripped after communal tensions.



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