



BRIGHTER FUTURES  
FOUNDATION



# IMPACT REPORT 2022

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## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

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When I first heard of a group of nearly 900 students studying the Quran in Togo, I was a student myself in South Africa. However, unlike myself, these students were learning, reciting, and memorizing the Quran while crammed into a small, dilapidated structure with little food or a place to sleep. It's been five years since I first heard of these students.

Today, Brighter Futures has not only been able to construct a school for those tenacious Togolese learners but build dormitories and a secular school as well. Moreover, in the past three years, we've expanded well beyond Togo to five countries, creating three maktab programs, nine wells, two schools, and even a hospital wing. We've also been able to donate over 200,000 USD in Zakat and Sadaqah, sponsor over 400,000 meals for students and support the development of an orphanage.

And we're just getting started. We thank Allah SWT for all we've accomplished thus far and ask Him to reward all of our donors for their unending generosity as we continue to support marginalized Muslim communities across the globe.

Yousuf Ghouse  
Director, Brighter Futures Foundation





## OUR MISSION

**At Brighter Futures, we work with local leadership to provide education and critical resources to marginalized Muslim communities across the globe.**

From purchasing land to build schools to feeding students through our Student Sponsorship Program, Brighter Futures works with local leaders to make a sizeable impact for Muslim communities by delivering resources specific to that community's needs.

## OUR VISION

We envision a world where everyone with a desire for an education – be it Islamic or secular – is able to attain one, regardless of their income or geographic location – a world where communities have the prerequisite resources needed to pursue educational opportunities such as food, shelter, and clean water.

2019-2022

# SUMMARY OF IMPACT

With the help of Allah SWT, our small but talented team has been able to significantly uplift the lives of thousands in just the past three years. Our holistic approach to generating local impact has spawned numerous programs across five different countries to provide communities with access to key resources such as clean water, food, shelter, and educational opportunities.

With over 8 global projects complete and several more underway, we have no intention of slowing down.

## \$235,000

Donated via Sadqah and Zakat to Togo and Malawi

## 1500+

Students served through our schools and maktabas

## 4

Schools and Maktabas established

## 450,000+

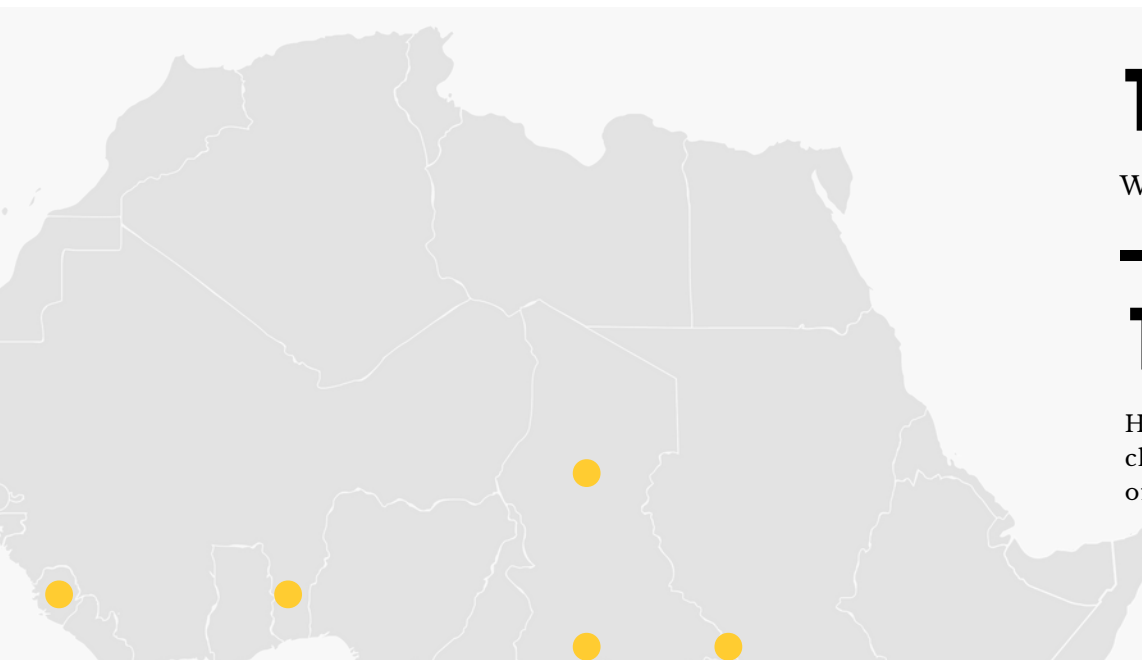
Meals provided via our student sponsorship program

## 10

Wells and water facilities built

## 1

Hospital; the first private children's hospital in the country of Sierra Leone



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## PROJECT SNAPSHOTS

To date, Brighter Futures Foundation has projects in 5 countries across the globe. We understand that not every community we serve will require the same resources or type of support.

In the following section, we'll explore the how our team has been supporting local leaders as they address specific challenges unique to their communities.

2019-2022

# PROJECT TOGO

Since 2018, our mission in Togo has been to support a community with over 900 students struggling to study the Quran and pursue a secular education through the construction of an educational facility and a masjid on the school grounds.

Since then, we have constructed 7 educational buildings that will be operational in a few months. Thanks to your donations, this school now serves over 1,100 students! We're currently in the process of constructing a masjid.

## \$145,000

Raised for the madrasah in Togo

## 1100+

Students slated to attend the school in Tsevie, Togo

## 7

Buildings constructed for the school, teacher residences, and student boarding facilities

## 177,800+

Donated via Zakat, Sadaqah, and Fidya





2019-2022

# OUR WELLS INITIATIVE

**Build a well; transform a community.**

The Prophet ﷺ was once asked, "What type of charity is the best?" He said, "Giving water." (Sunan Abi Dawud)

One of our Well Projects - a water distribution facility - serves about 300 people a day.

9

Wells completed

2

Wells under construction

1

Water facility to providing water to 300 daily



2021-2022

# THE SIERRA LEONE HOSPITAL

WE'VE BROKEN GROUND ON THE FIRST  
PRIVATE, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE  
COUNTRY TO SERVE 600+ A MONTH



Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa that is home to about 7 million. Over 75% of its population is Muslim. As a whole, the country's health system is woefully inadequate. There are currently no affordable dialysis, MRI, or CT scanning facilities in the entire country.

To support the local community in Calabatown, Sierra Leone, Brighter Futures Foundation has partnered with the Ihsan Foundation to begin building the country's first private children's hospital. The hospital will also be the country's first Muslim-operated hospital and serve a population of over 10,000 low-income urban and rural dwellers.

2021-2022

# GLOBAL MAKTAB PROGRAMS

**150+**

Students served

**3+**

Maktabs established

**3**

Teacher salaries supported

2021-2022

## SIERRA LEONE

To support the community in Bo, Sierra Leone, Brighter Futures Foundation is supporting two such maktabs, or religious education programs, focused on Quran and Islamic Studies.

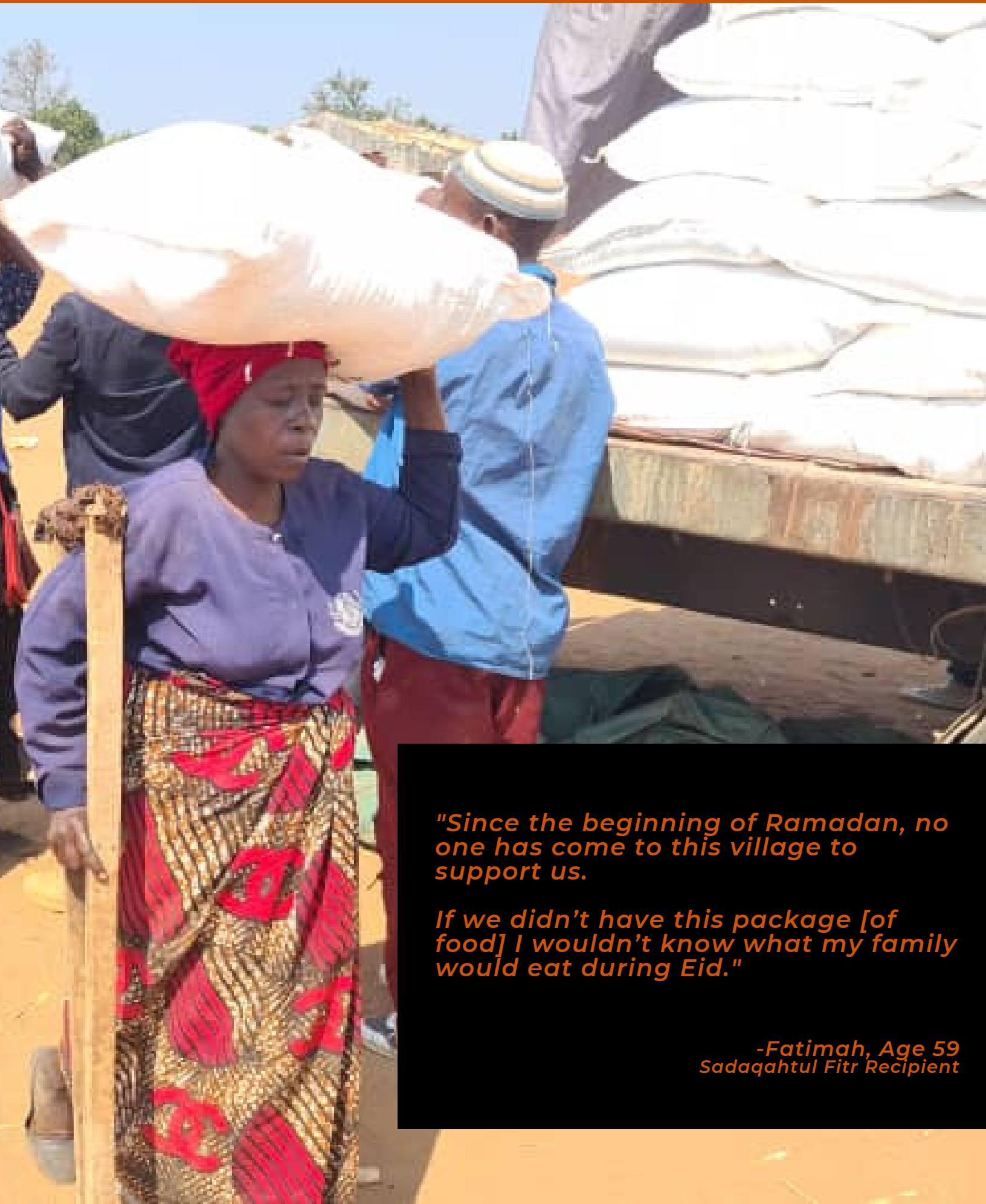
These maktabs serve over 130 students, mostly children ages 7-13. Overseeing these maktabs includes covering the salaries for its teachers, providing rental assistance, covering the cost of books, desks, utilities, as well as other operational costs.

2021-2022

## MALAWI

In July 2021, Brighter Futures Foundation started its first project in Malawi. Working with local leaders, we began to reconstruct a dilapidated maktab building in the village of Chilipa.

Since this first project, we've launched several other projects in Chillipa and beyond including repairing a masjid and providing Zakat, Sadaqatul Fitr, and Qurbani to local residents. The maktab is expected to be completed in early 2023 and serve the over 600 children in the area.



*"Since the beginning of Ramadan, no one has come to this village to support us.*

*If we didn't have this package [of food] I wouldn't know what my family would eat during Eid."*

*-Fatimah, Age 59  
Sadaqahtul Fitr Recipient*

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## WHAT'S NEXT & HOW TO GET INVOLVED

With numerous projects completed and in progress across five different countries, we're well on our way to having our most impactful year yet, inshallah.

Take a look at our plan for moving forward and how you can contribute to the cause.

WHAT'S NEXT?

# OUR FUTURE GOALS

Brighter Futures hopes to continue growing in both the breadth and depth of its work to establish educational opportunities and provide essential resources.

Over the past three years, our greatest realization has been the number of opportunities that lay before our organization. As we work, we learn more about the needs of our partner communities and establish relationships that uncover more unmet needs in Muslim communities.

As we - with the help of Allah Ta'ala - expand in hopes of addressing these needs, we also envision deepening our roots in the countries we currently serve.

We're aiming to make our current projects self-sustainable, joining with our partners where appropriate to establish avenues to uphold their operations without being dependent on donations.

Additionally, through sponsorships from donors, we hope to ensure the constant support of our projects to allow their continuation without fearing financial limitations.



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The impact we've made to date would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you. And with several of our projects nearing completion and even more just getting started, there is no better time to support Brighter Futures as we continue to make an impact across the globe.

To support our current and future endeavors consider the following:

# 1

## DONATE THROUGH OUR 100% DONATION POLICY

100% of our donations go straight into the programs we support. We do not use any of our program donations for the staff or administrative costs.

# 2

## BUILD A PROJECT ON A RELATIVE'S BEHALF

We're dedicated wells, maktabs, and even a hospital wing as a continual charity for relatives who have since passed away.

# 3

## VOLUNTEER

In the past, our volunteers have helped with everything from administrative tasks, social media outreach, accounting, fundraising, and many other roles. Learn more at [brighterfuturesusa.org/volunteer](http://brighterfuturesusa.org/volunteer).

# 4

## SPREAD THE WORD

Maybe you can't donate right now. That's alright! You can always spread the word about our mission and projects to your friends and family.





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