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These children need a break from the war

Helping the Youngest Victims of War

In Ukraine, a country ravaged by war, so many children are facing the devastating consequences of a very violent conflict. Displaced from their homes and some children even separated from their parents and relatives, these young ones yearn for peace amidst the total chaos that surrounds them. They don't have enough essential supplies such as food, clothes, hygienic products, medicines and toys, which are all instrumental to living a life with dignity. ACN is working to continue helping these vulnerable children, through the Foundation's project partners on the ground. For instance, the Handmaids of the Immaculate Virgin Mary in Lviv, Ukraine who run an orphanage, and are used to working with children, have been helping displaced children deal with the trauma they are living through. The 'habitless' Sisters of the Angels in the Diocese of Kamyanets-Podilsky have also opened their doors to care for traumatised children with their mothers, at the Vinnytsya centre. The Sisters cater for over 90 children, mostly



displaced and traumatised children from Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol and Kharkiv in Ukraine. In her message of appeal to ACN, Sr Irena Maszczycka CSA said: "The children need a break from the war, to keep learning and growing." Without homes or schools, children in Ukraine have to endure a difficult life without basic necessities. This lack of supplies can adversely affect their physical health, emotional well-being, and overall development. ACN wishes to continue providing essential supplies to restore the dignity of children and give them back that sense of normality in their lives. They still need a lot of support. It is our collective responsibility to do everything we can so that these children cherish their childhood, like other children in the world.

An Opportunity for Education for All Children

Due to political instability and the economic crisis, the education system in Lebanon is facing many challenges. ACN's support is being translated into improved schools, supplies of educational material for students, and renovation of the infrastructure, so that they can have a quality education that suits every child.

It is instrumental to recognise that the parents themselves are struggling because of the serious financial crises in Lebanon. The economic downturn has impoverished many Lebanese so much that they used or lost all their savings and are now unable to provide for their children's educational needs, making it difficult for their children to receive a proper education.

"Without ACN, we would be obliged to close our schools. ACN is doing a good job, and helping more than 150 schools in Lebanon. I want to thank ACN, and all the benefactors. We count on you. Without you, we cannot continue, because we cannot assist the poor without your support. We have a difficult task ahead, and we need your help to continue our mission," says Fr Youssef Nasr, general secretary of the Association of Catholic Schools in Lebanon. Mother Maguy Adabashi, General Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Sacrament,



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also has a message for you: "Our urgent request to you today is to help us continue our service and mission towards the neediest and poor students of Lebanon, who won't be able to continue their education, if we don't offer it to them. And in this we count on God's help and on your support." Every donation, whatever the amount, will contribute to giving these little children a better future and, at the same time, break this cycle of poverty into which they were born.

Together - For the Dignity of Women

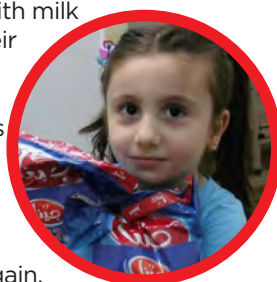
ACN is carrying out very important work in Pakistan and Nigeria by helping abused women and at the same time addressing the challenges they face. In Pakistan, ACN supports vocational education and training programmes, which allow women and girls to gain economic independence and be freed from poverty. ACN is also providing safe spaces and shelters for women who have experienced violence or persecution, by supporting the rights of these Christian women who belong to a religious minority. One of these women is 'Samia' (name changed). She lives in the north of Pakistan with her parents and four brothers. "We live in a state of anxiety and constant pressure. We believe that if we do try to defend our rights, we will be accused of blasphemy or some other charge, based on false accusations, as has already occurred in the past," she explains. "Thanks to my involvement in the women's advancement programme sponsored by ACN, I have found myself strengthened in my Faith. They are helping us to be more aware of our responsibilities and our rights. They are encouraging us to stand strong and fight against discrimination, forced conversion, harassment, and violence, and to defend our equal rights," says Samia. In Nigeria, ACN is focusing its efforts on healing persons from trauma, and on education and skills training for the benefit of women affected by violence and conflicts. ACN also promotes dialogue between religions and peace building, while recognising the importance of women's involvement in these same processes. Continued support for ACN projects is vital to sustain progress and ensure that more women benefit from such



initiatives. By investing in projects that raise the dignity of women, ACN continues to contribute to the development and stability of societies, and at the same time creates a more inclusive and fairer world.

Small Acts that Leave a Big Impact

In Syria, children with special needs face unimaginable hardships. These children have been robbed of their innocence and are deprived of the basic resources to survive. ACN provides tireless help to these vulnerable children. ACN helps rehabilitation centers that offer specialised health care, therapy and psychological support, by assisting children with special needs regain their independence. ACN works to reduce the gap in education for displaced children and also organises events with the aim of fostering a sense of belonging in these children. While ACN has already made a difference in the lives of many of these children with special needs, the crises are still persisting, and this support needs to be sustained. As they need health care services and education, we should not let these innocent children suffer in silence. Also in Syria, children's health is an urgent crisis. ACN's campaign, entitled 'A Drop of Milk', addresses this crisis by providing essential nutrition to Syrian children. Recognising the importance of milk in a child's diet, this campaign aims to challenge malnutrition and supports the growth and development of these little children. The continuous support through donations is crucial for the support of this project. Access to proper nutrition is scarce in Syria, increasing the risks of malnutrition. Through the milk distribution centers scattered throughout Syria, this campaign provides thousands of Syrian children with milk that improves their immune system, advances bone growth, and helps them in their overall health. The children in Syria deserve to start dreaming again. Together let us pave the way for a brighter future for them.



Investing for a Better World

Children suffer immensely in countries ravaged by crises such as Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Israel. ACN offers a ray of hope through summer camps for such needy children. ACN's summer camps provide a safe and suitable place for healing, and for these children to start smiling again, as every child deserves to do in their childhood. In these summer camps, children who have suffered such traumas, find the necessary help, make new friends, and experience moments of joy - which they lack immensely. In Iraq, for example, the summer camps are intended above all to help these young people to overcome the trauma of the occupation by ISIS of their Christian towns and villages in the Nineveh Plains. They need to be able to regain their physical and spiritual strength, especially now, when the future of their Christian communities in Iraq is at stake. ACN can share many stories from various countries that illustrate the immeasurable value of this kind of youth work. One such example is the story of John, a youngster in Ethiopia. He took part in one of the "Eagle Eye" summer camps which have been organised by the Community of St John for the past 10 years now, that are supported by ACN. As Fr Atanasio Markarian told us during a visit to ACN, "This youngster from the town of Hosanna, in the south of Ethiopia, returned home very happy with everything he had experienced during the course - the Eucharistic adoration, the religious instruction and the sporting activities. Time passed, and around six months later he called up one of the Brothers from the Congregation, wanting to speak urgently to someone about all his preoccupations. He had read more than a hundred times the magazine Love one another, which had been given to him at the youth camp, and he felt he was being called by God. Today he is one of our Brothers, a member of the Community of St John." Indeed, these camps provide spiritual and emotional support, particularly for those who have been marginalised or discriminated against. Through activities, psychosocial support, and lessons, the camps help these children to overcome their challenges and hope for a brighter future.





SUGGESTED DONATION
€50

AID PACKAGE (CONTAINING FOOD, CLOTHING, HYGIENIC ESSENTIALS AND TOYS) FOR A GIRL OR BOY DISPLACED IN UKRAINE

Thousands of children in Ukraine are displaced due to the ongoing war there, and are seeking refuge in centres run by the Church, but supported by ACN. They are in urgent need of food, clothing and hygienic essentials. **Your donation will help us continue to provide relief packages containing these items during this very difficult time for them.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€90

GIVE EDUCATION TO CHILDREN IN NEED (FOR A MONTH)

Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are seriously suffering from poverty due to the political and economic critical situations in their country. Please support fragile families by offering a donation for their children's education and thus strengthen their Christian presence in their homeland. **Help children in Lebanon today through education to rebuild their country tomorrow.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€25

LUNCH FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

In Lebanon, due to the crises that have ravaged that country, parents are facing enormous challenges to send their children to school. ACN supports school children by providing them with nutritious meals. This initiative eases the burden on parents and ensures that children receive balanced meals to grow up healthy. **By offering a donation in aid of this campaign, you too can help these Christian children in need.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€120

SUPPORT SKILLS TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR WOMEN'S DIGNITY

Please help Christian women and girls rise from extreme poverty that puts them at greater and direct risk of kidnapping, forced conversion and sexual slavery. **Donate today to support skills training and programmes organised by various dioceses in Pakistan and Nigeria.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€20

HELP CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The conflicts in Syria have left children with special needs facing unimaginable hardships, however ACN's rehabilitation centers, educational initiatives and support are changing the lives of these vulnerable children for the better. Make a difference in the lives of these children by sending a donation today to ACN (Malta). **Every donation will help give them the love, care, and opportunities they deserve.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€30

SAVE ANOTHER BABY FROM MALNUTRITION - MILK FOR A BABY IN NEED (3 MONTHS)

In Syria, milk has become very expensive and many parents, who are already struggling to feed their families, cannot afford to buy milk for their babies. ACN's project, called 'A Drop of Milk', provides milk for those babies and children in Syria who are less than six years old. **Please support this vital project.**



SUGGESTED DONATION
€60

SUMMER CAMPS FOR HEALING FROM TRAUMA

This project is an opportunity of hope and healing for children who are victims of war and persecution. **Your donation can help a girl or boy heal from the psychological traumas of these painful experiences.**



I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WHERE THERE IS THE MOST NEED

For more than 75 years, ACN has been a ray of hope providing vital support to those in need. **Your donation to ACN projects can make a tangible difference in the lives of a large number of children, women and men in need. Kindly offer a donation to where there is the most need today and be the positive change you long to see in the world.**





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