



# The Gift of Goats

## Helping Returning Afghanistan Refugees Feel Home Again

*“UMCOR’S help was very good and timely and useful. If this organization had not helped me, I would have had to leave my home and return to Pakistan with my family.”*

—Mirwais is an Afghanistan refugee whose family UMCOR helped secure a brighter future.

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### UMCOR IN AFGHANISTAN

UMCOR established its work in Afghanistan in May 2002. The main office is located in Kabul. UMCOR Afghanistan actively engages in helping the people of Afghanistan recover from decades of conflict and years of drought. Programs in reconstruction, income generation, health and education, emergency response and intervention all work together to help those returning Afghanistan build a new life.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

UMCOR is helping to restore the lives of returning Afghanistan refugees—the widow, the elderly, the disabled, and those with large families—thanks to your generous gifts to UMCOR Advance #602225. Through the gift of goats families will improve their nutrition and earn a steady income.

### RETURNING HOME

Since 2002, about 4.8 million refugees have returned to Afghanistan after years of living in refugee camps in Pakistan or Iran. Many return only to face uncertainty of their future. The lack of economic opportunities, permanent houses or unresolved land and property disputes become a challenge for refugees to reestablish themselves.

Through reconstruction programs that use a self-help system, UMCOR is helping shelter beneficiaries become involved in their own recovery. Materials and engineering assistance are provided to build shelter, latrines or wells, while the beneficiaries supply the labor.

### GOATS TWO-BY-TWO

UMCOR is working to help thousands of Afghans feel at home again by providing them the means to support themselves and sustain their livelihoods. The gifts of goats is helping to warm their welcome back home.

Like Noah whose ark was filled with two of every kind of creature to fulfill the promise of a new life, Similarly, UMCOR donated pairs of milk-bearing goats to 750 vulnerable families in the Wardak and Kabul provinces in Afghanistan—offering them a new start on life.

**More than 6,300  
families in Afghanistan  
received UMCOR  
assistance for income  
generation, livestock and  
livelihoods.**

The pairs of goats also offer Afghan refugees a hope-filled future. The goats will provide milk and wool and any excess can be sold to supplement their incomes.



## UMCOR HELPS THE MOST VULNERABLE

UMCOR's distribution of goats are sure to go to those most in need. Beneficiaries are carefully selected as the most vulnerable in the community, including widow-headed households, the elderly, families with large numbers of children, disabled parents and those without any source of income. The goats will give these families a steady source of milk that can be used or sold, and will help support the sustainability of returnee settlements.

*"I will hopefully be able to use goat's milk to make and sell yogurt in the local market," said Mirwais, an UMCOR beneficiary*

## HELPING ONE ANOTHER

To preserve unity among the people in both the Wardak and Kabul provinces, additional livestock is given to other vulnerable families who are not UMCOR shelter beneficiaries. In this way, your gifts reach farther to others in great need—offering opportunities, resources and hope for a secure future.

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