



Life Essentials Fund

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Statement On Current Events in Afghanistan and How Our Operations Are Affected October 20, 2021

One of the blessings we enjoy in the United States is our ability to reach out to parts of the world through charity. As a collective, the United States and its citizens are the most charitable throughout the world. A little over a month ago, Life Essentials Fund celebrated its two-year anniversary and despite its short history, it has engaged in multiple infrastructure projects in Afghanistan, of which the total has exceeded \$100,000. Many of our donors have inquired as to how current events in Afghanistan effect the Fund's projects.

Future charity to Afghani recipients depends on how the United States will view the current Administration in the future. Currently, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, through the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), has issued guidance on how charities are to conduct their aid transactions in Afghanistan. Life Essentials Fund is very happy to report that it will operate and continue its charity-based work in Afghanistan under General License No. 14 that OFAC has issued under in September.

The license grants Life Essentials Fund to engage in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan or other activities that support basic human needs. Through its issued guidance, OFAC broadly defines “humanitarian assistance” to include relief services related to healthcare and health-related services, protection and assistance for vulnerably or displaced populations. It also includes assistance for the operation of orphanages, the distribution of articles (such as food clothing, and medicine) that is intended to be used to relieve human suffering in Afghanistan and development projects that primarily benefit poor or at-risk populations or otherwise relieve human suffering, including shelter, settlement assistance, food security, livelihoods support, water, sanitation, health, hygiene among other activities.

That being said, Life Essentials will continue to monitor the future progress of U.S.-Afghani relations. We will continue with our projects in Afghanistan and still welcome your donations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kemal Kurtulus', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Kemal Kurtulus, Compliance Officer
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