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**ABOUT DIGNITY FOR
CHILDREN FOUNDATION**

How it all started (Buckets of Hope)

we are focusing Discipleship and Christlikeness. He can share about missions in line with following Christ's example

The Problem

It is estimated that there are around **290,000 stateless children** in Malaysia*.

Contrary to popular belief, many people who are stateless in Malaysia are not foreigners, refugees or “illegal migrants”; many of them were actually born in the country and have been living in Malaysia most of their lives, according to local media reports.

For all refugees and stateless children, they have no access to public education in Malaysia.

* The ASEAN Post, article ‘Malaysia’s stateless children’, 27 March 2020



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A STATELESS PERSON?



Often denied access to education, healthcare and other services



May have to join the work force at an early age



Exposure to harassment, discrimination and predatory practices



No right to a passport; unable to legally cross international borders



The status of statelessness may be passed down to their children



Uncertain future and exposure to other forms of insecurity

How it all started (Buckets of Hope)



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Humble beginnings



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The early years



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A World Class School for the Poor



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About Dignity's Education programmes

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Our Education Programs



Toddler Stimulation Programme
18 months – 3 years



Preschool Programme
4-6 years



Primary Programme
7-14 years

- Lower Primary
- Middle Primary
- Upper Primary

Dignity's education programs are uniquely child-centred and employ the Montessori philosophy, whereby children learn through the exploration of the environment and via carefully curated learning materials in mixed-age groups.

Our Education Programs



Secondary Programme

13-18 years

- *Lower Secondary*
- *Upper Secondary*



Skills Training and Education Programme

(open to Upper Secondary students)

Including F&B, sewing, urban gardening, hairdressing, woodworking,

The secondary programme focuses on developing well-rounded, confident and independent young leaders. Dignity provides an English-medium education gearing towards the Cambridge IGCSE examinations, coupled with skills training, critical life skills development, entrepreneurship and employability opportunities via our training enterprises

Our Education Programs

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Sports Development

Apart from weekly physical education, Dignity hosts the Annual Faisal Cup Tournament for football and netball.

It impacts approx. 1000 participants each season.



Life skills development

Various opportunities are provided for the children, incl. Peace Camp (in conjunction with Faisal Cup) and 1 month Farming and Learn Program for secondary students

Dignity believes that character makes or breaks a child. Out-of-the-class platforms like workshops, team camps and sports teams provide the right space to teach courage, hard work, honesty and integrity.

We also build critical soft skills such as communication and teamwork.

Our Transformational Enterprises



Since inception in June 2015, we have educated approximately:



135 students



110 students



110 students

Our transformational enterprises are set up as training platforms for underprivileged youth to deliver much-valued employability skills and critical life skills that will help them break the cycle of poverty.

All profit made goes directly back to the Foundation to support the children's education.

Our Transformational Enterprises



eat X dignity

Launched mid 2015



cut X dignity

Launched mid 2017



sew X dignity

Launched end 2017



bake X dignity

Launched mid 2020

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Cut X Dignity



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Sew X Dignity



Bake X Dignity



Grow X Dignity



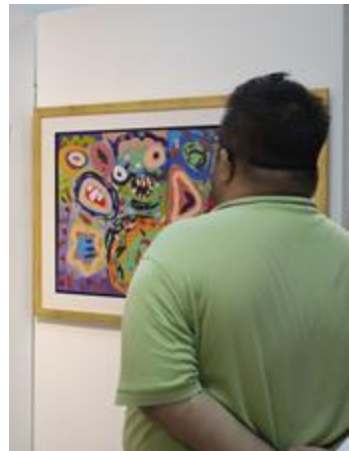
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Make X Dignity



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Dignity's 20th Anniversary: Sentul Festival 2019





Started Dignity Farm Academy in 2021





Skate park



Accommodation for visitors



Raised bed for vegetation



Set up a staff/ outdoor kitchen





Our Milestones

- 2006: started the first football tournament, Faisal Cup, for poor and refugee children in Malaysia.
- 2012: Hosted Prince Ali bin Hussein, from Jordan
- 2014: Started the first IGCSE programme for poor youth in Malaysia.
- 2015: Sent the first Rohingya student to a world-renown university in Malaysia.
- 2015: Hosted the 44th President of the United States, President Barack Obama.
- 2015 – 2017: Started 3 social transformational training enterprises.
- 2018: Recipient of The Sharjah International Award for Refugee Advocacy and Support 2018.
- 2019: Visit by HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser



United Nations Malaysia Award 2019 for contributions to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the **Leaving No One Behind** category



Hosted Prince Ali bin Hussein of Jordan in 2012



With Lionel Messi



Sharjah International Award
جائزة الشارقة الدولية

لمنصرة ودعم اللاجئين
For Refugee Advocacy & Support



Our Awards

- 2021: 3G Children Welfare Award 2021 and 3G Advocacy Award by the Global Good Governance Awards (3G Awards) organised by Cambridge IFA.
- Sharjah International Award For Refugee Advocacy & Support (2018 Award Recipient)
 - Asia's NGO Excellence Award For Social Consciousness (2018 Award Recipient)
- World CSR Congress & Awards - "NGO LEADERSHIP AWARD" (2019 Award Recipient)
 - United Nations Malaysia Award 2019 for contributions to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the **Leaving No One Behind** category



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In March 2022, 3 of our staff were chosen to join [Manchester City Football Club](#) for training in Abu Dhabi as part of Cityzens Giving Young Leaders program.

In June 2022, another 3 of our staff got to participate in the program in Manchester City, including an Orang Asli boy from a village in Perak who had never been on a plane!

Our Achievements

- The largest and most comprehensive education centre for the poor in Malaysia.
- Students of 22 different nationalities.
- Set up the first Montessori preschool for urban poor in Malaysia in 2003.
- Set up 12 rural preschools in Sabah and Sarawak.
- Provide Montessori teachers training for the grassroots community teachers in the world, trained more than 2,000 community teachers since 2006.
- Enabled over 200 students to sit for IGCSE O'level examinations since 2014.
- Supported over 40 students to get to further education.
- Established 4 transformational enterprises.
- Over 300 youth trained in various skills since 2015.
- Impacting over 1000 children via Faisal Cup Tournament each year.

Our Programs



Grassroots community teacher training & support
Conducted 3 times a year, we provide community aid and support through teacher training. Open to local community centres and those in Sabah/Sarawak as well as South East Asia countries.



Community Work

- Community workshops with at-risk communities: sex education, financial literacy, etc.
- Meal deliveries to needy families during festive seasons.

Our Programs

Support Services includes:

- Mental Health Intervention and Counselling Unit
- Social Welfare Unit
- Health Intervention and Screening; medical fund for needy students
- Medical and Emergency Funds
- Safety and accessibility to education by providing bus transportation
- Daily meal support
- Monthly grocery to needy families

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Dignity's co-founders, Rev. Elisha and Petrina strongly believe that education can and must take place beyond the four walls of a classroom.

That the education of the mind must go alongside education of the hand and heart.

This is evident in the transformational enterprises of Dignity that breaks down the wall between community and school – we even have a farm academy now!

Since its start, Dignity has helped to educate and transform over 11,000 underprivileged children.

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GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2018



Dignity's Co-Founders

- Dignity for Children Foundation was founded by husband and wife, Rev. Elisha and Petrina Satvinder since 1998.
- Rev. Elisha first pioneered a church in 1995 when he and his wife, Petrina, came back to Kuala Lumpur from studying theology overseas. He has a great passion and heart for national transformation and raising the next generation, especially those in the marginalised community. His passion coupled with Petrina's have then led them working with the poor through providing education.
- Petrina is the Chief Executive Officer and Principal of Dignity for Children Foundation. The work to actively provide care to the poor communities around the community led her to be burdened for the children who were illiterate and left behind. Thus, began the work of Dignity in providing quality education to break the cycle of poverty.



Partner With Us.



Click to watch: [2 years of journeying with Covid-19](#)

Why partner with Dignity?

- Real and impactful transformation of our children with holistic and quality education
- Proven track record as UNHCR implementing partner, Dignity has undergone local and international auditing processes by Geneva HQ.
- Annual and transparent auditing processes.
- Thorough security and financial integrity vetting of premises and donor base by US Authorities prior to visit of then President Obama.
- All donations to Dignity for Children Foundation are tax deductible. Exempted from income tax under subsection 44(6) Income Tax Act 1967. Ref LHDN. 01/35/42/51/179-6.5279 (29.04.2003)



**Looking forward
to break the
cycle of poverty,
together.**

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