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<b>Content</b>	<p>The social determinants of health are described by the WHO as conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, affecting their health. These determinants including: employment opportunities, social exclusion, issues of gender equity and early child development are in themselves influenced largely by the prevailing distribution of scarce resources/socio-economic opportunities. In Nigeria, two population groups in particular have their health status shaped almost entirely by these social determinants. They include: internally-displaced Almajiri children and children in orphanage homes. A 2019 survey by Sarkingobir et al. revealed that in a particular Almajiri community in Sokoto, 50% of surveyed children live in sub-standard housing, with no access to toilet facilities; 75% lacked access to clean water with 33% drinking from unprotected wells; 75% wore dirty clothing; 12.5% wore torn clothing and only 37% take their bath daily. These factors taken together make an Almajiri child 15times more likely to die from preventable causes than children from other social strata. So what have we done to solve this? Feed-A-Child Initiative (FACI) is a philanthropic intervention designed to provide basic living essentials like food, clothing and shelter to Almajiri children in Sabo-Jembewon community of Ibadan. Working on a basic model involving pooling resources from the public through crowd-funding platforms, and redirecting these funds to the people most in need of them, we are improving the health status of children in these underserved communities by modifying their social determinants of health.</p>