



ISLAMIC RELIEF  
USA DONOR  
REPORT



## *Assalaamu Alaikum*

==== GREETINGS OF PEACE ====

On behalf of Islamic Relief USA, I thank you for your assistance and support in 2012.

2012 was a year when we faced many crises in the world, but there was less public attention than in previous years' higher-profile emergencies. Although the same level of awareness wasn't there, the needs were still great. The situation in Syria continues to be a humanitarian disaster, but since its onset, was often dismissed as a political problem. Meanwhile, violence in Myanmar displaced tens of thousands of people and caused a great deal of suffering. Both Syria and Myanmar have been extremely challenging places to provide relief, but with the support of our donors and our networks of partners, we were able to send relief to Syrians, both inside and outside their country, and to many refugees from Myanmar as well.

In 2012, relief was still needed from recent years' emergencies, so we continued providing post-famine relief in East Africa, while in Pakistan we finished rehabilitating villages that were damaged in the 2010 floods. In addition to relief work, we were also supporting development projects to help people to help themselves through vocational skills, livelihood and microfinance programs in places including China, Chechnya and Egypt. In Mali, as conflict erupted in the north, we continued our development work in the south. In Palestine, we were setting up kidney dialysis units, and repairing and equipping dozens of schools. And in Afghanistan, we were providing education for women and orphans.

Here at home in the United States, in 2012, we started or continued several new endeavors to lend a hand to our neighbors. These projects including a food pantry, a summer meal program for children—which earned us a mention by President Obama at the annual national prayer breakfast—and a financial program that helped participants save for major goals. 2012 was also the first full year for our Disaster Assistance Response Team, which mobilized to help in locations including Dallas after tornadoes and New Jersey in Superstorm Sandy.

These are just a few examples of the places where you enabled Islamic Relief USA to help millions of people in dire need of their help. All together, in just a year, we sent relief to 2,372,847 people in countries around the world.

2012 was a challenging year to raise awareness about crises in the world. At a time when public awareness was low, thank you for continuing your support, and for working together to do more here in the United States and around the world.

**Thank you for making a difference!**

Sincerely,

Anwar Ahmad Khan  
Chief Operating Officer





# Our Mission

To strive to alleviate suffering, hunger, illiteracy, and diseases worldwide and without regard to color, race, religion or creed, and to provide aid in a compassionate and dignified manner; to provide rapid relief in the event of manmade or natural disasters, and to establish sustainable local development projects allowing communities to better help themselves.

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# What We Do

We aim to alleviate suffering worldwide, where and when humanitarian assistance is needed.

### Emergency Relief:

Providing food, water and sanitation, health services, livelihood support, and other essential services to survivors of disasters, both natural and manmade.

### Income Generation:

Providing sources of income for poor families, restoring and promoting the local economy, and supporting livelihoods to increase opportunities for success and continuous stability.

### Health and Nutrition:

Providing essential health care and medicine to impoverished communities, delivering food and supplementary nutrition products to those in dire need, and introducing integrated health programs to care for patients.

### Education and Training:

Providing education and training to enhance vocational skills and economic opportunities, with a special emphasis on children, youth and women.

### Orphans:

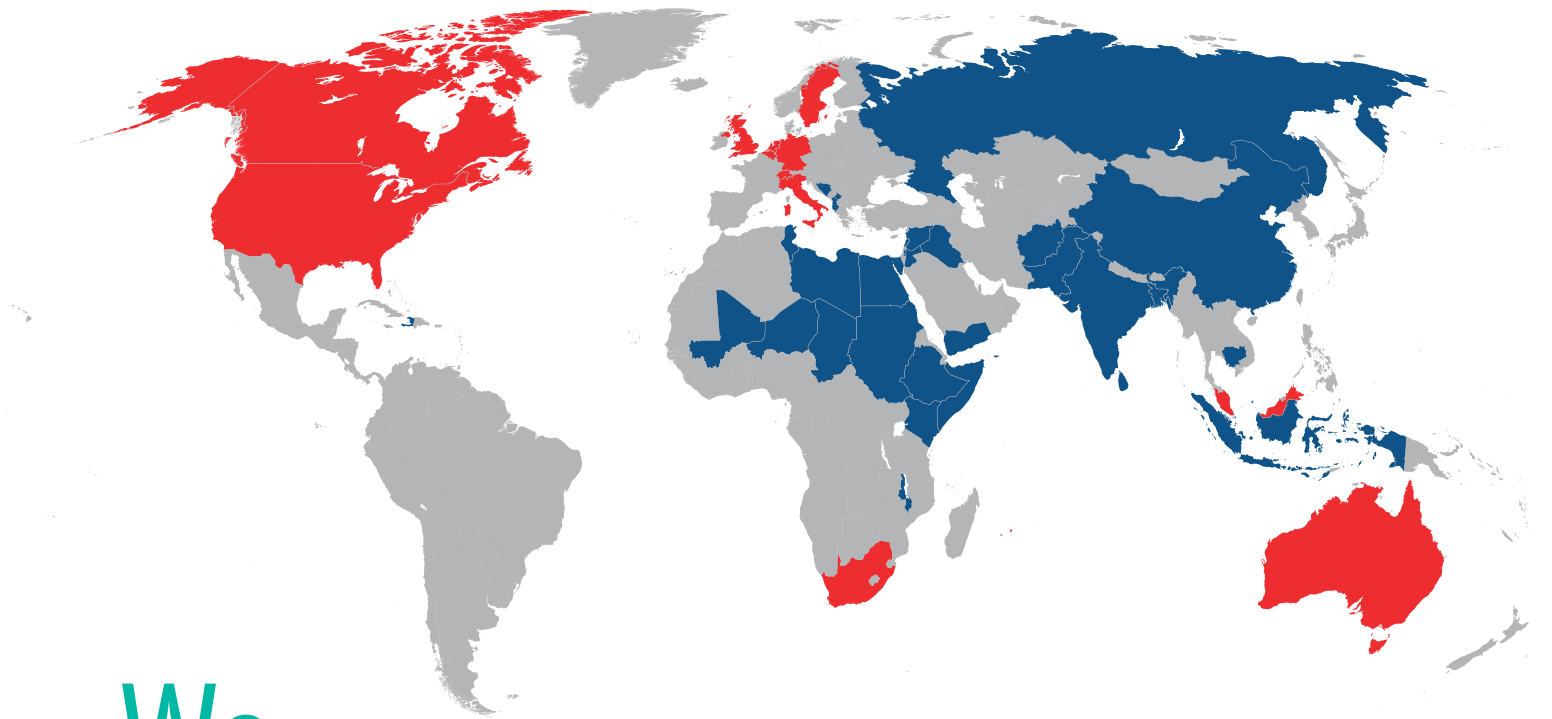
Providing adequate financial support so orphans can get the things they need, like education, health care, food and clothing. The goal is to improve their living standards and give them a chance at a better future.

### Udhiyah/Qurbani and Ramadan:

Distributing donated fresh, canned or frozen meat to the needy during Muslim holy festivals, and distributing food to the needy during the month of Ramadan.

### Zakah and Sadaqah:

Providing basic aid including food, rent, clothing, and medical supplies to the poor and vulnerable.



# We Are Here

## AFFILIATED OFFICES

- AUSTRALIA
- BELGIUM
- CANADA
- GERMANY
- ITALY
- MALAYSIA
- MAURITIUS
- NETHERLANDS
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SWEDEN
- SWITZERLAND
- UNITED KINGDOM

## FIELD OFFICES

- AFGHANISTAN
- ALBANIA
- BANGLADESH
- BOSNIA
- CHAD
- CHINA
- EGYPT
- ETHIOPIA
- HAITI
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAQ
- JORDAN
- KENYA
- KOSOVO
- LEBANON
- LIBYA
- MALAWI
- MALI
- NIGER
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- RUSSIA (CHECHNYA)
- SOMALIA
- SRI LANKA
- SYRIA
- TUNISIA
- YEMEN



# A Closer Look

In 2012, Islamic Relief USA funded 65 international programs. Of these, 28 were new, and 37 continued from 2009, 2010 and 2011. IRUSA also successfully continued annual programs including:



Ramadan food distribution



Udhiyah/Qurbani meat distribution



Orphan sponsorship



Day of Dignity (USA)

Thanks to our donors, in 2012, we've touched the lives of 2,372,847 people globally.







# United States of America

Nearly 50 million Americans—including almost 16 million children—live in poverty. According to the U.S. Census Bureau figures, the number of Americans living in poverty rose by 3.8 million between 2008 and 2009, and in 2011, 15% of the U.S. population was living in poverty.

Islamic Relief USA's domestic programs aim to alleviate poverty, hunger and suffering in the United States. IRUSA also provides grants for many organizations and sponsors annual events that provide support to local communities.

## Provided Meals for Low-Income Schoolchildren During School Vacations

Donors provided meals during summer to low-income children who rely on school for meals during the school year. About 16 million American children live in food-insecure households, without reliable access to enough nutritious food. Many of these children rely on school for breakfast and lunch—but in the summer, they don't have this source of food. Islamic Relief donors and community organizations around the country worked together with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make food available to these children via summer programs and other avenues. This helped more than 6,800 children in nine states in 2012.



## Helped Low-Income Americans Save for Financial Goals

Islamic Relief USA donors provided training and financial incentives to help individuals and families save for goals and build a more secure future for themselves. Islamic Relief USA worked with ECDC Enterprise Development to help lower-income residents of the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore areas attain goals such as buying a home, opening a small business or beginning a new career. Participants attended 12 hours of training, opened a savings account, and deposited money for 6 to 24 months. When they reached their goals, Islamic Relief matched their savings and ECDC did too, in total tripling the participants' savings. This helped 124 participants and their families in 2012.

## Provided Food and Services on Day of Dignity

Donors helped volunteers serve homeless and low-income Americans in 16 cities around the country in fall 2012 during the 10th annual Day of Dignity campaign. All the events provided free food. Other items and services distributed at many of the events included hygiene kits, clothes, haircuts and health screenings. In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., more than a dozen children won free bicycles. The Portland event included facepainting and animal balloons, and clients pitched in to carry boxes and set up tents. The festive atmosphere in Portland was filmed by a man who was a beneficiary seven years ago; he said that event had been a turning point in his life, and he was back in 2012 on a scholarship, filming a documentary on the homeless people in the area. The 16 Day of Dignity events helped a total of about 9,000 people in 2012.

Atlanta  
Baltimore  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Detroit  
Flint  
Fort Lauderdale  
Houston  
Las Vegas  
Louisville  
Minneapolis  
New York City  
Philadelphia  
Phoenix  
Seattle  
Washington, D.C.

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## More programs in 2012

- Sponsored a community garden and summer food program in Illinois
- Trained food pantry operators in New York
- Supported a health clinic in New Jersey
- Assisted students with tuition in Virginia
- Provided meals to homeless people in Georgia
- Trained community members and leaders to prevent domestic violence in Illinois
- Gave Zakah to low-income Americans nationwide



# International Emergency Relief

One of Islamic Relief USA's primary goals has been to provide rapid relief for disaster victims. Islamic Relief USA works with affiliates in nearly three dozen countries. These partnerships help maximize our ability to respond to urgent situations with speed and efficiency. Emergency aid efforts can include the distribution of food, water, clothing, shelters, and vital medicine and medical care.



## Supported Syrian Refugees During Crisis

The situation in Syria has been extremely volatile, putting so many people at risk, and leaving tens of thousands homeless. International opinion on the crisis continues to emphasize the difficulties of taking decisive action, and funding for Syrians affected by the war is low, considering the length, scale and level of violence in Syria, and the number of refugees suffering through the chaos. For more than two years, Islamic Relief USA donors have helped relieve the suffering of Syrian men, women and children who have been victims of this conflict. Areas of focus include nutrition, health, and shelter, based on ongoing needs assessments. Islamic Relief USA donors are also helping to support Syrians inside of Syria.

## Enhanced Medical Care in Libya with WHO

To help reduce mortality rates of the people of Libya, Islamic Relief USA donors helped improve the access of quality health care to Libyans in need. Through the World Health Organization, Islamic Relief USA helped support needs assessments, provided technical support, and aided in the distribution of vital medicines and medical supplies to Libyans during the height of conflict and political unrest in the country.



## Helped Hundreds of Thousands Overcome Drought in East Africa

When drought spanned East Africa, families lost nearly everything they had. Many walked miles and miles in the scorching heat in search of relief. Islamic Relief USA donors helped victims of drought with emergency food programs, especially children and pregnant women suffering from malnutrition. Islamic Relief USA donors helped support mobile medical care services, and supported water distribution and sanitation for individuals in need. Shelters were constructed for families, and veterinary care helped treat livestock so that families could have a continued source of income.

**East Africa emergency projects helped more than 386,000 people.**



## Above and Beyond Initial Response

Islamic Relief USA donors helped support recovery efforts in Somalia including helping farmers maintain livestock, the construction of clean water systems, latrines, and training for maintenance of clean water sources. Water and sanitation committees were established in 30 communities in order to improve water and sanitation practices long-term.

## Some Project Highlights: Onset of Emergency

### In Mandera, Northern Kenya response activities included:

- Distribution of essential medicine
- Provision of food packets
- Provision of hygiene materials
- Installation of two deep wells
- Installation of pipes
- Installation of latrines
- Installation of water pumps
- Provision of veterinary care
- Provision of seeds for farming

**PEOPLE HELPED: 69,072**

### In Mogadishu, Somalia, project activities included:

- Provision of water trucks in 12 camps
- Reparation of two boreholes
- Provision of 8 water bladders
- Provision of jerry cans
- Provision of household items
- Construction of 680 latrines
- Delivery of emergency food packets

**PEOPLE HELPED: 128,000**



### Provided Aid for Flood Survivors in Pakistan

Islamic Relief USA donors helped to provide emergency assistance following floods in Pakistan. Islamic Relief USA provided mobile health services, distributed mosquito repellants to help prevent the spread of disease, including malaria, installed handpumps and distributed water purification tablets, and distributed food packets to sustain families through the height of the emergency. Cash-for-work opportunities were created during the recovery process for local individuals to earn an income, and vaccinations were provided to farmers to help ensure the health of their livestock.

### Helped Families Survive Winter in Afghanistan

Islamic Relief USA donors helped provide proper nutrition and fuel to internally displaced families so that they would not suffer through a vicious winter. Donors helped 9,420 people in need receive food packets and charcoal for fuel that helped to sustain them through the harsh winter weather in 2012.

### Helped Flood Victims Recover in Afghanistan

One hundred and eighty-one shelters were constructed for families in Afghanistan affected by floods and 30 wells were constructed and tested to help provide clean, drinking water to communities in need.



**This project helped 1,086 people.**



### Supported IDP's in Pakistan

To help improve primary health care and water and sanitation services for the people of Khyber Agency in Pakistan, IRUSA donors supported the distribution of vital medicine and provision of medical services to individuals in need, including prenatal and post-natal care for pregnant and nursing mothers. Children and women in need were screened for malnutrition, and patients were provided with health diagnostic testing and psychosocial support. Health promotion sessions were conducted, and hygiene kits were distributed. Latrines, waste collection facilities, drainage systems, and water tanks were constructed to help keep water clean long-term. This project helped 13,056 people. A second phase of the project helped 13,886 more people in the region.

### Provided Shelters and More in Myanmar

Islamic Relief USA donors helped people who were displaced in Myanmar during conflict by providing 1,000 emergency shelters and 2,000 kits of basic necessities. Kits distributed have included clothing for adults and children, hygiene items like soap and detergent, blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, water containers, and more. Temporary shelters helped house 1,675 people.

### Assisted Cleanup After Tsunami in Japan

Based on needs for recovery, 15 3-ton forklifts were provided to the help aid in cleanup and recovery efforts in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami that devastated lives in 2012.



# D.A.R.T.

## DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM



Islamic Relief USA's Disaster Assistance Response Team was formed in 2011 to give back to our communities in the United States. Since then, DART has trained more than 800 volunteers in conjunction with the American Red Cross, and new training sessions are conducted about twice a month. DART responds to an emergency an average of every other month, and teams are ready to respond in states across the country, so they can get there fast when communities need them.

### Hurricane Sandy, October 2012

DART members staffed two shelters in Piscataway, New Jersey, helping more than 600 people who had evacuated from Atlantic City. The team distributed food, set up cots, cared for children, handled disturbances and resolved issues for guests at the shelters. Between this deployment and a related grant, DART helped 3,500 people in New Jersey.

### Colorado Wildfires, summer 2012

Islamic Relief's DART provided tools for residents to use in cleaning up their properties, and assisted at a distribution center in Fort Collins that distributed food, furniture, hygiene items and clothing to survivors. This helped about 500 people.

### Texas Tornadoes, April 2012

IRUSA's DART arrived in Dallas within 24 hours of the tornadoes touching down. The team conducted disaster assessments for hundreds of residents in Dallas, Lancaster and Forth Worth so families could begin the recovery process. The team also staffed a distribution center where their tasks included registering clients, starting their files, and directing them toward appropriate assistance. DART coordinated with the local Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the American Red Cross to assist the survivors in the distribution center by linking them with organizations that could address their specific needs. This helped about 2,250 people.



### Alabama Tornadoes, April 2011

Just after the DART program was created, tornadoes in Alabama quickly put the team to the test. Relief workers deployed to Alabama in early May 2011 to work with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Birmingham Islamic Center to provide assistance to the tornado survivors. Among their efforts, the team conducted damage assessments, prepared food, staffed shelters and consoled residents.

### Hurricane Irene, August 2011

As Hurricane Irene approached New Jersey, residents gathered in shelters for safety after boarding up their homes. DART members worked at two American Red Cross shelters, managing one of them. Tasks included setup, operation, assisting with distributions, providing emotional support to clients, and cleanup/tear-down of the shelters. This helped 1,700 people.



# Income Generation & Livelihood

The poor are especially vulnerable to disasters when a family's daily survival is a struggle. They are especially vulnerable to any added stress, such as drought or recession. Developing a secure livelihood improves everyday life and helps them weather the inevitable hard times every family faces.

In the wake of disasters, Islamic Relief's immediate humanitarian assistance efforts are often followed by long-term development projects that help communities lift themselves out of the precarious state that placed them in need. An important part of this is helping individuals and families develop a reliable source of sufficient and sustainable income. By working closely with communities to identify their needs, Islamic Relief can provide relevant livelihood training programs and promote income generation through tools such as business training, microfinance and more. These allow individuals to live with dignity and help communities become less vulnerable to disaster and less reliant on humanitarian aid.



## Provided Islamic Microfinance for Livestock Enterprises in China

Islamic Relief USA donors provided loans to help households enhance their livestock-breeding enterprises to improve their ability to reliably earn a sufficient income. Loans in a pilot phase increased household income by an average of about 65% and have been repaid. This project helped 900 people in Gansu Province.

## Supported Training for Orphan Families in Chechnya

Islamic Relief USA donors helped 109 orphans' households start small businesses for a continuous source of income. The new enterprises included food shops, cellphone repair shops, photography and video service shops, artwork shops and barbershops. This project helped 800 people.

## Taught Orphans Vocational Skills in Afghanistan

Islamic Relief USA donors provided classes in Kabul for orphans ages 10-18 in tailoring, cell phone repair and latticework, so they could help support themselves and their families while they continued to attend school. Students also took classes in reading, math and peace-building. This project helped 1,800 people.

## Supported Small Businesses for Women in Palestine

Islamic Relief USA donors helped improve the socio-economic status and self-reliance of poor female-headed households in Palestine by supporting new small enterprises like family farms, grocery shops and tailoring shops. By the end of 2012, 67 households had begun their new businesses, and 30 had started to repay their loans. In its third phase, this project helped 402 people by the end of 2012.





# Education & Training

The poor are often caught in a cycle that's hard to break: Without sufficient income, they lack access to education. But without education, they cannot increase their income. This is reality for millions of families. More than 60 million primary-school-age children cannot attend school. More than half are girls. Most live in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

For Islamic Relief USA, education is essential for alleviating poverty and promoting a life of dignity. Islamic Relief donors support projects for adults and children, from building schools to training teachers to providing specialized vocational training for orphans and their family members. A particular focus is improving women's literacy and improving girls' access to education.



### Gave School Supplies to Poor Students in Palestine

Islamic Relief USA donors gave thousands of Palestinian children—including orphans under sponsorship—school bags full of supplies that they needed. This helped 3,800 children to be able to return to school.



### Provided Adequate Education in Palestine

Islamic Relief donors repaired classrooms in nine schools to make them safe for students and conducive to learning. This has helped more than 13,000 people.



### Improved Education for Orphans in Afghanistan

Islamic Relief USA donors supported education at Shaheed Habibul Rahman Orphanage Center in Jalalabad for orphans who could not afford to go to school otherwise. In addition to paying for educational costs, donors also helped construct a computer lab and playground, train staff, furnish classrooms and dorm rooms, and provide three meals a day. This helped about 4,000 people.

### Provided Education for Refugee Children in Kenya

USA donors helped Islamic Relief set up classrooms in Dadaab refugee camp and equip them with desks, chairs, books, pens and a play area outside of each one. Teachers were trained, and extracurricular activities were established. This helped 1,226 children continue their education.



### Provided Education for Women in Afghanistan

Islamic Relief USA donors gave rural women in Bamyan Province the opportunity to become literate. Students took classes in reading, writing and basic math, as well as learning about health and hygiene, household budgeting and entrepreneurial opportunities. Classes were taught in home environments for cultural sensitivity. This helped 5,400 people.



### Renovated Schools in Mali

As part of a broader project to make villages more child-friendly, donors helped Islamic Relief build, renovate and equip schools, and train educators. Overall, this project helped 34,209 people.



### Trained Teachers in Ghana

Islamic Relief donors supported an institute that trained teachers from Ghana and surrounding countries in Arabic and Islamic studies, so they could return to their homes and work as teachers. This project helped more than 1,000 people.

### Improved Preschools in Palestine

Islamic Relief donors improved the educational environment in 40 schools for preschool/kindergarten. Improvements included repairs to tiling, doors, windows, lighting and bathrooms, and sidewalks were paved. Sixty teachers were trained and the schools were equipped with toys. This project helped more than 23,000 people, including students, teachers, laborers and family members.

### Built Al-Askar School for Refugee Children

Islamic Relief USA donors helped enhance the education of schoolchildren in al-Askar refugee camp by helping improve the school facilities and updating technology and science curriculums. This project helped 4,774 people.





# Health

In some countries, skilled health workers attend as few as 10% of births—very few people are getting proper medical care on a regular basis. Without access to regular healthcare and education, preventing disease is hard, and when people get sick with illnesses and diseases that are easily treatable, getting treatment before their conditions progress to major life-threatening disease is nearly impossible. Many people die before they can get proper care. And those with more serious conditions don't even have a chance.

## Supported Health Care with WHO in Libya

Islamic Relief USA donors have helped reduce mortality rates, and improve the health of Libyans in need by supporting the World Health Organization's "Health Action in Crisis" project in Libya. IRUSA support helped WHO assess damage and needs, develop health interventions, and procure urgently needed medical supplies.

## Provided Emergency Health Care in Niger

Islamic Relief donors have helped deliver nutritious food and treatments to malnourished children in Niger. Donors also supported women's groups to educate mothers and mothers-to-be on how to identify and prevent malnutrition in their communities. In addition, important medical equipment has been provided to medical centers so that they have what they need to identify and treat illnesses in children. Donated equipment included: medical chairs and hospital beds, mattresses, refrigerators for medicine storage, antibiotics, and micronutrient supplements. About 65 health workers were trained on malnutrition management and child-related diseases.

## Helped Eliminate Avoidable Blindness in Pakistan

In order to reduce the incidence of avoidable blindness in Pakistan, Islamic Relief donors have helped support preventative and curative eye care services for Pakistanis in need. Eye surgeries, eye exams, medicine, and preventative care have been provided to patients, including screenings in schools. 29,071 people have been helped.

## Provided Emergency Meals for Students in Gaza

Thanks to Islamic Relief USA donors, students in Gaza have received daily meals through UNRWA. More than 2,247,200 nutritious meals were provided to students in need in just 104 days. 21,402 students were helped.

# Nutrition

Hunger is linked to more than half of child deaths worldwide, and even more children suffer from "hidden hunger"—they lack vital nutrients and have deficiencies in the key vitamins they need to develop into healthy adults. Without proper nutrition from foods like vegetables and fruits, fish and meats, and other items that are often expensive and hard to get, many children are stunted, are more likely to become blind, have lower IQ, and are more likely to die before maturity.

In the past, Islamic Relief USA donors have helped increase the capacity of emergency and ICU departments in Palestine, provided emergency medical care for drought victims across East Africa, provided necessary food aid in Egypt, and much more.



## Provided Therapy for Disabled Children in Egypt

Children with disabilities and their families have a hard time in Egypt, especially if they live in poverty. With IRUSA donor support, the Early Intervention and Rehabilitation Center has given children with disabilities and their families the support they need to lead better lives. Project initiatives included education and therapy for the children, and training for their parents. Children and their families also received food, medical care and other necessities.



## Sought Hepatitis C Initiative in Pakistan

Islamic Relief USA donors have helped stop the spread of Hepatitis C in Pakistan through advocacy and education campaigns to inform communities, businesses, and medical facilities about preventing and treating Hepatitis C. Islamic Relief and APPNA teams helped provide materials to help educate people on the issue in key locations in the community, especially hospitals and schools, and seminars were held to reach the larger community. This project helped 357,674 people.

## Established Kidney Dialysis Units in Palestine

For Palestinians who need kidney dialysis treatments on a regular basis, Islamic Relief USA donors helped establish kidney dialysis units at Yatta Hospital and Jerusalem's Queen of Victoria Hospital. Too many Palestinians suffer from kidney failure due to diseases like hepatitis or untreated kidney infections due poor sanitation, and unfortunately, many aren't able to get the help they need. The only unit specialized to treat children with these ailments in all of Palestine is Queen Victoria Hospital. IRUSA donor support is ensuring these children can lead healthy, productive lives with safe, up-to-date medical care they regularly need.

## Fostered Food Sovereignty in Mali

Training, supplies and financing are helping families in rural Mali grow their own food more efficiently, and helping them to earn an income at the same time. Plots of land have been made farmable, seeds and work materials have been provided, and training workshops have helped farmers grow their crops effectively. 48,104 people have been helped.

## Provided Hospitalization Assistance for Syrian Refugees

In response to the Syrian refugee crisis, Islamic Relief donors have supported a project to help injured and sick Syrian refugees get the specialized medical care they need. Many of these patients need emergency surgeries and treatments that they cannot afford. Islamic Relief USA has helped treat 160 patients with emergency care, and are working in three hospitals in Jordan to deliver medical care to Syrian refugees in dire need of medical attention.

## Supported School Feeding in Jordan

Sometimes existing institutions need help to better deliver aid to people in need in their communities. By capacity building in existing organizations, Islamic Relief donors can help improve relief efforts in a country long-term, even after Islamic Relief teams have finished their work there. Islamic Relief USA donors helped support capacity building and training for The Ministry of Education's School Feeding Program in Jordan. The Feeding Program helps underprivileged children have nutritious food to eat throughout the school year. With Islamic Relief's help, the program is better-organized, able to reach quality and safety standards, and is able to serve more children in need.



# Water & Sanitation

Preventing illness can come down to simple things like clean water, bathrooms and soap. Many impoverished communities around the world do not have access to these basics that can slow the spread of disease worldwide.

Islamic Relief USA donors have supported projects to provide sanitary facilities, clean water systems, and hygiene items to help reduce the number of people who get sick. More than this, IRUSA is working hard to deliver long-term solutions to water and sanitation issues, including training and education for water resource maintenance and better hygiene practices, so that even people in remote areas will have the knowledge and the resources to stay healthy.



## Improved Water Access in Mali

Islamic Relief USA donors helped improve living conditions in poor communities in Mali by improving access to clean drinking water, constructing sanitation facilities, raising hygiene awareness, and training 225 members of water, sanitation and hygiene management committees. New wells were constructed to help make drinking water access easier. Seven hundred and fifty new latrines were provided with wastewater control facilities, and local hand pump mechanics were trained and hired to repair hand pumps in their communities. Thirty local masons were trained on proper latrine construction. This project helped 26,601 people.

## Built Water and Sanitation Systems in Yemen

Islamic Relief USA donors have helped provide water connections to poor villages in Yemen. A new supply system with 8 kilometers of piping is helping provide 20 villages with clean water. A water supply tank was constructed, and local community members were involved in helping construct the tank, pumping unit, piping and access road. Local community members have been trained on the maintenance and operation of water resources in their communities, and better hygiene practices. This project helped 8,000 families.



In Pakistan, water and sanitation initiatives helped more than 11,244 people in 2012

## Helped Restore Water Supply After Floods in Pakistan

Torrential rain brings destructive floods to Pakistan almost every year. And each year, poor water and sanitation systems in Pakistan can't withstand the influx of water. Drinking water become contaminated and extremely dangerous for consumption. Islamic Relief USA donors help Pakistani communities correct water maintenance issues by helping to clean up and restore existing water systems, and by building new and improved ones that are better able to withstand flooding. Hygiene sessions have been conducted to promote better sanitation practices. Latrines and waste collection facilities help prevent contamination. And proper water testing has been put in place in many communities in Pakistan, with training provided to local community members so that they can ensure their communities stay clean and healthy.

## Provided Water Solutions Across East Africa

To provide immediate relief to victims of drought in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, Islamic Relief USA donors helped provide emergency water trucks to refugee camps during drought. Deep wells were also repaired, wells were constructed, and water bladders were provided to help store and continuously provide water to drought survivors during the crisis. Latrines were constructed, and hygiene necessities were delivered so that people and water sources could stay clean. Community members were trained on proper water maintenance and best hygiene practices. Water purification supplies were also provided to help make contaminated water usable.

In Ethiopia, two water reservoirs were delivered to two new schools. The water reservoirs are expected to serve the students during dry seasons, to make sure students continue to attend school even during these times.



# Ramadan

Ramadan is a month of reflection, prayer and fasting for Muslims. During the month, observers gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the suffering of impoverished and hungry people around the world. Ramadan also serves to remind Muslims of the importance of charity, and their obligation to be charitable during the month and all throughout the year.

Every year during Ramadan, Islamic Relief teams distribute food packets in impoverished communities to provide relief from hunger. Each food packet holds about 30 pounds of food that is important to the local diet of the recipients, and is designed to help a family of five to seven people. Food packages can include items such as rice, wheat, lentils and oil, and often also sugar, canned fish and meat, and dates. Foods are procured locally within each country. The Ramadan program is designed to complement longer-term relief and development projects that provide sustainable assistance in improving living conditions.



AFGHANISTAN (10,798)
BANGLADESH (8,567)
CHECHNYA (7,827)
CHINA (2,500)
EGYPT (43,715)
ETHIOPIA (21,984)
INDIA (10,000)
IRAQ (5,400)
JORDAN (14,645)
KENYA (3,600)
LEBANON (15,030)
LIBYA (2,500)
MALI (20,629)
NIGER (17,500)
PAKISTAN (14,764)
PALESTINE (WEST BANK) (25,000)
SOMALIA (15,909)
SOUTH AFRICA (2,500)
SRI LANKA (1,000)
SUDAN (56,569)
TUNISIA (3,000)
YEMEN (12,500)
ZIMBABWE (2,794)

In 2012  
Total: 318,731

# Qurbani

Udhiyah (also referred to as Qurbani) marks the end of Hajj (pilgrimage), and is a time to reflect upon the significance of sacrifice with the Islamic tradition. Muslims observe Udhiyah/Qurbani by sharing meat with the less fortunate. For many people around the world, meat means nutrition—calories and nutrients they cannot get from any other food. It also means celebration—it is an expensive treat that is enjoyed mainly on special occasions.

Islamic Relief USA donors annually provide meat to impoverished communities during Udhiyah/Qurbani. The Islamic Relief program uses 100% halal meat. Meat is sourced locally whenever possible to support the community's economy. It is distributed fresh whenever possible, though in difficult situations like conflict zones, Islamic Relief may send frozen or canned meat so it can arrive to the recipients in good condition. A single Udhiyah/Qurbani can feed up to seven people.



AFGHANISTAN (6,122)
BANGLADESH (30,302)
BOSNIA (FROZEN QURBANI) (3,330)
CHAD (13,186)
CHECHNYA (2,106)
CHINA (934)
EGYPT (6,296)
ETHIOPIA (18,192)
INDIA (100,000)
IRAQ (CANNED QURBANI) (420)
JORDAN (CANNED QURBANI) (12,834)
KENYA (6,700)
KOSOVA (FROZEN QURBANI) (1,320)
LEBANON (CANNED QURBANI) (18,928)
MALAWI (6,250)
MALI (6,531)
NIGER (13,334)
PAKISTAN (51,410)
WEST BANK (CANNED QURBANI) (21,080)
SOMALIA (18,118)
SOUTH AFRICA (985)
SRI LANKA (10,257)
SUDAN (1,426)
SYRIA (CANNED QURBANI) (66,694)
YEMEN (2,828)
ZIMBABWE (11,923)

In 2012  
Total: 431,506



# Orphans

Children who have lost one or both parents live as orphans, and many suffer without having their basic needs met.



## Did you know?

**143 million children around the world are orphans**

**60 million children around the world are kept out of school because of poverty, discrimination or lack of resources**



Through Islamic Relief USA's One-to-One Orphan Sponsorship program, IRUSA donors sponsored 10,440 orphans in 22 countries in 2012.

With orphan sponsorship, each child's guardian is given the financial support they need to provide the child with necessities like food, clothing, medical care, and an education. Sponsors receive annual reports about their orphan, and although sponsorship costs vary from country to country, many sponsorships cost donors less than \$2.00 a day.

Donors can provide support on a monthly or yearly basis, and can specify the country that they would like their gift to be directed to. They can also elect to have their sponsorship sent to a child where it's most needed.

In addition to One-to-One, Islamic Relief USA donors support other projects that benefit orphans, such as special education, safe play areas, and training centers.

### Established a Bakery for Orphan Households

To help widows with orphaned children begin to earn a reliable income for their families, Islamic Relief USA donors supported the opening of a bakery house, and helped provide training to widows in need so that they could become regular, paid bakery staff. Equipment and supplies were provided, and the bakery house produces bread regularly. The benefit of this bakery is two-fold: Additional bread is also being delivered to the orphanage and to orphan families so that they'll have this staple to eat on a regular basis. One hundred and twenty-five people have been helped, but the bakery has the potential to help many more people for generations to come.



### Provided Eid festivities for Orphans in Palestine

Islamic Relief USA donors sponsor more than 1,400 orphans in Palestine, but IRUSA donors also help deliver special programs to orphans in Palestine when possible. IRUSA sponsored an iftar and Eid festival for 500 of Palestine's sponsored orphans at Haddad Amusements in Jenin. The iftar meal included lentil soup, hot beans, sautéed vegetables, salad, hummus, eggplant, potatoes and hot rice, with fresh baked chicken and warm pita bread. Children got Eid clothing and gifts and enjoyed an evening of carnival rides and treats. It was truly a magical night for many of these orphans, who often don't get to enjoy Eid or a truly filling Ramadan meal.

### Supported Education for Orphans in Afghanistan

Islamic Relief USA donors helped to provide safe, quality education for orphans in Afghanistan who can't afford to go to school otherwise. Teachers and school staff have been trained, and orphans living at the orphanage are now living in improved conditions, with new beds and linens, mattresses, fans and heaters, carpeting, and reading and bathing facilities. Food is provided three times a day to the orphans, and both girls and boys are attending school regularly. More than 300 children at the orphanage were helped.

**Islamic Relief USA and our generous donors have been caring for children in need since the day our organization was founded.**





# Afghanistan

Climate, war, natural disasters and drug trafficking have all contributed to creating difficult living conditions in Afghanistan. In a 2010 report, the United Nations ranked Afghanistan 155th out of 169 countries on its global Human Development Index, which measures education, longevity and economic performance. Survival is not taken for granted: One in every 10 children born in Afghanistan will die before age 5.

Islamic Relief has been working in Afghanistan since the early 1990s, providing aid services to people who have suffered for generations. In response to the 2001 conflict in the region, Islamic Relief opened a permanent office there. Early projects combined emergency relief with economic development initiatives, in addition to drought relief and food assistance. Later projects added education, water and sanitation, livelihood support and efforts aimed at helping improve living conditions for women.



## Taught Orphans Vocational Skills

Islamic Relief USA donors provided classes in Kabul for orphans ages 10-18 in tailoring, cell phone repair and latticework, so they can help support themselves and their families while they continue to attend school. They also took classes in reading, math and peace-building. The classes helped 300 orphans and 1,500 family members.

## Provided Emergency Winter Assistance

Preparations began at the very end of 2012 for Islamic Relief USA donors to send food and fuel in 2013 to help displaced families and street children survive a harsh winter. This project helped 26,416 people.

## Provided Literacy Classes for Women

Islamic Relief USA donors gave rural women in Bamyan Province the opportunity to become literate—learning how to read, write and do basic math. They also learned about health and hygiene, household budgeting and entrepreneurial opportunities. Nine hundred women took this course, and 4,500 family members also benefited from the women's expanded knowledge, for a total of 5,400 people helped.



## Provided Quality Education for Orphans

IRUSA donors supported education at Shaheed Habibul Rahman Orphanage Center in Jalalabad for orphans who could not afford to go to school otherwise. In addition to paying for educational costs, donors also helped construct a computer lab and playground, train staff, furnish classrooms and dorm rooms, and provide three meals a day. Five hundred orphans and 3,500 family members and staff members benefited from this school.





# Bangladesh

Bangladesh achieved remarkable reductions in its poverty levels in the first decade of this millennium, according to the World Bank—reducing the rate from nearly 50% of the population to just over 31%. Still, however, about 47 million Bangladeshis live in poverty and 26 million people in extreme poverty. A significant proportion of the population relies on agriculture for income, but tropical storms and coastal flooding hinder many Bangladeshi's abilities to make a secure living from farming.

In 1991, the Islamic Relief family provided vital emergency assistance to the people of Bangladesh in response to a tropical cyclone. Islamic Relief has worked to help residents there ever since.



## Enhanced Resilience of Climate-Affected Communities

Islamic relief USA donors began work to improve the quality of life and reduce poverty and inequality through building community resilience to natural disasters. This project is expected to benefit more than 13,000 people by its completion, with 2,200 helped so far.





# Chechnya

Two wars tore through Chechnya during the 1990s and into the following decade, destroying the region's economy, job market and civil infrastructure—forcing more than 150,000 Chechens to flee their homes.

Inaccessibility to Chechnya has made it difficult for outside governments, human rights groups and nongovernmental organizations to gather more information about the situation in Chechnya.

Islamic Relief was one of the first aid agencies to assist Chechens affected by conflict in the mid-90's and has been working in the Northern Caucasus since 1995. Islamic Relief responded immediately to help refugees—relief teams pitched tents for homeless families and provided them with food, water, clothes, and wood.

Since then, Islamic Relief has support other programs in Chechnya, most recently focusing on orphans and children in need.



## Provided Small Grants for Children of War

This project will help improve the living standards of 62 households of those maimed by landmines or unexploded ordnance accidents (UXO), many are children. The goal is to provide small grants and technical support for these households so that they can effectively and efficiently generate businesses and raise their incomes.

## Established a Bakery for Orphan Households

This project achieved two main goals: To provide women with a means for income-generation and to provide fresh baked goods for orphans and other children in need. Women, who are the heads of their households, worked together to take ownership of a bakery business. As part of the business plan, widows were hired as staff at the bakery, where they bake fresh bread daily and provide surplus bread to orphan households and local child rehabilitation centers.

## Provided Livelihood Support for Orphans

About 150 orphans and their families in Grozny received business training, such as sewing, cell phone repair, and wood craftsmanship, to help them earn money and make a living.

# China

China has made strides in reducing poverty in recent decades: According to the World Bank, the number of people in China living on less than \$1.25 per day fell from 835 million in 1981 to 208 million in 2005. Yet it still has the second-largest population of impoverished people in the world, and many of the remaining poor are difficult to reach, living in remote and rural areas. As education becomes ever more important in raising income and living standards, limited access to education in China's remote areas—due to both expense and distance—is perpetuating the cycle of poverty, contributing to a widening gap between the rich and the poor.



Islamic Relief launched its aid efforts in China in response to the 2002 Shaanxi floods. Following the initial emergency phase, Islamic Relief partnered with local population to build new homes in four villages. Islamic Relief China then opened to sustain ongoing efforts.

## Sha Ximei's Story

Farmers like Sha Ximei make up the majority of people living below the poverty line in China, where 90% of poor people live in rural areas. "We don't have enough money to survive," Sha said.

Islamic Relief donors gave Sha a helping hand at starting her herd. Through the micro-finance program, she got an interest-free loan that enabled her to buy additional cows, along with supplies, veterinary care and training to be able to raise them successfully and keep them healthy.



## Helped Enhance Livestock Enterprises in China

Islamic Relief donors gave loans to farmers in China so they could enhance their livestock-breeding enterprises and more reliably earn a sufficient income for their family. In a pilot phase, the loans increased household income by an average of about 65% and have been repaid. This has helped 900 people in Gansu Province.



# Egypt

Poverty and food security have risen sharply in Egypt over the past few years, due to a combination of crises, from avian flu in 2006 through food, fuel and financial crises in 2007-2009, to the nationwide upheaval that began in 2011. Seventeen percent of Egyptians suffered from food insecurity in 2011, compared with 14 percent in 2009, according to the United Nations, and twice as many people moved into poverty as escaped it. Thirty-one percent of children younger than 5 are stunted due to malnutrition.

Islamic Relief has been working in Egypt for more than a decade, assisting people with disabilities, especially children. After the unrest of early 2011 led to an increase in poverty and unemployment, Islamic Relief expanded its programs to help families get through difficult times and build more secure forms of livelihood.



## Sponsored Impoverished Families

In a project that began in 2011 and continued in 2012, donors provided comprehensive assistance for 150 deeply impoverished families so they could get by in the short term and build more secure livelihoods. This project encompassed food, health care, education, entrepreneurial support and assistance with individual households' needs. Throughout this effort:

- 7,400 food packages were delivered
- 700 patients received medical checkups
- 13 children with disabilities received rehabilitative services
- 20 surgical operations were performed
- 474 children received new school uniforms, bags and supplies
- 144 children received tutoring
- 34 mothers took literacy classes
- 182 appliances were delivered (gas cooker, washing machine, refrigerator, etc.)
- 575 pieces of furniture were delivered (beds, cupboards, mattresses, etc.)
- 15 roofs were repaired for families in need
- Families received clothing
- 100 families received help starting small businesses

**People helped: 844**

## Assisted the Rural Poor in Metobas District in Meeting Health Needs

Islamic Relief USA donors helped equip and furnish a medical center. Six clinics at the center were furnished with a complete range of medical equipment.

## Provided Comprehensive Vocational Training & Employment

Donors helped provide vocational training for young Egyptians, to provide them with marketable skills. Several of the first graduates were hired after completing their training.

## Provided Emergency Food Packages

With Egypt's economy slowing drastically in early 2011, many families could not buy the food they needed, so Islamic Relief donors quickly provided food packages to 2,200 families. Packages contained filling staples: rice, macaroni, beans, lentils, cooking oil, canned meat, sugar, salt, tea and tomato paste. This helped 10,863 people.



## Provided Rehabilitative Services for Children with Disabilities

Islamic Relief USA donors supported an Early Intervention and Rehabilitation Center in Cairo, where 1,613 children received services. Services included speech therapy, physiotherapy and special education. Families received counseling, health checkups and medical equipment, and mothers received vocational training. School officials advocated on behalf of early childhood education for children with disabilities and helped preschools and primary schools to accept and integrate children with disabilities. Children also participated in additional activities such as sports, art, computer classes and vocational training. This helped 2,119 people.





# Ethiopia

Although acute droughts wreaked havoc on Ethiopia's economy in the first few years of the millennium, the country made significant economic progress since 2003—until another severe drought struck in 2011. Ethiopia's largely pastoral population is extremely vulnerable to external forces such as weather and climate-related challenges.

Islamic Relief began working in Ethiopia in response to severe droughts at the beginning of the millennium. An official field office opened in January 2004, and workers began implementing long-term development projects that have improved access to education, health care, water and sanitation, livelihood and food security. In response to the drought of 2011, Islamic Relief launched a new campaign to provide emergency relief.



## Enabled More Children to Attend Schools

Donors helped Islamic Relief construct school bathrooms for students and teachers, enabling more girls to attend the schools. Donors also provided 100 multi-student desks so the schools could admit 300 more students, along with providing additional tables, chairs and notice boards. And finally, two water reservoirs were delivered to the two schools, allowing students to attend even during the dry season. About 5,000 people were helped by this project.



## Provided Relief From Drought

Islamic Relief donors provided nutrition, health care and water for people affected by the 2011 drought. They helped bring malnourished children back to health with supplements, medications and vaccinations. For malnourished children with health complications, donors established and stocked two stabilization centers and provided training for health workers; pregnant women and other vulnerable people were treated as well. Primary health-care services were provided for more than 35,000 children and adults, and 200 shelters were constructed. 1.34 million liters of water were trucked in for 14,000 people at three sites. Two reservoirs were installed and five deep-water wells were repaired. Water-purification chemicals and soap were provided, and animal-health care workers were trained and equipped with medicines to treat livestock. These interventions helped 130,159 people.



## Strengthened Livestock

Donors helped Islamic Relief vaccinate and/or treat 168,648 animals for diseases, treat 278 camels for respiratory disease, train 40 community animal health workers, and establish and stock two veterinary pharmacy facilities. They also gave a total of more than 3,000 head of livestock to 400 households to help restart their herds. More than 48,000 people benefited from this project.







## GHANA

Ghana has fought poverty with impressive success in recent years, cutting its poverty rate nearly in half. Still, this leaves more than one-quarter of the population in poverty, and food insecurity rates are higher in the north, where delayed and erratic rains have impeded agricultural enterprises. While Ghana has addressed poverty, it has also worked to increase literacy and access to education; however, illiteracy remains widespread, especially among the poor.

Islamic Relief has begun working in Ghana to help relieve both the problems of hunger and lack of access to education.

### Trained Teachers in Ghana

Islamic Relief USA donors supported an institute that trained teachers from Ghana and surrounding countries in Arabic and Islamic studies, so they could return to their homes and work as teachers. This project helped more than 1,000 people.



### Distributed Ramadan Food Packages Ghana

Donors provided food packages so impoverished people could break their fast at the end of the day in Ramadan. Foods were purchased locally to support local markets and institutions. This helped 15,535 people.



## HAITI

Haiti's tragic 7.0-magnitude earthquake on January 12, 2010, left already impoverished communities completely destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of buildings were damaged, and more than a million people were displaced.

Islamic Relief's worldwide teams were on the ground within 72 hours of the earthquake, and remained for years, helping communities to rebuild and recover. Donors in the United States funded a portion of the recovery efforts.

### Rehabilitated a School and Built Shelters

Islamic Relief USA donors helped to reconstruct and improve the National School of Dumay. Twenty classrooms were rebuilt, each with a blackboard and work benches. Additional facilities also were constructed, including an administration building, a cafeteria/kitchen, a school yard/basketball court, a boundary wall with a security cabin at the gate, and sanitation facilities. A computer lab was also constructed, and was equipped 12 computers along with tables and chairs. The work was completed in October 2011, benefiting 1,100 schoolchildren. Donors also worked with a United Nations agency to construct 198 high-quality temporary shelters and 34 latrines. Local carpenters and repairmen were trained to support this effort. This project helped 3,750 people.



# INDIA

India hosts the world's largest population of people living in poverty. More than three-quarters of the country's poor live in rural areas, according to the World Bank. Efforts to counter poverty have reduced the percentage of India's population who are poor, but due to the country's rapid population growth, the actual number of poor people has continued to increase.

Islamic Relief has been working with local organizations in India since 1994. Projects include orphan sponsorship, livelihoods and seasonal Ramadan and Qurbani food distributions. Islamic Relief has also responded to emergencies in India, including recent floods.

## Rebuilt Village After Flood

Islamic Relief USA donors helped rebuild an entire community, building a brand new village with 162 homes. This helped not only the residents of the new homes, but also business people, such as grocers, repairmen, tailors and clothes washers. This project helped 698 people.





# Jordan

Jordan's population has doubled 12 times during the past 60 years, according to the United Nations. Large influxes of refugees from neighboring areas, including Palestine, Iraq and most recently Syria, have severely strained the country's resources. A major area of strain has been jobs, and unemployment and the resulting poverty has hit Jordan's rural areas particularly hard.

Islamic Relief began working in Jordan in 1997, sponsoring orphans living in Palestinian refugee camps—an effort that continues some 15 years later. More recently, Islamic Relief has focused on alleviating food insecurity for children across the country, and has helped provide support to the influx of Syrian refugees.



## Provided Urgent Assistance to Syrian Refugee Families in Jordan, Phases I and II

Islamic Relief USA donors continued their support of Syrian refugee families in Jordan with more emergency relief distributions. Items distributed included food packages containing rice, macaroni, beans, cooking oil, feta cheese, tomato paste, bouillon cubes and sugar. Other items distributed include soap, shampoo, detergent, bleach, tissues, toothpaste, diapers, mattresses, pillows, blankets and rent assistance. Medicines were supplied to Akilah hospital to aid in treating patients. This helped about 13,000 people.



## Supported Hospital Care for Syrian Refugees

Donors provided emergency in-patient hospital care for sick or injured Syrian refugees. This provided urgently needed care to 160 patients in three hospitals.





# Kenya

Extended periods of drought have plagued Kenya, affecting the food supply and economy. According to the World Bank, 46% of the country's population lives below the national poverty line. Food insecurity and malnutrition are chronic problems. Kenyan children, mothers and elderly are particularly susceptible to hunger-related illnesses and death.

Islamic Relief has been working in Kenya since the early 1990s, when it initiated an orphan sponsorship program to provide children with opportunities for a brighter future. Islamic Relief Kenya was registered in 2006 to maintain that program and to implement projects that would help alleviate food shortages caused by drought. Kenya was one of several African countries supported by Islamic Relief's Africa Food Crisis campaign.



## Integrated Emergency Response to Communities Affected by Drought in Northern Kenya

Islamic Relief donors provided essential medicines to 20 health facilities, along with emergency food packages to feed 5,400 people. Water was trucked in for 43,272 people, and three deep wells were repaired to provide water for 8,200 individuals. Nine hundred people received water purifiers and hygiene awareness sessions to promote better hygiene and sanitation. Animal destocking was conducted in coordination with government ministries, benefiting 800 farmers, and the resulting meat distribution benefited 9,600 individuals. Government health workers were supported in vaccinating 800 animals. Another 900 farmers received maize seed, Sudan grass seed and diesel fuel, to support irrigation farming. This project helped 69,072 people.



## Supported Informal Schools for Refugee Children

Donors helped Islamic Relief set up handicapped-accessible classrooms in Dadaab refugee camp. Teachers were trained, and desks, chairs, books, pens and play areas were provided. Classrooms were equipped with bathrooms, a water tank and a hand-washing facility. Extracurricular activities also were established. This helped 1,226 children continue their lessons even in a refugee camp.



## Integrated Emergency Response to Communities Affected by Drought in East Africa

Islamic Relief USA donors provided medicine to health centers and mosquito nets to families with children and pregnant women. Food packages were distributed to benefit 28,800 people, each pack containing rice, beans, cooking oil and flour. Two deep-water wells were drilled to provide water to more than 9,900 people in Wajir West District, and more wells were repaired and equipped with generators.

Bathrooms in schools were repaired, and 34 households participated in environmental cleanups. Another 300 households received kits including a wash basin, mosquito nets, water jug, water purification tablets, a broom and a jerry can to transport water. Government staff were supported in vaccinating 54,871 animals belonging to 6,000 individuals. Nine hundred farmers received emergency seed packs totaling 3,968 pounds and fuel totaling 1,585 gallons, to support irrigation farming. This project helped more than 59,000 people.



## Supported New Livelihoods in Kenya

This project is helping communities become more prepared for and resilient against drought via improved food and fodder production practices.





# Lebanon

Lebanon, once prosperous, was hobbled by a 15-year civil war that cut its national output in half. After the war ended in 1990, Lebanon rebuilt much of its infrastructure, but political instability continued to take a heavy toll through 2008. Since then, relative stability and a revival in tourism helped the country grow economically. Still, hundreds of thousands of Lebanese people are unable to meet their basic needs, and recent influxes of refugees from Syria further strained the country's resources.

Islamic Relief began working in Lebanon in response to a humanitarian crisis caused by war in July 2006. After the initial emergency phase, Islamic Relief began focusing on reconstruction efforts, such as hospital rehabilitation and water facility repairs, and Islamic Relief Lebanon opened to continue long-term efforts. Recent projects have helped support families hosting Syrian refugees.

## Supported Displaced Syrians

Donors provided food and other items to alleviate the suffering of Syrian refugees. Items distributed included 2,933 food packages, 2,106 hygiene kits, 2,930 packages of diapers, 1,145 mattresses, 663 winter blankets, 3,768 summer blankets, 508 kitchen sets, 324 sets of baby items and 1,504 rugs, in addition to plastic mats, water cans, mosquito nets, candles, toys and gas for fuel. 423 patients received health care. This project helped 24,712 people.



# Libya & Tunisia

In the months after Libya erupted in violence and turmoil, more than half a million people fled in search of safety, many of them crossing the borders into Tunisia and Egypt. Islamic Relief was one of the first humanitarian organizations to intervene, tailoring the response to the changing demands on the ground as the crisis deepened.

## Supported Libya Emergency Intervention

Islamic Relief donors supported emergency response for Libyan refugee families and host families crossing into Tunisia. Shelter kits and cooking sets, food, water supplies, latrines, hygiene kits, and health care services were provided to Libyan refugees and host families. 26,452 people were helped.

## Provided Safe Environment for Libyan Refugee Children to Learn

Islamic Relief donors helped provide a safe environment for 450 school age Libyan refugee children and youth so that they could continue their education through the emergency. Children were provided with classes in history, geography, mathematics, science and Arabic. Extracurricular activities included drawing, painting, singing, dancing, French and English courses. This project has helped 1,650 people.

## Supported Health Action Improvement with WHO

To help improve access to quality health care for Libyans in need, Islamic Relief donors helped support the assessment of needs, improve technical support to the World Health Organization teams in Libya for health interventions during the emergency, and help procure urgently needed medicine and supplies for Libyans.

## Provided Aid for Libyans in Tunisia

Islamic Relief donors continued to provide Libyan refugees with basic needs after initial emergency response initiatives were completed, including food packages, hygiene kits, and baby items. 45,000 people were helped.





# Mali

Challenges of geography and weather leave communities in Mali vulnerable to extended droughts that have devastated its food supply. In recent years, political unrest in the region has strained Mali's resources, and drought has again decimated livestock and severely damaged livelihoods. Diseases including malaria also take a heavy toll. One in six children born in Mali will die before age 5.

Islamic Relief has been working in Mali since 1997. Early relief efforts helped victims of the country's civil war recover from the devastation of conflict. Later, Islamic Relief's focus shifted toward development projects to reduce the population's vulnerability to drought and illness.

## Improved Access to Clean Water and Sanitation

Donors helped Islamic Relief build 13 new deep-water wells and 750 latrines, and repair 26 additional hand pumps for more wells. Forty-five water management committees were formed. Local residents were trained in water source management, hand-pump repair, and masonry for the latrines. More than 26,000 people benefited from this project.

## Strengthened Food Security

Islamic Relief donors facilitated access to food for both people and livestock. This project helped 19,000 people.

## Fought Malaria

Islamic Relief donors made it possible to purchase medications and mosquito nets, train health-care workers, screen and treat patients, and conduct awareness campaigns to fight this illness that takes such a toll on communities in Mali. Nearly 8,355 people benefited directly from this campaign and more than 66,000 benefited indirectly.

## Helped Make Villages More Child-Friendly

Donors helped Islamic Relief build, renovate and equip schools; train educators; plant school gardens; construct and equip a new maternity clinic; and support women in starting businesses. Nearly 12,877 people benefited directly from this project, and more than another 20,000 benefited indirectly.





# Myanmar

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, is a southeast Asian country struggling with poverty and violence. Its Muslim Rohingya minority, centered in Rakhine State, is excluded from citizenship, and the United Nations has called them among the most persecuted people in the world. Inter-communal violence that erupted in Rakhine State in June 2012 has forced about 75,000 people to leave their homes.

Islamic Relief has been working to relieve the suffering of displaced people from Myanmar.



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## Provided Shelter for Displaced People and Host Communities in Rakhine State

Through a joint effort, Islamic Relief donors helped provide 335 temporary family unit shelters to people displaced by violence in Myanmar. This helped 1,675 people.

## Provided Emergency Shelter and Core Relief Items for Displaced People and Host Communities in Rakhine State

Islamic Relief USA donors began supporting another project to provide emergency relief to people affected by violence in Myanmar. Items identified for distribution included tents and kits with mosquito nets, plastic tarpaulins, kitchen sets, blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans and plastic buckets, along with clothing, soap and solar lamps. This is expected to help about 15,000 people.



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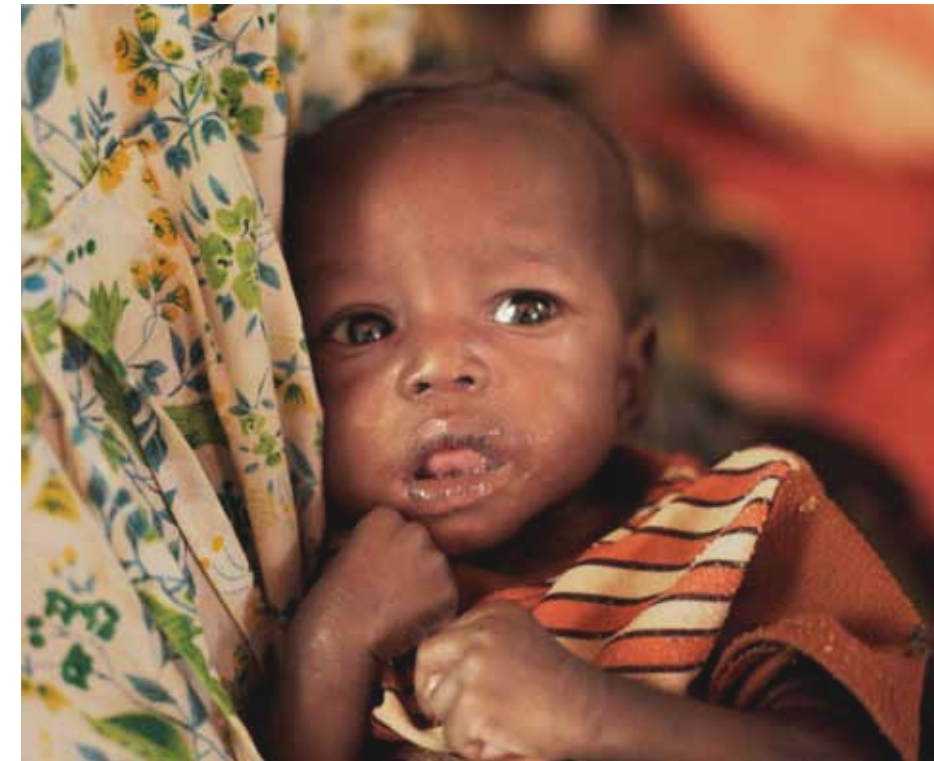


# Niger

The United Nations ranks countries in the world according to its Human Development Index (HDI), a general indication of well-being in each country using the indicators of health, education and income. Niger ranks 186 out of 187 countries. With recurrent droughts straining the country, malnutrition is a chronic problem: According to Unicef, 39% of children in Niger are moderately or severely underweight. Between 1980 and 2012 Niger's HDI rose by 1% annually, but there is a great deal of work to do to alleviate suffering.



Islamic Relief USA began working in Niger in 2005 with an emergency response to address a food and nutritional crisis. Islamic Relief Niger has been established there to continue work with local organizations and nongovernmental organizations to implement relief and development projects.



## Provided Emergency Primary Health Care and Nutrition Support

Islamic Relief USA donors equipped a Therapeutic Treatment Center so it could treat nearly 2,000 severely malnourished children, 240 of whom suffered from medical complications. Forty metal chairs and 35 hospital beds

with mattresses were provided to the center, along fresh foods, antibiotics and micronutrient supplements, and refrigerators for storage of medicines. Sixty-five health workers were trained on malnutrition management and childhood diseases. Five women's support groups were established to identify and prevent malnutrition. This program helped 3,287 people.

## Provided Emergency Intervention for Flood Survivors

2010: In the wake of flooding in Tillaberi, Islamic Relief USA donors provided rice, other grains and vegetable oil to survivors, along with a water can, blankets, mosquito nets and soap. This intervention helped 5,112 people.





# Pakistan

Decades of political disputes and little foreign investment have strained Pakistan's economy, contributing to widespread poverty. Despite the government's strides in reducing poverty levels, the economy's growth slowed in 2008; the value of the rupee fell and the unemployment level rose.

Pakistan has also been hit hard by numerous earthquakes, droughts and floods in recent years. Reconstruction costs in the aftermath of these natural disasters are placing additional stresses on Pakistan's fragile economy.

Islamic Relief has been providing services in Pakistan since 1992. Islamic Relief Pakistan opened its office in Islamabad in 1994. Islamic Relief teams have helped implement vocational training projects, water and sanitation programs, and have administered health care services. Islamic Relief has also been at the forefront of providing emergency relief in times of natural disaster, and team members in the region work closely with local organizations and government officials to ensure efficiency and deliver aid where it is needed most.

## Helped Families Earn Secure Livelihoods

Islamic Relief USA donors helped to improve the living conditions villagers in AJK Province by helping to enhance employable skills and improving physical infrastructure in the region, plus raise awareness on safe hygiene and sanitation practices and natural resource management. Training activities during this project helped increase average salaries of workers by 3,000-5,000 PKR per month. 141,864 people were helped.

## Provided Emergency Flood Relief in KPK

When floods devastated entire villages in Pakistan, Islamic Relief USA donors helped deliver emergency food and non-food items, and helped villagers rebuild their lives in KPK Province during the first three months of the disaster. 7,266 people were helped.

## Provided Emergency Flood Relief in Sindh

IRUSA donors in Sindh supported a similar emergency flood relief project to the KPK Province project. Donors helped improve living conditions for villagers by providing shelter, emergency food aid, kitchen and hygiene items, medical care, latrines, and more. 48,256 people were helped in 2012. An additional 9,140 people were helped through similar project activities in 2011.

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## Established a Neonatal and Pediatric Clinic

Islamic Relief USA donors helped establish a pediatric and neonatal intensive care facility in Punjab Province to help reduce the child mortality rate. Donors helped provide ventilator units and helped support training among nurses and physicians on ICU care.

## Rehabilitated Villages in Nowshera

A similar program to PIVRP, Islamic Relief USA donors helped villagers rehabilitate homes and livelihoods, created jobs, supported better health care access, and improved hygiene with latrines, drains, solid waste collection centers, and hygiene education. 54,403 people were helped.

## Fought Hepatitis C with APPNA

To help stop the spread of Hepatitis C in Pakistan, Islamic Relief USA donors supported a project that educated medical professionals, hospital staff, and the general public about Hepatitis C, including proper diagnosis and treatment, and prevention. Informational materials were created and distributed, and educational sessions were held. This project was conducted jointly with the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America. This project helped 357,674 people.

## Rehabilitated Villages in Punjab

Post-flood relief efforts extended beyond short-term needs thanks to Islamic Relief USA donors. In Muzaffargarh District, Punjab Province, Islamic Relief donors supported construction of 862 disaster resilient homes, along with handpumps and latrines. Teams taught sessions on health and hygiene education and water resource management, crop and livestock management, and disaster risk reduction. Women were provided vocational training, irrigation channels were repaired, livestock and seeds were provided, and quality health care as well.

**This project helped 31,896 people.**





**Provided Humanitarian Assistance to Internally Displaced Populations of Khyber Agency**

Islamic Relief USA donors helped to provide displaced communities in Khyber Agency with better access to essential health care and water, sanitation, and health services. Medicines and outpatient services were provided to more than 13,056 people. Mother and child health services were provided to 562 women, including prenatal and postnatal care. Children and were screened and treated for malnutrition and common diseases, and received vaccinations. Better hygiene was taught and hygiene kits were distributed to families and at schools. Latrines and sanitation facilities were constructed for patients and staff at the Jalozai medical facility, and waste collection points, drainage systems, and water systems were prepared to make the facility better able to accommodate patients safely and healthfully. A second phase of this project helped even more people by providing more services to the area. This project helped 26,922 people.



**Provided Safe Water to Communities in Pakistan-Administered Kashmir**

Islamic Relief USA donors helped enhance clean drinking water and promote better hygiene and sanitation practices through community interventions in Pakistan-administered Kashmir. Six drinking water supply systems were constructed and tested to ensure that the water is clean for drinking, and now they serve 82 households. More land has been surveyed for additional water supply schemes, and community members have been trained on operation and maintenance of their new water sources. Hygiene sessions have been

conducted in communities and schools, and hygiene kits have been distributed to families in need. Hygiene in AJK has improved where interventions have been made, and the incidence of waterborne disease has dropped 50% since the project began.

**Supported Sustainable Water and Sanitation**

Islamic Relief USA donors helped support water and sanitation initiatives that boost community awareness on health and hygiene. Thirty community organizations were formed and members were trained in hygiene and resource management so they could disperse information to their communities.



**The Right to Sight  
Elimination of Avoidable Blindness**

To help reduce the incidence of preventable blindness due to water-borne illnesses, Islamic Relief donors supported preventative and curative eye care services for people in need. Eye care services have been provided to 4,153 patients. Eye exams, eye surgeries, and more have helped patients see, some for the first time. In schools, Islamic Relief donors helped support eye screenings for 1,362 students. This project helped 29,071 people.



**Improved Access to Safe and Clean Drinking Water**

Islamic Relief USA donors have helped to improve the health conditions of poor communities in Pakistan by expanding their access to clean and safe drinking water. Thirty community organizations have been supported to enhance education on health and hygiene in their communities. The groundwork has been laid for the construction of solar water pumps, hand pumps, and water pumps in schools, in addition to a windmill system. This project helped 7,200 people.

**Integrated Tribal Villages**

To help better prepare isolated and poor communities in Pakistan for natural disasters, Islamic Relief USA donor support has helped enhance skills of villagers, provide necessary social services, and rehabilitate their livelihoods through education about more sustainable practices.



**Assisted Widows in Need**

Islamic Relief USA donors are helping support poor widows, many with children, in Rawalpindi. Donor support is helps to provide free regular health care, including treatment of chronic diseases. Essential medicines and supplies help stock public medical centers for widows in need.





# Palestine

Decades of political instability have stifled economic development in Palestine. The vast majority of Palestinians, living inside the territories, and living as refugees in neighboring regions, depend on international aid for survival. Foreign investment in the region has dropped, further hindering the ability for Palestinians to move toward a more stable economy.

In Palestine, where a majority of the population relies on foreign assistance for survival, insecurities in food, water and electricity, as well as crippled health care services and educational facilities, make living conditions some of the worst in the world.

Continued violence throughout Palestine has severely affected the most vulnerable section of the population—the children. Many Palestinian children suffer from psychological trauma.

Islamic Relief Worldwide has been providing humanitarian relief in Palestine since 1994, and Islamic Relief Palestine opened its office there in 1998 so that long-term development projects could be implemented and overseen by people in the field. Islamic Relief projects in the region have included food distribution, medical relief and orphan sponsorship. Islamic Relief has also established educational enhancement centers, care programs for traumatized children and a school for the deaf.



## Provide Emergency Meals in Schools

Islamic Relief donors helped provide nutritious meals to 21,536 students attending UNRWA schools in Gaza. 2,239,744 meals were delivered in just 104 days.

## Financed Small-Business for Rural Women

Islamic Relief donors helped to improve the socioeconomic status of poor women who are the head of their households in rural Palestine. By late August 2013, 67 women began the program and received small-business financing for business projects in areas like animal husbandry, grocery, clothing, greenhouse, photography, handicrafts, telephone repair, and tailoring.

## Sent Emergency Food for Refugees

In collaboration with UNRWA, Islamic Relief USA donors helped improve access to nutritious food in Gaza. Donors supported emergency food distributions for more than 50,000 people living in poverty.

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## Provided Adequate Education in the West Bank

Islamic Relief donors helped provide a healthy school environment to schoolchildren by renovating nine schools. This project helped 13,103 people.

## Established Kidney Dialysis Unit (phase 3) in Jerusalem

The seven new dialysis machines, 15 kidney dialysis chairs, a portable reverse osmosis system, and other equipment and training enable access to the regular treatments necessary for maintaining the health of young kidney patients in Palestine. The Queen Victoria Hospital is the only hospital in Palestine able to provide specialized care to Palestinian children who need kidney dialysis treatment.

## Restored Palestinian Land and Developed Agriculture

Islamic Relief donors helped restore the land of 340 poor farmers in rural Palestine and helped develop agriculture on that land. This project helped 15,950 people.





### Sponsored Families in Need in the West Bank

Islamic Relief donors helped provide families in need with financial support so that they could meet their basic needs including nutrition, health services, medicines, and school supplies for children. This project helped 6,000 people.

### Renovated Al-Askar School

**2010:** Islamic Relief donors helped enhance the education of schoolchildren in Al-Askar refugee camp by helping improve the school facilities and updating technology and science curriculums. This project helped 4,774 people.

### Developed Preschool Facilities

Islamic Relief donors helped improve the facilities and educational environment of 40 schools for young children and 60 teachers. This project helped 27,030 people.

### Provided Meals for Schoolchildren in Gaza

Islamic Relief donors helped reduce the malnutrition rate among school-aged children by helping to provide well-rounded meals during the school year. This project helped 31,147 students during the school year.

### Constructed Kidney Dialysis Unit (phase 2)

Islamic Relief donors helped install two kidney dialysis units at Yatta hospital to help increase access to kidney dialysis facilities for patients suffering from Hepatitis B and C. This project helped 180 people.

### Supported Families with Schoolchildren in Gaza

Islamic Relief donors helped ensure that schoolchildren from the area's most affected families had the basic health services and nutrition they needed during the school year. This project helped 13,430 people.

### Increased Capacity of Emergency Medical Facilities

Islamic Relief donors helped improve emergency medical services in 13 hospitals in Gaza. Emergency and ICU departments received updated medical equipment and tools.

### Established Kidney Dialysis Unit (phase 1)

Islamic Relief donors helped provide Abu al-Qasem hospital with six kidney dialysis machines, including all necessary equipment to fully stock a kidney dialysis unit, and trained family members, patients, and medical staff.



## KHADRA'S STORY

### Thanks to donors like you, sheep are helping families in Palestine beat hunger ...

Food is precious and when you can't afford it, hunger hurts, sometimes for days. Khadra and her husband struggled to provide food for their six children. He does manual labor and works hour upon hours in the hot sun just to keep his family alive. The hard labor wears away at his health, and they haven't made enough money to sustain them. Poverty keeps them down and hungry.

The problem is that hunger and poverty are almost always linked. For Khadra and others, finding food solutions to hunger is complicated. They needed help getting out of poverty so that they could afford food.

Donors like you provided Khadra with two sheep. With just two sheep, you've made a lasting difference for her and her entire family.

Now, Khadra is a working woman. From two sheep, she's raised a whole herd, and she's able to make milk, wool thread, cheese and more to sell at the market. Her income is supplementing her husband's. Now they can afford to take care of their children, feed them and even send them to school.

Thanks to donors like you, they're making a business that is helping them get out of poverty.

"Shookran" (thank you) from Palestine!



# Somalia

With its position on the equator, Somalia suffers frequent droughts, and years of conflict compound the effects of the harsh climate. The drought and famine of 2011 was the worst in the region in 60 years; according to the United Nations, more than 260,000 people died, half of them children 5 or younger. The country has been gradually recovering, but communities remain vulnerable to the harsh climate.

Islamic Relief has been carrying out Ramadan and Qurbani projects in Somalia since 1996. A field office was established in 2006 to carry out development projects in the country. Islamic Relief's work in Somalia is focused on improving access to water, health care and education for pastoral communities and people who have fled their homes due to conflict, floods or drought.



## Provided Food and Water Sources and Cared for Livestock

Islamic Relief USA donors sent food to 71,760 refugees and their host communities in areas affected by famine and drought. A quarter-million livestock were vaccinated and treated for major diseases. Seven deep-water wells, 19 shallow wells were built or repaired; water purification tablets were provided; and local committees were trained to maintain the water supply system. Four hundred latrines also were constructed. This project helped more than 173,000 people.



## Sent Food and Water to Famine-Struck Communities

When drought and famine struck Somalia, Islamic Relief USA donors sent food and water to relieve victims' suffering. They sent 16,000 food packages that fed 128,000 people in 36 refugee camps. Water was trucked in for 5,200 people in 12 refugee camps for 65 days, and eight water storage tanks were provided to refugee camps, each tank with a capacity of 3.2 million gallons. Donors also helped Islamic Relief fix two deep-water wells and supply a generator for well operation, and build 680 latrines in 15 camps. Donors also gave 4,000 households soap and containers to carry water. This project helped 128,000 people.





# Syria

The situation in Syria has been extremely volatile, putting so many people at risk, and leaving tens of thousands homeless. International opinion on the crisis continues to emphasize the difficulties of taking decisive action, and funding for Syrians affected by the war is low, considering the length, scale and level of violence in Syria, and the number of refugees suffering through the chaos. Syrian children have been out of school for at least two years, and women and children have suffered physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Many families rely solely on humanitarian aid to survive. The situation in Syria is complex, challenging and constantly changing. Finding solutions is not easy, but IRUSA has been able to identify key emergency relief initiatives so that IRUSA donors can effectively help Syrians in need.

For more than two years, Islamic Relief USA donors have helped relieve the suffering of Syrian men, women and children who have been victims of this conflict. Areas of focus include nutrition, health, and shelter, based on ongoing needs assessments.

## Organized Hospitalization Assistance for Syrian Refugees in Jordan

One hundred and sixty patients were treated for injuries and illnesses in three hospitals in Jordan.

## Supported Displaced Syrians in Lebanon

Distributions of food items and non-food items included food packets, hygiene kits, jerry cans, baby diapers and other baby supplies, winter blankets, kitchen sets, housing items like mattresses and fuel, mosquito repellent, and more. More than 400 patients were treated for health concerns and injuries. This project helped 24,712 Syrian refugees.



## Provided Aid to Syrian Families in Jordan

Seven distributions were conducted of food items, non-food items, winterization items, rent subsidies and medicines. Food parcels were distributed. Each parcel contained rice, sugar, cooking oil, macaroni, lima beans, white beans, feta cheese, and chicken stock. Non-food parcels were distributed to help with hygiene. Each hygiene kit contained sanitary napkins, shampoo, soap, bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, tissues, diapers, and toothpaste. Housing rent was provided to needy families, plus winter items including heaters, pillows, mattresses and blankets. Medicines were supplied to Akilah hospital to help Syrian patients recover. More than 10,000 Syrians were helped in phase 1 of the project. This project helped 13,000 people in phase 2.

## Supported Humanitarian Relief for Syrians Inside Syria

Despite difficulties accessing Syrians inside of Syria, Islamic Relief USA has been able to help Syrians inside Syria through partner offices, including partner offices in Turkey. Donors have been able to support medical supply distributions to 30 hospitals, including ICU supplies, surgical tools, and medical disposables. Food packages, blankets and mattresses have been distributed to families. Since December 2012, 31,000 Syrians have been helped.

Islamic Relief USA donors helped provide emergency aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon at the onset of the emergency, and has been helping internally displaced Syrians inside Syria.



**Thanks to donors like you, emergency medical care is saving Syrian lives.**

## Alma's story

Alma is in her 30s and has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She was injured in Syria when she tried to rescue an injured boy. Bullets seemed to rain down on her when she reached him.

"The first bullet hit my leg but it didn't hurt much, then they shot my back, knees and neck. Then I heard the sound of something breaking and I passed out," she recalled.

Alma is paralyzed—she can't even move her fingers, so she can't use a wheelchair. She has three broken vertebrae and will undergo several back surgeries. She just wants to get home to Syria. She misses her five children. "They are the most precious things in my life," she said.

The first hospital she was taken was destroyed while she was trying to get help. She's fortunate to be alive. Thanks to the support of donors like you, she was transported to Akilah hospital in Jordan. An Islamic Relief USA supported program there is helping Syrian refugees like Alma get free emergency medical care.

Alma has a strong belief in God and she always has hope. "Allah wants that," she said. "He created me, He takes care of me, He gave me, He takes and He gives."

Donors like you have been a part of that hope. Your support has meant the difference between life and death for refugees like Alma.

"JazakAllah khair" (thank you) from Jordan and Syria!





# Turkey

On Oct. 23, 2011, Turkey was struck by a powerful earthquake that measured 7.2 on the Richter scale. The tremor centered in one of the nation's poorest regions in eastern Turkey and it hit just as the weather turned harsh and snow fell.

The British Broadcasting Channel (BBC) reported that people in the hardest-hit town, Ercis, had formed long queues to try to get access to tents for some form of shelter after their homes were destroyed—and after waiting for hours, many were turned away because the available supplies were depleted. Those that managed to get tents weren't safe from the frigid temperatures and wet conditions.

A little over two weeks later, a second earthquake at a magnitude of 5.7 struck Turkey—impeding on-going relief efforts from the first earthquake and adding even more destruction.



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## Helped Earthquake Survivors Recover

Islamic Relief offices around the world closely monitored the situation in Turkey to how to efficiently and effectively support relief efforts in the region. With the support of donors, Islamic Relief was able to provide children with winter gear to protect them against the harsh weather. Islamic Relief also provided food and hygiene kits to survivors. More than 400 families were helped, including more than 600 school-aged children.



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# Yemen

One of the oldest inhabited areas on Earth, Yemen is also one of the poorest countries in the Arab world. The country's economy depends heavily upon its oil supply, but these resources are fast-depleting.

Nearly one in six people in Yemen are unemployed and nearly half of its 24 million people live in “unusually deep and severe” poverty.

High illiteracy rates and lack of education further stifle the Yemeni population from progress toward building better futures for themselves and their children.

In 2011, political turmoil turned the dire living conditions in Yemen even more desperate. Clashes between civilian protesters calling for governmental change and security forces resulted in hundreds of deaths. The violence left thousands of Yemenis with no place to go—thousands were rendered homeless.

Islamic Relief has been working in Yemen since 1998, implementing seasonal Ramadan and Udhiyah/Qurbani food distributions. Islamic Relief Yemen was registered in 2003 to implement and oversee long-term development projects. Islamic Relief teams have also responded to emergencies in the area to alleviate distress for people in the region.



## According to the United Nations:

- Yemen has the third highest rate of malnutrition in the world
- Some 43% of children under 5 years old in Yemen are underweight
- Almost half of the population lives on less than \$2 a day

## Raised Hygiene Awareness and Improved Water

Households in Al Farsha in the Tour Al Bahah district now have access to safe drinking water thanks to Islamic Relief USA donors. The project helped to raise community awareness on health, hygiene and environmental issues. The project also aimed to improve dental health, and placed special attention on women and children who are often responsible for water collection for their households. This project helped 8,000 people.

## Met Basic Needs with Emergency Relief

Islamic Relief USA donors provided emergency aid including food packages, hygiene kits, and more to help internally displaced Yemeni and victims of political turmoil.

## Constructed Health Centers and Provided Water Access

Islamic Relief USA donors supported relief teams in Yemen's Al-Selo in the construction of a new health center. Two existing health centers were also rehabilitated to more effectively deliver medical care to people in need. All three centers serve nearly 25,000 people in the area, and all were supplied with vital equipment. The project also improved safe access to drinking water to reduce the incidence of water related illness among people in Al-Selo. This project helped 12,000 people.







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