

ISLAMIC RELIEF USA

ABOUT THE SITUATION

More than one-third of people in Afghanistan live below the national poverty line, with 30% living in severe poverty Many of Afghanistan's challenges are due to conflicts, but others are inherent because of its climate and terrain: while 78% of the population works in agriculture, only 12% of the land can be farmed.

Education is among the greatest needs. Nearly three-quarters of Afghanistan's population is illiterate. The average man has only gone to school for five years, and the average woman for just one year. For children entering school now, however, the projection is better: Seven years of schooling for girls and 11 years for boys. Education is key to helping Afghanistan's families out of poverty.

ISLAMIC RELIEF'S RESPONSE

ISLAMIC RELIEF HAS BEEN PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID IN AFGHANISTAN SINCE 1992.

In response to the 2001 conflict in the region, Islamic Relief opened a permanent office in Afghanistan, later expanding to three offices, in Jalalabad, Mazar-il-Sharif and Kabul. 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 rebuilding of community infrastructure.

IRUSA RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED IN AFGHANISTAN
- HOME-BASED EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN, PHASE 3
- HOME-BASED EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN, PHASE 2
- HOME-BASED EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN, PHASE 1
- PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS, PHASE 2
- PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS, PHASE 1
- SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ORPHANS
- WINTERIZATION ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES 2015-2016
- WINTERIZATION ASSISTANCE OF FOOD AND FIREWOOD 2014-2015
- WINTERIZATION ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD AND FUEL 2014
- WINTERIZATION 2012-2013
- WINTERIZATION PROJECT 2012
- WATER SUPPLY FOR CAVE DWELLERS

IRUSA CURRENT PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN

ASSISTING ORPHANS' EDUCATION IN AFGHANISTAN

NOVEMBER 2015-NOVEMBER 2017

Location: Jalalabad and Bamyan Provinces

This project aims to provide quality education to orphans in need, improve family livelihoods and promote better hygiene practices. This project continues to support Khog Khoor Orphanage with community-based support. This is a continuation of a project IRUSA has been supporting since 2010.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide quality education to 658 orphans
- Provide school uniforms, bags, supplies and learning materials to 658 students
- Provide health and sanitation awareness sessions to 658 people, in addition to hygiene kits for participants
- Provide skill development training to 200 women
- Pilot business groups of 10-15 individuals to support community business ventures

THIS PROJECT IS INTENDED TO HELP 658 ORPHANS.

RAMADAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Location: Various locations in Afghanistan

This project aims to provide staple food packages to needy families during Ramadan.

Food package includes staple food items specific to the local diet. Items are source locally to help boost the local economy. Afghanistan food packages will include: Wheat flour, sugar, cooking oil, rice, beans and dates.

THIS PROJECT HELPED 8,267 PEOPLE IN 2015.

QURBANI MEAT DISTRIBUTION

Location: Various locations in Afghanistan

This project provides Qurbani meat packages to needy families for Eid al-Adha. This is the only time some recipients eat meat all year.

THIS PROJECT HELPED 14,390 PEOPLE IN 2015.

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

Location: Various locations in Afghanistan

This project aims to connect caring donors to orphans in need. Donors help provide the financial support necessary to help meet the child's basic needs, such as food, clothing, medical care, shelter, school supplies, and education.

DONORS ARE SPONSORING MORE THAN 1,000 ORPHANS IN AFGHANISTAN.