

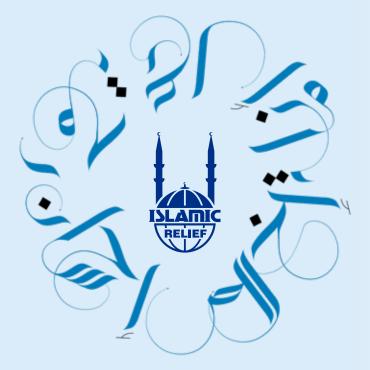


ISLAMIC RELIEF USA

CHILDREN IN NEED REPORT

A SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMATIC INFORMATION FOR IRUSA DONORS

IRUSA MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES



MISSION

Islamic Relief USA provides relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and works to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world.

VISION

Working together for a world free of poverty.

VALUES

إحســــان EXCELLENCE

Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and conduct, which the people we serve deserve.



In responding to poverty and suffering, our efforts are driven by sincerity to God and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.



We believe the protection and well-being of every life is of paramount importance and we shall join with other humanitarians to act as one in responding to suffering brought on by disasters, poverty, and injustice.

أ<u>مان</u>ة C U S T O D I A N S H I P

We uphold our duty of custodianship over the Earth, its resources, and the trust people place in us as humanitarian and development practitioners.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our work is founded on enabling people and institutions to fulfill the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We work to empower the dispossessed towards realizing their God-given human potential and developing their capabilities and resources.

MAP OF ISLAMIC RELIEF WORLDWIDE 2018

THE ISLAMIC RELIEF FAMILY CONSISTS
OF AFFILIATE AND FIELD OFFICES ALL
AROUND THE WORLD:

ISLAMIC RELIEF AFFILIATE AND FIELD OFFICES IN THESE COUNTRIES SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS

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SHOW MERCY TO CHILDREN IN NEED



EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO GROW UP HEALTHY AND STRONG

a healthy start, an education, and a safe, secure childhood.

Often they lack these basic needs due to their birthplace, race/ethnicity, gender, economic status, and ability.

Did you know that where a child lives can affect how likely they are to see their fifth birthday?

Every child is born with the same right to In 2015, almost six million children died before age five, mostly because of preventable and treatable diseases.

Sadly, millions of children around the It's our obligation to keep working hard world are denied these rights and for children in need, to continue the deprived of basic forms of stability that progress we've made, and to ultimately they need to grow up healthy and strong. give children the dignified lives they deserve.

> Each child we reach is one more child no longer suffering—a child with a chance for a better future.

That's why the Islamic Relief family makes it a priority to bring access to education, health care, and more to children in need around the world. You'll learn more about how in this report.



25 YEARS TOGETHER

A TIMELINE OF SERVICE FOR CHLDREN, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

1993-1997 A NEW BEGINNING

IRUSA is founded; first campaign provides humanitarian aid to Bosnia war victims

> European war relief remains the focus for most of the 1990s

Chocolate and Eid card drive: youth attend a conference where they wrote letters and raised money to purchase chocolates to send to children in Bosnia

> IRUSA donors begin giving families Ramadan food boxes and Qurbani meat

IRUSA donors begin sponsoring orphans

IRUSA donors organize Eid toy drives for vulnerable children

1998-2002 FOCUS ON FOOD AID

- IRUSA expands seasonal food aid programs
- IRUSA launches the first Humanitarian Day to serve homeless and low-income families; this later becomes an annual nation-wide event known as "Day of Dignity"

Hurricane Katrina hits U.S. Gulf Coast; IRUSA provides a new building for a destroyed healthcare facility that serves

Powerful earthquake strikes Pakistan; donors provide large-scale aid for displaced

2003-2007 HEALTH AND HEALING

- IRUSA sponsors care for 991 orphans: the number more than doubles the next year
- Children in Need campaign is launched and continues to help children around the world today
 - Indonesia is devastated by a tsunami: IRUSA aid includes school repairs

low-income families

2008-2012 WATER WORLDWIDE

- IRUSA now serves vulnerable children in more than 20 countries
- Landmark project in Mali, "Child Friendly Village," begins implementing community-wide improvements like education and health care for children as well mothers, to reduce child mortality
- IRUSA begins supporting an orphanage school in Afghanistan; support has continued for the last seven years

Drought and famine spread through East Africa; aid includes water, food and shelter

Uprisings spread through Middle East; aid includes food and, later, livelihood initiatives for affected families



- More than 10.000 orphans sponsored
- Comprehensive livelihood program begins in Sudan, helping widows start business, supporting children's education, and spreading messages about equality for girls
- IRUSA provides aid in more than 50 countries IRUSA teams meet refugee families arriving on
 - shores of Greece with humanitarian assistance
- Donors have been caring for the people of Syria through five years of conflict
 - Children's oncology wing is completed at South Africa hospital
- IRUSA sponsors are caring for 20,000 orphans; new orphan programs in Palestine and Bangladesh focus on helping widows build sustainable livelihoods through business



training and small-business support along with education for children

UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN



HUNGER

- 900 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day around the world—and almost half of them are children
- Families struggle to afford basic food and health care, necessities for children to have a strong start in life
- In 2017, malnutrition left 151 million children worldwide stunted in growth
- In the US, going to school hungry is the norm for over 13 million children



HEALTH CARE

- The World Health Organization's creates a minimum threshold that for every 10,000 people, there should be 23 doctors, nurses and midwives. In Niger, there are two, and in Ethiopia and Central African Republic there are three
- That means that even if children can afford to go to a doctor, in many countries there may not be one around to provide services
- In the US, the number of uninsured children is at a historic low



CHILD MORTALITY

- Since 1990, the worldwide rate and number of child deaths has decreased by half. This is great progress, but falls short of the U.N. Millennium Development Goal
- Children born in sub-Saharan Africa are still 12 times more likely than children in high-income countries to die before their fifth birthday
- In 2016, the under-five mortality rate in low-income countries was 73.1 deaths per 1000 live births – almost 14 times the average rate in high-income countries



EDUCATION

- Since 2012, the number of primary school aged children who are out of school has increased, from 61 million up to 63 million
- About 124 million children and adolescents worldwide do not attend school
- 38% of children leave primary school without learning to read, write, and do simple math
- 75 million children have had their education disrupted by crisis
- Without an education, children don't get a fair chance in life — they're unlikely to get a good job and escape poverty
- Hunger continues to affect school performance and attendance in the US and worldwide



REFUGEES

- Nearly 1 of every 200 children in the world is a refugee. For migrants, it's 1 of every 45
- The number of child refugees has risen 77% in five years
- UNICEF reports (2016) that the world is witnessing "the largest movement of children since World War II" and that "migrant and refugee children are among the most vulnerable people in the world"
- Nearly 60,000 unaccompanied migrant children entered the US in 2016



LOOKING AHEAD

- Without additional efforts, 69 million children under age five will die by the year 2030, mostly of preventable causes
- 167 million children will be living in extreme poverty, 90% of them in sub-Saharan Africa
- More than 60 million primary schoolaged children will be out of school, more than half will be from sub-Saharan Africa
- 750 million women will have been married as children, perpetuating intergenerational cycles of disadvantage

(Statistics from the United Nations, World Heatlh Organizaton, UNICEF, and others)

25 YEARS TOGETHER IRUSA.ORG

OVER \$129 MILLION COMMITTED IN 2017

HEALTH & NUTRITION \$81,403,937

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS \$16,704,871

ORPHAN SUPPORT **\$13,746,754**

FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD \$11,716,960

EDUCATION **\$3,849,704**

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE \$2,003,171



IRUSA PROJECTS HELPING CHILDREN

Many of IRUSA's projects for children in need focus on helping their guardians, often widows, start businesses and earn sustainable livelihoods. This empowers them to become self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty.

Other projects focus on child protection, health, education, and preparing older youth with employment skills and job opportunities.



A GLIMPSE AT SOME WAYS IRUSA HELPS KIDS HERE AT HOME



Back-to-School Kits OCTOBER 2017 - DECEMBER 2017

6.040 children benefitted

To support children in returning to school and academics, IRUSA gifted them back-to-school kits that contained critical school supplies that may have otherwise been unaffordable.

Youth Anti-Violence Program

AUGUST 2017 - AUGUST 2018

23,387 recipients reached

SUMMER 2017

Summer Food Program

IRUSA combatted nationwide food insecurity by providing free, supplemental meals to American youth of different ages who attended summer schools and camps. Many of their families could not afford to buy meals.

AUGUST 2017 - AUGUST 2018

70 youth benefittedIRUSA is supporting critical and engaging outreach programs that steer at-risk teenage youth away from situations that might invite them to participate in violence.

Toy Drives MAY 2018

7,000 toys distributed

IRUSA partnered with families across the United States at over 35 toy drives to package and provide toys to youth in need, so that even children who live in poverty can receive new toys.

Chiquista's Three Children

Chiquista's three children watched their hardworking single mother from Virginia go through what she describes as a "storm" that left her not only jobless, but all of them homeless.

Children like these matter big to us at IRUSA, so we stepped up and gave a United Way partner program the largest grant they have received to date—\$40,000. The program, called "Rehousing Youth for Success in Education," provides their family and other children like them with not only a new home, but a whole host of services like food, academic support, and health care.







THINKING LONG-TERM ABOUT CHILDREN IN AFRICA



KENYA

Integrated Support

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 27,000 people

IRUSA donors are improving access to education, health care, and clean water for children and their families. This project aims to increase school enrollment rates while improving learning environments and the overall quality of primary education for all children, including those with special needs.

SOUTH AFRICA

To Educate a Leader

JANUARY 2017 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 260 students

IRUSA is giving free, quality education to vulnerable high school students in a safe, productive environment, creating change agents in the community. Now in its second phase, this project helps reduce gang violence and thus benefits the entire community.

MALAWI

Rural Water Supply

DECEMBER 2017 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 22,000 people

IRUSA donors are providing solar-powered water systems and deep-water wells with hand pumps to improve access to clean water in schools and communities. School children will be especially affected in positive ways.

MALI

Rebuilding Livelihoods & Reducing Food Insecurity

MARCH 2017 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 8,000 people

This project helps widows establish successful small farms so they can care for themselves and their children. Irrigation systems and deep-water wells are being installed, and participants are given seeds, fertilizer, and training. This helps break the cycle of poverty and gives orphans a chance at a better future.

Rania's Story

Rania is 23. Like most of the girls in her village in Sudan, she was forced to get married and leave school before age 18. After struggling with the responsibilities expected of her, she ended up divorced and back home.

An IRUSA program in Sudan that ended in 2016 is helping other girls like Rania avoid being forced into early marriages. This comprehensive project helped widows and orphan children break the cycle of poverty through support, business training, and new classrooms.

Staff added a special focus on protecting girls, since home responsibilities and unequal opportunities make it hard for girls to finish school. They addressed this by training 30 people on child protection and by starting clubs for girls that support gender equality. Boys were taught to wash their own laundry and to share chores with their sisters, freeing more time for the girls to study.

They also started awareness campaigns about child protection, early marriage, and the importance of education for girls.

After returning home to her parents, Rania was able to finish school, and is now working as a teacher, looking out for the girls in her community. She said early marriage is among the biggest problems facing girls. She is glad that this program has raised awareness of this issue.

"Thank you to Islamic Relief and the donors for your generous support," she said, "and for reducing suffering in this village."



25 YEARS TOGETHER

REMEMBERING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE EAST



LEBANON

No Child Left Behind

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 200 children

IR Lebanon, in partnership with the Rene Moawad Foundation, will work together to complete construction of the Hilane Primary school.

The finished building will feature three floors, furnished classrooms, a kitchen, a technology center, printers, projectors, laptops, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, and accessible bathrooms.

PALESTINE

Improving the Livelihood of Youth in Gaza: Job Training, Entrepreneurship, & Pathways

Expected benefit: 2.100 youth

OCTOBER 2017. PRESENTLY IN 3RD PHASE

IRUSA has partnered with Education for Employment to provide job training and placement opportunities for 300 youth.

150 young entrepreneurs will also receive training about how to start a successful business. 2,100 university students will receive job-hunting and work-readiness training

TUNISIA

Drop of Hope Extension

MARCH 2017 - PRESENT

Expected beneft: 12,084 children

Children will get greater access to clean water and staff will conduct a multi-sector needs assessment.

100 vulnerable schools in nine governorates in Tunisia will be connected to clean water. New hand-washing facilities will be constructed.

Water tanks with chlorination systems will be supplied, along with fencing to protect them from animals. Volunteers and staff will be trained about hygiene and caring for water tanks; students will receive home hygiene

YEMEN

Emergency Nutrition Response for Malnourished Women and Children

JULY 2017 - PRESENT

Expected benefit: 24,308 people

Integrated support packages will aid in reducing morbidity and mortality associated with acute malnutrition among children under five years of age and pregnant and lactating women located in Al Hudaydah, Amran, and Sa'ada Governorates.

Hassan's Story

Little Hassan was only five—younger than the war in Syria that took his mother's life when a barrel bomb fell on their house, killing her and two of his sisters. Rescuers pulled Hassan and another sister from the rubble, taking them to the hospital. Islamic Relief donors provided medical supplies to hospitals like the one Hassan went to, where supplies are rare.

"The doctors here are looking after us..." Hassan said, "They told me they'll remove the metal pins in my feet and I'll learn to walk again. I love football, swimming, and fishing in the sea, but right now I just want to be able to walk."

"I love the doctors here," he continued, "They are like mothers to me...I pray that Allah heals all the patients who are in this hospital so they can walk with their own two feet again."





SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN EUROPE: HOMES, JOBS, AND FOOD



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

CHECHNYA

Warm Homes: Reconstruction of Houses

JULY 2016- APRIL 2017

Expected benefit: 180 people

Homes were constructed for orphan families as well as other children and their adult caretakers from 42 homes. All beneficiaries were affected by Srebrenica war.

This program led to better conditions for children so they could focus on education instead of housing instability.

Empowering Vulnerable Youth: Vocational Educational and Income Generation JULY 2015 - JULY 2018

Approximate benefit: 2,305 youth

IRUSA increased the capacity of vulnerable young people to find and succeed at employment opportunities. They also gained access to start-up capital and means of livelihood.

Over 500 youth attended sustainable enterprise training; nearly 100 received business grants; 205 received microloans; nearly 500 orphans either received vocational training, business training, or grants.

BOSNIA

Ramadan Iftars for Orphans

JUNE 2016 - JULY 2018

Approximate benefit: 450 people

In Sarajevo, Bosnia, orphans and their families were given a beautiful iftar restaurant meal to break their fasts in Ramadan.

This annual event is a source of deep happiness for orphans and Islamic Relief team members as they have a blessed time together in a relaxed atmosphere.

ALBANIA

Livestock Distribution for Sustainable Livelihood

DECEMBER 2017-NOVEMBER 2018

Expected benefit: 312 people

Single mothers, orphan mothers, and abused women in Albania are being empowered through this innovative livelihood program.

Approximately 78 female-led households will receive livestock (cows, goats, or sheep), fodder, and access to training on livestock rearing.

The families will benefit from milk and dairy products and can breed the animals to obtain calves.

Merita's Three Children

Merita and her three children live in an old, broken-down home that does very little to keep out the cold in Albania's frigid winters. They could afford to buy bread or wood to burn, but usually not both.

So when Merita discovered that she would receive wood from Islamic Relief USA donors last winter, she was beyond relieved. Her children and her could now stay warm and eat too

"Nothing remains to say except to thank you and the donors wholeheartedly for everything you have done for us," she said. "May God magnify the goodness, the health and the prosperity for you and all your loved ones."



25 YEARS TOGETHER

MAKING SURE THAT THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN ASIA ARE MET



BANGLADESH

Alternative Orphan Family Sponsorship Through Sustainable Livelihoods

MARCH 2015 - PRESENT

Expected direct benefit: 3,900 children Expected indirect benefit: 60,000 people

Orphans receive holistic support that includes stipends, picnics, sports, and education. This alternative approach to the one-to-one sponsorship program aims to enhance the overall well-being of orphan lives by ensuring that children graduate from sponsorship within 4 years.

Orphan guardians, often widows, get support to launch businesses for sustainable livelihood and self-sufficiency.

AFGHANISTAN

Assisting Orphans Through Education

NOVEMBER 2015 - NOVEMBER 2017

1,616 children benefitted directly 3,948 people benefitted indirectly

Afghan orphans were given quality school uniforms, bags, stationary, learning materials, and food. They also received Eid stipends.

Islamic Relief also repaired classrooms, provided recreational events and activities, and produced workshops/materials on awareness about the rights of children.

INDIA

Community Institute of Technology

JUNE 2016 - JUNE 2017

More than 120 students benefitted

This project supported vulnerable youth who have not completed high school or secular education (including drop-outs).

They received a stipend and were able to take on-campus remedial courses in English, Math, Science, and Engineering Drawing followed by 9-months of free, full-time technical and computer courses in the Automobile Repair Sector. Youth were motivated and provided with skills that empowered them personally and economically as they entered adulthood.

MYANMAR

Shelter Construction for Displaced Families

AUGUST 2012 - PRESENT

Over 15,000 people have benefitted

Since 2012, several different IRUSA projects have implemented life-saving housing interventons for internationally displaced persons, including grandparents, parents, and and their children.

In one of our most current projects (2018), 50 bamboo and wooden longhouse shelters were constructed, each with 8 rooms (for a total of 400 rooms). 400 families, or nearly 2,000 individuals, were helped.

Maria's Story

Maria's father died when she was only a toddler. During her childhood in Pakistan, her mother was able to put her through school with the help of an IRUSA orphan sponsor. Maria went on to college to study psychology and education, and wants to give back.

"I want to thank my donor. Because of them, I was able to get an education. If I didn't get the sponsorship, I wouldn't have been able to continue...I'm doing my bachelor's in Education Psychology. Insha'Allah, I'd like to get my Master's in Education, so I can teach other students, benefit them, and be a light of hope for them."



25 YEARS TOGETHER

REMEMBERING ORPHANS IN NEED THROUGH SPONSORSHIP

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) told us,

"The one who cares for an orphan and myself will be together in Paradise like this," and he held his two fingers together.

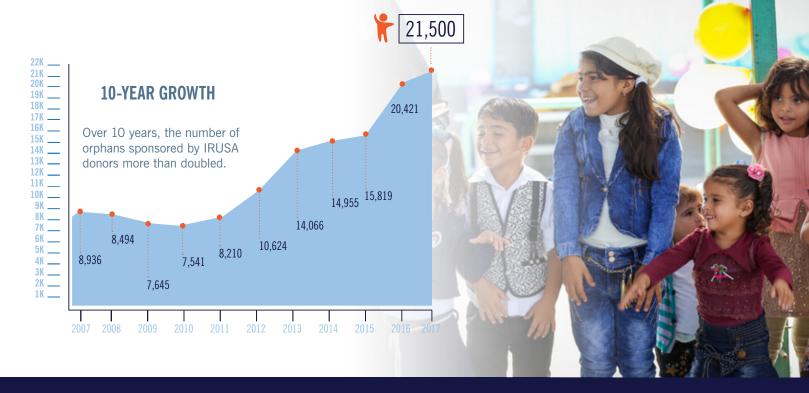
[Bukhari]

Ramadan reminds us to care for the orphan children in our communities. IRUSA donors are currently supporting tens of thousands of children in nearly two dozen countries around the world.

New for 2018—orphan sponsorships are now available in Chad, Malawi, and Tunisia. Orphans are waiting for your care.

IRUSA's loving community has been caring for orphans since the organization's founding. These sponsorships have been a lifeline to children, and a chance at a better future. Now, IRUSA has begun focusing on a different kind of orphan support—projects that extend critical services to entire communities full of orphans and vulnerable children. In these programs, instead of each donor's contribution going to one single orphan, they go toward community-wide services like vocational training, free education, and more. By donating to these programs, you can uplift entire communities.





YOU HELPED SUPPORT ORPHANS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES IN 2017:

AFGHANISTAN ALBANIA BANGLADESH BOSNIA CHECHNYA ETHIOPIA INDIA INDONESIA IRAQ JORDAN KENYA KOSOVA LEBANON MALI NIGER PAKISTAN PALESTINE SOMALIA SOUTH AFRICA SRI LANKA SYRIA YEMEN

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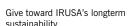


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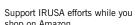


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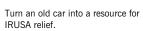


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