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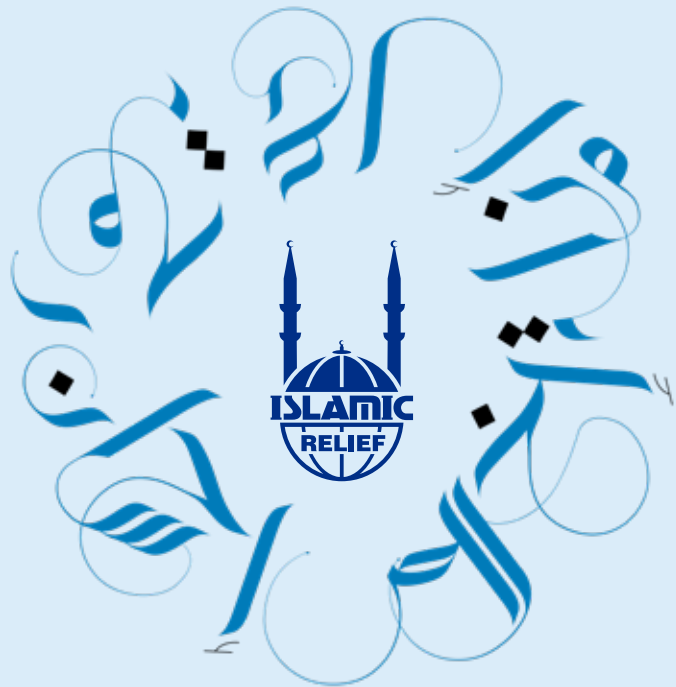


ISLAMIC RELIEF USA

# RAMADAN 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.

إحسان  
E X C E L L E N C E

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

إخلاص  
S I N C E R I T Y

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

رحمة  
C O M P A S S I O N

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.

أمانة  
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.

عدل  
S O C I A L   J U S T I C E

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

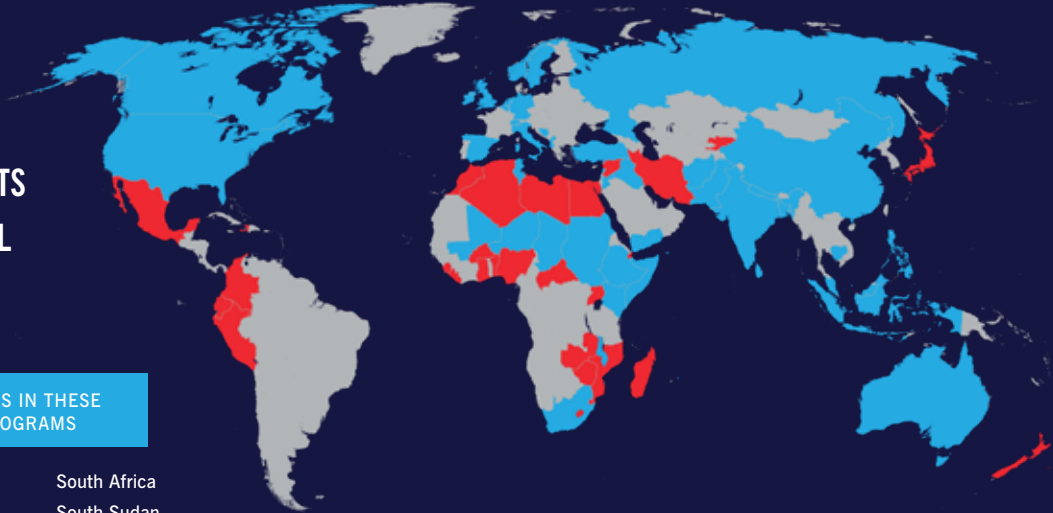
THE ISLAMIC RELIEF FAMILY CONSISTS OF AFFILIATE AND FIELD OFFICES ALL AROUND THE WORLD:

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

Afghanistan	Germany	Mali	South Africa
Albania	India	Mauritius	South Sudan
Australia	Indonesia	Myanmar	Spain
Bangladesh	Iraq	Nepal	Sri Lanka
Belgium	Ireland	Netherlands	Sudan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Niger	Sweden
Canada	Jordan	Norway	Switzerland
Chad	Kenya	Pakistan	Tunisia
Chechnya	Kosovo	Palestine	Turkey
China	Lebanon	Philippines	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Malawi	Singapore	United States
	Malaysia	Somalia	Yemen

THE IR FAMILY HAS SUPPORTED HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN THESE COUNTRIES IN A LIMITED SCOPE

Algeria	Djibouti	Japan	Mexico	Sierra Leone
Benin	Ecuador	Kyrgyzstan	Morocco	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Egypt	Lesotho	Mozambique	Syria
Central African Republic	Ghana	Liberia	New Zealand	Uganda
Colombia	Haiti	Libya	Nigeria	Zambia
	Iran	Madagascar	Peru	Zimbabwe



## NURTURING FAMILIES IN NEED IN RAMADAN

YOU SHARED RAMADAN FOOD PACKAGES WITH OVER  
**245,841 PEOPLE IN 34 COUNTRIES IN 2019**



...AND YOUR ZAKAT REACHED FAMILIES IN **32 COUNTRIES!**

### The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

“Ramadan has come to you. It is a month of blessings, in which Allah covers you with blessings, for He sends down Mercy, decreases sins, and answers prayers. In it, Allah looks at your competition (in good deeds), and boasts about you to His angels. So show Allah goodness from yourselves, for the unfortunate one is he who is deprived in (this month) of the mercy of Allah, the Mighty, the Exalted.”

[Imam Tabarani]

## DONORS CREATE DECADES OF RELIEF



More than 25 years and counting, generous donors have enabled the Islamic Relief USA family to help to relieve the suffering of our sisters and brothers in humanity.

During the month of Ramadan, this work increases because of the increased generosity of donors. From Ramadan food packages, to zakat, to fidya and kaffara, aid given in Ramadan blesses families in need across the world and in the United States.

This Ramadan, envision a better world.



# SHARING FOOD WITH FAMILIES FACING HUNGER

**The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said,**

“He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while his neighbor goes hungry.”

Sharing nutritious food with a person in need is one of the core components of Islam, and of Islamic Relief.

Each year, Islamic Relief USA donors send Ramadan food packages to struggling families around the world. The goal is to improve food security during this month for impoverished families, refugees and other displaced families, and other vulnerable groups and communities.

Food packages serve as an important supplement to the nutritional staples available to families in need, which may be limited.

All the food items are purchased through the local markets to help the local economy. The food items vary from country to country depending on local diet, but they include staple foods such as rice, flour, beans, and oil. Package weights vary by country, but typically they weigh almost 60 pounds.



IN 2020, ISLAMIC RELIEF USA  
AIMS TO PROVIDE OVER  
**1 MILLION**  
**POUNDS OF FOOD**  
TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THE  
DIETS OF PEOPLE IN  
**31 COUNTRIES.**



**MEALS REACHED NEARLY  
300,000 PEOPLE IN RAMADAN**



Annual Ramadan food packages provide relief to families grappling with poverty during the blessed month of mercy. In 2019, the compassion of donors **funded food for over a quarter of a million people in 34 countries.**

## **FEED A FAMILY WITH YOUR FIDYA OR KAFFARA DONATION**

If you're unable to fast, Islamic Relief USA can accept your fidya and kaffara donations and provide food for people in need on your behalf. Fidya and kaffara donations help pay for food packages and can reach many people. To learn more, visit [IRUSA.ORG/RAMADAN](https://www.irusa.org/ramadan).

# A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM MOHAMMED IN PALESTINE

## Mohammed's Relief

Mohammed struggles with his wife to provide their children a quality life in the hectic situation in Gaza. He said, “I am living in a rented house so small it could barely be called a house, it is in bad shape. I am a worker, but I am rarely offered work since the blockade.”

As poverty and insecurity devastate life in Gaza, the humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate. The economic situation has hindered his ability to find or hold on to work. “When I walk in the streets, I look at the people's faces, I find them desperate. No one knows where we are going; what the future hides for us!”

At an income of less than US\$ 1.74 per person a day, the Mohammed's family was eligible to receive the Suhoor Ramadan basket along with 42,495 other refugees, thanks to the generous support of Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA).

“The holy month of Ramadan is always the month of generosity and giving. This food assistance is a good contribution that makes me and my children feel there are people who think about us in the world, that we are not alone” said Mohammed.



# ZAKAT: MERCY IN ACTION

“And establish prayer and give zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves—you will find it with Allah; surely Allah sees what you do.”

[Qur'an 2:110]

During Ramadan, many Islamic Relief USA donors give zakat to support work for people who qualify under Islamic principles: the poor, the needy, travelers—in this case, refugees and other displaced families.

In the United States, zakat funds are distributed through partner mosques and organizations nationwide. These partners know the local residents and can confirm their eligibility.

In other countries around the world, zakat funds support projects benefiting families and communities that share food, water, health care, education, and secure livelihoods.

## ZAKAT AL-FITR

Zakat al-Fitr is paid by the head of the household for each member of the family, before Eid al-Fitr prayer. Zakat al-Fitr is about the price of one meal—estimated at \$10. IRUSA collects and distributes your zakat al-fitr to feed those who are most in need, in accordance with Islamic guidelines.





## YOUR ZAKAT IN ACTION

RECENT PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN PART  
BY ZAKAT FUNDS



### Greenhouses for vulnerable populations in Bosnia

JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT

#### **This project will help 290 people.**

Islamic Relief USA is partnering to bring down widespread unemployment in Bosnia. Because of the severe lack of jobs and careers many of the working-age members of the community have had to travel far away from the homelands. The program implemented allows participants to have full ownership of their own greenhouse gardens where they can grow crops for their families and sell them at a profit.

### Food parcels for families in need in Gaza

APRIL 2019 - JULY 2019

#### **This project helped 42,495 people.**

Islamic Relief USA provided critical food aid to food insecure families and individuals living in Gaza who are experiencing one of the worst food shortages in the world.

## SUPPORT FOR SAMI

Sami lost work a long time ago. Since then he's spent his days and nights working about how he can possibly continue to keep his family of four fed. They live in a basement for now. His children who "so clever" as he describes them hope to someday return to school regularly. But it is their very basic needs of food they have to face right now. Sami and his family were many recipients of Ramadan suhoor food support that came in this tough time. They were not forced to go through the day with hunger pangs. "It is the first time I receive Suhoor food assistance. My children are very happy with it," Sami said.



# ARE YOU THE SPONSOR AN ORPHAN IS WAITING FOR?

**The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) told us,**

“Myself and the one who cares for an orphan 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.

**Sadly, 833 orphans in 12 countries have lost their IRUSA sponsors and await new ones. IRUSA makes sure to provide support in the interim, but the need to find new, long-term sponsors is dire.**

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 support programs, you can uplift entire communities.



\*Syrian refugees in countries other than Syria

**YOU HELPED SUPPORT ORPHANS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES IN 2018:**

**AFGHANISTAN ALBANIA BANGLADESH BOSNIA CHAD CHECHNYA ETHIOPIA INDIA INDONESIA IRAQ JORDAN KENYA KOSOVO LEBANON MALAWI MALI NIGER PAKISTAN PALESTINE SOMALIA SOUTH AFRICA SRI LANKA SYRIA\* TUNISIA YEMEN**





# WATER IS LIFE



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

**The Prophet Muhammad  
(SAW) said:**

“The best charity is giving  
water to drink.”  
[Ahmad]

# WORLDWIDE WATER NEEDS

**1 IN 3 PEOPLE**  
DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO  
CLEAN WATER  
**NEARLY 2.2 BILLION ARE WITHOUT  
SAFE WATER SERVICES**



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

**1 IN 3 PEOPLE**  
DON'T HAVE ACCESS  
TO A TOILET



UNSAFE DRINKING WATER, INADEQUATE  
AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR HYGIENE,  
AND LACK OF ACCESS TO SANITATION  
TOGETHER CONTRIBUTE TO ABOUT

**88% OF  
DEATHS**

FROM DIARRHEAL DISEASES



SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

**1 IN 5 GIRLS OF PRIMARY-SCHOOL AGE ARE NOT IN SCHOOL,  
COMPARED TO 1 IN 6 BOYS DUE TO INADEQUATE  
SANITATION FACILITIES.**

SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

MILLIONS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS SPEND A  
COLLECTIVE 200 MILLION HOURS EVERY DAY  
COLLECTING WATER —  
HOURS THAT COULD BE SPENT IN SCHOOL OR  
EARNING A LIVELIHOOD



Together, we can change this. IRUSA's water and sanitation programs are bringing innovative solutions to communities suffering from a lack of clean water. Read more on the next pages.

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# WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMS

## WASH & shelter for IDPs and host community in Rakhine State, Myanmar

AUGUST 2019 - NOVEMBER 2020

### This project will help 9,600 people.

This project is improving the protection, privacy and living conditions of the vulnerable IDPs and extreme poor and marginalized host communities in Rakhine State, Myanmar. It is expanding women, girls, children, and elderly friendly WASH facilities. The project improves access to safe and hygienic shower and gender friendly sanitation facilities. Constructions include shower stations, latrines, street lamps for safety, and single-room houses for vulnerable women among man other hygiene education measures.

## Water supply in Kone Beri Secondary School, Niger

JULY 2019 - JANUARY 2020

### This project will help 40,000 people.

This project is providing access to potable water in an entire school with a student population at-risk of using contaminated water everyday. In Kone Beri secondary school, children currently rely on one open well. The well is subject to pollution heightening risks of waterborne disease prevalence, and are thus unsafe for drinking.

## Rapid response to save lives in Kenya

MARCH 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

### This project will help over 20,620 people.

The project is protecting drought affected households in order to enable them to rebuild after drought has devastated their region. The project provides cash transfers to the most vulnerable households in order to meet their basic immediate needs, water trucking to drought affected areas, and the rehabilitation of strategic boreholes.



 NEW PROGRAM INVESTMENTS FOR 2020: **\$3,511,297.35**



# REGISTRATION FORM

TABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First & Last)		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell	
Email		

How did you hear about this event? (please circle)

website • social media • friends • phone • email • other

☐ No, please do not send me mail from Islamic Relief USA regarding programs, events, and emergencies.

☐ No, please do not send me emails from Islamic Relief USA regarding programs, events, and emergencies.

☐ Yes, this is my first time attending an IRUSA event.

☐ Yes, I would like to be contacted about volunteering opportunities.



Check to see if your employer can match your gift.  
**IRUSA.ORG/MATCH**

## MORE WAYS TO GIVE



Challenge your body. Travel the world. Raise funds for amazing causes.

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Pick a cause. Start a campaign.

**IRUSA.ORG/CROWDFUND**



Give toward IRUSA's longterm sustainability.

**IRUSAWAQF.ORG**



Support IRUSA efforts while you shop on Amazon.

**SMILE.AMAZON.COM**



Turn an old car into a resource for IRUSA relief.

**IRUSA.ORG/CARDONATION**



Make stock donations to IRUSA programs.

**IRUSA.ORG/STOCK-DONATIONS**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT IRUSA.ORG/CREATIVE-GIVING**



# DONATION FORM

1 FUND INFORMATION	WHERE MOST NEEDED	\$ _____	2 AMOUNT	Name (First & Last)	
	ZAKAT _ _ _ _ _	\$ _____		Email	Phone
	WATER GENERAL _ _ _ _ _	\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ONE-TIME PAYMENT</b> <b>ONE-TIME AMOUNT \$</b> _____ <small>Write amount from section 1</small>	
	ORPHAN SUPPORT _ _ _ _ _	\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MONTHLY PAYMENT</b> To enroll for monthly withdrawal please fill out bank information or credit card information	
	SADAQAH _ _ _ _ _	\$ _____		START DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ END DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ <b>MONTHLY AMOUNT \$</b> _____ <small>Write amount from section 1</small> <small>If no end date is specified you will be enrolled into our lifetime giving program</small>	
OTHER _ _ _ _ _	\$ _____	PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL TO <b>ISLAMIC RELIEF, P.O. BOX 22250, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304</b>			
YOUR DONATIONS TO ISLAMIC RELIEF USA ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE (TAX ID #95-4453134).					
3 TYPE OF PAYMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DIRECT WITHDRAWAL</b> <b>BANK INFORMATION</b> BANK _____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> _____				
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CREDIT CARD</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY) ____/____</b>				
CARD # _____ CVV # _____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PLEDGE</b> PLEDGE TO BE FULFILLED BY: ____/____/____					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CASH OR CHECK</b> PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO <b>ISLAMIC RELIEF USA</b> OR USE THIS FORM IF YOU PREFER TO USE YOUR CREDIT CARD. <small>Please fill out personal information to receive a receipt for tax form purposes.</small>					

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