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RAMADAN REPORT

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

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Albania
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada
- Chad
- Chechnya
- China
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Colombia
- Djibouti
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Central African Republic
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Iran
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Lithuania
- Libya
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Yemen
- Syria
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Yemen

**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**

- **Sincerity:** In responding to poverty and suffering, our efforts are driven by sincerity to God and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.
- **Compassion:** 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.
- **Stewardship:** We uphold our duty of stewardship over the Earth, its resources, and the trust people place in us as humanitarian and development practitioners.

**VALUES**

- **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.
- **Protection and Well-being:** 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.
- **Excellence:** Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and conduct, which the people we serve deserve.
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!

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.

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]
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.
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).

“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.

“A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM MOHAMMED IN PALESTINE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

ZAKAT: MERCY IN ACTION

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[Qur’an 2:110]
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.

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.

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.

YOUR ZAKAT IN ACTION
RECENT PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN PART BY ZAKAT FUNDS
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.

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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

*Syrian refugees in countries other than Syria

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD
The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

“The best charity is giving water to drink.”

[Ahmad]

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.

WATER IS LIFE

WORLDWIDE WATER NEEDS

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

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

1 IN 3 PEOPLE DON’T HAVE ACCESS TO A TOILET

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

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

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AUGUST 2019 - NOVEMBER 2020

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Water supply in Kone Beri Secondary School, Niger

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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

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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.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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 emails from Islamic Relief USA regarding programs, events, and emergencies. 
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Check to see if your employer can match your gift. IRUSA.ORG/MATCH 
Turn an old car into a resource for IRUSA relief. IRUSA.ORG/CARDONATION 
Make stock donations to IRUSA programs. IRUSA.ORG/STOCK-DONATIONS 
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   - ONE-TIME AMOUNT $ 
   - ONE-TIME PAYMENT 
   - MONTHLY PAYMENT 

5. Account Number Routing Number CVV Card # 

6. Pledge 
   - PLEASE BE FILLED BY: 

7. Cash or Check 
   - PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ISLAMIC RELIEF USA OR USE THIS FORM IF YOU PRIORITIZE TO USE YOUR CREDIT CARD. 

8. Donation Form

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Islamic Relief USA reserves the right to allocate your donations to where it is most needed if your preferred request cannot be met.