ISLAMIC RELIEF USA

QURBANI REPORT
A SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMATIC INFORMATION FOR IRUSA DONORS

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**Vision**
Working together for a world free of poverty.

**Values**
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.

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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
- Chechnya
- China
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Greece
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

The Islamic Relief Family has supported humanitarian efforts in these countries in a limited scope:

- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada
- Chechnya
- China
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Greece
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

“Whoever offers a sacrifice after the prayer has completed their rituals (of Eid) and has followed the way of the Muslims.”

[Al-Bukhari]

On Eid al-Adha, sharing meat with people in need—known as giving Qurbani or Udhiyah—is an important Islamic tradition. Udhiyah is an Arabic word and Qurbani is an Urdu/Persian word derived from Arabic. They both connote the meaning of sacrifice, or an act done for the pleasure of Allah (SWT). By doing so, donors commemorate the sacrifice of Ibrahim (AS) and Ismail (AS) while providing nutritious food for hungry families.

For more than 25 years, Islamic Relief USA has been working to relieve the suffering of our sisters and brothers in humanity, and Qurbani is our biggest single food-sharing program. For many people who receive this gift, it’s the only meat they’ll eat all year.
JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

1 IN 9 PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY

Nearly half of all deaths in children under 5-years-old are due to undernutrition—that’s about 3 million children every year. For many impoverished families, meat remains unaffordable. This results in gaps in nutrition that contribute to health conditions such as anemia. Sharing meat on Eid is more than a special treat—it’s an important nutritional boost. Our recipients remember this gift all year.

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1. You as the donor choose a country, or choose the global Qurbani fund to allow staff to direct your gift where it’s needed most.
2. Local staff will use your donation to purchase the animal locally and prepare the meat.
3. Meanwhile, local staff who know their communities well identify families who really need the help.
4. Finally, your gift is handed to a family who really needs your support.

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YOU SHARED QURBANI WITH 925,319 PEOPLE ACROSS THE GLOBE IN 2019

Here's how many people were helped in 2019, broken down by region.

# NUMBER OF PEOPLE HELPED PER COUNTRY

AFGHANISTAN 18,349
ALBANIA 11,293
BANGLADESH 27,394
BANGLADESH - MYANMAR REFUGEES 18,349
BOSNIA 16,675
CHAD 10,811
CHECHNYA 18,349
INDIA 32,861
INDONESIA 8,380
IRAQ 19,381
JORDAN 12,753
KENYA 9,499
KOSOVO 2,182
LEBANON 13,278
LESOTHO 3,384
MACEDONIA 1,342
MALAWI 34,113
MALI 53,746
MYSANMYANMAR 116,576
NEPAL 11,109
NIGER 74,019
PAKISTAN 62,074
PHILIPPINES 2,639
SOMALIA 124,820
SOUTH AFRICA 7,761
SOUTH SUDAN 8,657
SRI LANKA 11,783
SUDAN 15,003
TUNISIA 286
TURKEY 22,151
YEMEN 76,643
ZIMBABWE 18,059

$ TOTAL QURBANI INVESTMENT IN 2019: $4,688,861.55

*Syrian Refugees were served in the numbers reported for these countries. The line that reads “Syrian Refugees” is the number of Syrian Refugees served inside Turkey.
Like other residents in Malawi, Eluby Wisky, a divorced mother of two kids, witnessed the massive damage that country suffered from Cyclone Idai. Before the natural disaster, life was difficult enough and it was very rare to have a nutritious meal on a regular basis, especially one consisting of meat.

“We do not consider meat as part of our diet because we cannot afford to buy meat,” she said. “Due to lack of money, it’s hard to purchase meat.”

There was a silver lining from the cyclone experience; her family, among others, were eligible to receive meat, thanks to the Islamic Relief Qurbani program. She’s thrilled for her family.

“We are going to eat this meat for a number of days,” she said. “I am very happy to see the children smiling since they haven’t had meat in a while. I am sincerely grateful.”
Kulmiye is a 55-year-old widow with seven children. Having sufficient meat to provide for her family is difficult and expensive. “We live modestly. My eight-member family lives in this two-room house and the kitchen is built outside. Every day it is a struggle to feed such a big family.” Fortunately, she will receive some help through Islamic Relief’s Qurbani program. “The Eid celebration has a lot of importance to me. I am happy to have been able to celebrate with my children. I prepared them a tasty meat dish to be accompanied by ‘chapati’ and ‘pilau’. I am also grateful because the needy people in my village received meat on Eid day.”

Over 80% of all food in Niger comes from the careful production of agriculture. Over the past three years, drought and flooding have made raising crops and livestock extremely difficult. The lack of food resulting from these recurring natural disturbances has impoverished many areas. As part of a dynamic effort, during Qurbani season Islamic Relief USA is working with local communities to create opportunities for economic empowerment through livestock contributions. Approximately 500 women-led orphan households each receive three goats or sheep to rear and fatten to be sold in the following Qurbani season at a competitive market rate. Through training in literacy, equipment maintenance, and previous livestock development, communities are experiencing the opportunity to rebound.
1. Who does Qurbani help?

Meat recipients include widows, orphans, the destitute, the elderly, people with disabilities, refugees, and disaster-affected populations—generally, people who cannot afford to buy meat often and whose diets are lacking in calories and nutrition.

2. How are the animals chosen?

The animals used are an’aam (hooved) animals, such as sheep, goats, cows, and buffalo. The animals must be healthy, of a fit age, and free from blindness, chronic sickness, disease, or any apparent ailment.

3. What kind of meat is used?

Our program uses 100% halal meat. Meat is sourced locally whenever possible, to support the local economy. It is distributed fresh whenever possible, though in difficult situations like conflict zones, we may send frozen meat so it can arrive to the recipients in good condition. All logistics—from sacrifice to transportation—are handled in accordance with Islamic principles, and with the best hygienic practices possible.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

4. How much meat am I giving?
One sheep or goat equals one Qurbani donation; one cow or buffalo equals seven Qurbani donations. Our prices equal one share—one sheep or goat, or one-seventh of a cow or buffalo.

5. When does the sacrifice occur?
Islamic Relief performs the Qurbani/Udhiyah during the day of Eid al-Adha and the ensuing three days of Tashreeq. However, under extreme circumstances, there may be exceptions due to factors such as the abundant number of Udhiyah/Qurbani or volatile conditions on the ground in a particular country. In these cases, the Qurbani may be done after the fourth day of Eid. Scholars have approved this practice.

6. How many shares do I give?
Islamic Relief USA recognizes the various jurisprudence opinions (fiqhi) in the Islamic tradition regarding how many Qurbanis an individual or family should give, and welcomes all to fulfill their religious right as they see fit. Of course, the more you give, the more people you serve.
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

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

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

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DIRECT DEBIT     CREDIT CARD

PLEDGE

CASH OR CHECK

ONE-TIME PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENT

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