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.

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Working together for a world free of poverty.

VALUES
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.

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This year’s harsh winter weather is devastating entire impoverished communities. It is impacting health care, sanitation, and children’s access to education. In countries like Syria, Bosnia, and Jordan, conditions are worse when temperatures fall below freezing. Islamic Relief USA understands this is a crisis we cannot ignore.

For people already suffering from displacement, poverty, without warm clothes, food, or water, the brutal freezing weather conditions that are destroying harvests create another battle. The harsh weather forces people to decide whether to buy food to eat or fuel for warmth; it is merely survival for them.

We know the weather can’t be predicted—but we can help protect vulnerable communities from its detrimental impacts.

IRUSA winter projects started over a decade ago in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide. The first regions worked in were Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

IRUSA teams worked on the ground in 15 countries to ensure vital winter supplies reached those who needed them most. Essential items distributed include warm clothing, hygiene kits, fuel, blankets, insulation materials for homes, heaters, mattresses, nutritious food, and more. Every year millions of vulnerable people are unprotected from the harsh winter weather conditions.

This report is an overview of IRUSA’s winter aid interventions to serve vulnerable communities worldwide.
The severe weather ravaged countries, causing damage to infrastructure and an overwhelming humanitarian crisis. Millions of refugees, including women and children, were desperately in need of essentials for warmth and survival.

A disastrous combination of drought and flooding crippled many communities already amid food shortages.

Impoverished communities, without shelter or food, already struggling reached a crisis point.

OVER $1 MILLION IN WINTER AID WORLDWIDE IN 2019!

AFGHANISTAN $250,000
ALBANIA $100,000
BANGLADESH (ROHINGYA) $150,000
BOSNIA $50,000
CHECHNYA $30,000
IRAQ $250,000
JORDAN $250,000
KOSOVO $40,000

LEBANON $250,000
MACEDONIA $20,000
MYANMAR $250,000
NEPAL $50,000
PAKISTAN $100,000
TURKEY/SYRIA $250,000
YEMEN $200,000

A BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS ACROSS 15 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
A SNAPSHOT OF THOSE YOU’VE HELPED

YOU PROVIDED WARMTH TO PROTECT 131,831 FAMILIES WORLDWIDE THAT TRANSLATED TO 82,226 PEOPLE SERVED IN 2019

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PROUD TO PROVIDE WINTER ITEMS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

OUR 2019 WINTER AID ITEM INCLUDE:

- Blankets
- Gas heaters
- Gas cylinders
- Clothing
- Mattresses
- Plastic sheets
- Tents
- Coats
- Shoes
- Heating kits (heater and fuel)
- Carpets
- Firewood
- Food
- Hygiene kits
- Hygiene vouchers
- Wooden stoves, and more
Life-Enhancing Winter Aid

During the cold winter months, many impoverished communities suffer. Forced to choose between buying food to eat or fuel to keep warm, they struggle to survive. IRUSA’s Winter Aid made it possible for them to have both.

Afghanistan 2019-2020
This project helped 10,066 people.
IRUSA provided firewood, coal, food, and blankets to those affected by the ongoing conflict and suffering in harsh winter conditions.

Albania 2019-2020
This project helped 239 people.
Vulnerable people and orphans living in remote areas benefited from IRUSA winter care packages that included firewood, blankets, and winter clothing.

Bosnia 2019-2020
This project helped 250 people.
Impoverished families and orphans received winter care packages that included firewood and winter clothing such as shoes, jackets, hats, shawls, and gloves.

Chechnya 2019-2020
This project helped 96 people.
IRUSA provided construction material and equipment to help reinforce and protect the homes of vulnerable families during the harsh winter weather.

Jordan 2019-2020
This project helped 751 people.
Vulnerable refugee families received winter care packages including, blankets, gas heaters, clothing vouchers, and hygiene vouchers.
Lebanon 2018-2019
This project helped 7,259 people.
IRUSA provided refugee communities and vulnerable families with winter care packages to help them endure brutal weather conditions. The aid included food, fuel, blankets, mattresses, carpets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, and hygiene kits.

Kosovo 2018-2019
This project helped 1,523 people.
Orphan families received winter care packages, including food, blankets, firewood, and wood stoves to protect them from the harsh winter weather. Families living in rural areas that are difficult to access were able to endure the freezing weather conditions with protection from illness.

Lebanon 2018-2019
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Macedonia 2018-2020
This project helped 156 people.
IRUSA provided winter care packages, including blankets and firewood to vulnerable families.

Nepal 2018-2019
This project helped 495 people.
Families suffering from harsh winter conditions received care packages that included plastic floor mats, cotton mattresses, polyester pillows, blankets, quilts, shawls, and sweaters. IRUSA also distributed food packages to vulnerable families.

Pakistan 2018-2019
This project helped 4,737 people.
Families living in rural areas already suffering from poverty compounded by harsh winter weather received IRUSA’s winter aid. That included plastic floor mats, cotton mattresses, polyester pillows, blankets, quilts, shawls, sweaters and food packages.

Turkey 2018-2019
This project helped 9,500 people.
To help survive the winter months IRUSA provided vulnerable conflict-affected communities and displaced Syrian refugee families in Turkey with blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, tents, coats, heating kits, and a floor carpet.

Yemen 2018-2019
This project helped 12,999 people.
IRUSA provided mattresses, clothes, and blankets to families, especially those with children with special needs, affected by the ongoing conflict and suffering in harsh winter conditions.
“My name is Mariam, and I live in Lebanon. I am from Syria, but I came here with my three children when my husband died eight years ago. We live together with my husband’s family; 10 of us live in the same home.

I do not have a job to support my family with our basic needs. But there is an economic crisis in Lebanon now affecting everyone, and all prices have increased, so any support we receive now does not go very far. We cannot afford to buy drinking water, and even taking a shower is not easy because shampoo and soap are also expensive.

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“Abu Muhammed’s Family”

“We used to have a fully equipped four-floor house and a sewing workshop,” adds Umm Muhammed. “We spent the best times there. Beautiful days with my husband and children. But I lost my daughter, and my son was injured when working in a bakery in the city. A missile exploded on them.”

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Fighting forced Abu Muhammed, and Umm Muhammed, to flee their homes in Syria. They ran for weeks, hiding in villages along the way for shelter. While dodging bullets, bombs, and shrapnel, they eventually made it to their final destination with friends’ help.

“I put some pieces of cardboard on the floor and held my wife,” says Abu Muhammad, describing the days the couple spent sleeping in a basement – the only shelter they could find. “It was one of the most difficult times since we left our home.” “I hope to go back to my destroyed house to build a tent over the rubble and live out the rest of my life there.” said Abu Muhammed.

I first heard about COVID-19 from people around me and seeing it on a TV talk show later on. I was confused about it and did not understand how the disease is transmitted; no one told us about it. COVID-19 has brought extra worries for me as my children are suffering from cerebral atrophy.” said Mariam. Their medical condition means they cannot express their feelings, which makes the situation more challenging.

Islamic Relief Lebanon supported us by giving us a food parcel, hygiene kits, and blankets. I am thankful to those who helped to provide this for my family.