

# Islamic Relief USA Across Africa



**PROJECT SPOTLIGHT:** 

# **East Africa Emergency**



The threat of famine looms over countries across East Africa including Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia as conflict and climate induced drought have left nearly 20.5 million people without food. The number is projected to increase to between 23 and 26 million by February 2023 if immediate action isn't taken.

Over 8.9 million livestock, a main source of food and livelihood for farming communities across the region, have perished. The struggle to find food and water has forced hundreds of thousands of people across the region to migrate in order to survive, further escalating the crisis. The impact of the war in Ukraine is also a particular cause for concern as food prices continue to soar, and 90% of the wheat, a staple in the region's diet, comes from either Russia or Ukraine.

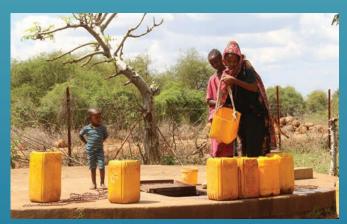
In 2011-2012, the same three countries experienced devastating famine when two missed rainy seasons resulted in widespread crop failure and subsequent food insecurity. Islamic Relief answered the call for help and provided over 430,000 people across the region with not just food aid, but access to water, sanitation, and healthcare. In Somalia, we rehabilitated two water wells so that communities in Mogadishu and surrounding areas

have consistent access to clean and safe water. In Kenya, we supplied 16 health facilities with preventative and curative medicine, including vaccinations for children. In Ethiopia, we were able to provide training on best practices regarding hygiene and sanitation to over 14,000 people across the country.

More than enough food is produced around the world to feed the global population. In 2023, famine should be a thing of the past. And by the time famine is declared, it's already too late – people are dying. That's why we must act now.

As an organization dedicated to eradicating hunger and poverty, IR is on the ground across Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia focusing on interventions similar to those in 2011 including food security and access to clean water and sanitation.

Through efforts like financial assistance programs; provision of water and hygiene kits; and construction of sanitary facilities, it is our hope to bring dignity to our brothers and sisters across East Africa and let them know they have not been forgotten. Thanks to our supporters, we're able to help make it possible.









## Malawi



Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The economy is heavily dependent on agriculture, employing over 80% of the population, but climate-induced natural disasters continually ravage the country.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### 2.800

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: December 2020 Close date: February 2025

#### SUPPORTING ORPHAN FAMILIES IN MALAWI

Orphan families in Malawi live on less than \$1.90/per person a day. This leaves them vulnerable to the risk of food insecurity and severe malnutrition. This project is designed to help pull orphan families out of the cycle of poverty by providing them with the tools they need to build sustainable livelihoods. Interventions include food aid, trainings on financial literacy and diversified livelihoods, the creation of Savings & Loans Groups (SLGs), monitoring small family businesses, and orphan sponsorship.

- 200 orphan families have received food vouchers to meet basic food and nutrition needs
- 400 orphan families have been sponsored
- 132 school-age orphans have been enrolled in school
- 200 orphan guardians have been participating in SLGs
- 400 orphan guardians have completed financial literacy trainings
- 200 orphan family members have participated in diversified livelihood trainings
- 200 orphan family members have participated in business skills training



## Mali



In Mali, 6.3 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Conflict, poverty, and climate change have greatly affected the country. People have lost their homes and livelihoods, forcing them to flee. Covid-19 has also exacerbated the situation. The government's capacity to respond is limited, making access to basic social services difficult. Experts predict parts of the country will undergo a humanitarian catastrophe if things continue to trend this way.

### YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### 6,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: August 2021 Close date: October 2023

#### COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN MALI

Islamic Relief is working to help communities in Mali flourish by improving the living conditions of conflict-affected families, providing disaster risk reduction training for vulnerable communities, and organizing deliberate efforts towards community cohesion.

- 1,000 households have been identified across 10 villages
- Key food items have been identified and 500 highly-vulnerable households of the 1,000 will receive food vouchers for upcoming distributions
- One food distribution has been scheduled
- Initial site assessments have been conducted for the potential location of boreholes
- Trainings on best practices regarding hygiene conducted benefiting 600+ community members across the 10 villages
- · Awareness sessions on gender-based violence and child protection conducted
- Procurement of 900 goats (three per household) is in progress
- 70 community members including women, youth, religious leaders, people with disabilities, and the elderly have been trained on social cohesion



# Niger



Domestic insecurity, regional political instability, and climate-induced disasters have hampered the growth of Niger's economy. More than 10 million people were living in extreme poverty in 2021. And to add, the country is struggling with an influx of refugees fleeing conflicts from neighboring countries including Mali and Nigeria.

### YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



#### **QURBANI+ IN NIGER**

Qurbani+ is an initiative that seeks to increase the income of families by partnering with them in an Islamic microfinance livelihood project connected to Eid al-Adha. Through the initiative, not only does the best quality Qurbani meat reach the most vulnerable people on Eid, but you also help widows and orphaned families break the cycle of poverty.

Islamic Relief is working to mobilize 1,200 households in Dosso through muzara'a [share-cropping] for cattle fattening. Complementary to the muzara'a, we're using bai' al-salam [deferred delivery contract] with 200 farmers to produce fodder and grain. The fodder will be used for a feed processing unit that will help maintain available food for livestock throughout the community, while the grain will be sold to grain banks for their processing needs and help maintain food security across the community. Our hope is for vulnerable families to gain valuable experience and build sustainable livelihoods for generations to come.

#### Here is how your donations are being put to work:

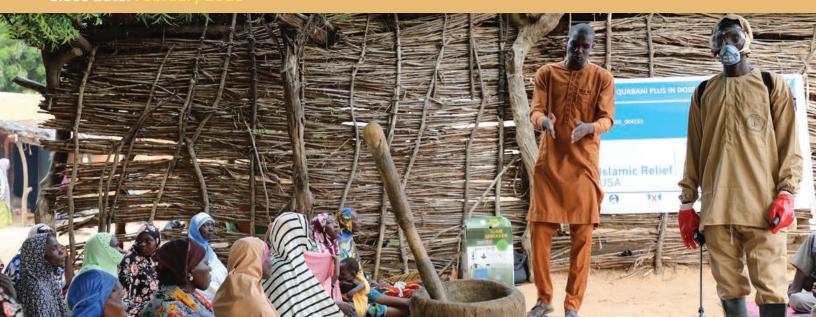
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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: December 2021 Close date: February 2025

- 300 of the 1.200 households have been identified
- 426 cattle have been purchased and distributed to households
- 400 agropastoralists have been trained on animal husbandry and fattening practices
- Six paraveterinaries have been trained on veterinary health services
- One session on agricultural training has been conducted for the 200 farmers participating in bai' al salam; two more have been scheduled



## South Sudan



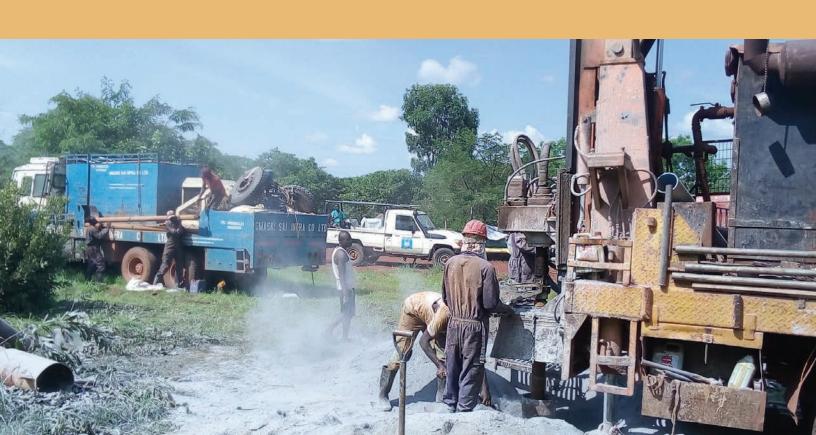
Violence, political instability, and economic stagnation have left two-thirds of South Sudan's population in dire need of humanitarian assistance. According to experts, more than 80% of the country's population lives in poverty, surviving on less than \$1.90 per day. To add, climate-induced disasters such as severe droughts and floods continually ravage the country, leaving devastation in their wake.

Islamic Relief is working to help increase human dignity among the conflict-affected areas in South Sudan through integrated interventions including building sustainable livelihoods, access to clean water and health services, and training on community building.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



- Construction of seed production center for farmers
- Training on crop production
- · Training on best business practices
- Construction of clean water resources and sanitation facilities
- Provision of proper medical supplies including vaccines for children and PPE
- · Training on community building
- · Formation of peace committees and peacebuilding activities



### Sudan



Political instability, socioeconomic crisis, and food insecurity affect nearly a quarter of the population in Sudan. At least 3 million children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. Violence and intercommunal clashes have also contributed to high numbers of internal and cross-border displacements. In some areas, schools have become temporary shelters, disrupting children's education. At least 14.3 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



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Start date: July 2021 Close date: March 2023

#### SUPPORTING VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN SUDAN

Islamic Relief is working to help vulnerable families in Sudan not only survive, but thrive through increased access to food security, clean and safe water, and livelihood opportunities; improved enrollment of boys and girls in school; and improved community capacity.

- · Six water user associations have been established and trained
- Over 500 hygiene kits have been distributed to vulnerable female heads of households and young girls
- 200 food and cash crop seeds have been distributed to female heads of households
- First disbursement of grants have been provided to women entrepreneurs
- Training and support provided to 100 farmers, including 50 women, on animal husbandry
- Training provided to 40 community members on animal feed production and preservation
- Vocational training and support provided to 100 internally displaced people and returnees

