



OUR WORK ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

TÜRKIYE

Türkiye is one of the more advanced nations of those we work in across Europe. However, it's still severely affected by poverty. High unemployment among youth and gender inequality have led to a significant setback in the economy, and inflation is rising as resources such as gas and electricity are almost unaffordable. Türkiye is also the largest refugee-hosting country in the world. As of last year, it's home to nearly 4 million refugees, 3.5 million of which are Syrian. To add, in certain areas of the country, climate-induced natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires are very common.

On February 6, two powerful earthquakes erupted across Türkiye and Syria. One of the deadliest earthquakes in over 20 years, the initial 7.8 magnitude earthquake was centered near Gaziantep, a city in south central Türkiye home to millions of Syrian refugees. The second 7.5 magnitude earthquake was felt nearly nine hours later, and almost 2,000 aftershocks have been reported. As of now, over 40,000 people have died, nearly 80,000 more have been injured, and 6,000 buildings have been destroyed – and numbers are only expected to rise. About 80,000 rescue personnel have been deployed, working in near-freezing temperatures searching for survivors among the rubble.

Islamic Relief has been working in Türkiye since the early 2000s. And right now, Islamic Relief is working with local partners to distribute emergency relief across the country. Thanks to our supporters, families affected are receiving food aid, hygiene kits, blankets, and cash assistance to help pay for any other immediate needs.



JORDAN

Jordan's economy is among the smallest in the region. With an insufficient supply of natural resources, the country relies heavily on foreign assistance. Chronic high unemployment rates, especially among youth and women, have taken its toll on the country. To add, Jordan plays host to a large population of refugees. As of last year, it's home to 675,000 Syrian refugees as well as 2 million Palestinian refugees, many of whom lack access to basic needs and services.

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE FAMILIES ACROSS JORDAN

Syrian refugees lack access to adequate and consistent work, making it difficult for them to support their families. IR is working to promote the economic empowerment and social inclusion of vulnerable Syrian refugees and Jordanians alike across the country through increased access to livelihood opportunities including professional development services, entrepreneurial training, and financial assistance. This project aims to help those who have been forced to flee their home rebuild and refresh so they may find solace during their time of need.

1,770 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: **December 2021**
Close date: **November 2023**



LEBANON

In 2021, the national currency lost 90% of its value, sending the country into a financial and economic crisis. The impact on civilians has been catastrophic, leaving more than 80% of people without access to basic needs including food, water, health care, and education. Fuel shortages have also caused widespread electricity blackouts, leaving large portions of the country in the dark for up to 23 hours per day. In turn, hospitals, schools, and small local businesses are struggling to operate. To add, Lebanon plays host to a large population of refugees. Currently, it's home to nearly 900,000 Syrian refugees as well as 174,000 Palestinian refugees. In response to the current crisis, the government has provided little to no support to families struggling to cope. Inadequate policy responses have left vulnerable people to fight for themselves.

RAMADAN 2022

Mount Lebanon is home to a large population of Syrian and Palestinian refugees. Families across the mountainous region are often underserved, burdened by the high cost of living and unable to afford basic necessities like healthcare and sending their children to school.

With your support, Islamic Relief was able to help lessen the burden of these families by providing food boxes and **helping feed over 30,000 people last Ramadan**. Packed with food important to the local diet, as well as essential nutrients and vitamins, our food boxes are made to last for the entire month. We also provided food vouchers for families to purchase fresh produce, dairy, and meat.



PALESTINE

Living under occupation and a constant threat of violence, Palestinians have been robbed of nearly every basic human right. Food insecurity; poor water quality; limited access to healthcare; lack of education opportunities; high unemployment; and restricted movement are only

a few of the many problems the people of Palestine are forced to face in their daily lives. Gaza has been described as an “open-air prison.” Years of restrictions on movement coupled with blockades have left nearly 2 million residents stuck with little hope of bettering their lives.

Reports conclude that Gaza will soon become “unlivable” if this continues. The conflict has also led to one of the biggest refugee crises our world has faced. More than 7 million Palestinians have been displaced. Our hope is to show the people of Palestine they have not been forgotten.

WOMEN CAN 2.0

The Women Can project helped empower female heads of household so that they may provide for their families. The project targeted 237 women along with their family members – some of which were from the West Bank while others were from Gaza. It was designed to help them start or develop their businesses, increase their income within one year of receiving support from donors like you, and help them feel more aware and confident of their social and economic power. With your investment in this effort, IRUSA was able to help empower Palestinian women.

1,424 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED



Start date: **September 2020**
Close date: **November 2022**



YEMEN

After seven years of conflict, Yemen is one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Around **23.7 million people** are in need of dire humanitarian assistance, including nearly **13 million children**. Nearly 6 million people have been uprooted from their homes as violence, collapsing services,

and threats of large-scale famine have taken over the country. Despite humanitarian aid, a staggering 17.4 million Yemenis remain food insecure. To add, preventable diseases such as cholera, diphtheria, measles, and dengue fever still exist in the country today.

Women and children are bearing the brunt of the crisis. Malnutrition rates among women and children remain one of the highest in the world. **Today, 1.3 million mothers and 2.2 million children under the age of five require treatment for acute malnutrition.**

ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN YEMEN

Preventable diseases, including waterborne diseases such as cholera, still exist in Yemen today. Vulnerable communities including internally displaced people, women, and children are the most affected. Islamic Relief is working to help reduce the risks related to waterborne diseases across Al Hudaydah and Dhamar through access to clean and safe drinking water; the rehabilitation of existing water systems; and training on best practices regarding hygiene.

48,000+ NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: **January 2021**
Close date: **February 2023**

SYRIA

More than 11 years of conflict in Syria has killed hundreds and thousands of people, including women and children. The standard of living has been set back by decades. Roughly 6.9 million people are displaced within Syria while 6.8 million have been forced out of their country – which when combined, amounts to more than half of the country's population in distress.

More than 70% of Syrians live in poverty. Millions have lost their livelihoods and are unable to meet their basic needs including access to food, clean water, and health care. The children of Syria are of the most affected. Many don't know life outside of war and will be forced to face the long-term effects of physical and mental trauma. As Muslims, it is incumbent upon us to help our brothers and sisters suffering across Syria.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN SYRIA

The Idlib Governorate of Syria is home to a high proportion of out-of-school children. This project helped increase school enrollment and **ensure quality education for over 22,000 young boys and girls** across 60 different schools through the provision of food aid, school kits including bags and supplies, stipends for staff, and equipment including desks, chairs, and sports equipment. With your investment in this effort, IRUSA was able to help create conducive learning environments for the children of Idlib, increase school performance, and help them grow into the next generation of young adults aspiring to change the world.

22,554 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED



Start date: **January 2021**

Close date: **May 2022**



THANK YOU

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our donors, without whom none of the work we aim to do would be possible. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families across Türkiye and Jordan. Thank you for feeding families last Ramadan in Lebanon. Thank you for helping empower women in Palestine. Thank you for providing access to education for children in Syria as well as access to clean water in Yemen.

And most of all, thank you for working with us for a better world.

