



# Islamic Relief USA Across Asia



***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 providing relief for flood survivors in Pakistan. Thank you for helping empower women in Afghanistan. Thank you for feeding families in Bangladesh and India. Thank you for supporting climate resilience in Indonesia, Nepal, and the Philippines. And most of all, thank you for working with us for a better world.



# Pakistan

Since June 2022, Pakistan has been facing the worst climate disaster in 30 years. The rise in global temperatures has triggered unprecedented glacial melting and monsoon rains, causing disastrous floods in all four provinces of the country including Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, and Punjab. One third of the country is submerged and a staggering 33 million people have been affected by this devastating crisis.

Up to 2.1 million people have lost their homes and are without clean water or food, forced to spend their days hungry under the open sky. Over

1.1 million livestock have perished and more than 4.4 million acres of crops have been overtaken by flood waters, ruining the harvest season and decimating food supplies. Vital infrastructure including roads and bridges have been damaged, making it difficult for people to flee as well as receive aid. And a second wave of crisis is imminent as waterborne disease and other health-related challenges are growing rapidly.

This disaster, coupled with the recent pandemic, has only widened existing economic and social inequalities across the country through the disproportionate effect on vulnerable

groups like women, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Islamic Relief's legacy in Pakistan dates back to 1992. And right now, we're on the ground working to help survivors of the floods and ensure long-term support. Close to 500,000 people have been assisted with immediate needs including food, water, hygiene kits, emergency shelter, and cash assistance. In the coming year, we plan to help rebuild Pakistan through integrated initiatives across disaster-affected districts including Dadu, Mirpur Khas, D.I. Khan, and Tank.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### **SHELTER, FOOD SECURITY, & LIVELIHOOD**

Proposed people served: **26,455**

In order to help revitalize the agricultural sector, Islamic Relief is working with farmers and pastoralists to rebuild livelihoods across the country through cash assistance, skill-based training, and replacing livestock lost to the floods. Our efforts focus special attention on households headed by women, children, and people with disabilities. We're also providing masonry training for staff and local community members in order to construct shelters and multi-purpose, disability friendly community centers.



### **WATER AND SANITATION**

Proposed people served: **189,252**

Access to water and sanitation has become a luxury in the parts of the country impacted by the floods. Islamic Relief is working to improve this access through the provision of latrines as well as community capacity-building training intended to teach community members how to lead recovery and rehabilitation efforts in consultation with relevant stakeholders and government officials.



### **WOMEN & GIRLS**

Proposed people served: **42,860**

When disaster strikes, promoting the safety of women and children is of the utmost importance. Through community training, we're working to highlight the role of women and girls in society as well as gauge the impact of climate induced trauma on children.

***This work is vital to the future of Pakistan. And thanks to our supporters, we're able to help make it possible.***





# Afghanistan

More than a year now since tumultuous political change in Afghanistan, the Afghan crisis continues to be one of the biggest humanitarian crises our world has faced. Conflict, violence, chronic poverty, coupled with natural disasters have forced more than 6 million people to be displaced, both within Afghanistan and in other countries. Women and young girls are among those most affected.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT

The economic consequences of the shift in government in 2021 have disproportionately affected women-owned enterprises. Hundreds of women have lost their businesses or seen a significant drop in revenue as the demand for their products has reduced in the market. This project aims to identify affected women entrepreneurs and support them in their recovery, specifically regarding the restriction of women's socio-economic activities outside of the home put in place by the new government.

Islamic Relief is working with Afghanistan's Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, local authorities, community elders, as well as women entrepreneurs to mitigate these restrictions. A total of 450 women-led families will be targeted across the provinces of Balkh, Herat, and Bamyán. Proposed outcomes include helping women-led businesses with technical and entrepreneurial skills to boost their livelihood by 50% as well as establish profitable and sustainable enterprises owned by women entrepreneurs, with 60% growth at the end of the project.

**3,000 +**

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
TO BE SUPPORTED



Start date: **October 2021**

Close date: **September 2024**



# Bangladesh

Agriculture plays an important role in the livelihoods of the people in Bangladesh. Monsoon season brings heavy rainfall and strong winds, increasing the risk of floods and landslides and exacerbating poverty and economic insecurity. The Rohingya crisis in the neighboring country of Myanmar has also greatly affected the country. Bangladesh is home to what has quickly become the largest and most densely populated refugee camp in the world.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

### ABDULLAH'S STORY

Abdullah and his family of four live in a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. He is unemployed due to his refugee status in the country and relies entirely on humanitarian aid to feed his family. Meat is such a rarity, they only have it two to three times in a year.

"When I was in Myanmar, we used to celebrate Eid al-Adha by sacrificing cattle. It was a happy occasion for us. But we are in no position to celebrate Eid al-Adha since arriving in Bangladesh. I worry about what I should feed my family. I wish I could receive adequate meat for my family, then we could have celebrated Eid al-Adha very happily."

Islamic Relief was able to give the gift of meat to Abdullah and his family this Eid season.

"Alhamdulillah, this year I am happy as I am able to feed my family two meals with the meat pack received from Islamic Relief. This Eid, I don't need to worry. I am very thankful to Islamic Relief for distributing meat to our camps. I believe the organization feels for the Rohingya refugees. I hope next year Islamic Relief will distribute meat."





# India

Two-thirds of people in India live in poverty, with nearly 70% of people living on less than \$2/day. Most live in very rural areas and rely on odd jobs to make ends meet. The lack of employment opportunities in these areas are driving waves of people to the cities, where they lack access to clean drinking water and poor hygiene and sanitation is leading to rising cases of disease such as cholera, typhus, and dysentery.

Women and children suffer the most. India has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world. And according to UNICEF, about 25% of children in India lack access to education. They are instead forced into work or marriage at a young age to help support their families.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

### SUNITHA'S STORY

Sunitha is a mother of four children, two of which suffer from disabilities. Her husband, Akbar, took out a loan to help their children, but was unable to repay it and is now forced to live away from the family. As the head of the household, Sunitha works as a domestic laborer to support her family.

Most days she struggles to feed her family on top of the medical expenses and must accept help from her neighbors. "Sometimes, we go to bed [with] half-filled stomachs. I am ashamed to get help from [my] neighbors."

Faith is important in Sunitha's home. During Ramadan, she teaches her children the value of the holy month and reminds them to remember Allah [SWT] during troubling times.

"The food [from Islamic Relief] supports my [family] and I can sleep peacefully. Without my husband, it is very tough for me to meet the basic needs of my children. My children are malnourished. But with [this] food, I will be able to meet their [needs]. Thanks to [Islamic Relief] and thanks to Allah."







# Indonesia

Indonesia is the world's largest island country and regularly faces the hardship of natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and the effects of climate change. On average, at least one major natural disaster has occurred in Indonesia every month since the tsunami in 2004.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### Climate Resilience Project

**Start date:** October 2021

**Estimated close date:** September 2023

**Estimated number of people to be supported:** 12,000

Islamic Relief is working to help families across Indonesia escape climate-induced poverty and move them towards sustainable futures through agricultural skill-based training and community groups designed to promote gender equality so female-led households, which are common in disaster-struck areas, have equal opportunity for success.

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

- Agricultural training for men and women including access to microfinance for 600 family businesses
- Disaster risk reduction training for communities including efforts towards reducing gender-based violence



# Nepal

After 10 years of ongoing conflict, Nepal is in the midst of transitioning to a democratic government. In the last few years alone, Nepal has achieved significant progress towards social and economic growth. That being said, major challenges still remain today as the country faces food insecurity, stagnant economic growth, and high vulnerability to natural disasters and natural resource degradation exacerbated by climate change.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### Climate Resilience Project

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Islamic Relief is working to improve the wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable communities in Nepal through food and livelihood security as well as access to water, sanitation, and hygiene.

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

- Food and economic security for women and orphan led households through the adaptation of resilient livelihood practices
- Community resilience reinforced through community building, protection of vulnerable groups, and access to government services
- Renovation and/or construction of community sanitation facilities, capacity building of local WASH technicians, and community trainings on best practices regarding hygiene







# Philippines

The Philippines has been ranked as one of the nations most vulnerable to climate disasters due to its geography. As a result, one-quarter of the population lives below the poverty line. Our latest emergency response is for Tropical Storm Nalgae [Paeng], which has left trails of devastation across the country.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### TROPICAL STORM NALGAE (PAENG)

Making landfall in October 2022 with sustained winds of 60 mph, Nalgae [Paeng] is the 16th tropical cyclone to have affected the country this season. With more than six times the daily average of rainfall for the month of October, nearly 100 people have lost their lives and even more have been injured or deemed missing. Damage to infrastructure and agriculture have, combined, estimated to over \$20 million dollars in losses. And with the extensive damage to roads and bridges, emergency response efforts have been made difficult.

Nevertheless, Islamic Relief is on the ground providing immediate relief to families in need. Similar to our last emergency effort for Tropical Storm Megi [Agaton], which hit in April 2022, we are working with our local partner network to provide food aid as well as access to clean water and sanitation.

Nevertheless, the people of the Philippines are resilient, and with the support of donors like you, families in need can break the chains of poverty and move towards building sustainable livelihoods.







# Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is in the midst of the worst economic crisis in its history. Poor economic management has dragged Sri Lanka into debt, and the pandemic has only exacerbated the situation. Fuel shortages have resulted in food insecurity; hospitals are unable to support people in need; and tourism, a major source of revenue for the country, has come to a halt.

To add, the country relies heavily on imports. Since the country's currency has collapsed by 80%, imports are more expensive and the country is unable to import fuel, medicine, and other essential commodities. The people of Sri Lanka are suffering, and this devastating economic threat is one that has the potential to leave a lasting impact.

## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

### Climate Resilience Project

Islamic Relief is working to provide access to clean and safe water and sanitation while promoting the protection of vulnerable groups in hope of improving community resilience.

Here is how your donations are being put to work:

- Improving community access to clean drinking water facilities including the installation of 460 water pipes and construction of five water purification plants
- Improving community access to safe sanitation facilities including the construction of 300 latrines
- Promoting education including the provision of children's bicycles for transportation to and from school
- Protecting social rights of vulnerable groups through training on inclusion and mental health
- Community-building training on problem-solving, peace-building, and resilience

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