



Your Ramadan Donations in Action

IMPACT REPORT | 2024









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Thank You!

PART 1 | INTRODUCTION

Thank you!

Through Your Support

Assalamu alaikum!

This past Ramadan, you united with us to bring hope to families globally, and right here at home. **Unity starts with each and every one of us**; whether it's through donating to support humanitarian efforts, advocating for justice and equality, or simply spreading love and kindness in our communities, each of us can create positive change.

*With your support this Ramadan, we delivered vital emergency aid to regions in need such as Sudan, Palestine, Yemen, and beyond, as well as essential food aid to more than **640,000** individuals in over 30 countries worldwide and here at home.*

The work we did together this past Ramadan reminds us that our actions have the power to make a difference. So, let's renew our commitment to unity, compassion, and solidarity, as we continue **working together for a better world**.

Jazak Allahu Khairan.

Your brother,

Ahmed Shehata

Ahmed Shehata

CEO of Islamic Relief USA





MILLIONS

People Reached

DOZENS

Projects
Supported

Your Impact This Ramadan

You made it a Ramadan with solidarity, liberation, and hope, rising to the challenge when crises struck and helping to create unprecedented change both here at home and around the world.

Because of you, they feel relief. Thank you for your continued generosity and care!

Ramadan Food Distributions

Feed those in Need · Zakat al-Fitr · Fidyah and Kaffara

With your support, we distributed more than **59,200 food packs** in impoverished communities to provide relief during the blessed month of Ramadan. Through this effort we also distributed your **Zakat al-Fitr, Fidyah, and Kaffara** payments in the form of food supplies to those most in need.

What's Inside a Food Pack?

Depending on the region, our Ramadan food distributions are designed to provide essentials for a family for one month.

Food items vary according to regional cuisines and are purchased through local markets to support local livelihoods and the local economy and ensure high quality of products. In some countries there will be a mixture of food box distributions and cash and/or voucher assistance so that families can select their own food items.

Each food pack usually contains:

- + Dates
- + Lentils
- + Rice
- + Sugar
- + Oil
- + Wheat
- + Canned meat and fish



Your Donations in Action this Ramadan

640,000

people were sustained
through our Ramadan Food
Program *because of you*

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Countries



Afghanistan	28,000	Jordan	13,500	Pakistan	15,000
Albania	1,000	Kenya	18,000	Palestine	311,585
Bangladesh	13,400	Kosovo	2,200	Philippines	2,000
Bangladesh [Myanmar Refugees]	17,500	Lebanon	10,790	Somalia	18,000
Bosnia	1,250	Libya	1,956	South Africa	4,000
Ethiopia	18,000	Malawi	5,000	Spain	500
India	3,000	Mali	6,500	Sri Lanka	1,500
Indonesia	1,000	Morocco	4,200	Sudan	10,000
Iraq	3,750	Nepal	3,000	Türkiye	23,460
Italy	500	Niger	9,100	USA	77,000
		N. Macedonia	400	Yemen	24,500

*These numbers are estimates; final tallies will be available later this year

UNITED AGAINST HUNGER

Torpaykai from Afghanistan

60-year-old Torpaykai is the sole breadwinner of her household, earning only 500 AFN [\$7.10 USD] per month to support her daughter, blind and sick husband, and two orphaned grandchildren.

"No one works in my family except myself. I work as a house cleaner. Sometimes my clients give me food, money, and old clothes to take home, but during Ramadan, there is no work to do. Nobody calls me to clean their homes. I was really worried about how we would survive."

Afghanistan's complex humanitarian crisis has drastically impacted families like Torpaykai's, pushing millions into poverty and starvation. Fasting has become a regular practice beyond Ramadan. For millions in Afghanistan, they have no other choice.

But you do. This Ramadan, your generosity changed their qadr. It guaranteed warm and nutritious meals for millions, ensuring families like Torpaykai's had food to break their fast with every single day of this blessed month.

Life was difficult before your help arrived. There was not enough food for us to eat at home.

Alhamdulillah, the food packs lifted a burden from my shoulders. Thank you so much for your help. I wasn't expecting it [the aid] to come, but Allah [SWT] is the best of planners.

Rights-holders Testimonial

Diri'e from Somaliland

"I lost my right leg during the civil war in 1990. Ever since then, I've been heavily relying on my brothers and extended family to support my family of 10 with our basic needs. We regularly struggle with eating enough food, clean water, and access to healthcare. There are times when cooking the usual three meals is simply not possible, so we eat two meals instead.

Alhamdulillah, Islamic Relief has provided us with food packages containing rice, wheat flour, sugar, dates, and cooking oil this year! We are immensely grateful for their unwavering support, which has alleviated our worries about having enough food for this blessed month."



Your Zakat in Trusted hands



Scholar
Verified

Your Zakat is an Amanah, and we take that trust very seriously. At Islamic Relief USA, we follow a scholar-verified Zakat Policy to ensure your Zakat reaches as many people in need as possible to transform their lives.

We strive to ensure that your Zakat empowers the individuals and families who receive it and ultimately contributes to bringing them out of the difficult circumstances they are in.

To read more about our scholar-verified Zakat policy, visit us at irusa.org/zakat-policy



Thank you for readily extending your hand to the world's most vulnerable and making them a part of your community with love and compassion!

Our Zakat Distribution Process



Rights-holders

Islamic Relief identifies those well below Nisab, working with the most vulnerable communities. This includes orphan households, single female-headed households, people with disabilities, and the elderly.



Needs Assessment

Our caseworkers, staff, and volunteers in our field offices use a standardized system to collect information, record notes, and categorize to determine the support that each individual and family needs.



Collecting Zakat

Throughout the year, especially in Ramadan, Islamic Relief USA collects your Zakat donations to continuously fund projects that assist our vulnerable sisters and brothers.



How Funds are Used

Collected Zakat donations are disbursed to field offices, community groups, and implementing partners for distribution and implementation on the ground.



Your Donations in Action

Your Zakat reaches those who need it most, providing rights-holders with the tools to support themselves and pass it on to the next generation.



Your Impact

Our work does not end once a rights-holder receives your Zakat donations. They remain in our system to continue receiving support through projects implemented in the area to improve their accessibility to resource and to, insha'Allah, help them become resilient and self-sufficient.

Reaching Those Most In Need

Your support in action for Gaza, Sudan, and Yemen

Because of you, the most vulnerable in our Ummah did not go unseen this Ramadan. With your support, we were not only the first on the ground to reach those affected by disasters, violence or conflict, but we also advocated fiercely for some of our most vulnerable communities. This is an overview of the key responses you helped fund and support this Ramadan, in addition to many of our ongoing projects.












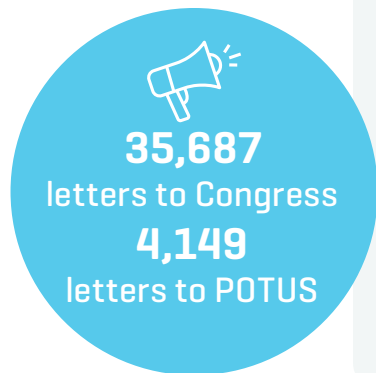
PALESTINE

In Palestine, IRUSA works with partner organizations that have a presence in the region, allowing us to strategically assess urgent needs and provide support by implementing development projects including improved access to healthcare, psychosocial support, education, and livelihood.

When an emergency arises, our partnerships allow us to respond immediately, and we're able to provide emergency relief through medical care, winter aid, food aid, Ramadan food distributions, and much more.

Since the recent escalation began, IRUSA partners have successfully completed the following interventions:

-  Distribution of over **2.2 million** hot meals to **194,000** people.
-  Distribution of fresh and non-perishable food parcels and vouchers to over **155,000** internally displaced people.
-  Medicine and medical supplies for **334,396** people.
-  Medical care for **84,975** people.
-  Provision of hygiene kits to **32,083** individuals residing in shelter.
-  Provision of vital medical supplies to three hospitals including Hayfa Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, and Al-Ahli Arab Hospital while these hospitals were still operating.
-  Immediate trauma response for over **153,411** people.
-  Clothing vouchers to support **15,650** people this winter.
-  Bedding for **11,862** displaced people.



Advocacy for Palestine

Our advocacy work reaches all levels of government and our IRUSA Advocates carry the voices of those most vulnerable around the world. IRUSA Advocates sent letters to both congressional representatives and to the President of the United States [POTUS] to advocate for a ceasefire in Palestine and to allow for the entry of humanitarian aid.








Alhamdulillah, we've sent a total of 35,687 letters to Congress and 4,149 letters to the POTUS to date and the message has been received. While ceasefire discussions have begun, we will continue to advocate for the people of Palestine until there is a complete and lasting resolution.

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* Given the nature of the emergency and our team's efforts on the ground, which prioritize the immediate distribution of life-saving aid, this figure is a conservative measured estimate of the number of Palestinians your donations reached during the month of Ramadan.

SUDAN

In response to the ongoing violence in Sudan, Islamic Relief is working to provide access to basic needs including food, water, and healthcare, as well as other immediate needs like shelter. While issues related to the delivery of humanitarian aid persist, Islamic Relief has successfully completed the following interventions:

-  Food aid for **466,510** people and essential non-food items for **1,387** people.
-  Water storage kits for **6,890** people.
-  Access to healthcare and medicine for **74,184** people.
-  Distribution of **10,669** hygiene kits.
-  Access to psychosocial support for **3,552** people.
-  Cash assistance for **82,342** people.
-  Shelter assistance for **3,812** people.

We're also working to provide emergency aid to displaced people living in countries like Chad and Egypt. In Chad, Islamic Relief's main focus is providing access to safe, livable conditions for **27,915** newly-arrived Sudanese refugees. That's approximately half of the refugee populations at both the Alacha site in the Ouaddai region and the Kerfi site in the Sila region. In Egypt, Islamic Relief's main focus is providing cash assistance to allow families to purchase what they will, whether food, medicine, or shelter. It also allows them to pay for transportation services, which in turn allows them to travel to and from things like job interviews.

As a result of the civil war, the Islamic Relief Sudan team relocated its main office from Khartoum to Gedaref, with some staff working out of Port Sudan. Though the situation is constantly changing, resources have been limited, and travel routes are impacted, our team is working around this by procuring aid from local markets in Sudan's central and eastern regions.

This includes receiving supplies from the World Food Program to deliver aid to vulnerable communities in the Central Darfur State. Alhamdulillah, our staff are highly trained and have a firm understanding of the local context, giving them the ability to continue their work even in challenging circumstances.

Through our efforts, it is our hope to bring dignity to our brothers and sisters across Sudan and let them know they have not been forgotten. *And thanks to our supporters, we're able to help make it possible.*



834,385
total people
supported in
Sudan

YEMEN

Our ongoing work and projects in Yemen could not be possible without you! Your support allows us to provide:

- Life-saving food aid
- Access to clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable livelihood efforts
- Emergency health response for cholera
- Emergency aid for internally displaced people
- Winter aid during harsh weather conditions

Islamic Relief donors are reaching vulnerable families with interventions like these are more across Hodeida, Ta'iz, Saa'da, and Aden. In fact, many other charities depend on Islamic Relief to deliver their aid due to our work across the provinces as thousands of IR field staff and volunteers are local and ready to move and serve those in need quickly and effectively.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: Access to Clean Water for Vulnerable Communities in Yemen

This program will provide integrated support, via water and sanitation, livelihood, nutrition, and health efforts, to build the resilience and access to resources for vulnerable families across Aden, Raymah, Lahj, Sana'a, Sa'adah, Dhamar, and Al-Hudayda governates. The effort helps families better resist economic collapse and shocks with improved stability and self-reliance through entrepreneurial coaching, technical support, and vocational opportunities; better access to healthcare and nutritional services; implementation of clean-water sources, like solar pumps; distribution of gender- and culturally-sensitive hygiene kits; and much, much more.

48,000
people supported
through this
project



Orphan Sponsorship

Your kindness transforms lives

With your support, our Orphan Sponsorship Program has helped transform countless lives, families, and communities around the world.

Through your monthly cash transfer donations, your sponsorships protect the well-being, safety, health, education, and social environments of orphans. Our field officers conduct yearly assessments, in addition to periodic check-ins, to ensure the children are safe and looked after.

This allows them to be individually supported, improves family stability, and helps sustainable development for the entire community. It's your generosity that helps fill the gap in their lives!

Beyond Sponsorship

Year-round, Islamic Relief donors in the US and around the world, together, are sponsoring some 80,000 orphans, but the support for these wonderful children does not stop there. Islamic Relief donors are also supporting orphans through two specialized efforts, focusing on higher education and medical care.

Higher Education: IRUSA donors help provide orphans with access to university scholarships so they can attend school, obtain their degree, and start a job that helps them build sustainable livelihoods for generations to come.

Medical Care: IRUSA donors help provide medical care for an orphan family, which includes their siblings or guardian. This ensures that funds are always available when urgent and necessary medical care is required, including costs for prescriptions; travel to and from medical centers; and medical equipment such as eyewear, hearing aids, and wheelchairs. These funds also help orphans affected by chronic and long-term illnesses like asthma and diabetes.

Through this effort, Islamic Relief was able to cover the costs of major surgical operations involving brain surgery, breast cancer, and spinal issues across 16 countries. Medical treatments were also provided for significant ailments like epilepsy, heart disease, kidney dialysis, and eyesight correction. *With your continued help, we can do even more.*



About
80,000
orphans are currently
sponsored because of
generous Islamic Relief
donors like you



For Mama

United for Mothers and Babies



**For
Mama**

Every two minutes, a woman dies during pregnancy or childbirth.

Most maternal deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries and within countries facing humanitarian crises, including Muslim-majority countries. When mothers are healthy, we unlock a cycle of prosperity that benefits everyone. Thankfully, we have the power to prevent nearly all maternal mortality with access to consistent, quality care throughout and after pregnancy.

In 2023, a coalition of US and UK faith-inspired philanthropies and donors, including Islamic Relief USA, launched the For Mama campaign to raise awareness for the plight of vulnerable mothers and children around the world who lack proper access to healthcare and nutrition. In countries including Afghanistan, Yemen, Niger, and Palestine, IRUSA continues to support programs that help build capacity at local health centers that in turn provide women with the care they deserve.

Here are some of the IRUSA programs that focus on the health of mothers and children:



\$13,060,357
collected with
campaign partners

inclusive of the match, The For Mama coalition, which included humanitarian organizations from the US, UK, and Canada, worked together to raise the money.



Yemen

Emergency Nutrition Response for Acutely Malnourished Children and Pregnant and Lactating Women in Yemen

The goal of this project is to reduce the prevalence of acute malnutrition among mothers and children in at least 156 health facilities in five governorates including Hodeida, Raymah, Amran, Sada'a, and Dhamar. This includes health and nutrition awareness sessions; the provision of medicine, medical supplies, and equipment to health facilities; and the construction and rehabilitation of 18 health facilities in Hodeida and Sada'a.



Niger

Strengthening Nutritional Resilience in the District of Ouallam

The goal of this project is to reduce the prevalence of global acute malnutrition. This includes health and nutrition awareness sessions, sustainable livelihood efforts, and faith-based social protection awareness workshops.



Afghanistan

Health, Education and Livelihood Program (HELP)

The goal of this project is to support shock-affected populations in the provinces of Kabul, Nangarhar, Kunar, and Balkh to ensure they are able to meet their basic needs in. This includes access to maternal and child healthcare, access to education, and sustainable livelihood efforts.

In Your Community

From Coast to Coast



Grand Iftars

From coast to coast, you joined us to reflect on the greatness of Ramadan, be moved by the recitation of the Quran, break our fasts and pray together, and acknowledge the remarkable impact your charity makes in the lives of so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

Our 2024 Grand Iftar tour was *our largest ever*, with events across 23 cities during the most blessed month of the year, and it featured speakers including Abdullah Oduro, Suleiman Hani, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Marwa Assar, Hassan Saleh, Suhaib Webb, and Yasir Fahmy.

Thank you for uniting with your IRUSA community for this special tour this past Ramadan.



23 Cities



6,400+ Attendees





UNITY

STARTS *with*

YOU





THANK YOU!

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for the continued support and solidarity you showed our Ummah's most vulnerable this Ramadan. We are extremely grateful to donors like yourself for contributing to our work around the world, speaking out when we needed your voice, and showing up when we needed your support. Your continued kindness will never be forgotten. Their lives will be forever changed, and their futures made brighter.

We could not do it without you, thank you.

"Whoever relieves the hardship of a believer in this world, Allah will relieve their hardship on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever helps ease one in difficulty, Allah will make it easy for them in this world and in the Hereafter..."

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW)



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