

# ISI AMIC RELIEF USA UNITED STATES **IMPACT REPORT** 2024 EDITION

**PROGRAMS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND POSITIVE CHANGE** 

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC RELIEF USA**

IRUSA began in California in 1993 with a small and passionate group of humanitarians who decided to dedicate their lives to serving humanity. Years later, the IRUSA's headquarter office was relocated to the Washington, DC area, where it remains today.

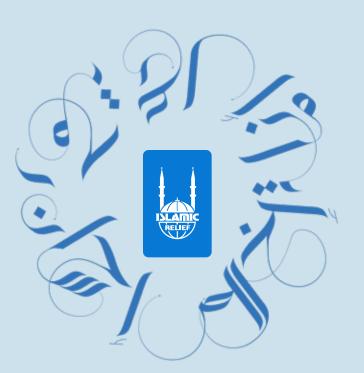
Now, more than 30 years later, IRUSA serves as a leading relief, development, and advocacy organization with a strong presence in over 40 countries, including right here at home in the United States of America.

In the US, we make it a priority to care for our neighbors in need. The five values of our organization—excellence, sincerity, social justice, compassion, and custodianship—model the values ingrained in the true spirit of American life and liberty.

Our mission is to provide relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and to work to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world.

For decades, we have made it our civic and moral duty to provide humanitarian relief to our neighbors. And through the support of thousands of donors, IRUSA continues its legacy of working together with humanitarian partners, community groups, and others right here at home and across the world to help those in need.

#### **IRUSA MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES**



#### MISSION

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VISION Working together for a world free of poverty.

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VALUES

EXCELLENCE

Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and conduct, which the people we serve deserve.

SINCERITY

In responding to poverty and suffering, our efforts are driven by sincerity to God and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.

SOCIAL JUSTICE 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.

il CUSTODIANSHIP We uphold our duty of custodianship over the Earth, its resources, and the trust people place in us as humanitarian and development

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COMPASSION

Our work is founded on enabling people and

institutions to fulfill the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We work to empower the dispossessed

towards realizing their God-given human potential

and developing their capabilities and resources.

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## **267 PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS**



# 972,826 **ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AMERICANS SERVED**

### **FOOD SECURITY: 956,442 ESTIMATED PEOPLE SERVED**

### **HEALTH AID: 15,584 ESTIMATED PEOPLE SERVED**

#### **REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: 800 ESTIMATED PEOPLE SERVED**







Our vision at IRUSA is a world free of poverty - and hunger is deeply intertwined with poverty. More than enough food is produced around the world to feed the global population. However, more than 44 million people in the US are food insecure, forced to turn to food banks, food pantries, and community organizations to help feed their families.

Food is the largest sector of IRUSA's humanitarian aid. In addition to our year-round work, we provide seasonal food distributions to give our neighbors in need what they need during special times of the year.



RAMADAN

Our Ramadan food program is a people.





Through our Hot Meals program, we're working to alleviate food insecurity in major urban cities across the US. In 2024, IRUSA worked with six partners across the country to provide food to 146,000 people\*.

- 78,000 people in partnership with the Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD)
- 8,600 people in partnership with the Office of the New York City Comptroller during Ramadan
- 60,000+ people through the IRUSA Food Truck in New York City (Oct.-Dec.)\*



We strive to increase access to food and support those struggling not only during the school year, but the summer as well. Only one in six students receive free or reducedprice meals over the summer. That's why IRUSA is a proud supporter of the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, a program dedicated to combat food insecurity by providing safe spaces for children in need to receive meals during their break.

In 2024, IRUSA worked with nine partners to provide over 50,000\* people with healthy, balanced meals.

major part of our campaign to end hunger and poverty. In 2024, IRUSA worked with 83 partners across the country to provide food to 80,442



Qurbani/Udhiyah is our biggest single food-sharing program. For many people who receive this gift, it is the only meat they will eat all year. In 2024, IRUSA worked with 64 partners across the country to provide halal meat to 60,000 people\*.



Every Thanksgiving, millions of families across the country gather around their tables and enjoy a delicious turkey meal. For many families, however, the cost of participating in the joy of the holiday is unfortunately too high. That's why every November, IRUSA hosts turkey distributions in cities across the country. In 2024, IRUSA worked with 60 partners to distribute turkey to 80,000 people\*.

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT:



#### **Organization:**

BAY RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. [BRCDC]

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Program: Food Pantry

#### **Highlight:**

IRUSA is working with BRCDC in support of their food pantry to help provide food to families in need. Throughout the duration of the project, the goal is to provide 1,200 people with food boxes including fresh produce every week.



Organization: FJV FOUNDATION

Location:

Desoto, TX

Program: Hot Meals Program

#### Highlight:

Islamic Relief USA is working with FJV in support of their hot meals program to provide healthy, nutritious meals to families in need over the weekends. The goal is to provide 17,000 meals to 1,000 people that will include fresh fruit and vegetables.

## Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) Detroit, MI

#### **Total people served:** \*22,000

"Attending the weekly ICD food pantry was a turning point for me and my family. As a single parent struggling to make ends meet, putting food on the table was a constant source of stress. But thanks to the generosity of the volunteers and donors, I no longer had to worry about where our next meal will come from. I am very glad to have the Islamic Center of Detroit Food Pantry in my community. It provides benefits to individuals and families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and those facing temporary financial hardships."

## STORIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

## **HEALTH AID**

Health inequity is an unfortunate and harsh reality. Roughly one in **10 people lack access** to the health services they need in the US. Around 70% of health outcomes are due to social determinants of health, such as access to food, education, proper housing, and livelihood - proving the direct correlation between health and poverty. That's why IRUSA is dedicated to helping vulnerable communities build better, healthier lives for themselves and for generations to come.

## **GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT:**









**Organization: CLARKSTON COMMUNITY HEALTH** CENTER

Location: Clarkston, GA

**Program:** Healthcare Clinic

#### Highlight:

IRUSA is supporting the Clarkston Community Health Center's free clinic, which serves uninsured patients, many of whom are 200% below the Federal Poverty Line. The goal is to conduct 5,000 in-person and tele-health visits annually for 1,000 patients in need, while also recruiting 20 volunteer practitioners annually.

**Organization: IMAN NETWORK** 

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Healthcare Clinic

**Program:** 

Highlight:

IRUSA is supporting the Iman Network's clinic, which offers mental health support to underserved families in the community. The goal is to provide support to 180 people in need and help put an end to the stigma surrounding mental health one patient at a time.



Total people served: \*386

> "This program is very educational. I was very consistent in doing physical activity. I lowered my sugar intake, improved my diet. I started eating more vegetables, and it helped me control my daily glucose and take my medications on time. This program helped me and my family on a nutritional, physical, and family level. Thank you for educating us about this disease."



## **STORIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY:**

## **REFUGEE** RESETTLEMENT

#### **IRUSA's refugee** resettlement program strives to help newly-arrived refugees navigate and integrate into their new community within their first 90 days in the country. Upon arrival, each refugee family is assigned a caseworker or case manager who takes care of everything from airport pick-up to helping them find suitable jobs. This includes setting them up in a fully-furnished home, helping them sign up for benefits like food stamps, finding adequate healthcare services, English class enrollment, and much more. The goal is to help each family overcome their hardships and become self-sufficient.

Since the beginning of the program, IRUSA has worked with six partners to help resettle nearly 600 newly-arrived refugees. In 2024, the goal is to help resettle over 800 refugees across four states.

#### **OUR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PARTNERS:**

Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Center (DAH)

**Radiant Hands, Inc.** Tampa, Florida

**Lifting Humanity** Ontario, California Falls Church, Virginia Hanan Refugee Relief Group (HRRG),

Social Services, Inc. ia (MASS) Jacksonville, Florida

**Muslim American** 

Muslim American Social Services Jacksonville, FL

**Total people served:** \*1,740

## **GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT:**

#### Organization:

ROHINGYA CULTURAL Center

Location: Chicago, IL

#### **Program:**

Refugee and Immigrant Services

#### Highlight:

IRUSA is working with the Rohingya Cultural Center in support of their social services for Rohingya refugees including case management and ESL/Citizenship programs. The goal is to help resolve 7,000 cases, teach 40 ESL students, and teach 50 US Citizenship classes.



HANAN REFUGEES RELIEF GROUP (HRRG)

#### Location:

Milwaukee, WI

#### **Program:** Refugee and Immigrant Services

IRUSA is working with HRRG in support of their social services for refugees. The goal is to help 300 refugees through in-person and virtual ESL classes, resumebuilding workshops and job fairs, and even parenting classes.

**Highlight:** 





An additional 30 volunteers will also be hired and trained to assist clients. Our hope is to help families in need become their own advocates and reach economic selfsufficiency. My name is Alexa, I am Nicaraguan, and I was a refugee in Costa Rica for five years and [then] I came here. Well, my life was very, very hard because I never had a childhood. Since I was little I got together and had my children. My first child was [when I was] 14. I am also a single mother. I haven't gotten a job, but I think we have better opportunities for both my children and me to get a job.

I am extremely grateful for everything they [Muslim American Social Services] have helped me and I hope that just as they are giving this opportunity, I would like other people to also have it.



#### WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

## STORIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY:



## TO HELP NEWLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/HELPING-REFUGEES







According to the US Census Bureau, approximately 37.2 million Americans live in poverty. IRUSA's annual Day of Dignity events provide an opportunity for low-income community members or those suffering from homelessness to gain access to essential services and resources such as hot nutritious meals, clothing and hygiene kits, free haircuts, health screenings, medical care, resume building and interview training, and more. In 2024, IRUSA is hosting 25 Day of Dignity events across the country, with a goal of reaching 60,000 people.



IRUSA volunteers help make our work possible. Our Blueshirts are the lifeblood of our organization. They come from all walks of life, dedicating their time and energy to help their brothers and sisters both around the world and here at home.

Across the US, Blueshirt volunteers have helped contribute to Afghan refugee resettlement, meal packs, food box assemblies, and even disaster response. By August 2024, volunteers had already served over 8,000 hours and packed over 870,000 meals!

#### TO LEARN MORE OR TO BECOME A BLUESHIRT VOLUNTEER, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/VOLUNTEER.

#### DISASTER RESPONSE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

IRUSA's Disaster Management Team (DMT) was founded in 2011 to help communities affected by emergencies across the US. Since then, the team has responded to more than 50 disasters, includingfloods, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other manmade emergencies.



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#### LONG-TERM DISASTER RESPONSE

#### Houston, August 2017 -March 2022

Hurricane Harvey inundated the Houston Metro area with unprecedented rainfall, causing widespread devastation. DMT initially supported disaster assessment efforts and later partnered with SBP, a fellow disaster relief organization, for long-term recovery. Together, we rebuilt 26 homes for qualifying families and established a volunteer housing dorm to aid in the ongoing recovery efforts. Puerto Picc

#### Puerto Rico, September 2022 - April 2024

In the wake of Hurricane Fiona's devastation in September 2022, DMT provided vital assistance to the community of Bario Playa on the west coast of Puerto Rico. Their efforts included distributing essential items and constructing "flood shelves" in 100 homes to enhance resilience against future flooding events.

TO VOLUNTEER WITH OUR DISASTER MANAGEMENT TEAM, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/DISASTER-MANAGEMENT-TEAM.



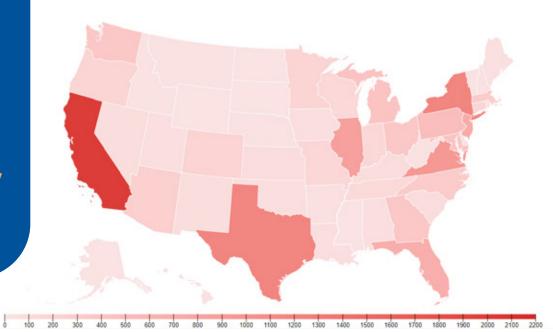
#### North Carolina, August 2017 - Current

Eastern North Carolina has faced repeated devastation from Atlantic storms, including hurricanes Mathew, Florence, and Dorian. IRUSA has partnered with Carolina Rebuilding Ministries to support long-term recovery efforts in communities such as Tarboro, Plymouth, and Windsor. This collaboration has involved providing volunteers, funding, and infrastructure to aid in the ongoing recovery process.

## **ADVOCACY**

For IRUSA, advocacy means working with you to elevate humanitarian voices and the voices of those we serve. We are devoted to helping people in need across the country from all walks of life.

#### **IRUSA ADVOCATES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.**





## тор GRASSROOTS **ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS**

#### **AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT**

Since the fall of Kabul in August 2021, millions of Afghans have been displaced from their homes, including many who risked their lives in support of the US mission. During the evacuation, the US welcomed more than 76.000 Afghans via humanitarian parole, which provides only temporary protection and no clear path to permanent status.

Even though the vast majority of Afghan parolees are eligible for asylum or Special Immigrant Visas, fewer than 10% have secured permanent protections due to long backlogs and processing delays.

**TO ACT NOW, VISIT IRUSA.ORG**/ **AFGHANADJUSTMENTACT** 

## SUPPORT THE **FARM BILL**

Hunger has devastating consequences for children. As the hunger crisis worsens in the US and around the world, millions face great risks to their physical and brain development, mental health, and safety.

The Farm Bill provides critical food support to families domestically and internationally.

The Farm Bill funds federal nutrition programs in the US, provides international food aid, and helps communities build resilience against long-term challenges and sudden disasters. With hunger on the rise, we must strengthen and protect these vital programs so they work even better for kids suffering from hunger.

Tell Congress to invest in long-term solutions in the Farm Bill that will protect generations of children!

**TO ACT NOW, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/FARMBILL2024** 



### **GO VOTE** CAMPAIGN

Islamic Relief USA affirms that the civic engagement of Americans is paramount to achieving IRUSA's goals in providing relief and development around the world. We also bear witness that civic engagement is in line with our values and duties as is prescribed in Islam. We strive to have Muslims and citizens in all corners of America be prepared for elections. We believe they will be prepared if they are registered to vote, get educated on the issues that matter to them, and are there on Election Day, ready to cast their vote and encourage others to join them.

IRUSA also maintains that all politics are local. While our campaigns target the federal level, we understand that most of the policies that impact federal legislation start in the State legislature. If we are going to be successful in eliminating hunger and poverty, displacement and stopping the harm of climate change, we need to be engaged with our local politicians as well. We hope that IRUSAdvocates across the country become engaged with their local state legislature, their city councils and their school board. Change begins from the ground up and it begins with you.

**TO ACT NOW, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/GOVOTE** 

TO BECOME AN IRUSA ADVOCATE. VISIT **IRUSA.ORG/ADVOACY** 



# REFUGEES



## **TEAM. VISIT IRUSA.ORG/** TEAM



# **GET INVOLVED**

TO ADVOCATE FOR NEWLY-**ARRIVED REFUGEES, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/HELPING-**



**TO VOLUNTEER WITH OUR DISASTER MANAGEMENT DISASTER-MANAGEMENT-**



**TO BECOME A BLUESHIRT VOLUNTEER. VISIT IRUSA.ORG/** VOLUNTEER



**TO BECOME AN IRUSA ADVOCATE, VISIT IRUSA.ORG/ADVOCACY** 

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 Dynasty NonProfit
 Music Organization

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- California Health Medical Reserve Corps
- Iman Network Inc.
- · Islah LA
- · Manna Conejo
- Valley Food Distribution Center
- Masjid Al Shareef of Long Beach Miry's List
- Lifting Humanity
- Narika
  Peace Catalyst

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RELIEF

- International • Refugees
- Enrichment and Development
- Association (REDA)
- Sabii USA
  Sahaba Initiative
- Somali Family
- Service of San
- Diego • Support Life
- Foundation
- University Muslim Medical Association (UMMA)

- · Masjid Als-Shuhada
- (Downtown Denver Islamic Center)

## CT

- h Connecticut h Institute for e Refugees and
  - Immigrants (CIRI) · Elena's Light · Bridgeport Islamic
  - Community Center Hoopoe Social

## DC

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- Muslim Health Professionals
- (AMPH) • American Third Pillar Charities
- A) · Collections & Stories of
- American Muslims • GOODProjects
- · Green Muslims
- Immigration and
  - Refugee Outreach Center (IROC)
  - Masjid Muhammad
  - United Planning
  - Organization (UPO) '

- FL
- American Muslim Social Services Inc.
- Friends of Humanity International Inc.
- Islamic Society of St. Petersburg
- Muslim American
  Social Services
  Muslim Educators
- Association Muslim Women's
- Organization • Refugee
- Assistance Alliance
- CommunityCare
- Universal Medical Institute (UMI)

## GA

- Atlanta Masjid of
  Al-Islam
  Clarkston
- Community Health Center
- · Ethaar · Mohammed
  - Schools of Atlanta
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  Services
- utreach Services DC) Corporation Nammad ' Refugee Women's
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  - ) · Supreme Family Foundation

#### im · Chicago Refugee Inc. Coalition · Khalil Foundation

- Mosque
  Foundation
  - Rohingya Cultural Center
  - Society of Arab American
  - Neighborhood Development Syrian Community
  - Network

## KY

Muslim Americans for Compassion

## LA

D&R Sports Foundation

## MD

- One America Movement
- SciTech2U
- American Muslim Senior Society
- Al-Huda (Ansaarul-Birr)
- Haneefiya America
  Indonesian Muslim Association in America (IMAAM)
- Islamic Center of Maryland
- Islamic Society of the Washington Area (ISWA)
- Muslim Social Services Agency
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- Solutions in Hometown Connections

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Muslim Community

**Center of Charlotte** 

Center (AIC)

of Raleigh

Charlotte

Greensboro

Reading

Connections

W.D. Mohammed

Islamic Center

Cornerstone

Intervention

**Response** and

Havenly

Humble

Jersey Inc.

Islamic

NIA Masjid &

North Hudson

Marriage & Family

Global Emergency

Assistance (GERA)

Beginnings, Inc.

**Muslim American** 

Society of Central

Community Center

Educational Center

Community Center,

(Neighborly Needs)

**OASIS - A Haven** 

for Women &

Children Inc.

Palestinian

American

Inc. (PACC)

The Building

Blocks of NJ

Al-Maun

of Las Vegas

MAS Charlotte

- C-ASSIST
- Detroit African Youth
- Development Organization
- Health Unit on Davison Avenue
- (HUDA)
- Islamic Center of Detroit
- Muslim Foster
- Care Association Sylvester Broome
- Empowerment
- Village
- The Amity Foundation
- The Family & Youth
- Institute (FYI) Zaman
- International

## MN

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## IU

- New Africa Community Center St James
- Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry

Center

Biloxi Islamic

- Alfadila Community Services Inc. American Council of Minority Woman Inc.
- APNA Brooklyn Community Center Arab American Association of New York
- Bait-ul Jamaat House of Community
- Barakah Muslim
- Charity Inc.
- Bay Ridge
- Community
- Development Center, Inc.
- Food Bank For New
- York City Islamic Society of
- Bay Ridge Mali Influential
- Youth Organization Malikah
- Masjidus Sabur Inc. Muslim America
- Muslim American Society of Brooklyn and Staten Island Muslim American Society of New York Inc. Muslim Community Network, Inc. Muslim Sisters of Staten island
- Muslim Women's Institute for
- Research and
- Development
- (MWIRD)
- People in Need Inc. Sapna NYC, Inc.
- Women for Afghan
- Women
- Yusuf Shah Islamic
- Center of Mount Vernon, Inc.
- Zeina Lorraine Inc.



- Muslim Family Services of Ohio Salaam Clinic
- Smart Development Inc. Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries



Khan Ohana Foundation Unity Temple Family Church



Islamic Social Services of Oregon State USAHello



Amana Foundation Sadaqah 4 You Inc.





Murfreesboro Muslim Youth Inc.



- Culturingua
- Daya
- DFW Outreach Refugee Services
- East Harris County Empowerment Council
- FJV Foundation
- Islamic Society of Greater Houston
- · Masjid Al-Islam
- Olive Branch Muslim Family Services
- Purple Hearts Inc.
- Shifa Clinic
- Texas Muslim Women's Foundation Inc.

ALIVE

- Culmore Clinic
- Church World
- Service Inc. Dar Al-Hijrah
- Islamic Center
- Emergency Relief and Development
- Global Deaf Muslim
- lmani Multicultural Center
- La Cocina VA
- Muslim American
- Society of DC
- Palestinian American Medical Association (PAMA) REACT DC
- Muslim American
- Society- DC
- Wesley Housing
  Development Corp.
- Women for Afghan Women, Inc.

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