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Message from CEO

Assalamu alaikum!

Zakat is the most-supported fund by Islamic Relief USA donors, alhamdulillah, and that speaks volumes for the power of this kind of charity. Because of your generosity, we provided food aid, access to healthcare, sustainable livelihood opportunities, refugee aid including emergency shelter, and much, much more to millions of people worldwide — all in accordance with Islamic principles. From Africa to Asia, from Europe to the Middle East, your kindness nourished not just your soul, but the hearts and homes of so many.

Jazak Allahu Khairan.

Your brother,

Ahmed Shehata

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CEO of Islamic Relief USA





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The Power of Zakat

Zakat is the most-supported fund by IRUSA donors, alhamdulillah, and that speaks volumes for the power of this kind of charity. Zakat, or almsgiving, is an obligatory wealth tax on every eligible Muslim and one of the five pillars of Islam. For every sane, adult Muslim who owns wealth over a certain amount, also known as the nisab, he or she must pay 2.5% of that wealth towards Zakat. When you give your Zakat through IRUSA, its powerful, impactful, and its potential grows by multiples. Your Zakat can help provide:



Food Aid



Health Aid



Sustainable Livelihood



Refugee and Emergency Support

Our Dedication to Distributing Zakat

IRUSA collects and distributes Zakat to those who are most in need, in accordance with Islamic guidelines. According to the Holy Qur'an [9:60], there are eight categories of people who qualify to be recipients of Zakat:

- The poor
- The needy
- The collectors of Zakat [IRUSA is an example]
- Those whose hearts are to be won over
- Captives
- Those burdened with debt
- In the cause of Allah [SWT]
- Travelers

Scholar-Verified Policy

Our Zakat Advisory Board is made up of the following renowned scholars:



Sheikh Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi [CA]



Sheikh Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah [WI]



Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Moussa [NJ]



Sheikh Dr. Saad Eldegwy [CA]

With our commitment to collecting and distributing Zakat honestly and ethically, in accordance with Sharia, IRUSA has enlisted the expertise of some of the leading and most-respected Muslim scholars in the US to form an independent Zakat Advisory Board to review, develop, and uphold Islamic Relief's Zakat Policy.

We believe this is paramount to fulfilling our organizational values, such as Ihsan [excellence] and Amana [custodianship].

In 2023, the board ratified IRUSA's Zakat Policy, and will continue to provide independent reviews, oversight, feedback, and verification of the distribution of Zakat by IRUSA. The Zakat Advisory Board scholars, however, are not responsible for the implementation of the IRUSA Zakat Policy — that is the sole responsibility of IRUSA.



OUR ZAKAT WORK IN ACROSS AFRICA

OVERVIEW

IRUSA has been providing emergency relief and integrated programming to families in need across Africa since 1984, starting with a call to provide humanitarian aid to Sudan. Since then, we have established a presence in 16 African countries.

Some of our areas of focus include:

- Food aid
- Access to clean and safe water, education, and healthcare
- Sustainable livelihood support
- Orphan care
- Enhancing resilience for vulnerable populations including internally displaced people, refugees, and host communities
- Emergency aid for natural disasters
- Women empowerment



ETHIOPIA

Building Resilience of Pastoral and Agropastoral Communities

Project cost: \$2,000,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Feb. 2025 to May 2028

Proposed people served: 38,400

IRUSA is working to help build resilience of 8,500 pastoralist and agropastoral families through improved access to water, enhanced agriculture production and productivity, and improved disaster-risk reduction management.



MALI

Building Resilient Communities in Achamaratin Tamité

Project cost: \$2,200,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Nov. 2024 to Jan. 2029

Proposed people served: 22,630 (Direct), 21,660 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to help strengthen community resilience in the conflict-affected communes of Ouinerden, Gossi, and Hombori through access to essential non-food items, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, and cash assistance; disaster-risk preparedness; sustainable livelihood efforts; and promotion of social cohesion.

NIGER

Poverty Alleviation and Development

Project cost: \$2,200,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Dec. 2024 to Jan. 2026

Proposed people served: 22,630 (Direct), 21,000 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to help alleviate poverty and promote social justice through integrated interventions in the Dosso Region of Niger including food security, access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, access to education, and sustainable livelihood efforts.



SOMALIA

Somalia Integrated Maternal & Child Healthcare Project

Project cost: \$850,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Oct. 2024 to Jan. 2027

Proposed people served: 150,650 (Direct), 86,250 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to provide access to proper healthcare to vulnerable mothers and children.



Water Wells in Puntland

Project cost: \$1,500,000

Timeline: Aug. 2024 to Nov. 2027

Proposed people served: 32,500

IRUSA is working to help reduce the negative impact of drought and climate change for vulnerable communities in Puntland, Somalia through access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services and sustainable livelihood efforts.

SUDAN

Emergency Relief for Forcibly Displaced People in Sudan

Project cost: \$2,000,108

Proposed people served: 76,340 (Direct), 750 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to provide life-saving support to 15,268 forcibly displaced families across Sudan amid one of the world's most severe humanitarian crises.

Rehabilitation of Bahri Hospital in North Khartoum, Sudan

Project cost: \$1,441,354

People served: 100,000 (Direct), 1,500,000 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to restore critical health services to over 1.5 million vulnerable families and returnees in Sudan.

North Sudan Emergency Response 2025

Project cost: \$585,014

Timeline: Jan. 2025 to July 2025

People served: 17,300

IRUSA worked to provide emergency relief to flood survivors compounded by ongoing violence through food aid, access to clean water, and shelter.



Integrated Life-Saving Emergency Response for Conflict-Affected IDPs in Sudan

Project cost: \$3,200,000

Timeline: Dec. 2024 to Aug. 2026

Proposed people served: 106,860 (Direct), 5,000 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to improve the wellbeing of displaced families in Sudan through access to proper healthcare and cash assistance.



Emergency Response for Sudan Crisis

Project cost: \$2,000,000

Timeline: Sept. 2023 to May 2025

Proposed people served: 28,544 (direct), 9,500 (indirect)

IRUSA worked to provide immediate emergency aid to vulnerable communities across the Gedaref, North Kordofan, and Red Sea states in Sudan.



MULTI-COUNTRY

Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change

Project cost: \$3,179,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Dec. 2023 to July 2027

Proposed people served: 39,641

IRUSA is working to reduce climate vulnerability among farmers, unemployed youth, and internally displaced people across East Africa including Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan.





OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS ASIA

OVERVIEW

Our story in Asia is a story of resilience, growth, and development. IRUSA has been providing emergency relief and integrated programming to families in need for decades. Since then, we have worked across nine Asian countries.

Some of our areas of focus include:

- Food aid
- Access to clean and safe water, education, healthcare
- Orphan family support
- Sustainable livelihood support
- Women economic empowerment
- Humanitarian aid for vulnerable communities including refugees, internally displaced people, and their host communities
- Emergency aid for natural disasters including floods, drought, cyclones, and earthquakes
- Winter aid



AFGHANISTAN

Health, Education, and Livelihood Program

Project cost: \$16,500,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Jan. 2023 to July 2025

Proposed people served: 168,175

IRUSA worked to help vulnerable communities meet their basic needs in the provinces of Kabul, Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, and Balkh in Afghanistan.



BANGLADESH

Scaling Up Inclusive Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Communities Through Locally-Led Adaptation

Project cost: \$3,000,000

Timeline: Dec. 2022 to Feb. 2026

Proposed people served: 18,900

IRUSA is working to strengthen economic, climate, and disaster resilience for vulnerable families in Bangladesh through community capacity-building.

Integrated Humanitarian Assistance to Improve Shelter, WASH, and LPG Vulnerability for Forcefully Displaced Myanmar Nationals Living in Ukhiya and Bhasan Char

Project cost: \$3,000,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Oct. 2024 to June 2027

Proposed people served: 46,800

IRUSA is working to uplift vulnerable communities, particularly women and young girls, across Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char in Bangladesh.

Shelter, Livelihood, and WASH Facilities Improvement Project

Project cost: \$3,850,000

Timeline: Sept. 2023 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 76,380

IRUSA is working to improve living conditions, WASH facilities, livelihood, and protection of the Rohingya and host communities in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char.



PHILIPPINES

Road to Environmental Action and Poverty Alleviation for the Underprivileged Population

Project cost: \$300,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Oct. 2024 to Dec. 2026

Proposed people served: 3,240

IRUSA is working to improve the socio-economic conditions of underprivileged families through climate-resilient sustainable livelihood opportunities in Rajah Buayan, Maguindanao del Sur, and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao [BARMM].



MULTI-COUNTRY

Fighting Extreme Poverty and Climate Change in Disaster-Affected Communities

Project cost: \$12,000,000

Timeline: Sept. 2023 to Dec. 2027

Proposed people served: 73,650

IRUSA is working to help pull 13,500 vulnerable families out of the cycle of poverty and strengthen climate resilience in communities across Asia including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines through skill-based training, disaster risk reduction training, and building community capacity at the government level.







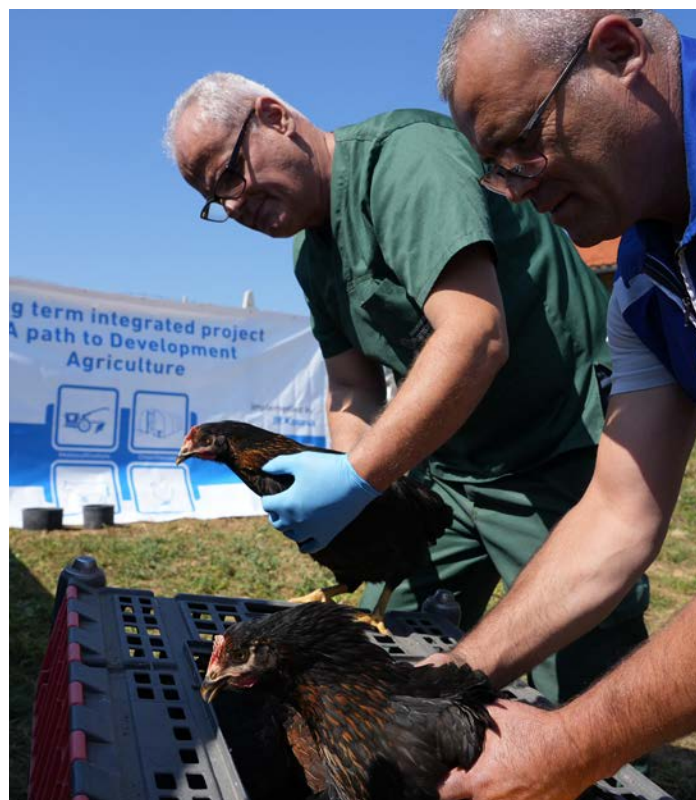
OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS EUROPE

OVERVIEW

IRUSA's first humanitarian response was to the Bosnian war in 1995, where we provided vital emergency aid such as food and water and helped rebuild homes, schools, and places of worship. Now, 30 years later, we continue to deliver life-saving aid across four European countries including Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, and North Macedonia.

A few of our interventions include:

- Access to clean and safe water, education, and healthcare
- Food aid
- Orphan family support
- Sustainable livelihood support
- Socio-economic empowerment for women
- Enhancing resilience for vulnerable populations including refugees
- Winter aid



ALBANIA

Integrated Approach Towards Sustainable Development for Bulqiza Community

Project cost: \$1,200,000

Timeline: Jan. 2023 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 40,000

IRUSA is working to enhance the quality of life through access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services and sustainable livelihood efforts for vulnerable families in the Bulqiza municipality in Albania.

Sustainable Wellness for Gramsh, Albania

Project cost: \$500,000

Timeline: Dec. 2024 to Feb. 2027

Proposed people served: 20,000

IRUSA is working to enhance the quality of life through access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services and proper healthcare for vulnerable communities in the Gramsh municipality in Albania.



KOSOVO

Creation of Local Trade Market for Farmers in Vushtrri

Project cost: \$488,529

Timeline: June 2022 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 1,200

IRUSA is working to improve the socio-economic well-being of local farmers living in Vushtrri, Kosovo.





OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS MENA (MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA)

OVERVIEW

IRUSA has been working in the Middle East since 1997. Not only have we been able to provide immediate and long-term aid to those in desperate need, but we've also helped bring compassion, comfort, and hope back into the hearts of families across the region. Now, 30 years later, IRUSA continues to deliver life-saving aid across eight countries including Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Tunisia, and Yemen.

A few of our interventions include:

- **Food aid**
- **Access to clean and safe water, education, and healthcare**
- **Sustainable livelihood support**
- **Orphan family support**
- **Enhancing resilience for vulnerable populations including internally displaced people, refugees, and host communities**
- **Emergency aid for natural disasters**
- **Women empowerment**
- **Winter aid**



LEBANON

Sustainable Water Access in Mar al Zehour through Solar Innovation

Project cost: \$65,120

Timeline: May 2025 to Oct. 2025

Proposed people served: 1,550

IRUSA is working to provide safe, sustainable access to clean drinking water through solar-powered systems in Marj al Zehour, Lebanon.

U4U Lebanon Relief

Project cost: \$1,000,000

Timeline: June 2025 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 5,005

IRUSA is working to meet the needs of internally displaced people in Lebanon through cash assistance and access to medical care.

Towards Sustainable Livelihoods: Technical Training Scholarship for Youth in Lebanon

Project cost: \$236,678

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Sept. 2023 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 141

IRUSA is working to help 141 youth in Lebanon build sustainable livelihoods through technical training.



LIBYA

Back to School Program in Libya

Project cost: \$34,335

IRUSA is providing 200 back to school kits to vulnerable children from displaced, refugee, and low-income households in Tripoli.

PALESTINE

Enhancing Rehabilitation Services for Children with Disabilities in the West Bank and Gaza – Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre

Project cost: \$505,003.68

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Jan. 2025 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 728

IRUSA is working to enhance access to comprehensive, community-based rehabilitation services for children with disabilities and their families in the West Bank and Gaza.

Fortifying the Palestinian Medical Sector – Phase III

Project cost: \$5,675,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Oct. 2024 to Dec. 2026

Proposed people served: 420,204 [Direct], 1,293,000 [Indirect]

IRUSA is working to rebuild and re-equip Gaza's battered healthcare sector as well as fortify the NGO healthcare facilities in the West Bank.



Hope and Healing for Gaza

Project cost: \$2,600,000

Timeline: Jan. 2024 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 237,980

IRUSA is working to provide vulnerable children and adults across Gaza with access to psychosocial support.



Women Can 4.0

Project cost: \$2,400,000

**Partially funded by Zakat*

Timeline: Sept. 2024 to Nov. 2028

Proposed people served: 440

IRUSA is working to help empower 400 women across Gaza and the West Bank through small business development efforts.

SYRIA

RE-BUILD

Project cost: \$ 759,295

Timeline: Sept. 2025 to May 2026

Proposed people served: 934,000 (Direct), 800 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to restore essential community services by rehabilitating six bakeries and equipping five critical public facilities with solar energy systems across Damascus, Rural Damascus, Dara'a, and Hama.

Emergency Response for Vulnerable Families in Southern and Coastal Syria

Project cost: \$1,000,000

Timeline: Aug. 2025 to Mar. 2026

Proposed people served: 10,000 (Direct), 20,000 (Indirect)

IIRUSA is responding to two simultaneous crises in Syria including the mass displacement of civilians from Sweida to Dara'a due to escalating insecurity and the widespread damage caused by wildfires in rural Latakia.

Orphans and Caregivers Support (Aman Project)

Project cost: \$506,242

Timeline: July 2024 to Oct. 2025

Proposed people served: 910 (Direct), 405 (Indirect)

IRUSA is working to ensure holistic support and well-being for orphans and their caregivers by implementing a comprehensive sponsorship program that includes monthly sponsorship, healthcare check-ups, psychosocial support activities, educational support activities, and livelihood support for caregivers

Rukban Camp: Returning Home

Project cost: \$73,210

Timeline: Apr. 2025 to May 2025

Proposed people served: 564

IRUSA worked to help 86 families stranded in Rukban Camp finally return to their hometowns.



TOTAL COMMITTED

\$76,848,888.68

This is the total committed amounts for all the projects included in this catalog which are majority funded from Zakat donations.

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