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# Message from the CEO

Assalamu Alaikum!

Zakat is the most-supported fund by Islamic Relief USA donors, alhamdulillah, and that speaks volumes about 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 Latin America 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*

Ahmed Shehata  
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 about 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 mentally-fit adult, Muslim who owns wealth over a certain amount, also known as *nisab*, he or she must pay 2.5% of that wealth towards Zakat. When you give your Zakat through IRUSA, it's 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 USA'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 ACROSS AFRICA

## OVERVIEW

*In Africa, 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's economic empowerment*



## ETHIOPIA

### Integrating Health and Safe Shelter Solutions for Refugees and Host Communities in Ethiopia

**Project cost:** \$3,000,000

*\*Partially funded by Zakat*

**Timeline:** Jan. 2026 to Dec. 2026

**Proposed people served:** 152,350 (Direct), 5,488 (Indirect)

*IRUSA is working to improve health, safety, and dignity for refugees and host community members in Ethiopia.*

## SUDAN

### Supporting Newly Displaced Families in Tawila Amid Escalating El Fasher Crisis

**Project cost:** \$500,000

*\*Partially funded by Zakat*

**Timeline:** Dec. 2025 to Feb. 2026

**Proposed people served:** 25,00 (Direct), 150,000 (Indirect)

*IRUSA is implementing an integrated emergency response in Tawila, North Darfur, to address the urgent needs of families newly displaced from El Fasher. The project will deliver primary and maternal health care, nutrition services, safe water and sanitation, and emergency shelter support for people living in overcrowded settlements.*



### Emergency Relief for Forcibly Displaced People in Sudan

**Project cost:** \$2,000,000

**Timeline:** Sept. 2025 to Nov. 2026

**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:** \$1,400,000

**Timeline:** Sept. 2025 to April 2026

**Proposed 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.*





## OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS

# ASIA

### OVERVIEW

*In Asia, some of our areas of focus include:*

- *Food aid*
- *Access to clean and safe water, education, healthcare*
- *Orphan family support*
- *Sustainable livelihood support*
- *Women's 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

#### Supporting Safe and Dignified Returns for Afghan Refugees

**Project cost:** \$2,000,000

**Timeline:** Dec. 2025 to Feb. 2027

**Proposed people served:** 47,500

*IRUSA is working to ensure the safe, dignified, and sustainable reintegration of Afghan returnees by providing financial support that helps meet basic needs, reduces protection risks, and strengthens resilience.*

### BANGLADESH

#### Building Resilience for Rohingya Refugees and Host Communities

**Project cost:** \$1,000,000

**Timeline:** Feb. 2026 to April 2028

**Proposed people served:** 143,764

*IRUSA is working to improve the health and well-being of Rohingya refugees and their host communities through integrated water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and primary healthcare services.*



# OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS LATIN AMERICA

## OVERVIEW

*In Latin America, some of our areas of focus include:*

- *Food aid*
- *Access to clean and safe water*
- *Humanitarian aid for vulnerable communities including refugees*
- *Emergency aid for natural disasters including floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes*
- *Women's economic empowerment*
- *Sustainable livelihood support*

## BRAZIL

### Expanding Inclusion of Afghan Refugees in Brazil

**Project cost:** \$1,000,000

**Timeline:** July 2025 to Sept. 2026

**Proposed people served:** 2,000 (Direct), 10,000 (Indirect)

*IRUSA is working to enhance the protection, integration, and socioeconomic inclusion of Afghan refugees in Brazil.*



## OUR ZAKAT WORK ACROSS

# MENA (MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA)

### OVERVIEW

*In the Middle East and North Africa, some of our areas of focus 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's economic empowerment*
- *Winter aid*



## JORDAN

### Strengthening Healthcare Access for Refugees in Jordan

**Project cost:** \$2,500,000

**Timeline:** Nov. 2025 to March 2027

**Proposed people served:** 64,416

*IRUSA is working to provide access to integrated healthcare services to vulnerable families living in the Azraq and Zaatari refugee camps in Jordan.*

### Cochlear Implant Surgery for Children of Gaza in Jordan

**Project cost:** \$1,400,000

**Timeline:** July 2025 to Oct. 2026

**Proposed people served:** 100 (Direct), 800 (Indirect)

*IRUSA is working to improve the quality of life for children of Gaza through access to cochlear implant surgery in Jordan.*



## LEBANON

### Access to Education in Lebanon

**Project cost:** \$500,000

**Timeline:** Oct. 2025 to April 2027

**Proposed people served:** 5,600

*IRUSA is working to provide access to proper education through tuition support, school rehabilitation, specialized educational support, and more.*

### Promoting Sustainable Pathways for Economic Resilience

**Project cost:** \$999,000

**Timeline:** Nov. 2025 to Jan. 2027

**Proposed people served:** 275

*IRUSA is working to enhance economic resilience and sustainable livelihoods across North Lebanon and Akkar through technical training for women and youth, agricultural support for farmers, and small business support.*

### Towards Sustainable Livelihoods: Technical Training Scholarship for Youth in Lebanon

**Project cost:** \$236,000

*\*Partially funded by Zakat*

**Timeline:** Sept. 2023 to March 2026

**Proposed people served:** 141

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



## Lebanon Emergency Relief

**Project cost:** \$1,000,000

**Timeline:** June 2025 to Dec. 2025

**Proposed people served:** 5,005

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

## Sustainable Water Access in Mar al Zehour through Solar Innovation

**Project cost:** \$65,000

**Timeline:** May 2025 to Aug. 2025

**People served:** 4,192 (direct), 550 (indirect)

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



## Back to School Program in Libya

**Project cost:** \$34,000

**Timeline:** Sept. 2025 to Oct. 2025

**People served:** 200

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



## LIBYA

### Emergency Health Response in Al-Kufra

**Project cost:** \$149,000

**Timeline:** July 2025 to March 2026

**Proposed people served:** 2,161

*IRUSA is working to provide access to primary and specialized healthcare services for vulnerable families in Southern Libya, primarily Sudanese refugees and host communities.*

## MOROCCO

### Strengthening the Resilience of Moroccan Communities

**Project cost:** \$1,000,000

**Timeline:** Sept. 2025 to Nov. 2027

**Proposed people served:** 1,162

*IRUSA is working to support the economic recovery of earthquake-affected communities in Morocco.*



## PALESTINE

### Food Parcels and Hot Meals for Internally Displaced Families

**Project cost:** \$2,500,000  
**Timeline:** Aug. 2025 to March 2026  
**Proposed people served:** 187,563

*IRUSA is working to provide food parcels to 11,375 internally displaced families and hot meals to 125,000 internally displaced people in Gaza.*



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

**Project cost:** \$505,000  
*\*Partially funded by Zakat*  
**Timeline:** Jan. 2025 to March 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:** \$7,600,000  
*\*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 nongovernmental organization (NGO) healthcare facilities in the West Bank.*



## Hope and Healing for Gaza

**Project cost:** \$2,600,000

**Timeline:** Jan. 2024 to March 2026

**Proposed people served:** 237,980

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



## WeCan 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.*

## SYRIA

### RE-BUILD

**Project cost:** \$759,000

**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 March 2026

**Proposed people served:** 10,000 [Direct], 20,000 [Indirect]

*IRUSA 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:** \$506,000

**Timeline:** July 2024 to Sept. 2025

**People served:** 1,250 [Direct], 405 [Indirect]

*IRUSA implemented a comprehensive sponsorship program, combining financial, educational, health, psychosocial, and community support for 800 orphan families.*



## Rukban Camp: Returning Home

**Project cost:** \$73,000

**Timeline:** April 2025 to May 2025

**People served:** 564

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



## YEMEN

### Empowered Futures for Yemen

**Project cost:** \$1,000,000  
**Timeline:** Nov. 2025 to March 2027  
**Proposed people served:** 6,181

*IRUSA is working to enhance educational opportunities for refugees, displaced children, and other vulnerable communities in Yemen.*



# Thank you

for your continuous support to families and communities worldwide.



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