



# YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

FEATURING SYRIA, YEMEN, ORPHANS AND MORE

# Sy

A young girl with short dark hair is smiling broadly, peeking through a blue tarp. She is wearing a blue and white patterned top. Below her, another child is visible, also looking out from behind the tarp. The background is a textured blue tarp with some dry branches or twigs visible.

# IRIA

**EIGHT YEARS OF  
CRISIS HAS CAUSED  
UNIMAGINABLE  
DESTRUCTION AND  
MISERY IN SYRIA.**

Since the conflict began Islamic Relief has delivered more than

**R8.27 BILLION**

worth of aid inside Syria and in neighbouring countries, assisting millions of Syrians.

OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE CONTINUED OUR LIFE SAVING WORK INSIDE SYRIA, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING SYRIANS IN SURROUNDING COUNTRIES; REACHING ALMOST

# 3 MILLION



A child in a black and white striped shirt is sitting on a bed in a camp. The background is a blurred view of other beds and a person in a blue shirt in the distance.

80+

Health facilities were supported, including hospitals and mobile emergency units, with essential medical supplies and equipment.

186,000+

People were provided with winter essentials, such as blankets, mattresses, warm clothes and shoes, to keep warm.

38,000

People benefitted from water and sanitation needs across five camps in northern Syria. This included water trucking, waste management, and the maintenance of sanitation facilities.

1,000+

Families were provided agriculture-based livelihoods support to help them cultivate land with beans, peas, spinach and cabbage as well as livestock, to produce milk.

1,890

Children received an education thanks to four schools having been rehabilitated.

300,000+

People received food, ensuring families had a basic amount of nutritious food.

# YEMEN

ALREADY THE POOREST  
COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST, FOUR YEARS OF  
CONFLICT HAS LED TO  
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE  
LIVING ON THE BRINK  
OF STARVATION.



# 2.6

MILLION PEOPLE  
PROVIDED WITH  
LIFE-SAVING AID  
LAST YEAR



**Water is scarce and basic health services have collapsed. The conflict has led over 20 million people needing humanitarian support to survive. There still appears to be no end in sight of this brutal conflict.**

Islamic Relief has been working in Yemen for over 20 years and is responding in 17 governorates. We were able to reach over **2.6 million** with life-saving aid last year.

Working alongside the World Food Programme, we aim to deliver much needed food to **2.2 million** people every month.

In addition to the monthly food supplies, we have supported multiple health centres with medical supplies, provided clean drinking water, and supported orphans with their basic needs.

# ZAKAT

• Last year, Zakat with Islamic Relief helped 1.7 million people in 21 countries. Islamic Relief utilises Zakat to help some of the poorest, most needy, and the most destitute people on the planet.





**“TAKE  
FROM THEIR  
WEALTH  
SO THAT  
YOU MIGHT  
PURIFY AND  
SANCTIFY  
THEM”**

Quran 9:103

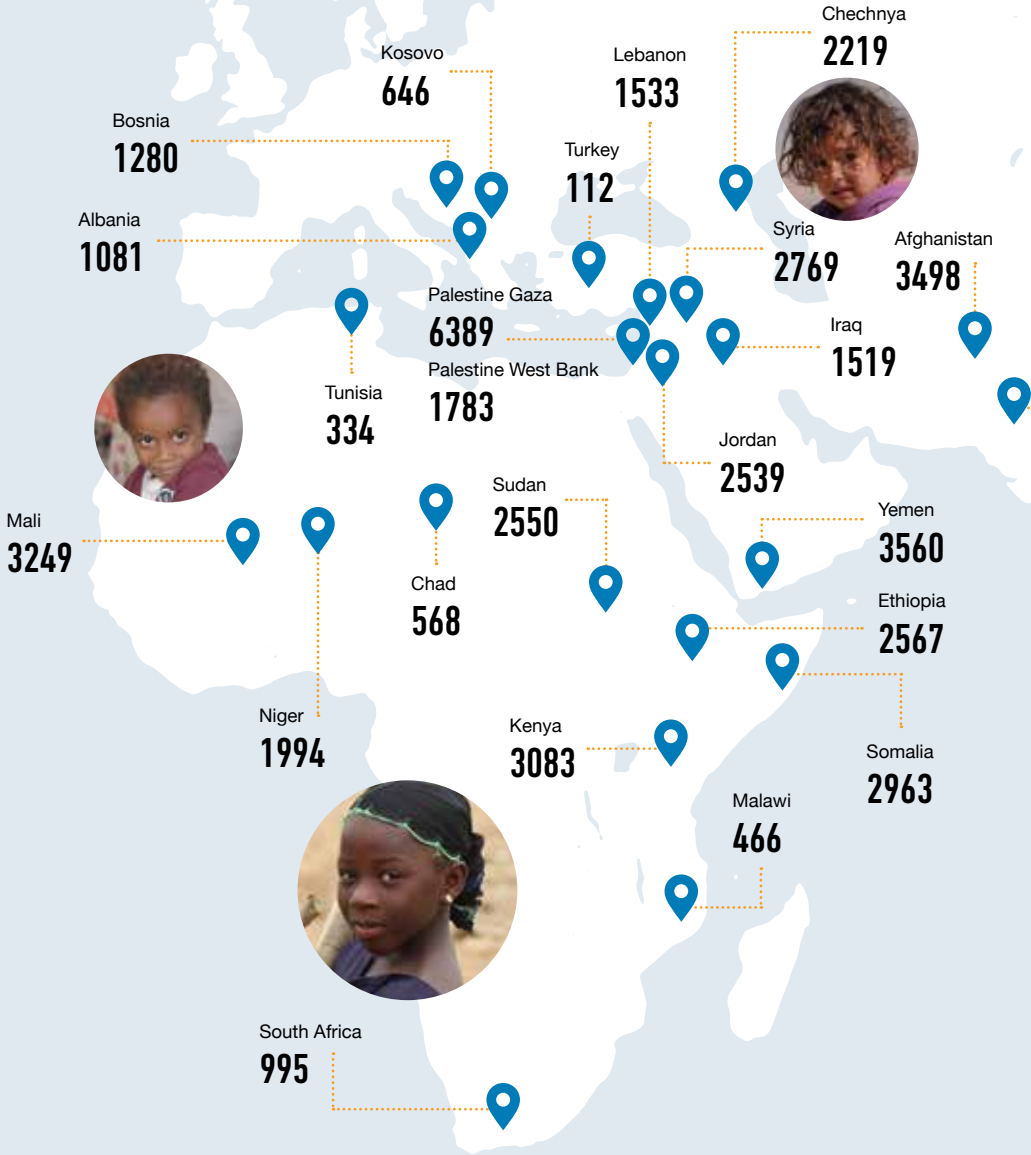
**Your Zakat** helped provide life-saving emergency relief in countries like Syria, Somalia, Yemen and Myanmar.

**Your Zakat** helped families to establish their own income and provided clean water in the most remote of locations.

**Your Zakat** also provided support, love to orphans and vulnerable children through a variety of projects.

**Your Zakat** donations gives hope to the poor; that one day and with the help of Allah (swt), they will be Zakat givers and not Zakat receivers.





# 62,000+

## 27 COUNTRIES

Pakistan

4902

Bangladesh

5005

India

2453

Indonesia

884

Sri Lanka

1104



# ORPHANS

**WITH YOUR CONTINUING AND GENEROUS SUPPORT, OVER 62,000 ORPHANS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SPONSORED IN 27 COUNTRIES.**

Your ongoing assistance ensures that they have a roof over their head and food on their plates. It also enables them to attend school with books and stationery, and provides healthcare when they become ill. We don't just take care of their physical wellbeing, a social worker visits regularly to ensure that the child is doing well in all aspects of their lives.

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

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**Islamic Relief has been awarded the prestigious BOND Innovation Award, at the annual International Development Awards event, held in London. The award recognises the inventive approach taken to eliminate extreme poverty in Bangladesh.**



Orphaned children and widows living in extreme poverty in Bangladesh are vulnerable to abuse, suffer from lack of food, struggle to meet school expenses, and find themselves socially excluded. The usual anti-poverty interventions often fail to help the ultra-poor.

Our innovative programme, devised by Islamic Relief Bangladesh, takes a novel integrated approach, combining cash transfers with knowledge and skills building. It offers education and protection for orphaned children, while also providing their guardians with the funds, skills and business acumen needed to make their families self-sufficient within four years.

The project, piloted in the Kawnia district where 43% of the population lives under the extreme poverty line, has been hugely successful. Participating families now bring home almost four times what they used to earn.

Due to the remarkable success rate, the local government is now replicating our model in other parts of Bangladesh.





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**“WE WERE DELIGHTED TO GIVE THIS YEAR’S INNOVATION AWARD TO ISLAMIC RELIEF FOR ITS ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS FOR ORPHAN’S PROJECT IN BANGLADESH, MOVING BEYOND DIRECT CASH TRANSFERS FOR ORPHANS TO MEET THE HOLISTIC NEEDS OF RECIPIENTS’ WIDER FAMILIES. I CONGRATULATE ISLAMIC RELIEF, WHOSE INSPIRING AND IMPACTFUL WORK IS FULLY DESERVING OF THIS AWARD.”**

**Mike Wright,**  
Director of Membership  
and Communications for Bond

# SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICA

**THIS YEAR'S  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
CAMPAIGN SAW  
995  
SPONSORED  
ORPHANS  
RECEIVE  
VOUCHERS TO  
PURCHASE  
NEW SCHOOL  
UNIFORMS AND  
STATIONERY FOR  
THE 2019  
ACADEMIC YEAR.**



Orphan and Child Welfare Officer, Rishqa Sulaiman, said IRSA opted to distribute vouchers instead as this empowered parents/guardians to purchase items most needed, as each case was different.

## Every orphan and vulnerable child has the right to education,”

Sulaiman said. “We found that many children opted not to go back to school at the beginning of the year because they could not afford basic essentials such as school shoes, a uniform or stationery.”

“Our Back to School campaign is just one mechanism that we employ to ensure that children stay in school. We opted to use vouchers this year as we want to empower parents and guardians and to give back their dignity to make informed purchases that will help keep their child/children in school.”

### BENEFICIARIES



**W/Cape : 147  
KZN : 268  
Gauteng : 580**



## LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Islamic Relief's Disaster Response Team responded to local emergencies, ensuring that vital resources were distributed to survivors as effectively and efficiently as possible. In the Western Cape, the team responded to shack fires while in Kwa-Zulu Natal, our team was called out to assist following a spate of xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals living in the Durban area.

### Wupperthal Fire

On Sunday 30 December 2018, a fire devastated Wupperthal, a small rural community near Clanwilliam in the Western Cape. The fire displaced 53 families and completely destroyed the town hall, the school and several homes. Islamic Relief provided cash transfers to the affected families to begin rebuilding their lives.

### KZN Xenophobia Attacks

Approximately 180 people – including four babies – needed emergency assistance following xenophobic attacks in Durban. Our team responded by distributing hygiene packs and hot meals.

As a global humanitarian agency, we have developed partnerships with numerous governments and key institutions, notably the United Nations. In 2013 Islamic Relief was listed as one of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR) top ten international implementing partners.

In South Africa, we partner with like-minded stakeholders who encourage integration and advocate for combating violence against refugees and asylum-seekers.

**Thank YOU for making this possible!**



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