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Making a World of Difference

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Who We Are

Islamic Relief is an international relief and development organisation, founded in 1984 in Birmingham, UK and currently working in over 30 countries worldwide.

Our vision is for:

A caring world where the basic requirements of the poor are fulfilled

Our mission is inspired by Islamic values and is to:

Assist individuals, groups and institutions to develop safe and caring communities.

Help the poor enjoy self reliance with dignity.

Support in-country partners working with people in need of their help.





Our mission is undertaken by:

Providing assistance to anyone regardless of race, colour, political affiliation, gender or belief.

Working to mitigate the impact of disasters through pre-planning and post relief and rehabilitation.

Promoting sustainable communities through integrated rehabilitation and development work overseas.

Advocacy on behalf of the poor.

Committing our outputs and outcomes to realising the Millennium Development Goals.

Islamic Relief works in the following sectors:

Emergency Relief

Water & Sanitation

Health & Nutrition

Education & training

Income Generation

Orphan Sponsorship

Emergency Relief

War, floods, earthquakes, drought and famine claim millions of lives worldwide every year. Those who survive are often uprooted and forced to seek temporary shelter usually find themselves without access to clean water, adequate sanitation, medical facilities or food.

Islamic Relief emergency teams are constantly on standby, ready to respond to disasters.

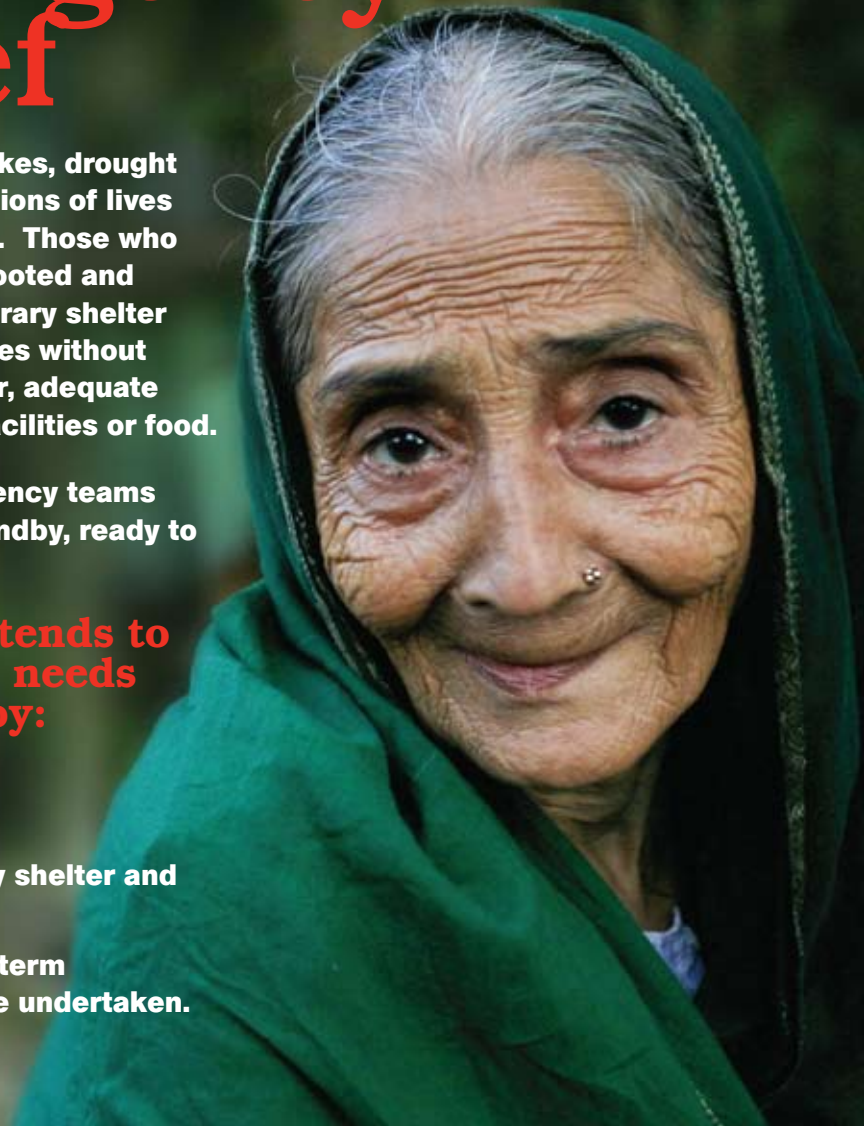
Islamic Relief tends to the immediate needs of its victims by:

Distributing food

Providing medicine

Organising temporary shelter and clothing

Assessing what long-term reconstruction can be undertaken.



Case Study: Bangladesh, Cyclone Sidr

Cyclone Sidr powered through Bangladesh on 15 November 2007, killing thousands and forcing millions of people to abandon their homes.

Islamic Relief responded immediately by providing families with food, clean water and medical support. In total, over 120,000 people were assisted.

On the night Cyclone Sidr hit, Maqsuda, Wahab and their children were at home when a tree fell on their home and the roof collapsed.

Luckily the family managed to escape, taking temporary shelter in their grandmother's house. But, Wahab was injured and their family home was totally destroyed.

Maqsuda and Wahab were in desperate need of daily sustenance. The food pack Islamic Relief provided enabled them to eat 3 meals a day and, in the long term, a comprehensive village rehabilitation programme - involving home reconstruction, repairing water and sanitation systems and construction of cyclone shelters - will ensure that the family can return to a normal way of life.

It is usually the poorest who suffer most during disasters. By donating today, you can help the most needy in their time of need.

£200 provides a complete shelter kit.

£16 a week provides 15 families with sanitation facilities.

£25 provides two food packs.



Water & Sanitation



Dirty water kills 5 million people a year.

The average distance women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is 6 km.

Inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene not only cause sickness and death, as shortages in water can lead to harvest failures and even famine. These factors combine together to contribute to the continuing cycle of poverty & disease in developing countries.

Islamic Relief's water & sanitation activities include:

Building water supply systems in deprived areas

Digging and restoring wells

Implementing water purification projects

Undertaking integrated sanitation programmes

Community mobilisation and awareness programmes.

Case Study: Indonesia

Villagers living in the mountains of West Java, Indonesia have no option but to drink dirty contaminated water. As a result, serious diseases such as cholera are common and a large proportion of the population suffers from severe skin rashes.

In Sukabumi District, however, villagers now have access to clean water. There are 21 watering points, 15 communal latrines and 140 homes with their own latrines. Water is taken from wells dug by Islamic Relief to water tanks near the village using bamboo pipes. Bamboo is used rather than plastic as it does not melt in the intense heat and is also much more affordable. Every member of the community has a pipe running from the water tanks to their homes – providing each with their own source of clean safe water.

Community participation is very important to the success of the project. “We are really proud that we were able to contribute to this scheme from Islamic Relief,” said 54 year old Hajji Rahman, head of the local water management committee. “Although initiated by Islamic Relief, we feel that this is also very much our own community project.”

You can help provide clean accessible water and overcome health and hygiene problems by supporting Islamic Relief’s water programmes with communities worldwide.

£4 a month will support our ongoing water projects.

£37 a month provides a water hand-pump in Kashmir.

£4,800 provides for drilling boreholes and installing hand pumps in Darfur.



A young child with dark skin and short hair is standing on a wooden height measurement scale. The child is wearing a brown t-shirt with a patterned band across the chest and dark shorts. A hand is visible at the top of the scale, adjusting a horizontal bar. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Health & Nutrition

10 million children under the age of 5 die every year - mostly from preventable illnesses.

700,000 children die from measles every year due to a lack of immunisation.

Living in unhygienic conditions with little food and no clean water, millions of people are vulnerable to malnutrition and ill health.

Islamic Relief's work in health and nutrition includes:

Mother & child healthcare programmes

Construction and rehabilitation of medical clinics

Distribution of medical equipment and ambulances to hospitals

Farming programmes to improve agriculture and food security

School meals for malnourished children

Immunisation and health check-ups

Physical & psychological care programmes for traumatised victims of war

Raising health and dietary awareness in poor communities

Therapeutic feeding centres.

Case Study: Niger Food Crisis

During a food crisis in 2005, Islamic Relief established a therapeutic feeding centre in Tillaberi region to provide health and nutritional support to thousands of children who were suffering from severe malnutrition. Now that the crisis is over, the centre also offers medical care for children suffering from a range of general health problems.

“There is such a big difference from before having Islamic Relief’s support and now. Even as Head of the Centre, if a malnutrition case came in I panicked because I did not have the means, knowledge and practice. Thanks to the training, support and equipment from Islamic Relief, this centre is now better equipped than the national hospital in Niamey.”

Dr. Maigari – Head Doctor, Therapeutic Feeding Centre, Tillaberi, Niger.

Children are the most vulnerable when it comes to diseases and malnutrition. Your action today can save a child’s life.

£4 a month provides a vaccination that protects 96 children from measles.

£4 a week feeds a family of 6 for a week in Mali.

£4 a day provides 20 families with mosquito nets to protect them from malaria.



Education and Training

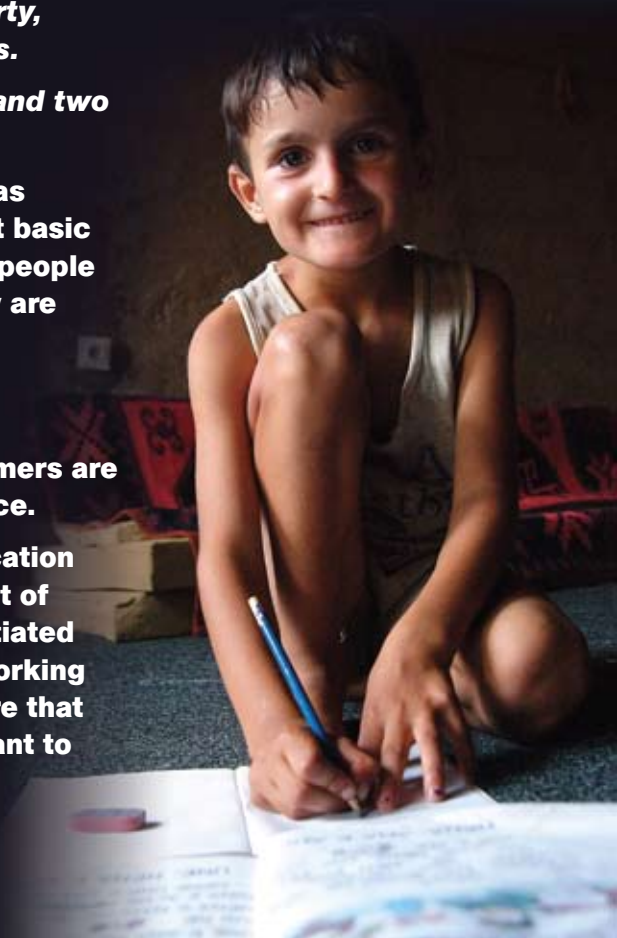
Today, 125 million children across the world are not at school, mostly due to poverty, discrimination and a lack of resources.

Over 870 million adults are illiterate, and two thirds of them are women.

Poverty is closely linked to illiteracy - as both cause and consequence. Without basic literacy or skills, the opportunities for people to break free from the cycle of poverty are limited.

Education opens up opportunities in employment, and lowers the risk of exploitation – for example, literate farmers are able to sell their crops for a higher price.

Islamic Relief provides access to education or vocational training to offer a way out of the poverty trap. Islamic Relief has initiated a number of education programmes working directly with the communities to ensure that the projects are sustainable and relevant to their needs.



Case Study: Gourma Rharous, Mali

Approximately 90% of Gourma Rharous' population are illiterate. Difficult access to schools, poor quality of teaching and low attendance rates are the 3 main reasons why many children miss out on an education.

Islamic Relief has improved both the access to, and the quality of, primary and informal education in Gourma Rharous, allowing 20,000 children to attend school through the following activities:

Constructing and rehabilitating classrooms

Providing equipment for schools and other education centres

Training teachers

Supporting school canteens in partnership with the World Food Programme by providing food and kitchen utensils

Training schools to better manage their canteens using reports and stock sheets

Providing administrative and financial training to school management committees

Help provide a better education and hope for the future for thousands of children.

£50 provides access to primary education to 116 children in Mali.

£4 a day provides agricultural rehabilitation to 9 farming families in Somalia.



Income Generation

A few hundred billionaires now own as much wealth as the world's poorest 2.5 billion people.

Food parcels and handouts offer temporary respite from hunger, but unless people are given the means to lift themselves out of destitution, the aid will eventually run out and leave only increased dependency.

Women generally face the greatest difficulties in finding work. Typically, when they are widowed or left abandoned with several children they have no skills to earn an income.

Islamic Relief makes a lasting difference to the lives of the poor by building the capacity of local communities to sustain themselves through the following activities:

Vocational training programmes (computer classes, tailoring, small business development etc...)

Interest-free loans to start small businesses

Widows' welfare (training and micro-credit)

Distribution of livestock

Promoting agriculture by distributing seeds & fertiliser and improving irrigation

Strengthening community governance

The projects are also self sustainable as once the loans are repaid the money can be loaned out once more.





Case Study: Kosovo

Jaffar lives with his parents, wife and 4 children in Skenderaj, Kosovo. During the war in 1997 he lost his job and his livelihood. 4 years ago Islamic Relief provided Jaffar with a small (interest-free) loan of £500, with which he purchased 2 cows. During that year Jaffar sold milk in the local village and through that managed to repay the loan in full.

After 4 years and 3 small loans, Jaffar has managed to breed 17 cows, producing 100 litres of milk a day, which he sells to a local supplier. He is also breeding young calves and selling them in the local market.

“The Islamic Relief staff assisted me throughout the loan periods. I’m happy that Islamic Relief is providing loans that are interest-free, which is different to all other micro-credit schemes by other organisations. Now I don’t need any further help as my situation has improved a lot. I’m happy that I’m relying on myself again and I feel that I regained my life and independence. My children now have better clothes and food and we can afford school and medication. Please thank your donors who helped me stand on my feet again.”

£4 a month provides a village in Niger with enough grain to cope with a food crisis.

£250 provides an interest-free loan to buy a cow and start a small business in Kosovo

£50 provides an interest-free loan to a former herdsman in Kenya to start a small business

Orphan Sponsorship



There are 11 million orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa because of AIDS.

By 2010, the whole of Africa is projected to have 42 million orphans.

Losing one or both parents is traumatic for any child in any situation. In countries where war, famine or poverty are a part of everyday life, millions of children are orphaned and left to struggle for survival.

Islamic Relief has been supporting orphans since 1986 and now has orphan programmes in over 30 countries. These aim to reduce child poverty in the poorest communities through a comprehensive and integrated programme that takes care of each orphan's needs, including health, education, social welfare and shelter.

Currently over 27,000 orphans are sponsored through Islamic Relief.



Case Study: Salam from Bangladesh

Salam lives with his mother and siblings in a one-room corrugated iron shack.

After her husband died, Salam's mother, Saleha, worked as a housemaid earning a meagre income. The family ate vegetable leaves for food, and Saleha would sometimes bring home leftover bowls of rice from work.

In 2006, Salam was sponsored by a donor from America. He now enjoys three good meals a day with his family and is at the top of his class at school. Salam's ambition is to become an engineer so that he can build a house for his mother.

By donating from as little as **£25** per month today, you can transform an orphan's life and build a brighter future.

A group of children, including a girl in a red headscarf and a boy in a green shirt, looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting with a thatched roof.

Did You Know

Islamic Relief was set up in 1984 by a medical doctor, Dr. Hany El-Banna after a visit to the famine-stricken Sudan.

The first donation Islamic Relief Received was 20p from an 8-year old.

Islamic Relief has consultative status with the United Nations, and is consulted regularly by international and national agencies such as the World Bank and the Department of International Development.

Islamic Relief is pioneering work on Islamic micro-finance which aims to tackle the root causes of poverty.

Islamic Relief works in the most dangerous areas in the world where most aid agencies do not operate such as Chechnya, Helmand province in Afghanistan, Falouja and al-Anbar province in Iraq and Darfur in Sudan.

Islamic Relief - through your donations - has served over 5 million people in need in 2007.

A guiding principle in Islamic Relief's work is helping local communities to solve their own problems.

Islamic Relief has more than 8 borehole drilling rigs in sub-Saharan Africa enabling it to dig hundreds of deep-water wells across Somalia, Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Niger, and Mali.

Islamic Relief does not leave after helping people during disasters and emergencies but stays with them to rebuild their lives, as in Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina after their civil wars, Indonesia after the Tsunami, Kashmir after the earthquake, and Niger after the famine.

Islamic Relief operates mostly through its own field offices, which improves efficiency, quality, transparency and accountability.

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