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2024 Annual Report



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Islamic Relief Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the true custodians of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Prophet Muhammad [SAW] once said:

*“Sadakah extinguishes
sin as water
extinguishes fire”*



Tirmidhi

Source: IR Digital,
Somalia SWAAP Project

2024 AT A GLANCE

Thanks to you, we reached over



1.15 million
people
in need globally!

In 2024, our dedicated team of partners, volunteers, donors and staff at Islamic Relief Australia continued to work tirelessly towards creating a better and fairer world for vulnerable people. Together, we made an incredible impact, fighting poverty and injustice, and provided vital humanitarian assistance around the world, even in the hardest-to-reach areas.



16 Sustainable Development Projects empowering **251,193** people



120,775 people delivered **Qurban** in Dhul Hijjah



12 emergency relief responses reaching **726,952** people



7,000 people assisted with **Winter Support**



15 local projects delivering support to **11,060 people** in need in Australia



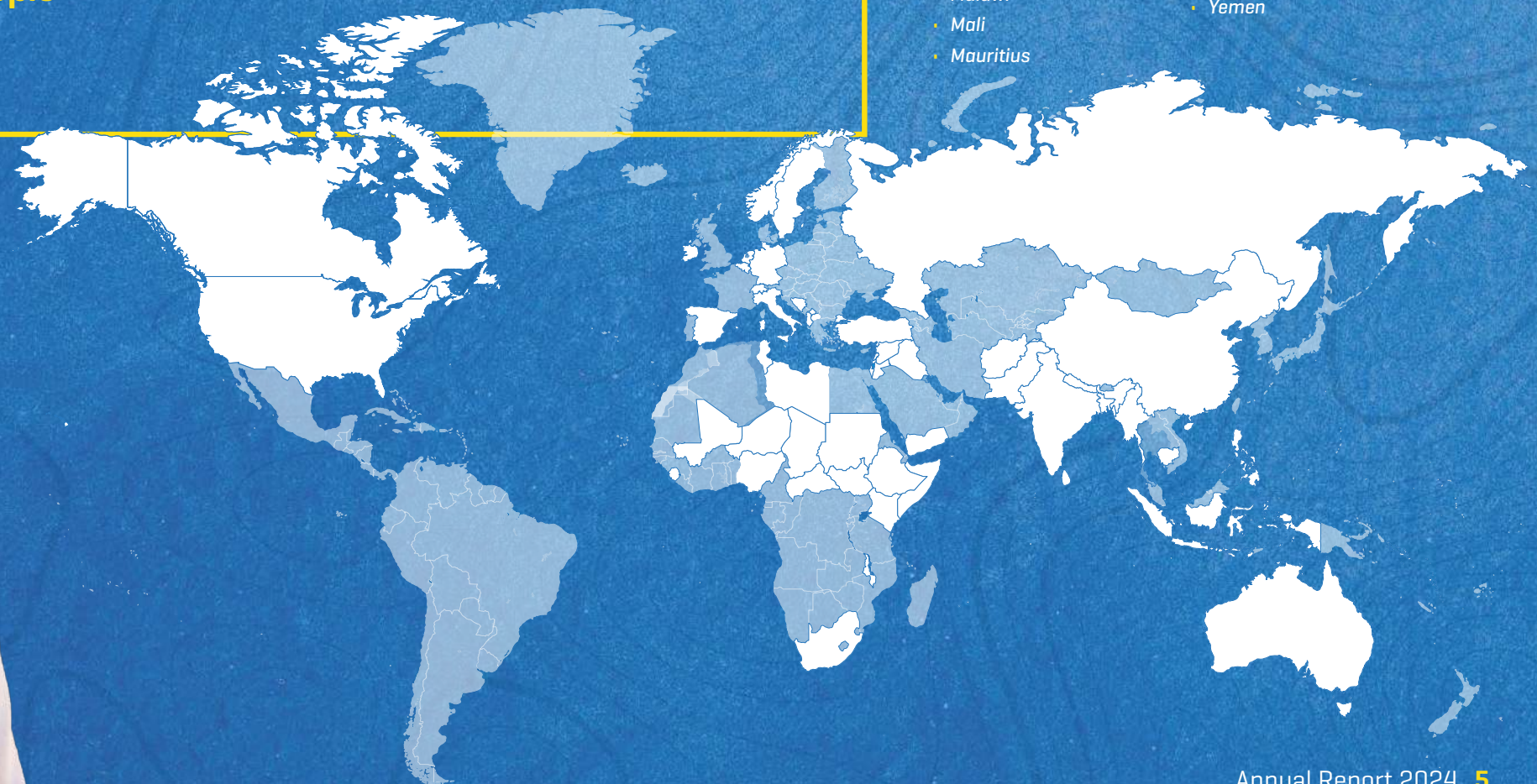
2,503 children supported with **Orphan Sponsorship**



36,915 people reached in **Ramadan**

Our Global Network

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Belgium
- Cambodia
- Canada
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- India
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Macedonia
- Malaysia
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Occupied Palestinian Territories
- Pakistan
- The Philippines
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Turkey
- Tunisia
- USA
- Vanuatu
- Yemen



A MESSAGE FROM THE *Chair*

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

I begin by acknowledging the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nations Peoples.

2024 was a year marked by great ongoing resilience from vulnerable communities worldwide. Standing alongside them in solidarity, our team at Islamic Relief Australia worked tirelessly to bring relief and hope during and beyond times of need.

We saved lives during crisis, given populations opportunities to rebuild after natural disasters, and continued to deliver sustainable support – water, health, education, and livelihood projects – to vulnerable communities.

As we reflect on the challenges 2024 brought us, we will continue moving forwards in building a just world for all. To alleviate the ongoing

injustices faced by our ummah – in Gaza, Sudan, and around the world.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers, and our esteemed donors and partners, who have been instrumental in the success of our work. Thank you for your continued support.

Peace be with you,



Dr Faiza El-Higzi,

Chair on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Source: IR Digital,
Ramadan Distribution, Pakistan



A MESSAGE FROM THE *CEO*

2024 was a year marked by ongoing challenges. Millions of people worldwide had their lives impacted by war, disasters and economic decline. In Gaza, especially, the ongoing injustice and humanitarian crisis continues, severely impacting the lives of 2.2 million people.

But 2024 was also another year of great solidarity, immense generosity and action shown by our ummah. Where their support allowed us, as a member of the Islamic Relief Worldwide family, to immediately respond to the needs of over **17.8 million people in need** – in countries like Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon, and more.

This includes the **251,193** people who benefitted from our sustainable development projects, and the **726,952** people reached through emergency responses. Likewise, our faith-inspired giving reached 36,915 people during Ramadan and 120,775 people during Dhul Hijjah. We also supported 7,000 people during winter, and 2,503 orphans in 27 countries.

Here in Australia, we reached 11,060 people in need, supporting our local community, the

vulnerable, and our youth. We also strengthened our partnerships with international and local aid organisations such as UNICEF, UNHCR and NZF to advocate for justice and create global positive change.

I am extremely grateful to the support of our Islamic Relief Australia team, supporters, partners, and donors for allowing us to carry out our crucial work and helping us continue the legacy Islamic Relief has built since 1984.

Jazakum Allahu Khayran and thank you for your ongoing trust and support.



Samir Bennegadi,

CEO, Islamic Relief Australia

Source: IR Digital,
Zakat Al-Fitr Project, Yemen



ABOUT *Us*

Islamic Relief Australia is a member of Islamic Relief Worldwide. Our extensive global network means we are among the first to respond when emergencies happen. Together, we are driven by one purpose: to improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable people through relief, development, and advocacy.

Our Vision

Guided by our Islamic faith and values, we envision a world where communities, regardless of background, are empowered and can empower others.

Our Mission

In line with our Islamic values, our work addresses the root causes of poverty, uplifting marginalised voices with sustainable solutions.

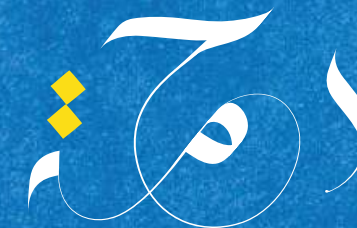


OUR *Values*



Excellence *Ihsan*

Work marked by excellence, empowering the people we serve.



Compassion *Rahma*

Promising to protect the well-being of every life.



Sincerity *Ikhlas*

Driven by sincerity towards God to fulfil our obligations to humanity.



Social Justice *Adl*

Fulfilling the rights of the poor and vulnerable.



Custodianship *Amanah*

Upholding transparency in all aspects of our work.

Source: IR Digital,
Orphan Sponsorship, Syria



HOW WE *Work*

As Islamic Relief Australia, we work with our supporters and partners to fulfil the unique needs of vulnerable people around the world. But it is through being part of Islamic Relief Worldwide and the Islamic Relief family that we are able to put our global plans into action and carry them out to the highest professional standards.

Our ability to raise funds and resources on a global scale means that we can respond on a global scale, bringing significant resources that can be deployed to assist those in need. We have an Emergency Fund that is available for rapid release, which enables us to respond immediately to emergencies and not wait for funds to be collected or applied for. This rapid response capacity, coupled with our global reach, is the reason why we are often among the first organisation on the ground.

We assist people according to need without expecting anything in return. We do not discriminate in any way, regardless of faith, race, class, disability, gender or political affiliation. Being a part of the Islamic Relief family, we are committed to supporting the implementation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs].

In all projects and interventions we support, we strive to ensure environmental sustainability, social justice and access to fundamental needs, including adequate food, personal safety and safe drinking water. This holistic approach contributes towards achieving the SDGs, addressing the interconnected issues of poverty, inequality, and injustice through innovative programs, overseas and on the ground in Australia.

Rooted in our Islamic faith we are often able to work in areas where other organisations may struggle to get access, and we provide assistance that is culturally appropriate and in line with the community's faith, beliefs and cultural framework. We work with the local communities we support, giving them a clear

voice in the design and delivery of our program and policies, ensuring they meet their own community's specific needs.

We embed a 'do no harm' principle in everything that we do, ensuring that our staff and volunteers abide by a strict code of conduct. Where child protection, safeguarding, and measures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse are in place, and there are accessible complaints procedures.

We have committed ourselves to meeting various practice related compliance standards. The standards include those set by the Australian Council for International Development [ACFID] in Australia and the Core Humanitarian Standard [CHS] globally. We are also signatories to various commitments, including the Leave No One Behind UN Agenda and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct.

We also continue to embed monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning [MEAL] across our programs. An effective MEAL program allows us to grow as an organisation as we are consistently informed by our frontline staff and volunteers and listening to their insights and experiences from working in the communities they serve. Our MEAL program assists us in investing in developing ever-more rigorous accountability and governance systems that maximise the benefits we deliver with the contributions of our donors.

By committing to these standards, we are able to measure ourselves against best practice in the sector. We are also able to assure our supporters that we maintain the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and professionalism. The certification also facilitates our access to significant funding from various governments, global bodies and private philanthropy institutions. The various peak bodies regularly audit our systems and procedures to ensure that we are maintaining the appropriate standards.

Source: IR Digital,
Zakat Al-Fitr Distribution, Pakistan



EMERGENCIES

*Your Compassion saved
lives in 2024*

Source: IR Digital,
Emergency Flood Relief, Bosnia



12 humanitarian responses
around the globe



11 countries aided with
emergency relief



726,952
people empowered by your
compassion

📍 **Palestine: On the
Ground and at Home**

📍 **Sudan Crisis**

📍 **Lebanon Crisis**

📍 **Pakistan Floods**

📍 **Bangladesh Floods**

📍 **Philippines Floods**

📍 **Somalia Floods**

📍 **Türkiye-Syria Earthquake**

📍 **Afghanistan Earthquake**

📍 **Morocco Earthquake**

📍 **Yemen**

📍 **Al-Hadi**



Source: IR Digital,
Food Distribution, Gaza

GAZA: ON THE GROUND & AT HOME

Since October 2023, Israel has executed a relentless bombing and persecution campaign against the Palestinians living in Gaza. By the end of 2024, casualties numbered at 45,541 dead and 108,338 injured*, nearly 70% being women and children.

The situation is catastrophic, worsened by a tightened blockade on Gaza, causing severe shortages of essential supplies, declining access to medical assistance, and an imminent famine, leaving thousands of children at serious risk of malnutrition.

*Sources: MoH Gaza, UN OCHA, as of December 31, 2024

Our Response on the Ground

Islamic Relief have been providing humanitarian relief in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 1997. When the conflict in Gaza escalated, our teams were able to respond immediately, distributing significant resources kept in reserve in warehouses for such emergencies, particularly medical supplies, and additional supplies purchased through the local market. We have exhausted every avenue to help Gaza, and continue to provide support even when supplies are depleting quickly.

Islamic Relief Australia also worked with UNICEF Australia, expanding our partnership, to supply Gaza with desperately needed lifesaving supplies. As a UN agency, UNICEF Australia was able to navigate the complex border controls imposed by Israel. Together, we provided water, water purification tablets, medical supplies, supplements for breastfeeding mothers, and ensured that children in Gaza are safe and mentally supported.

Our Work Up to Date (As of end of 2024)

Islamic Relief's commitment in Gaza is ongoing, and we will remain on the ground implementing emergency aid response for as long as necessary. All throughout the ongoing conflict, we have a team delivering aid, particularly hot meals, and psychosocial support, directly to civilians. The psychosocial program, in particular, is an ongoing aid project, focused on supporting children, but also extends to entire families where possible.

Our immediate response was to mobilise back-up resources that were stored in warehouses as part of the Disaster Preparedness Plan. We also replenished this supply by buying the limited stocks still available on markets. This included medical supplies, which provided essential and urgently needed medical items for trauma and emergency non-trauma. The supplies also included medical drugs and medical disposables that were then provided to 6 hospitals in the Gaza strip for immediate use. Food assistance and drinking water was also provided, as were non-food items. Non-

food items included bedding kits, hygiene kits, clothes, kitchen sets, and latrines.

Currently, our main focus is supporting maternal health, with aims to reduce the risk of complications during pregnancy and childbirth and ensure the healthy development of unborn children. Further hygiene kits are also being distributed as part of this maternal health program.

We will also continue to focus on food security, health, shelter, and non-food items (NFIs), education, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and protection.

Islamic Relief are also able to deliver crucial food in Gaza through a partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP). The team have been able to provide an incredible number of hot meals daily. Islamic Relief was also delivering 93 000 litres of fresh water per day. The delivery of hot meals has been lifesaving as most families do not have access to food nor the facilities to prepare meals.

Our Impact since Oct 2023 to the end of 2024..



28,200
food packs
distributed



17,000
orphans
supported



57.7 million
hot meals
distributed



85 shelter
cleaning
& hygienic
services



263,000 fresh
vegetable
packs given



322 WASH
facilities
installed



63,000
hygiene/dignity
kits delivered



342,438
people given
clean water



2.2 million
medical items
distributed



99,600
children given
psychosocial
support

Source: IR Digital,
Food Parcel Distribution, Gaza



Source: NZF Australia, Heart for Palestine

Support at Home

Our donors and supporters also generously stepped up to assist in this terrible tragedy, allowing Islamic Relief teams to be a lifeline for communities struggling with the devastating effects of the occupation and ongoing conflict.

We were also able to support the Palestinians families coming to Australia escaping conflict. Through our partnership with National Zakat Foundation (NZF) Australia, Islamic Relief Australia, along with Penny Appeal Australia and Brothers in Need, help support NZF's wrap-around support service for Gazan families in Australia.

In Queensland, we also partnered with The Queensland Charity & Welfare Association (TAQWA) to support the families. The team is facilitating the seamless settlement and integration of the newly migrated families, this includes financial assistance for essential and personal needs and ongoing monthly living expenses.

Overall the Australian community has been incredibly supportive, not only in financial assistance, but medical practitioners, psychologists, legal practitioners and volunteers have all come forward to provide free support.



Source: NZF Australia, Heart for Palestine



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, Healing Syria & Gaza, Sydney



Source: PANZMA, Medical Mission, Gaza



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, One Year of Atrocities

PANZMA Medical Mission

Attacks in Gaza have devastated the healthcare system, leaving 83% of medical supplies unavailable and leaving thousands of injured, sick, and malnourished civilians without essential care. The need for specialised medical care is incredibly urgent, particularly in trauma and emergency surgery.

From October 2024, we partnered with PANZMA on a mission to deploy 12 specialised medical teams to Gaza over 12 months, each staying for 4 weeks. Each team of up to 10 professionals, including surgeons, anaesthetists, and nurses, is expected to perform around 300 major and 600 minor procedures per mission. Missions will cover South, Middle, and North Gaza, based on access and need. The initiative aims to provide triage, post-operative care, and stabilisation, while supporting local healthcare through training, essential supplies, and pharmaceuticals. We also plan to expand services in rehabilitation, mental health, and vaccination programs to strengthen long-term capacity.



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, One Year of Atrocities



Source: IR Digital,
Sudan Conflict Emergency

Ongoing Emergencies

📍 SUDAN CRISIS

Sudan faces one of the worst humanitarian nightmares in recent history. The war that broke out between armed forces in 2023 has left 24.7 million people in need of assistance.

The nation is now the country with the largest number of displaced – 7.3 million people – with children representing half of those displaced.

Worse still, Sudan also faces a food crisis and collapse in healthcare. 17.7 million people face acute food insecurity. 70% of healthcare facilities have shut down and there has been an increase in the number of cholera cases.

Islamic Relief has worked in Sudan since 1984, providing emergency aid and long-term development. One of the most effective aid we provided, in coordination with local government and UN agencies, is multipurpose cash grants.

The first stage of the Emergency Response for Sudan Crisis Project supported 1,550 people. It provided unconditional cash assistance [SDG 90,000 each] to 296 displaced households in North Kordofan, Sudan.

The second stage of the emergency response project supported 864 people. We provided unconditional cash assistance [SDG 150,000 each] to 157 households, as well as portable, durable, and family shelter [tent] to 50 households in the Gedaref state.

📍 LEBANON EMERGENCY

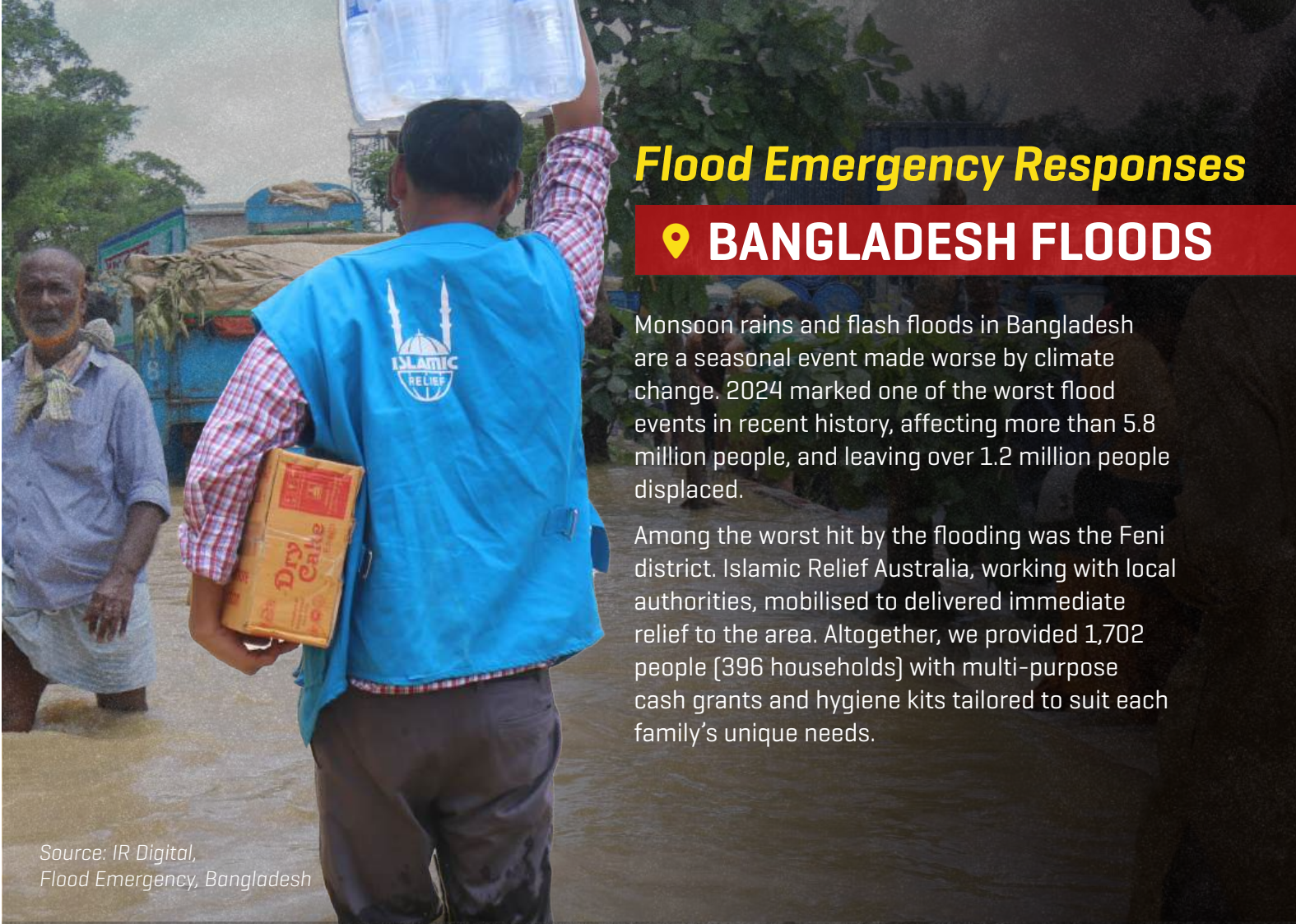
In October 2024, Israel launched airstrikes on southern Lebanon, leaving 1.2 million people displaced multiple times over and destroying at least 24,000 residential buildings. Casualties from the strikes numbered at least 3,961 dead and 16,520 injured, after nearly two months of attacks.

Islamic Relief has been working in Lebanon since 2006, delivering relief to its people – 80% of whom live under the poverty line – already devastated by an ongoing socioeconomic crisis.

Because of this long-term presence, despite the challenges the conflict posed to the distribution process, Islamic Relief Australia was able to deliver 1,034 food parcels, 1,091 hygiene kits, and 6,096 medical supply items for hospitals. Through this aid response, we improved food security, hygiene practices, and healthcare access for crisis-affected populations in Lebanon.



Source: IR Digital,
Emergency Response, Lebanon



Source: IR Digital,
Flood Emergency, Bangladesh

Flood Emergency Responses

📍 BANGLADESH FLOODS

Monsoon rains and flash floods in Bangladesh are a seasonal event made worse by climate change. 2024 marked one of the worst flood events in recent history, affecting more than 5.8 million people, and leaving over 1.2 million people displaced.

Among the worst hit by the flooding was the Feni district. Islamic Relief Australia, working with local authorities, mobilised to delivered immediate relief to the area. Altogether, we provided 1,702 people [396 households] with multi-purpose cash grants and hygiene kits tailored to suit each family's unique needs.



Source: IR Digital,
Flood Emergency, Pakistan

📍 PAKISTAN FLOODS

In 2022, Pakistan experienced severe floods that caused monsoon rains and glacier melts. These floods impacted over 33 million people, displacing 7.9 million people and destroying 2 million homes in Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [KP].

Islamic Relief, in Pakistan since 1992, was one of the first organisations on the ground when the floods hit, delivering urgent aid – cash grants, food, water, and hygiene kits – to 2.8 million people.

As we continue to support communities in the worst-affected regions of Pakistan in recovering from the floods, Islamic Relief Australia provided disaster-proof housing as shelter for flood-affected families. In 2024, we built an additional 155 houses, bringing over the total number of houses for the project to 437, assisting 4294 people with shelter.



Source: IR Digital,
Flood Response, Phillipines

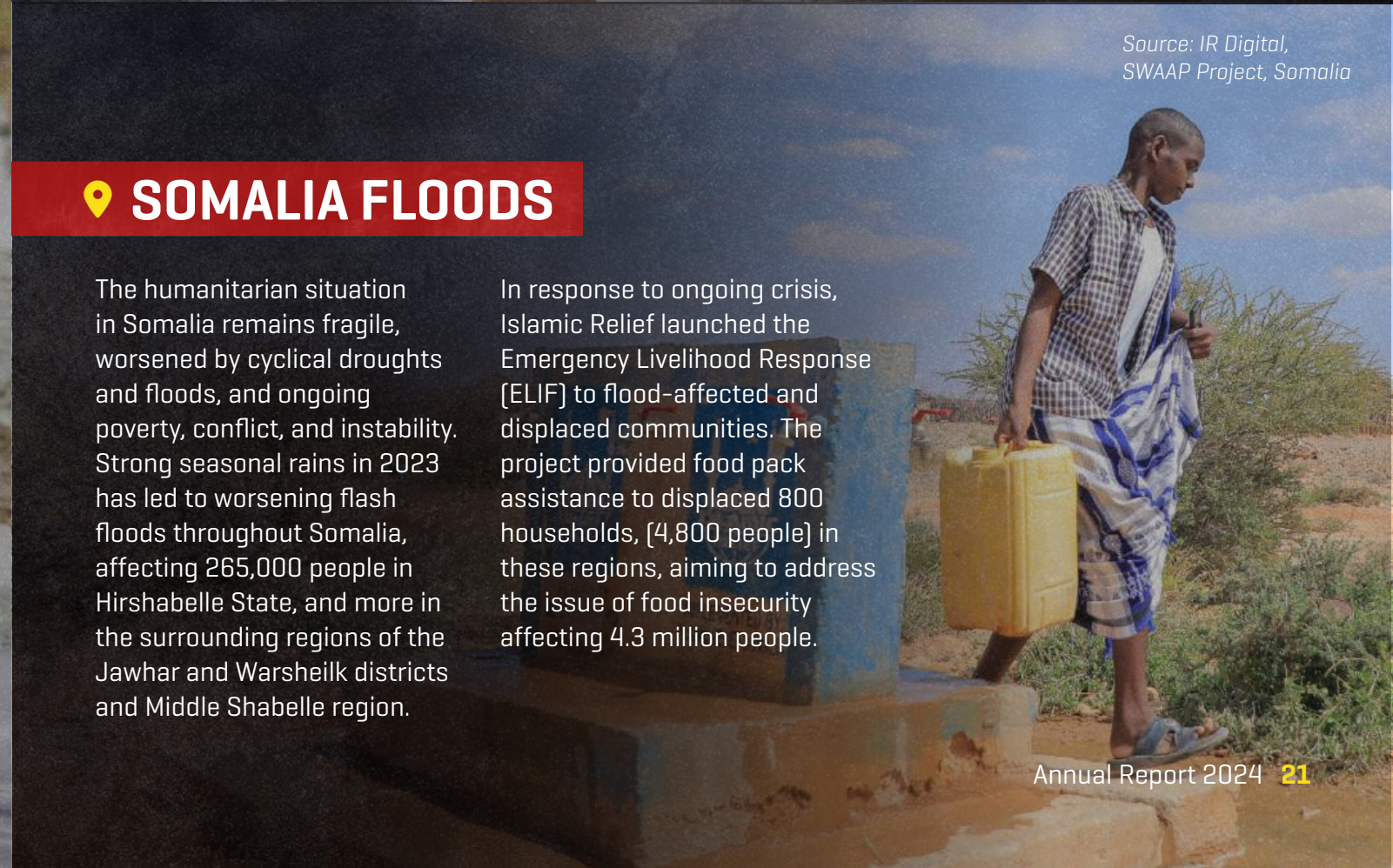
📍 PHILIPPINES FLOODS

Successive tropical cyclones that struck the Philippines throughout 2024 caused mass flooding across in the nation.

Typhoon Kristine was among one of the most severe tropical cyclones, impacting over 7.6 million people across more than 11,000 barangays [villages]. During the disaster, Islamic Relief Australia supported 5,000 people within the Bicol region, one of the five most typhoon-devastated

areas, with essential non-food items.

Within the Mindanao Islands, Islamic Relief Australia aimed to address the devastating impact the flooding from typhoons had on schools. With focus on Pagalungan and Sultan Sa Barongis, we distributed learners kits to 1,892 children and teaching kits to 76 teachers, ensuring these vulnerable communities could still access education amidst the sporadic flooding.



Source: IR Digital,
SWAAP Project, Somalia

📍 SOMALIA FLOODS

The humanitarian situation in Somalia remains fragile, worsened by cyclical droughts and floods, and ongoing poverty, conflict, and instability. Strong seasonal rains in 2023 has led to worsening flash floods throughout Somalia, affecting 265,000 people in Hirshabelle State, and more in the surrounding regions of the Jawhar and Warsheik districts and Middle Shabelle region.

In response to ongoing crisis, Islamic Relief launched the Emergency Livelihood Response [ELIF] to flood-affected and displaced communities. The project provided food pack assistance to displaced 800 households, [4,800 people] in these regions, aiming to address the issue of food insecurity affecting 4.3 million people.

Earthquake Emergency Responses

📍 TÜRKIYE-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

The 2023 earthquake that shook south-eastern Türkiye and Northwest Syria killed 57,000 people and left 1.1 million people in need of shelter assistance. 1 million of them are displaced Syrians in living in unsuitable places.

Islamic Relief are building 1036 houses, assisting approximately 5180 people, for displaced Syrians. Each house is built to the highest technical standard, designed to protect families from extreme climatic conditions, provide insulation, enclosed living spaces and privacy.

In 2024, the Islamic Relief family built 341 houses with Islamic Relief Australia helping supply 20 of those houses. With the second phase in place, 240 more houses will be built in the coming months.

📍 AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKE

In 2024, Afghanistan continues to recover from the aftermath of the major Herat Earthquakes that occurred late 2023, which left 1,482 dead and 114,000 people in need of humanitarian aid.

In our response, Islamic Relief Australia supported 945 people with multipurpose cash assistance, which provided for vital needs such as healthcare, education, and food.

📍 MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE

In 2024, Moroccan provinces, al-Haouz, Azilal, Chichaoua, Marrakesh, Ouarzazate, and Taroudant continue to bear the aftermath of the earthquake that affected approximately 380,000 people and left 3,000 dead.

Today, families are still displaced, education is disrupted, healthcare remains compromised, and there continues to be increased risk of food insecurity. During our crisis response, Islamic Relief Australia supported 4,112 people with essential non-food items (NFI), which includes clothes, blankets, mattresses, winter kits, and hygiene kits.

Food and Nutrition Support

📍 YEMEN

Yemen is on the brink of being the world's most devastating famine in 100 years. 17.6 million people face food insecurity, and half of all children under five suffer from moderate to severe stunting. Worse still, 18.2 million people are in need of humanitarian aid.

Islamic Relief has been on the ground in Yemen since 1998. In response to the emergency situation in Yemen, Islamic Relief launched an Emergency Nutrition Response for acutely malnourished children, pregnant and lactating women in Yemen. The project was deployed in at least 156 health facilities across 11 districts in five targeted governorates: Hodeida, Raymah, Amran, Sada'a, and Dhamar.

The project improved nutritional outcomes for 115,525 children under five and 134,092 pregnant and lactating women. In programs specifically deployed by Islamic Relief Australia, we delivered life-saving food assistance, cash, and livelihood support 9450 people in the Amant Al-Asemah and Aden Governorates. We also provided integrated health, nutrition and WASH support for 38,668 people in Bilad At Ta'am District, Raymah Governorate.

Source: IR Digital,
Ramadan Food Distribution, Yemen

📍 AL-HADI

In the world's poorest and most devastated areas, many households lack access to the refrigeration and storage needed to preserve the frozen meat distributed to them. This leaves vulnerable families with little choice but to consume it all in one meal, in order to avoid spoilage or waste.

To address these challenges, Islamic Relief, partnering with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), created the Al Hadi Project, aimed at reducing food insecurity and improving the overall nutritional health of vulnerable populations.

In the first stage, Islamic Relief Australia distributed non-perishable meat to 70,000 people, to the Philippines and displaced Syrians, who are in dire need of food assistance. Globally, the Al Hadi Project aims to supply 125,000 people with food support.

Source: IR Digital,
Al-Hadi Distribution, Northwest Syria

SEASONAL AND FAITH-INSPIRED *Giving*

WINTER SUPPORT

Every year, harsh winter conditions leave a devastating impact on vulnerable populations, as escalating energy and food prices push them further into poverty.

In response, Islamic Relief’s winter campaigns provide the world’s most needy families with essential winter supplies, including warm clothing, blankets, food and fuel, ensuring their safety and survival during the cold months.



In 2023, we reached 7,000 people across 9 countries:

- 📍 Syrian Refugees
- 📍 Türkiye
- 📍 Palestine [Gaza]
- 📍 Bangladesh [including Rohingya Refugees]
- 📍 Afghanistan
- 📍 Lebanon
- 📍 Nepal
- 📍 Yemen



Source: IR Digital, Winterisation, Syria

Source: IR Digital, Ramadan Distribution, Afghanistan



RAMADAN & QURBAN

Each year, the Islamic Relief Australia joins forces with the wider IR family to deliver vital food support to vulnerable people around the world during Ramadan and Dhul Hijjah.

Wherever possible, our food projects are integrated with our other development programs, enabling us to reach even more people in need, including orphans and their families. We also strive to empower local communities, sourcing products from local suppliers, and engaging with local communities to ensure fair and unbiased distribution practices.

Your impact 2024



36,915 people supported during Ramadan



120,775 people supported during Eid Adha

Source: IR Digital, Orphan Sponsorship, Syria



SUPPORTING ORPHANS & THEIR FAMILIES

Islamic Relief Australia’s Orphan Sponsorship Program [Al Yateem] stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to vulnerable children around the world.

The program goes beyond meeting basic needs and providing financial aid. It delivers holistic support and aims to foster a nurturing environment where children can thrive, grow and strive for a brighter tomorrow.

In future, Islamic Relief aims to expand the Orphan Sponsorship Program, reaching even more children in need with this lifeline.



Source: IR Digital, Orphan Sponsorship, Gaza

In 2024, the program reached new milestones: 85,000 children supported in 27 countries, providing comprehensive support through...



Increased access to **Education**



Emotional and Social Support



Healthcare and Nutrition Support



Community Integration Programs



Source: IR Digital, Orphan Sponsorship, Syria

Iman's Story

Iman, 19 years old, and her mother and younger sister has been displaced 14 times since the escalation in Gaza. Iman had to quit university to find money where she could to support and protect her family.

Through Islamic Relief and the orphan sponsorship program, Iman and her family’s burdens are lessened, giving them hope to rebuild their lives. Iman hopes to one day make a difference to other orphans like her.

SUSTAINABLE Development

- 📍 **HIRA - Afghanistan**
- 📍 **UNICEF Partnerships**
- 📍 **Jordan**
- 📍 **Indonesia**
- 📍 **Lebanon**
- 📍 **Bangladesh**
- 📍 **Pakistan**
- 📍 **Syrian Refugees**
- 📍 **Nigeria**



16

sustainable
development projects
around the globe



251,193

people
empowered by
your compassion



Source: IR Digital,
Orphan Houses, Indonesia

📍 HIRA - AFGHANISTAN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Around 23.7 million people in Afghanistan, more than half of the population, require humanitarian assistance, as they struggle to access basic needs, including healthcare.

There is not enough healthcare or awareness for host communities, returnees, and internally displaced persons.

Health services are poor, and remote areas have no facilities. Nutrition is often ignored, and patients have to travel long distances for secondary care.

Islamic Relief is responding to the need by implementing a community-based healthcare program: HIRA Afghanistan.

Najiba's Story

"Yesterday I brought my child here because he was very sick. Thanks to the doctor for good treatment and giving good medicine. Today my child feels very well, we are very thankful to you. Thanks Islamic Relief and the doctors."

Source: IR Digital,
HIRA Project, Afghanistan

Project Overview

Islamic Relief Australia is supporting three permanent clinics in Kabul, Nangarhar, and Zabul, providing vital healthcare services to nine communities. The project focuses on assisting mothers and children, including displaced people and refugees, the project offers antenatal and postnatal care, nutrition support, and psychosocial counselling.

Islamic Relief Australia is a long-term supporter of the project, and are committed to providing solutions to one of Afghanistan's key challenges.

The Project aims to reach **21,630 people**. The projects impact so far...



9,150 mothers and children received primary healthcare services



3,180 under-five children screened for malnutrition



694 individuals have participated in Psycho-social counselling



836 mothers participated in nutrition camps



722 mothers received antenatal and postnatal care



1,340 children health and hygiene awareness session





“UNICEF Australia **shares our vision of children’s rights and welfare...** we share the same values and understanding in the development sector.”

Asif Sana, Director of Programs and Institutional Relations,
Islamic Relief Australia

UNICEF PARTNERSHIPS

Since 2020, UNICEF Australia and Islamic Relief Australia have combined our unique organisational strengths to support children and families who need it most.

As global development leaders with strong local presence in hard-to-reach areas, we are committed to combining our networks, resources, and expertise to deliver joint programs for children across the Asia Pacific, focusing on nutrition, healthcare, education, and WASH.



Source: UNICEF Australia,
Islamic Relief Australia Partnership

Maldives

We are assisting **4,202 people...** through our *Climate Guardians Program*.

The Maldives, averaging just 1.5 metres above sea level, is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts like flooding and sea level rise, which threaten vital services and infrastructure.

Our Climate Guardians program in the Maldives will promote the development and implementation of initiatives to improve the nation’s climate resilience. The program also aims to amplify youth voices through the establishment of Climate Guardians at the national level.



Source: UNICEF Australia,
Climate Action in Maldives

Papua New Guinea

We are assisting **88,997 people...** through our *Convergence Program*.

In Papua New Guinea, only 40% of people have access to safe drinking water. Women and school-age girls often bear the responsibility of collecting it. Furthermore, up to 80% of children experience physical or emotional violence and widespread neglect.

Our Convergence program in Papua New Guinea aims to improve quality and access to early childhood education, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools and health facilities, services for children experiencing violence, abuse and neglect, and health interventions.



Source: UNICEF Australia,
WASH Program, Papua New Guinea

Cambodia

We are assisting **82,663 people....** through our *Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD) program*.

Only around one-third of Cambodia’s nearly one million 3 to 5-year-olds are enrolled in early childhood education.

Our IECD program assists children under 5, and community members, including providers in health, nutrition and early childhood education. Our program focuses on capacity building, improving the quality of local services, and engaging communities to improve outcomes for children.

These integrated initiatives prevent food insecurity, malnutrition, and stunted growth, while building resilience, support networks, and livelihood opportunities for mothers and children.



Source: UNICEF Australia,
Early Childhood Development, Cambodia

📍 PRIMARY HEALTHCARE IN JORDAN

The healthcare sector in Jordan faces growing pressure as the number of refugees and vulnerable Jordanians in the country continues to increase.

Project Overview

Since 2011, Jordan has taken in more than 1.36 million Syrians, mostly in Amman and Al Mafraq. Around 51% of Syrians in Jordan are not able to access health services, and 45% of the households have at least one family member with a chronic illness.

To address this need, Islamic Relief is working with the Jordanian Ministry of Health, UNHCR and local-community based organisations to provide primary health care services for refugees and host communities in Al-Mafraq, where 168,950 Syrians

[26% of the total number of registered refugees in Jordan] live. We are building the project annually, to reach a target of assisting 5000 per year.

Staffed by two doctors (one male and one female) and a pharmacist, the clinic provides services including health assessments, referrals to specialists, and maintains a patient database following standard medical practices.

Islamic Relief has taken full responsibility for building, staffing, and supplying the clinic, and remains committed to its long-term support.



Source: IR Digital,
Primary Health Care Centre, Jordan

📍 INDONESIA

Poor communities in Indonesia face challenges in accessing clean water, sanitation, and adequate housing for needy families.

The issues are not only related to infrastructure, but also to individual hygiene practices, widespread open defecation, and pollution.

Vulnerable groups need support interventions that are holistic in nature allowing for long-term, sustainable impact.



Source: IR Digital,
Orphan Houses, Indonesia

Source: IR Digital,
Orphan Houses, Indonesia

Project Overview

• Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for All (SANDIWANA)

In Indonesia, 20 million people do not have access to safe water, and 30 million people do not have access to healthy sanitation, leaving vulnerable populations at risk of contracting waterborne diseases, such as diarrhoea.

Islamic Relief Australia is supporting a project in Pandeglang, one of the poorest districts in Banten Province. This project will reach 2,465 people with clean water and improved hygiene.

It involves building a 3.5 km gravity-fed water system with five reservoirs across five sub-villages, providing safe water to 468 families, including subsidised piping for 230 poor households.

Five water management committees will be established and trained to maintain the system and manage cost recovery.

To address sanitation, 100 households are trained on how to build their own toilets.

The project also runs hygiene campaigns on handwashing and waste management and pilot a local initiative to produce and sell affordable toilets through a community enterprise.



• Indonesia Orphan Houses

Climate change has made Indonesia prone to natural disasters. This has left 4.5 million orphaned families — mostly in poverty—vulnerable to disasters. Without resilient housing, they risk facing poor health, low school performance, social exclusion, and physical danger.

Islamic Relief is supporting Islamic Relief Indonesia to provide 1,000 houses to orphan households and other families in need in West Java, West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), Central Sulawesi and Banten Province.

With Phase 1 complete and Phase 2 underway, 187 houses have been built.

The project trains local labourers, collaborates with authorities and donors, and prioritises the most vulnerable families.



Eda's Story

"My old house had only one room and the bathroom was outside. My new house can protect me and my child from the harsh weather. I'm very grateful and thankful."



LEBANON

Lebanon faces an ongoing and debilitating socio-economic crisis that has left more than 80% of the entire population living under the poverty line.

The constantly evolving multi-layered crisis is reversing development and exposing long-term structural vulnerabilities in Lebanon. It is leading to acute and increasingly visible humanitarian needs among the most vulnerable populations, especially in the North.

Project Overview

• Education - School Support

North Lebanon, including Deir Ammar and Tripoli, are considered the most vulnerable areas lacking access to basic facilities and infrastructure.

With this project, Islamic Relief Australia is supporting 1,000 students with educational kits and stationery to enhance learning.

It also improves two schools through minor repairs, including upgrades to playgrounds and sanitation facilities, creating safer, more inclusive environments. Ten teachers receive training in inclusive education and psychosocial care. Additionally, lunchboxes are provided to students facing nutritional challenges.

• School Support - endorsing hope for a better tomorrow

In Lebanon, many students lack safe, functional learning environments.

This project, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, supported Al-Dhaibi Public School for Boys in Deir Al Ammar by adding functional space, improving aesthetics, and upgrading facilities.

It also included teacher training, classroom equipment for a secondary school Rawdat Deir Ammar School, and distribution of stationery and school bags.

In addition, it provided a rehabilitation of the playground, and roof construction using sandwich panels.



Source: IR Digital,
Education Project, Lebanon



Source: IR Digital,
Education Project, Lebanon

• Thaki collaboration

Islamic Relief Australia is partnering with the NGO Thaki to provide marginalised children in Lebanon with digital learning tools.

As part of the project, Thaki's educational platform has been introduced to schools and learning centers, positively impacting 3,328 people.

The initiative also includes training for teachers, ongoing support, and monitoring and evaluation to ensure impact.

"At the beginning, they would give us paper to work on and we would get bored. But when we started on the computer and the Thaki app, the studies became better and we didn't get bored. - Ahmad, 9



Source: Nafda Lebanon,
Thaki Partnership Project

BANGLADESH WATER WELLS

Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in South Asia, and access to clean drinking water remains a major challenge for the majority of the population.

Project Overview

Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities are critical in maintaining health and even survival. Islamic Relief is reaching 2,631 people, providing vulnerable communities access to sustainable sources of clean water, both during emergency and in the long-term.

In 2023, Islamic Relief Australia partnered with the Islamic Relief Bangladesh team to install wells in Kendua, Jamalpur Sadar in the Jamalpur district and Jagdal, Derai in the Sunamganj district

Our projects also include training caretakers for the ongoing repair and maintenance of the wells. We also facilitated hygiene promotion sessions for clean water sanitation vulnerable families. Overall, the projects ensured safe drinking water for all and promoted improved health, nutrition and hygiene practices, thereby reducing morbidity and mortality rates.



Source: IR Digital,
Wells for Safe Drinking Water, Bangladesh

Momota's Story

Momota Bewa, a 50-year-old widow from Jamalpur lived in an old home without clean water or proper sanitation.

Islamic Relief installed a new tube well and hygiene training improved health in the community. "I am happy that Islamic Relief has changed my life," Momota shared.

PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities in schools continue to expose children to waterborne diseases and negatively impact learning and attendance.

Project Overview

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) up to 20% of schools do not have latrines and 33% of schools do not have clean drinking water facilities. The situation worsens in remote areas, particularly affecting Afghan refugee children who have lived there for decades.

Islamic Relief addressed these gaps through a comprehensive school WASH program in KP that reached 500 people.

This initiative included the rehabilitation and construction of gender-sensitive toilets, handwashing stations, and drinking water points, while also promoting hygiene education.

By improving infrastructure and raising awareness, the program aimed to reduce disease, enhance attendance, and create a safe, inclusive learning environment.



Source: IR Digital, Water for Life, Pakistan

HEALTH PROJECTS FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Since 2011, war and prolonged crisis has displaced more than 14 million Syrians, leaving over 7.4 million internally displaced and over 6 million as refugees.

A majority of Syrian refugees are scattered across Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, with most living below the poverty line and struggling to access basic needs, including affordable health care.

Project Overview

Islamic Relief is dedicated to providing ongoing lifesaving aid for Syrian refugees, including vital healthcare support. Islamic Relief Australia is an essential part of that journey, as 2024 marks 4 years of our commitment to supporting primary healthcare facilities for displaced Syrians.

We support the provision of a Primary Health Care Centre. As frontline care providers, these Centres provide free diagnostic services, supply required medication, and provide stipends for doctors and specialists where

necessary. Our response aims to reduce the impact of chronic, childhood and seasonal diseases and improve reproductive health.

This project aims to support...



11 Health Care centres

The project improves the health situation of 27,000 individuals by supporting 11 health care centres with stipends and essential drugs and disposables.

Out of these health facilities 2 will receive full support under this project whilst the remaining will receive medicine and disposables.

Source: IR Digital, Primary Healthcare, Syrian Refugees



NIGERIA - PROVIDING CORE RELIEF ITEMS AND LIVELIHOODS FOR IDPS

Over 10.6 million people in Nigeria's northeast urgently require humanitarian assistance as they continue to grapple with extreme poverty, hunger and displacement.

In Nigeria's poorest region, over half suffer from malnutrition. Activities of non-state armed groups (NSAG) have also worsened the situation in the northeast, disrupting economic growth and social development and forcibly displacing thousands of families.

Project Overview

Islamic Relief Australia, in partnership with Australia for UNHCR has continued its support for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states.

In 2024, the project provided targeted assistance to 360 displaced households, approximately 1,800 individuals, by increasing access to sustainable livelihoods and self-employment. This included training, start-up kits and capital for agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

Beneficiaries also received business training and were linked to local markets to ensure their ventures could thrive. As in past efforts, micro business support was extended to individuals in tailoring, carpentry, groundnut oil extraction and other small-scale trades.

The project placed a strong focus on supporting at-risk women and female youth, who made up around 70% of participants, contributing to increased gender empowerment in affected communities. In conflict-affected areas, building skills, promoting self-reliance, and encouraging entrepreneurship remain key to restoring dignity and economic independence for internally displaced persons.



Source: IR Digital, Nigeria Livelihoods IDP



LOCAL Programs

Help at Home

Community Partnerships

Project Partnerships

Mandatory Student Tour

Unity Starts with U N I



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, Healing Syria & Gaza, Sydney



Source: National Zakat Foundation Australia, Hearts for Palestine, Sydney



Source: UNICEF Australia, Interfaith Iftar 2025, Sydney



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, UN Refugee Agency Australia for UNHCR

HELP AT Home

At Islamic Relief Australia we focus on supporting the sections of our society that are most vulnerable. While we recognise that there is greater need around the world, we are also acutely aware that segments of our society such as refugees and asylum seekers, the youth and the elderly are especially vulnerable. The vulnerable are especially impacted by the rising cost of living. While many of us have coping mechanisms, not everyone is as fortunate. For some these increases have had a devastating impact, bringing food insecurity, homelessness, and health challenges. Young people are especially prone to experiencing social isolation or social media addictions, leading to mental health challenges, loneliness, delinquent behaviour and poor school results. Our community is blessed to have community leaders and skilled experts who work to support the poor and build resilience among our youth, to bring about meaningful change.

At Islamic Relief Australia, we are proud to work alongside a diverse range of partners, and deeply value their trust, expertise, and dedication. Our partnerships extend beyond

financial support – they are built on trust, mutual respect, shared expertise and common goals. Through these collaborative efforts, we enhance the effectiveness and reach of our programs, while promoting knowledge sharing, capacity building and mutual learning. There is a powerful synergy between our work in Australia and internationally, for example we partner with UNICEF and UNHCR on a local level in Australia and internationally.

In Australia we have built important relationships with communities, community-based organisations, implementing partners and government. Our work with these local organisations involves assisting these organisations to grow through raising funds, promoting their efforts, building their capacity and expanding their reach. We are inspired by the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and volunteers of the organisations we work with; Australia is blessed with strong traditions of volunteerism and altruism.

Our team working in Victoria, New South Wales and Victoria were able to reach an incredible 11,060 people in 2024.

COMMUNITY *Partnerships*

We continue to grow our local partnerships, strengthening our reach and supporting community organisations to build their community development initiatives. These initiatives include joint planning, joint projects and assistance in fundraising through applying for local grants.

Long term community partnerships that Islamic Relief Australia is cultivating include Al Irsyad Sydney, Ararat Islamic Welfare Association, Centre for Cultural Relations, Gold Coast Community Centre, Madania Foundation, Masjid Al Falaah, Melton Hub, Toowoomba, Tasmania Northwest Islamic Association [TNWIA], The House of Guidance, Werribee Islamic Centre, Al Firdaus College, Salsabeel, Southport Masjid. We focus on assisting our community partners to build their capacity to deliver community development projects with youth, recent arrivals and women's groups. These organisations also support marginalised groups such as the homeless with food and essentials.

In addition, we undertook and supported community events, including the Mohamad Faris Tour, educational classes with The Arabic Institute of Excellence, ran an Activate Youth Event, Women's lunch's and events, Heart for Palestine events, ran a course on Faith

Through Adversity, and the screening of Where Olive Trees Weep. Br Dean Mousad has been a resolute and committed supporter of Islamic Relief Australia through his work with Invictus Solutions and Brothers in Need.

We implemented local Qurban distribution with a local butchery (Apni Dukaan Online), supported Iftar events, and partnered with Asylum Seekers Centre to support families in Western Sydney with access to food and essentials.

We have entered into a multi-year partnership with Al Firdaus College. The College provides a holistic approach to youth development, understanding that personal growth does not end when students leave the classroom. The college has developed an annual calendar of youth engagement activities, including camps that boost self-confidence, support emotional growth & wellbeing, instilling positive values & behaviour, and leading to healthy and positive relationships. The students have supported and funded two of our school upgrade projects in Lebanon. We cherish our partnership with Al Firdaus College, a mutual relationship that places the youth at the centre of our work.



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, PANZMA Partnership MOU Signing, Canberra



Source: Islamic Relief Australia, Gold Coast Community Centre [Arundel] Visit

PROJECT *Partnerships*

A number of our partners are youth centred. Our focus on the youth is not accidental, Islamic Relief Australia believes that developing and exposing our youth to opportunities to grow will see long term benefits for our community. Young people are learning valuable lessons in resilience, personal growth and learning about charity and giving.

Islamic Relief Australia has a commitment to support the holistic development and integration of refugee and underprivileged children in Australian society. By providing access to organised sports for social support, organising summer boot camps, offering mentorship programs, supporting extracurricular studies and facilitating various cultural activities, our aim is to build resilience, positive habits, and instil in them a sense of belonging. The youth expand their friendship circle and feel less isolated.

Logan Roos Football Club Youth Project

We are working with the Logan Roos Football Club and Youth Connect Queensland in Brisbane in facilitating a love of sport for refugee and asylum seeker youngsters, and witnessing how it cultivates social integration, self-confidence and self-discipline.

At a formal level the Club offers soccer as an organised and competitive sport, it is however the culture of the club and the additional activities that help the youngsters to really learn and grow. The focus is on creating a safe space that promotes their physical, emotional and academic development. There are also unintended benefits that flow from the activities, for example parents attend the training sessions and matches, and meet other parents and expand their social network.

The founder of the club, Br Abdul Samim Khan, was recognised by the City of Logan as Citizen of the Year for 2024. He started the club in 2016 to support refugees and migrants as they transition to a new life. The team is currently top of the log. The club continues to grow, it currently fields 10 teams and has 150 players.





Source: Invictus Solutions,
Mendatory Student Tour 2024



MENDATORY *Student Tour*

In 2024 we partnered with 5 Before 5 to design an international immersive experience for a group of Australian young men. The program included visits to Islamic Relief offices in Indonesia and Bosnia. The visits exposed the young men to the development challenges in these countries; they engaged with those experiencing poverty and food insecurity in Indonesia and met with young people in Bosnia to understand the challenges that young people in Bosnia face. Growing up in Australia, a relatively prosperous country, they had not been exposed to the challenges and difficulties that many people around the world experience.

The program was led by Brother Yousef Alkarnaz, who worked with Brother Dean Mousad and Islamic Relief in the planning of the trip and Brother Yousef travelled with the young men. In Bosnia they met with the Islamic Relief Bosnia team and visited Srebrenica and the memorial site of the genocide in Srebrenica-Potocari, where at least 8,372 victims were murdered in July 1995. They came face-to-face with the horrors of the genocide and were able to engage with a survivor of the war. This experience brought home the devastation of war. They

also visited sites that celebrate the history of Islam in the Balkans, including the Emperor's Mosque, the first Mosque in Sarajevo. The group engaged with young people in Bosnia to get an understanding of the challenges they face and gained insight into the struggles they face.

Some 9.57% of the Indonesian population live in poverty, the equivalent of 26.36 million people. This means that they do not have sufficient resources to ensure that they have access to adequate shelter or food. Our group met with the Islamic Relief Indonesia team and participated in project activities including assisting with painting houses being constructed for orphan families, in preparing and distributing food packs, and distributing school supplies to orphans.

Islamic Relief offices all over the world run similar programs to broaden the experiences of young people, to strengthen their faith, to learn that helping others is rewarding, and to witness that millions of people are vulnerable, in need of clean water, safe housing, access to health care and education.

GIVING BACK TO VOLUNTEERS: *Unity* STARTS WITH *UnI*

At Islamic Relief Australia we are blessed with a dedicated corps of 150 volunteers. They are always willing to help whatever the task, always bringing cheerful enthusiasm. The majority are young and while they may not have money to donate, they fulfill their need to give charity by being volunteers, it is their Sadaqah. We also recognise that we need to give something back to recognise their efforts.

We have a program, "Unity starts with U n I", where we invite a well-known expert in a field to give a presentation on a topic that is of interest to our volunteers and the general public. The presentations take place once a month, and the attendees are given an opportunity to discuss any queries they may have. Our experts give their time without compensation. Our volunteers and the Unity starts with U n I Program are testament to the generosity and kindness in our community.

Our program has included presentations by:



Br Gihad Chami -
Understanding the housing market, to rent or to buy?



Sheikh Wesam Charkawi - Get ready for Ramadan



Dr Rawaa El Ayoubi - How to create change



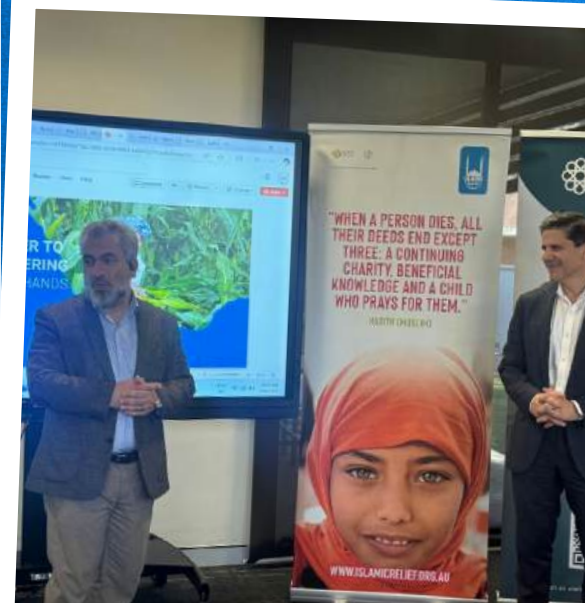
MCCA Islamic Finance - Understanding finance



Dr Yaser Mohammad - Working on mental health and learning to manage pressure



Br Dean Mousad [Invictus Solutions] - Leadership styles



Source: Islamic Relief Australia,
UNITY Workshops 2024-2025

OUR Partnerships

At Islamic Relief Australia, our partners are integral to our journey and our success. Together, we are united in our mission to empower vulnerable communities and continue to make a significant humanitarian impact, overseas and in Australia.

We are proud to work alongside a diverse range of partners, and deeply value their trust, expertise, and dedication. Our partnerships extend beyond financial support – they are built on trust, mutual respect, shared expertise and common goals. Through these collaborative efforts, we enhance the effectiveness and reach of our programs, while promoting knowledge sharing, capacity building and mutual learning.

In Australia we have built important relationships with communities, community-based organisations, implementing partners and government. Over the last two years, these partnerships have grown, offering great opportunities to engage with a wide range of people, within and beyond the local community.

Our work with these local organisations involves assisting these organisations to grow through raising funds, promoting their efforts, building their capacity and expanding their reach. In 2024, we supported various groundbreaking development initiatives through joint planning, projects and assistance.

As a part of Islamic Relief Worldwide, the leading Islamic charity globally, our combined reputation and credibility means that we can, and do, choose to work with influential bodies and institutions. There is a powerful synergy between our work in Australia and internationally, such as in our partnerships with UNICEF Australia and UNHCR for Australia.

Our partnership with Islamic Relief has been vital in supporting Gaza arrivals in Australia, offering urgent relief and a pathway to dignity and stability. Together, we've helped families begin to heal and rebuild. May our efforts continue to bring hope and strength to those seeking refuge.



Abu Muneer Ismail Davids
National Zakat Foundation
Australia, CEO

UNICEF Australia are proud of the long-standing partnership we have with Islamic Relief Australia. Together, through your generous support, we are able to positively impact children and their communities around the world.



Tony Stuart
UNICEF Australia, CEO

Testimonials

Teaming up with Islamic Relief Australia has been an incredible journey of compassion and service - supporting families, uplifting youth, and spreading hope. May Allah accept our efforts and guide us to even greater good, In Shaa Allah.



Abdul Shakoor
President - MGM

Our collaboration with Islamic Relief has strengthened PANZMA by helping us access more medical supplies, funding, and benefit from their humanitarian expertise—broadening our reach and impact.



Dr. Ala Mustafa
Palestinian Australian New Zealand
Medical Association (PANZMA), President

Australia for UNHCR is honoured to continue its partnership with Islamic Relief Australia, providing life-changing assistance to displaced people in Nigeria. With this ongoing support, vulnerable families are rebuilding their lives with dignity. I look forward to continuing this partnership and, together with IRAUS, empowering refugees to create brighter futures



Trudi Mitchell
UNHCR Australia, CEO

Working with Islamic Relief has been a powerful reminder of the impact we can have when compassion meets action. Our partnership has supported meaningful education and uplifted communities through knowledge and connection. I pray our collaboration continues to grow and serve as a beacon of mercy and guidance.



Dr. Zohair Abdul-Rahman
Yaqeen Institute, Senior
Researcher

Partnerships



Brothers in Need



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency
Australia for UNHCR



National Zakat
Foundation™

Community Partnerships



OUR EXECUTIVE Board & Staff

Our Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees is the compass guiding our mission, providing valuable insight, leadership, and direction. Their unwavering commitment to our values, their deep understanding of the challenges we face, and their steadfast belief in our purpose form the pillars of Islamic Relief, steering us as we navigate the complex landscapes of humanitarian work.



Dr Faiza El-Higzi

Chair of the Board of Trustees

- Order of Australia, awarded 2020
- Research fellow and Deputy Chair of the Cultural Inclusion Council at the University of Queensland
- Social change advocate with extensive governance experience, working across the public, private, not-for-profit and academia.
- Multicultural Council (2020-2025)
- Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council (2016-2026)
- Metro South Health Consumers Council
- Executive director with several not-for-profit organisations
- Chair of Welcoming Cities
- Active member of National Ethnic and Media and Broadcasting Council
- Chairs of Ethnic Broadcasting Association of Queensland
- Board Member of Queensland Council of Social Services
- Qualifications in architecture, international business and education
- Doctorate in political science
- Work in refugee advocacy and cultural diversity was recognised by a Human Rights Award from the Australian Institute for International Affairs (2013)
- Received Outstanding Individual Award from the Queensland Government in 2018
- Experienced team leader,



Mahmoud Nahya

Secretary, Board of Trustees

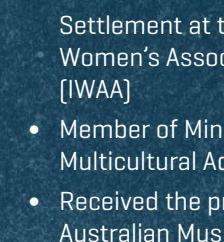
- delivering results and prioritizing people, combining business acumen and expertise across various industries.
- Excels in Program and Project Management, Organisational Change Management and Management Consulting
- Over 20 years of business transformation experience
- Been involved in charity work from a young age, collecting donations from mosques and managing charity projects
- Actively engaged in community organisations, serving as board members for some.
- Holds a Master of Sciences in Industrial Engineering



Dr Nora Amath

Director, Board of Trustees

- Adjunct Research Fellow at Griffith University
- Research focus on multiculturalism, social inclusion, diversity, leadership, and community development
- Author of "The Phenomenology of Community Activism"
- National Manager of Refugee



Samir Bennegadi

Director, Board of Trustees

- Settlement at the Islamic Women's Association of Australia (IWAA)
- Member of Minister's Queensland Multicultural Advisory Council
- Received the prestigious award of Australian Muslim Woman of the Year in 2006
- Expertise in strategic planning, business development, and public relations
- Held senior positions in well-respected international corporations
- Worked closely with the Australian Muslim community for 25 years
- Involved in multiple faith-based initiatives, welfare, and charitable projects
- Serves on various boards for renowned charitable organisations locally and internationally



Dr Ihab Saad

Director, Board of Trustees

- Professor of Civil Engineering and Construction Management

- Graduated in 1984 with a degree in Civil Engineering from Cairo University
- Attained Master's and PhD from the University of Kentucky
- Taught and consulted in multiple countries for over 30 years
- Published work in engineering and construction management journals



Ibrahim El Zayat

Director, Board of Trustees

- Academic from the German universities of Darmstadt, Marburg, and Cologne
- Holds a Master of Economics
- Work focused on the study of Law and Islamic Economics with emphasis on the economic



Ahmed Hegazi

Director, Board of Trustees

Finance and Economics

- challenges of developing countries
- Holds various positions in several of Europe's Muslim organisations
- Regularly hosts lectures on integration, Muslim identity in European countries, and Islamic
- Management and Communications academic at Australian Catholic University (ACU), University of Sydney (USyd) and University of New South Wales (UNSW).
- Fellow of Higher Education Academy-UK and received the 2021 Innovation Excellence Award

- Active in strategy, governance, development economics, intercultural communication, and conflict resolution
- Former board member of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Postgraduate Council at UNSW.
- Hold a Bachelor of Human Resources Management (ACU), Master of Communications Management in Public Relations (UTS)
- Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management-UNSW with an exchange at Yale School of Management.
- Committed to fostering collaboration and harmony and maximising common good and prosperity in the future

Our Team

Our dedicated team is the heartbeat of Islamic Relief Australia. With passion and a deep commitment to our values, they work every day to serve humanity and bring lasting

change to the lives of the most vulnerable. We're truly grateful for their unwavering devotion.



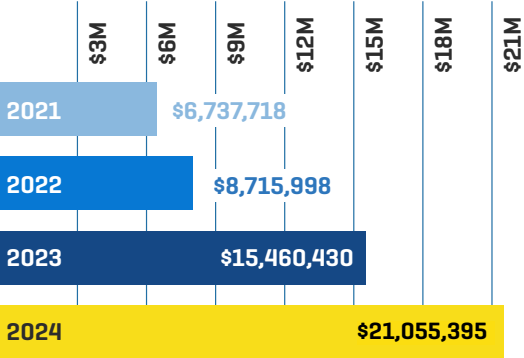
FINANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Income in 2024

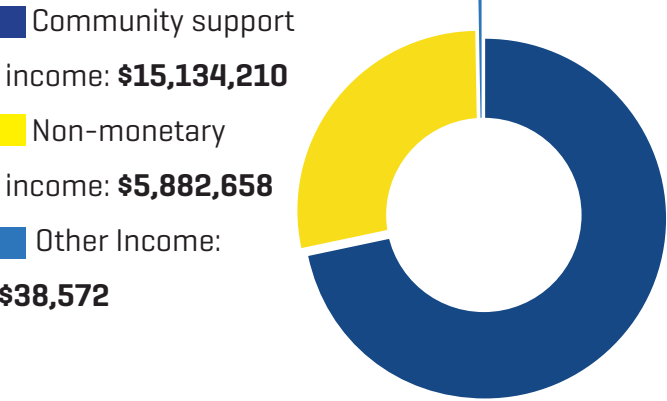
In 2024, Islamic Relief Australia’s income increased to \$21.06 million from \$15.46 million in 2023, reflecting a 36% year-on-year growth.

This continued upward trajectory highlights the enduring generosity of our supporters and the growing confidence in our mission to alleviate poverty and empower communities worldwide. Our primary source of income in 2024 remains community support, which rose to **\$15.13 million** from **\$12.92 million in 2023**, reaffirming the strength and solidarity of our donor base. In-kind donations also grew significantly, increasing to **\$5.88 million** from **\$2.54 million**, as we continued to expand partnerships and diversify resource streams.

INCOME OVER THE YEARS



Where the money comes from



Expenditure in 2024

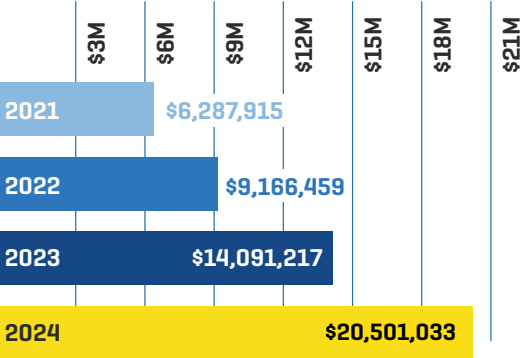
As a result of the growth in income, our expenditure also increased significantly to \$20.50 million in 2024 from \$14.09 million in the previous year, reflecting a 46% increase.

The substantial increase in expenditure can be primarily attributed to the expansion of our international program implementation efforts. The total value of projects implemented on the ground rose to **\$17.78 million in 2024** from **\$12.15 million in 2023**, reflecting our unwavering commitment to fulfilling our mission, delivering donors’ contributions effectively, and serving the communities we are dedicated to supporting.

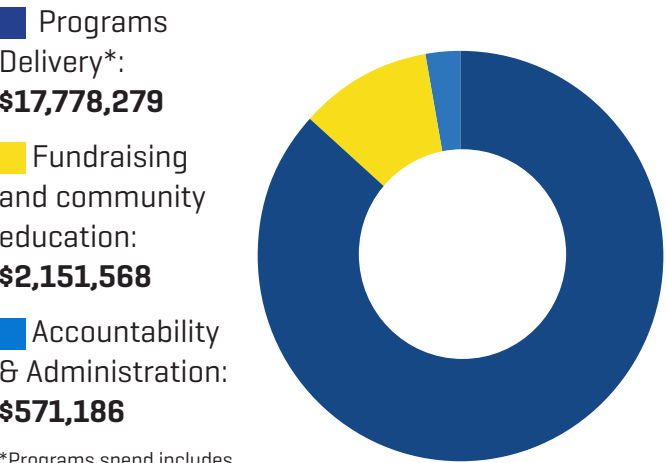
In 2024, **fundraising and community education expenditure** amounted to **\$2.15 million**, a **46% increase** from **\$1.47 million** in 2023. This strategic investment has played a vital role in sustaining our growth trajectory and expanding our fundraising capacity. These efforts are key to deepening community engagement and ensuring the long-term viability of our mission-driven work.

Meanwhile, our **accountability and administration costs** remained tightly controlled, increasing modestly from **\$0.46 million** in 2023 to **\$0.57 million** in 2024. This slight rise reflects necessary operational reinforcements, while still showcasing our enduring focus on efficiency, transparency, and the responsible use of resources.

EXPIDENDURE OVER THE YEARS



Where the money goes



*Programs spend includes international, local and program implementation cost.

Looking at this differently

Of every \$1 we spend:

- **87c** towards Islamic Relief Australia programs.
- **10c** on investing in raising more funds.
- **3c** on administering the funds and making sure we are accountable.



This all ensures we can continue the lifesaving work we do and reach even more people in need, sustainably and with quality care.

The information in the tables and charts has been sourced from our financial statements.

“Program expenditure” refers to our (Monetary and Non-monetary) spending on development initiatives encompassing international and local programs, with a small portion allocated to cover program support costs. Development initiatives include faith inspired programs, welfare programs, emergency responses and long-term development.

“Public Fundraising Costs” refers to the costs associated with activities aimed at attracting additional support through donations and sponsorships. This category includes expenses related to advertising, mail-outs, operating a toll-free phone line, and processing donations.

“Accountability and Administration ” encompasses the administrative and various other expenses

Statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts		
Monetary	15,134,210	12,916,750
Non-Monetary	5,882,658	2,543,680
Grants		
Other Australian	-	-
Other Income	38,527	-
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
Total Revenue	21,055,395	15,460,430
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to International Programs	9,543,922	6,943,373
International Program support costs	385,146	364,382
Fundraising costs		
Public	2,151,568	1,450,556
Accountability and Administration	571,186	462,353
Non-Monetary Expenditure	5,882,658	2,543,680
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	18,534,480	11,764,344
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion	-	-
Domestic Program Expenditure	1,929,229	2,273,614
Domestic Program support costs	37,319	53,258
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,501,033	14,091,216
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	554,364	1,369,214
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	554,362	1,369,214

Statement of Financial Postion

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,539,601	4,646,531
Trade and other receivables	176,113	139,077
Financial Assets	1,012,324	-
Other assets	69,386	50,686
Total Current Assets	5,797,424	4,836,294
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	166,771	69,016
Right-of-use assets	262,985	233,691
Intangibles	10,187	150
Other assets	34,360	34,360
Total Non-Current Assets	474,303	337,217
TOTAL ASSETS	6,271,727	5,173,511
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,282,234	1,828,221
Lease liabilities	132,433	166,585
Employee benefits	139,937	92,809
Total Current Liabilities	2,554,604	2,087,615
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	171,597	111,488
Employee benefits	34,816	18,060
Total Current Liabilities	206,413	129,548
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,761,017	2,217,163
NET ASSETS	3,510,710	2,956,348
EQUITY		
Reserves	1,592,653	1,093,847
Retained surpluses	1,918,057	1,862,501
TOTAL EQUITY	3,510,710	2,956,348

The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (“ACFID”) Code of Conduct and should be read in conjunction with the Islamic Relief Australia Limited’s financial statements and accompanying notes.

For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

The summary financial statements are an extract

from the Islamic Relief Australia Limited’s full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the summary financial statements have been derived from the full financial report. The summary financial statements do not and cannot be expected to provide a full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flow activities of Islamic Relief Australia Limited as the full financial report.

A full description of the accounting policies adopted by Islamic Relief Australia Limited may

be found in the full financial report. The summary financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

The full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024 is available upon request to the organisation by emailing info@islamicrelief.org.au

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Specific Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2023	899,197	687,937	1,587,134
Surplus for the year	-	1,369,214	1,369,213
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,369,214	1,369,214
Transfer (from)/to reserves	194,650	[194,650]	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,093,847	1,862,501	2,956,348

	Specific Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,093,847	1,862,501	2,956,348
Surplus for the year	-	554,362	554,362
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	554,362	554,362
Transfer (from)/to reserves	498,806	[498,806]	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	1,592,652	1,918,058	3,510,710

Directors’ Declaration

Islamic Relief Australia Limited
Directors’ declaration
For the year ended 31 December 2024

In the directors’ opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) Simplified Disclosure and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company’s financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the ACFID Code of Conduct for non-governmental development organisations;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- the Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the company with respect to fundraising appeal activities for the year ended 31 December 2024;
- the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeal activities as at 31 December 2024;
- the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and Regulations and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with for the year ended 31 December 2024; and
- the internal controls exercised by the company and appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied from any fundraising appeals.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

On behalf of the directors


Faiza El-Higzi

30 April, 2025



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Independent Auditor’s Report on the Summary Financial Statements to the Members of Islamic Relief Australia Limited

Opinion
The summary financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Islamic Relief Australia Limited for the year ended 31 December 2024.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 30 April 2025.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report, in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

Summary Financial Statements
The summary financial statements does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and auditor’s report thereon.

Directors’ Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements
The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.



Nexia Sydney Audit Pty Ltd



Vishal Modi
Director
ASIC Registered Company Auditor no.: 486119

Dated at Sydney, this 30th day of April 2025

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OUR Compliance

Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC)

Islamic Relief Australia is registered with the ACNC and complies with the ACNC Act 2012. We keep financial records that correctly record and explain our transactions, financial position and performance. They are true and fair financial statements that can be prepared and audited, if required.

We submit an annual information statement and a financial report to ACNC every year. We comply with the ACNC's governance standards, which set out a minimum standard of governance, to help promote public trust and confidence in charities.

Fundraising Licenses

Islamic Relief Australia holds all required fundraising licenses in the states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory.

Islamic Relief Australia complies with the requirement associated with these licenses and provides all extra reporting materials required.

Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

Islamic Relief Australia is a current holder of the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the ATO. It is also granted exemptions from Income Tax and provided fringe benefit and GST concessions.

We report to the ATO our annual Fringe Benefit Tax returns, quarterly Business Activity Statements and monthly Pay-as-you-go (PAYG) submissions.

Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

Islamic Relief Australia is a member of ACFID and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the peak body for aid and international development NGOs and its code of conduct upholds the highest standards of ethics, transparency, effectiveness and accountability.

Our voluntary adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability. For more information on the ACFID Code of Conduct please visit (www.acfid.asn.au).

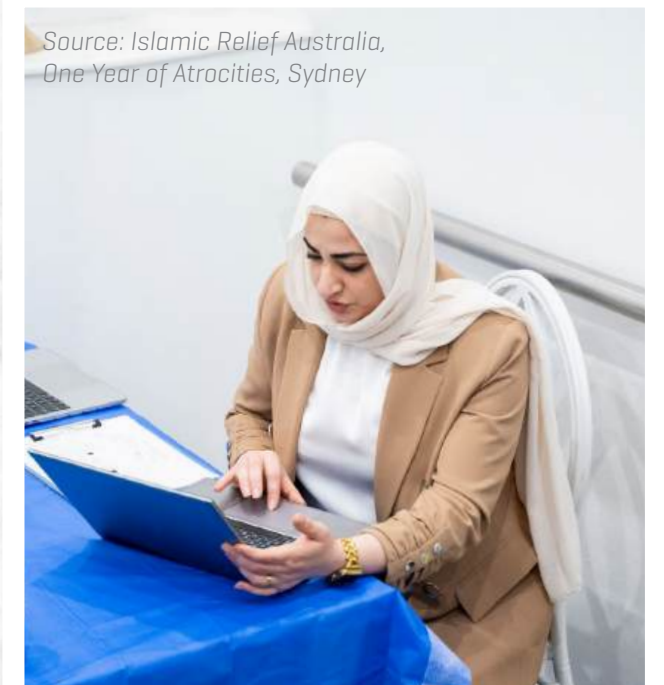
Our summary financial reports have been audited and comply with the standards set out by the ACFID Code of Conduct, which can be referred to on its website (www.acfid.asn.au).

Any Complaints related to a member's compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct, and any possible breach can be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee at (code@acfid.asn.au). Information about how to make a complaint can be found at (www.acfid.asn.au)



Source: Islamic Relief Australia,
Annual Meeting 2024

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One Year of Atrocities, Sydney



Complaints Mechanism

Islamic Relief Australia recognises the importance and value of listening and responding to concerns and complaints. We are committed to achieving the highest standard we can in every area of our work and to a process of continuous improvement. This applies especially to our aid and development activities, seeking donations and accountability to stakeholders generally.

We are committed to working according to or above the standard required by the Code of Conduct of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Receiving concerns and complaints is one of the most important ways of learning what we need to do to improve our work.

You can contact us through the following channels:

Web: islahmicrelief.org.au/contact-us/

Email: info@islahmicrelief.org.au

Telephone: 1300 308 554

Mail: Shop 2, 6-14 Park Rd, Auburn NSW 2144, Australia

To find out more and read our complaints policy please visit: islahmicrelief.org.au/contact-us/complaints

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