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Annual Report 2025

Impacting Lives



Children in Pakistan wearing school bag Eid Gifts (Source: IR Digital)

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Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said:

*"Sadaqah extinguishes sin
as water extinguishes fire"*

Tirmidhi



2025 at a Glance

In 2025, our dedicated Islamic Relief Australia family continued to work tirelessly together towards creating a better world for vulnerable people, to deliver vital aid, fight poverty, and end injustice.

Together, we touched the lives of...

1,283,568

people around the globe!



801,773 people supported with **14 emergency relief**



373,791 people empowered with **15 Sustainable Development Projects**



82,647 people received **Qurban**



76,420 people reached in **Ramadan**



17,420 people supported by **23 Local Projects**



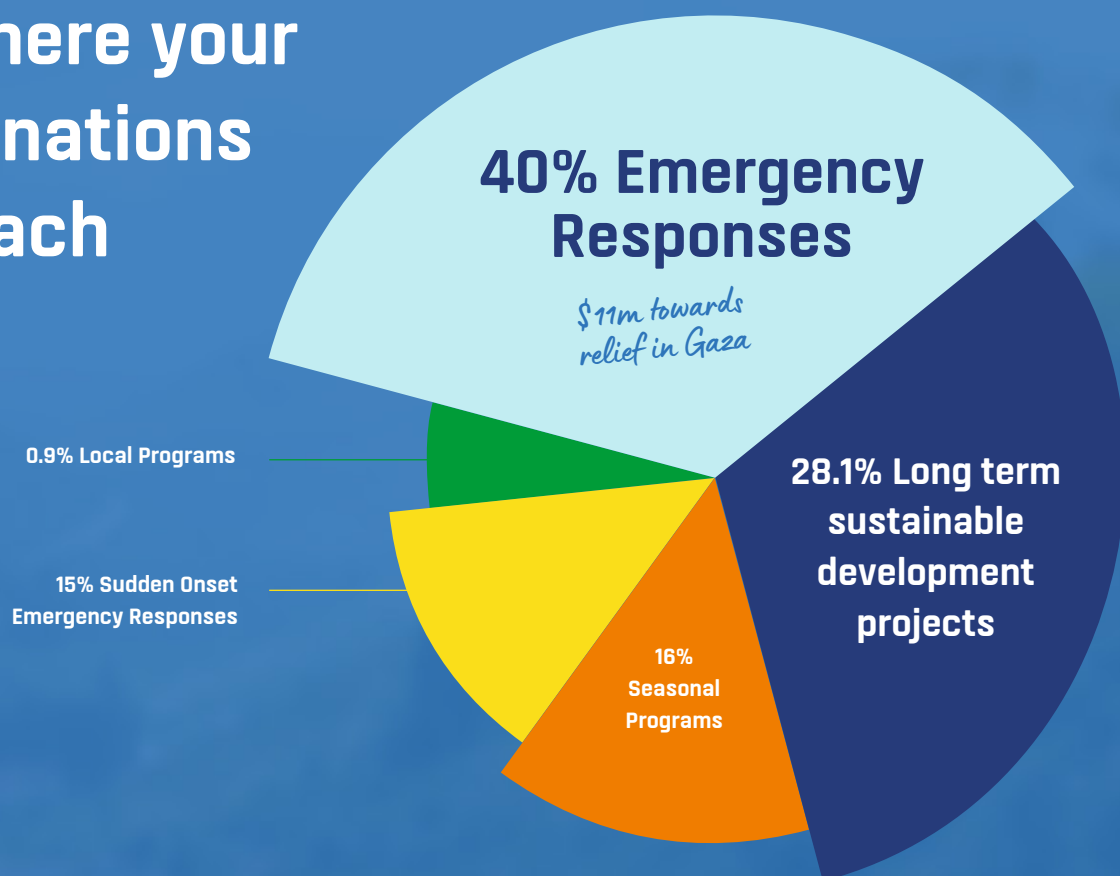
5,580 people assisted with **Winter Support**



2,752 children supported with **Orphan Sponsorship**



Where your donations reach



100 Offices in over 40 countries

Our Global Network

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

In Solidarity

A message from the Chairperson

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

I begin by acknowledging the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land, culture, and community.

The year 2025 was marked by profound and ongoing humanitarian crises around the world. From the relentless devastation in Gaza, to the conflict and famine in Sudan, and the suffering endured by vulnerable communities across Yemen, Lebanon, and beyond—millions continued to bear unimaginable hardship.

Yet even in the face of such adversity, we witnessed the قُوَّة (strength) and unity of the ummah.

While humanitarian impact remains at the heart of our work, the Board's responsibility is to ensure that every contribution entrusted to us is managed with integrity, accountability and transparency. Throughout the year, we continued to strengthen governance, financial stewardship, safeguarding and organisational resilience to ensure we remain responsive to growing humanitarian needs and evolving sector expectations.

The humanitarian environment is becoming increasingly complex. Protracted conflicts, climate-related disasters, economic uncertainty, cybersecurity threats and funding pressures present ongoing challenges across the sector.

In response, the Board remains focused on strengthening financial sustainability, enhancing risk management, deepening strategic partnerships and improving how we measure and communicate impact.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains unwavering: to alleviate suffering, uphold human dignity and support communities to build stronger, more resilient futures. We will continue to invest in the systems, partnerships and people that enable us to deliver meaningful and lasting change.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers, whose tireless efforts make this work possible. I also thank our generous donors and valued partners for their unwavering trust and support. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Peace be with you,



Dr Faiza El-Higzi OAM

Chair, on behalf of the Board of Trustees
Islamic Relief Australia

1,283,568

Rights Holders



56 Projects in 2025

Another Year of Generosity

A message from the CEO



Man making dua during Ramadan Food Distribution in Pakistan (Source: IR Digital)

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

I begin by acknowledging the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay my respects to their enduring connection to land, culture, and community.

As we look back on 2025, we see a year marked by relentless challenges. Across the globe, over 230 million people had their lives overturned by conflict, natural disasters, displacement, and deepening poverty. For Gaza in particular, the people faced their second year of struggle, with blockades and ceasefire violations worsening an already dire humanitarian crisis. Beyond Gaza, the needs of our Ummah in Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, and many other devastated regions remained overwhelming.

But 2025 also marked another year of extraordinary solidarity, generosity, and action. With your support, Islamic Relief Australia, as part of the Islamic Relief Worldwide family, responded across multiple crises simultaneously, delivering 14 emergency relief projects and 15 sustainable development projects that reached communities when they needed it most.

Together, we reached more than 1.2 million people through emergency relief, sustainable development, Ramadan, Qurban, orphan sponsorship, winter support, and local projects, providing both lifesaving humanitarian assistance and long-term support that helps communities rebuild with dignity.

Our emergency responses this year spanned Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines, Gaza, Sudan, and Yemen, among many others. Beyond emergencies, our sustainable development work continued to strengthen communities through health and education projects, while our faith-inspired giving during Ramadan and Dhul Hijjah provided vital support to families around the world.

I am deeply grateful to our Islamic Relief Australia community for making all of this possible, and for 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

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.



Islamic Relief staff preparing for Ramadan Food Distribution in Pakistan (Source: IR Digital)

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.



Islamic Relief disaster response to flooding in Pakistan (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff assisting elderly lady in Indonesia during distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff giving boy Ramadan food pack in Pakistan (Source: IR Digital)

Social Justice



Adl

Fulfilling the rights of the poor and vulnerable.

Custodianship



Amanah

Upholding transparency in all aspects of our work.



Islamic Relief staff distributing food to girl and family in Albania (Source: IR Digital)

How We Work

Islamic Relief Australia works closely with supporters, partners, and communities to respond to the unique needs of vulnerable people around the world. Through our collaboration within the wider Islamic Relief family, we deliver humanitarian and development programs to the highest professional and ethical standards, while drawing on global expertise, partnerships, and operational capacity.

Our international network enables us to mobilise funds and resources rapidly and effectively, allowing us to respond to emergencies wherever they occur. Through our Emergency Fund and global response mechanisms, we provide crisis assistance to affected communities as quickly as possible. This rapid response capacity, combined with our extensive global reach, places us among the first organisations responding on the ground.

Crisis Onset

Initial Response

Rehabilitation Phase

Building Resilience & Sustainability

While rapid emergency response remains a core part of our work, our approach extends beyond immediate relief. We support communities through a continuum of assistance that begins with life-saving humanitarian response and progresses towards recovery, then building resilience through our sustainable development initiatives.



Elderly in Lebanon

As urgent needs are addressed, programs evolve to strengthen livelihoods, improve access to essential services, build local capacity, and reduce vulnerability to future shocks. This integrated approach helps communities recover from crises, adapt to changing circumstances, and pursue sustainable pathways out of poverty.

We provide assistance solely according to need, without discrimination of any kind based on faith, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, age, class, or political affiliation.

As part of the Islamic Relief family, we remain committed to contributing towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are a call to action that supports long-term, sustainable change for vulnerable communities.



School support for orphans in Albania

وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

"...and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity."

Surah Al-Ma'idah, Verse 32.



Islamic Relief staff provides children with psychosocial support amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza (Source: IR Digital)

Across all programs and interventions, we seek to promote environmental sustainability, social justice, dignity, and equitable access to essential needs, including food security, clean water, healthcare, education, and protection. Our approach recognises the interconnected impacts of poverty, displacement, inequality, and climate-related challenges. Through it, we aim to support communities with holistic and locally informed solutions. Our deep understanding of our Islamic values likewise enables us to access communities where culturally appropriate and faith-sensitive assistance is essential. We work closely alongside these communities, ensuring that their voices, priorities, and lived experiences inform the design, implementation, and evaluation of our programs and policies.



We are committed to embedding a strong safeguarding and protection culture across all areas of our work. Guided by a 'do no harm' approach, our staff, volunteers, and partners are required to uphold strict codes of conduct and ethical standards.

Robust safeguarding measures, including child protection, prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH), and accessible feedback and complaints mechanisms, are integrated throughout our operations to promote safety, accountability, and dignity for all people we engage with.

Islamic Relief Australia remains committed to meeting national and internationally recognised legal standards and sector best practice. This includes compliance with the standards of the Australian Council for International Development's Code of Conduct in Australia, the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS), and other global humanitarian commitments, including the Leave No One Behind Agenda and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct.



We continue to strengthen monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) practices across our programs to improve effectiveness, transparency, and impact. We also perform regular independent reviews and audits, which further help ensure that our systems and practices remain aligned with evolving sector expectations and community needs.

By upholding these standards and commitments, we are able to measure our work against recognised best practice across the humanitarian and development sector, where we reinforce transparency, integrity, accountability, and continuous improvement in our practices while supporting access to partnerships and funding opportunities with governments, institutional donors, and philanthropic organisations.



Abdullah bin Amr رضي الله عنه said, 'A man asked the Prophet, "What Islamic traits are the best?" The Prophet ﷺ said,

"Feed the people, and greet those whom you know and those whom you do not know"

Bukhari



Boy receiving a food pack from Lebanon Emergency Relief 2026 (Source: IR Digital)

Emergencies

Ongoing Emergencies

Gaza Emergency Response

Sudan Emergency Response

Al-Hadi Project

Urgent Emergency Responses

Afghanistan Humanitarian Relief

Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake

Returning Refugees

Rohingya Refugees

Philippine Typhoon Kristine





14 Humanitarian Responses
around the Globe



8 Countries aided with
emergency relief



801,773 rights holders
empowered by your
compassion



📍 Palestine Emergency Response



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Distribution of Ready-to-Eat meals to children in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)

Islamic Relief is providing sustained humanitarian assistance in Gaza, responding to urgent and evolving needs arising from the ongoing crisis.

Since October 7, 2023, our teams have continued delivering emergency relief, medical support, food packs, and many more lifesaving initiatives. As the humanitarian crisis continues to deepen, our response remains focused on supporting families and individuals facing prolonged displacement, limited access to healthcare, unsafe living conditions, and increasing barriers to essential services.



Islamic Relief Australia funded Medical Aid distribution in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)



Islamic Relief staff cooking hot meals for distribution in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)



Medical staff teaching boy from Gaza how to walk with prosthetic leg (Source: IR Dropbox)

Maternity Health Services

In 2025, Islamic Relief Australia, alongside Ajijal, launched a new maternal health services program supporting 15,342 mothers, new and expecting, and their children. It was developed to ensure mothers had access to critical healthcare services during and after pregnancy, particularly in areas where medical infrastructure has been severely impacted.

The program provides comprehensive prenatal care, including weight monitoring, blood tests, foetal heartbeat monitoring, and ultrasounds. Hygiene kits were also distributed as part of the program. It is an ongoing initiative that continues to ensure holistic health and safety of both mothers and unborn children.



Medical support for pregnant women in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)



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Medical staff working with neonatal incubator (Source: IR Dropbox)



Newborn triplets, Israa, Ayla and Aylol, from Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)

General Emergency Aid

Another part of the aid efforts in Gaza was to target food security, health shelter, essentials, education, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and protection.

In partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and local organisations, Islamic Relief was able to provide crucial food assistance across the Gaza Strip, which includes food packs, daily hot meals, and fresh vegetables. Islamic Relief also delivered clean water and sanitation facilities to over 70,000 people daily. These initiatives remain critical, as most families, many living in overcrowded shelters and areas with damaged infrastructure, continue to face barriers in accessing basic services.

During Ramadan, Islamic Relief helped provide families in Gaza with food to break their fast, as well as Eid gift packs for their children. Within the gift packs were clothes, shoes, and toys, which gave the children a sense of normalcy, happiness, and hope during an otherwise devastating period of crisis and uncertainty.

In 2025, we delivered aid to 433,507 people...



Water and Sanitation for
231,227 rights holders



Medical Aid to **23,000 rights holders**



Shelter for **21,320 rights holders**



Food for **40,040 rights holders**



Education for
103,200 children



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Girl holding pot with hot meal (Source: IR Dropbox)



Islamic Relief staff distributing hot meals in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)

TAQWA Palestinian settlement assistance in Australia

As the war in Gaza continued to devastate families and force displacement, Islamic Relief Australia partnered with the Queensland Charity & Welfare Association (TAQWA) to support Palestinian families arriving in Queensland in search of safety and stability.

Together, the partnership helped ensure that newly arrived families were provided tailored emotional and practical support that helped them rebuild their lives in Australia. So far, we have supported 65 rights holders across 19 families. The support included access to essential assistance such as rental bond support, food, clothing, household essentials, and living expenses. This aid has allowed them to meet immediate needs with dignity and reduce the financial pressure that often comes with sudden displacement and resettlement.

The project also helped families connect to healthcare, mental health and trauma support, education, language assistance, cultural adaptation, and community wellbeing. Local, in-person guidance and coordination helped families build towards stability, inclusion, and a stronger sense of belonging in their new environment.



Gaza refugees (Source: PANAMA)



Islamic Relief x TAQWA fundraising stall in Brisbane (Source: IR Australia)

Gaza Winterisation in Partnership with UNICEF Australia

Winter conditions in Gaza increased the risk of vulnerable people to contract hypothermia, respiratory illnesses, and waterborne diseases. To alleviate some of this burden, UNICEF partnered with Islamic Relief, aiming to decrease child mortality from preventable diseases and support vulnerable households throughout the winter season.

Together, we reached 66,884 rights holders by providing winterisation kits, including winter clothing, blankets, tarps, and tents to vulnerable large households. We also delivered Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) support, providing families with water containers, soap, multipurpose cloths, menstrual items, and other essentials. These distributions helped improve living conditions, strengthen hygiene practices, and support families facing prolonged displacement and limited access to basic services.



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Children facing wet winter conditions in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)



Displaced persons facing winter conditions in Gaza (Source: IR Dropbox)

Gaza Medical Missions in Partnership with PANZMA

Continuing our efforts from 2024, Islamic Relief Australia partnered once again with Palestinian Australian New Zealand Medical Association (PANZMA) to alleviate the strain on Gaza's devastated health system.

The need was greatest in specialised medical care and training, particularly in trauma and emergency surgery. The missions, aimed at solving this gap, deployed 12 specialised medical teams over 12 months, each staying for 3 to 4 weeks.

In coordination with the World Health Organisation (WHO), we were able to send 8 to 10 professionals, including surgeons, anaesthetists, and nurses into Gaza, who performed 300 major and 600 minor procedures per mission, and supported 37,760 rights holders. Missions covered South, Middle, and North Gaza, based on access and need. The initiative aimed to provide triage, post-operative care, and stabilisation, while supporting local healthcare through training, essential supplies, and pharmaceuticals.



Dr. Nada and Dr. Saya
in Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza



PANZMA surgeon administering care on patient in Gaza (Source: PANZMA)



PANZMA medical mission doctors in front of Shuhada al-Aqsa Hospital (Source: PANZMA)



PANZMA surgeons performing operation on patient in Gaza (Source: PANZMA)



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📍 Sudan Emergency Response

In Sudan, conflict, economic collapse, and climate shocks have created the world's most underreported humanitarian catastrophes. A situation that further spiralled when tensions between the armed forces escalated into violence in April 2023.

Today, there are 30 million people in Sudan in dire need of aid, with 16 million being children. The most pressing issue is hunger, with over 25 million people facing acute food insecurity and five regions already facing famine conditions. With the war ongoing, the situation is expected to get worse due to the high cost of commodities and massive displacement.



Women holding Qurban meat from Sudan distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Elderly man holding food aid from Sudan distribution (Source: IR Digital)

Islamic Relief staff distributing essential NFI to Sudan beneficiaries (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief food aid distribution packs in Sudan (Source: IR Digital)

Our Work on the Ground

Islamic Relief has worked in Sudan since 1984, providing emergency aid and long-term development. One of the most effective supports we provide, in coordination with local government and UN agencies, is multipurpose cash grants, which provide families with autonomy and dignity to tailor their funds to their own unique needs.

Islamic Relief has also established a program, in coordination with UNHCR and local organisations, to provide emergency food assistance aimed at alleviating hunger in Sudan. This intervention is generously supported by The Charitable Foundation (TCF) as the donor, enabling vulnerable families to access essential food supplies during the ongoing crisis.

The program's current focus is in North Kordofan, an area severely affected by acute food insecurity, due to multiple failed harvests and ongoing conflicts. In the region our teams have reached 9,025 vulnerable rights holders with food packs. Each pack contains staples such as flour, sugar, pasta, lentils, and cooking oil, designed to stabilise nutritional intake during the emergency period.



Father and son holding cash grant from Sudan aid distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Girls at Sudan food aid distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Beneficiaries attending Sudan emergency awareness session (Source: IR Digital)



Woman holding Sudan emergency aid cash grant (Source: IR Digital)



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Al-Hadi Project

📍 Sudan & Gaza

In some of the world's most impoverished and crisis-affected communities, families often do not have access to adequate refrigeration or food storage facilities. As a result, frozen meat distributions must often be consumed immediately to prevent spoilage, limiting their long-term benefit.

To help overcome this challenge, Islamic Relief, in partnership with the Islamic Development Bank (ISDB), launched the Al Hadi Project to enhance food security and support the nutritional wellbeing of vulnerable communities.

During the first phase of the project, Islamic Relief Australia provided non-perishable meat assistance to 27,500 rights holders in Sudan and Gaza, where food needs are particularly acute. Across all participating countries, the Al Hadi Project is expected to reach 93,000 rights holders with essential food support.

Boxes and cans of Al-Hadi meat (Source: IR Digital)



Afghanistan Humanitarian Relief

Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake Response

In August 2025, Afghanistan suffered yet another earthquake in the eastern region of the country. By October, over 2,200 people were reported dead or missing, 6,780 houses were destroyed, and 3,640 people were injured in the seven most affected districts. In response, Islamic Relief led a two-month initiative to provide lifesaving multipurpose cash support to 1,148 rights holders.

Afghan Returnees from Pakistan and Iran

In July 2025, approximately 2 million people returned from Iran and Pakistan to Afghanistan, placing significant strain on an already overstretched humanitarian system.

Returnees faced acute shortages of food, clean water, shelter, and essentials, increasing their vulnerability to malnutrition, dehydration, and exposure to extreme weather conditions, especially among children, pregnant women, and the elderly.

In response, Islamic Relief launched a three-month humanitarian initiative to provide immediate lifesaving support to 137,150 rights holders at key border crossings in Herat and Kandahar. Our teams distributed refreshment packs containing water, juice, and biscuits upon arrival to address immediate hunger and dehydration.



Afghan children receiving emergency food aid from Islamic Relief staff (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff distributing Afghanistan emergency aid to elderly man (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff surveying impact of Afghanistan earthquake on beneficiary's house (Source: IR Digital)

📍 Bangladesh

Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

Following the arrival of 150,000 Rohingya Refugees, humanitarian needs in Bangladesh increased significantly, particularly among newly arrived families in overcrowded camp settings. Many families faced urgent shortages in shelter, essential household items, and safe access to basic services, heightening risks related to protection, health, and overall wellbeing.

To tend to urgent needs, Islamic Relief Australia delivered shelter items, water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) facilities, and non-food items to improve immediate living conditions and restore dignity to 19,375 rights holders. In addition, our teams provided site protection works to improve safe access to facilities, as well as targeted awareness and psychosocial support sessions to address protection risks and strengthen community resilience.

Refugee family in Bangladesh with food distribution aid (Source: IR Digital)



Beneficiary using water well (Source: IR Digital)



Beneficiaries received Philippines emergency response aid items
(Source: IR Digital)



Mother, daughter, and elderly pair with emergency aid items
(Source: IR Digital)



Philippines

Typhoon Kristine

As Tropical Storm Kristine impacted the Philippines in November 2024, widespread flooding and infrastructure damage affected over 8.4 million lives across multiple regions, causing significant casualties and leaving hundreds of thousands displaced. Many families faced urgent needs, including access to food, water and hygiene supplies, and safe shelter, while damaged homes, roads, and agricultural losses further compounded the crisis.

To address these needs, Islamic Relief, in partnership with local authorities, delivered emergency assistance to 6,750 rights holders in the most affected areas of Camarines Sur. The response focused on the distribution of food packs, clean water, hygiene kits, and learning kits to support both immediate survival and the wellbeing of affected children. This coordinated response aimed to alleviate immediate hardship while supporting vulnerable communities in the early stages of recovery.



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Girl from Philippines holding Islamic Relief bag of aid (Source: IR Digital)

Sustainable Development

IDP Support Projects in Partnership with Australia for UNHCR

Nigeria

Indonesia

Afghanistan HIRA

Indonesia

Housing for Orphan and Poor Families

Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for All (SADRIWANA)

Jordan Clinic

Lebanon Education

Pakistan Flood Recovery

Somalia Cataract Operations

Displaced Syrians and Refugees

Thaki Lebanon & Jordan

UNICEF: Empowering Families and Youth

Cambodia

Maldives

Papua New Guinea

Yemen Emergency Response



15 Sustainable Development Projects



373,791 people empowered



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Widow benefitting from Somalia small-scale farmers livelihood project (Source: IR Digital)

IDP Support Projects in Partnership with Australia for UNHCR

In a joint humanitarian effort with UNHCR, we provided multipurpose cash assistance to refugee returnees in Nigeria and Indonesia.

Family from Nigeria (source: UNHCR)



In 2025, we helped



2279 rights holders in Nigeria



455 rights holders in Indonesia

Indonesia

In Indonesia, refugees and asylum seekers continue to face challenges related to displacement, limited livelihood opportunities, and long-term uncertainty. Many refugees from Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Somalia remained heavily reliant on humanitarian assistance, while continued arrival of Rohingya refugees further increased humanitarian needs, particularly among women and children.

In our 2025 response, we provided 128 refugee households with multipurpose cash assistance to help rebuild their lives while in exile. The cash grants provided these refugee families financial stability, supporting mental well-being, and restoring dignity by enabling them to prioritise their own needs.



Both CEOs meeting for the renewal of our ongoing partnership and greater impact.

Nigeria

In Nigeria, ongoing conflict, insecurity, displacement, and climate-related struggles continue to place significant strain on vulnerable communities, particularly across the North-East and North-West regions. The issues have left millions of internally displaced persons and returning refugees unable to access basic necessities.

In our 2025 response, Islamic Relief provided multipurpose cash assistance to 356 households. This helped fulfil families' most urgent needs, which included repairing shelter, purchasing food and household items, covering transportation costs, paying school fees, and restarting small-scale livelihood activities.

This assistance also helped reduce reliance on harmful coping strategies, restoring dignity, agency, and stability for these vulnerable families.



Mother (Khadija) and children from Nigeria (source: UNHCR)



Emergency cash distribution in Indonesia (source: UNHCR)

📍 Afghanistan

HIRA

In 2024, nearly 23.7 million people in Afghanistan, over half of the population, were in need of humanitarian assistance.

Local communities, returnees, and internally displaced persons (IDPs), particularly in remote areas, had limited access to healthcare services and health awareness initiatives. Nutrition was frequently neglected, and patients were often required to travel long distances to access secondary care.

In response to these challenges, Islamic Relief implemented the HIRA Afghanistan community-based healthcare program. Our teams supported three permanent clinics in Kabul, Nangarhar, and Zabul, providing vital healthcare services to nine communities, serving 40,602 rights holders. The project focused on assisting mothers, children, IDPs, and returnees suffering from various health conditions. Services include perinatal care, nutrition support, and psychological counselling.



Man with son at a healthcare clinic in Afghanistan (Source: IR Dropbox)

HIRA Supported 40,602 people, including



3,441 mothers with prenatal care



3,125 rights holders with psychosocial support



6,101 children with health education



2,973 mothers with nutrition awareness



8,177 children with malnutrition treatment

Mother and child receiving medicine from Afghanistan clinic staff (Source: IR Dropbox)



Islamic Relief staff preparing medicine for displaced and refugee mothers and children in Afghanistan (Source: IR Digital)

Indonesia

Housing for Orphan and Poor Families

In Aceh province, Indonesia, many orphaned and vulnerable families were living in unsafe housing that exposed them to disasters, poor sanitation, and ongoing hardship.

Through the Housing for Orphan Family and the Poor project, 19 earthquake-resistant homes were constructed across Aceh Besar and North Aceh districts, improving the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of vulnerable families.

The new homes provided shelter, sanitation facilities, clean water access, and adequate living space for children and caregivers. The project also strengthened local capacity by training local labourers in resilient construction techniques and encouraging strong community participation throughout the building process. Partnerships with local government authorities and the Aceh Zakat Agency helped mobilise additional support and reinforce the sustainability of future resilient housing initiatives.

By the end of the project, all 19 targeted families reported feeling safer during severe weather in their new homes, and felt their vulnerability reduced and overall living conditions improved.



Original dilapidated house of orphan/poor family in Indonesia (source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief Australia visiting Indonesia housing project (source: IR Australia)



Islamic Relief Australia handover of Indonesia housing project to beneficiaries (source: IR Australia)



Widowed mother and child from Indonesia in front of new house (source: IR Australia)



Islamic Relief Australia staff Indonesia housing project beneficiary (source: IR Australia)



Disaster proof, new housing for orphan/poor families in Indonesia (source: IR Australia)

Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for All (SADRIWANA)

In Indonesia, around 20 million people do not have access to safe drinking water, and 30 million lack access to improved sanitation, which are contributing to the risk of waterborne illnesses, malnutrition, and poor health outcomes.

To help combat the issue, Islamic Relief Australia supported a project in Tugu Village, Pandeglang District, where families did not have access to safe water sources and faced severe water shortages during the dry season. The project constructed a 3.5 km gravity-fed water system with five reservoirs across five sub-villages. Water pipes were installed for 230 vulnerable households, reducing the burden of collecting water from distant sources. Furthermore, to support long-term sustainability, five water management committees were established and trained to maintain the system and manage operations.

With the project in place, 1,757 rights holders have improved access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation, including students living in Islamic boarding schools. The project also promoted adequate hygiene and sanitation practices through community awareness campaigns on handwashing, waste management, and safe sanitation. Additionally, 100 households were supported to move away from open defecation by building private latrines, alongside a pilot initiative to produce and sell affordable locally made toilets through a community enterprise.



Indonesia water project portable tank (Source: IR Indonesia)



Beneficiary using tank from Indonesia water project (Source: IR Australia)



Indonesia water project large sanitation tank (Source: IR Indonesia)

Jordan

Clinic

Islamic Relief Australia has been supporting the Al-Mafraq Clinic in Jordan since its development in March 2022.

The project was initiated to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable communities by increasing access to high-quality primary healthcare. The fixed clinic primarily assists refugees from neighbouring countries, as well as local Jordanian community members who struggle to access primary healthcare.

The clinic is run by professional medical staff, including doctors and pharmacists, and contains a fully stocked pharmacy that dispenses medication directly to patients, free of charge. The clinic team also provides local and refugee communities with awareness sessions on health topics and the provision of related kits.

This year, the clinic has reached 6,337 rights holders with aid and given 961 rights holders awareness sessions on health topics (e.g. breast cancer, hypertension, diabetes, and asthma) and the provision of related kits. Over the next year, Islamic Relief is planning to increase the number of people supported, providing 11,040 people with primary health care and assisting 2,800 people with health awareness sessions.



Awareness session at Jordan healthcare clinic (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff organising medication at Jordan clinic (Source: IR Digital)



Jordan clinic doctor appointment for young boy (Source: IR Digital)

📍 Lebanon Education

Endorsing Hope for a Better Tomorrow

In North Lebanon, ongoing conflict and displacement disrupted children's education, damaged schools, and increased psychological distress among students and families. Many schools lacked safe learning environments and essential educational resources, placing children's learning and wellbeing at risk.

Through the Endorsing Hope for a Better Tomorrow project, 3,000 students and their households were supported through school rehabilitation, the provision of educational supplies, and psychological support activities. Repairs to classrooms and WASH facilities helped create safer and more conducive learning environments, while nutritious snacks supported student wellbeing, attendance, and concentration in class.

Psychological support sessions, including counselling, games, and creative activities, helped children cope with the trauma and stress caused by conflict. Teachers and caregivers were also supported to better respond to children's mental health needs.

By the end of the project, children had regained access to safer and more supportive learning spaces, improving their wellbeing, learning continuity, and sense of stability.



Children in Lebanon engaging in play education (Source: IR Dropbox)



Local and refugee children in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)



Psychosocial support education with refugee children in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)



Education and psychosocial project implemented in school for refugees in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)

📍 Pakistan Flood Recovery

Rehabilitating WASH Facilities in Schools

Amid the 2025 floods in Pakistan, significant damage to school infrastructure disrupted access to education, particularly for girls, further exacerbating existing gender disparities and limiting safe learning environments. To address these challenges, two targeted school recovery projects in Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were delivered.

Improving WASH Facilities for Local and Afghan Refugee Students

Since late 2025, Islamic Relief Australia, in coordination with local authorities, has been focusing on the rehabilitation of three girls' schools over the coming year. The intervention aims to restore safe, functional, and inclusive learning environments through comprehensive infrastructure improvements and enhanced water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services.

Key project activities include the rehabilitation of existing latrines, washrooms, and overall school sanitation systems, as well as the construction of additional facilities with accessible pathways, ramps, and railings. The project will also rehabilitate water supply systems and install solar-powered water pumps, helping ensure reliable access to safe water. Additional improvements include strengthening waste management practices, as well as minor repairs to existing school buildings to improve the overall learning environment. Alongside these infrastructure investments, the project incorporates community-based awareness initiatives, hygiene promotion sessions, and the distribution of family hygiene kits.

Overall, through this initiative, 1,640 rights holders will gain access to improved WASH facilities and hygiene education.

These efforts contribute to better health outcomes: improving student wellbeing and reducing hygiene-related illness. It will also increase school attendance and enhance learning opportunities for children and their communities.



School girls benefitting from Pakistan WASH program (Source: IR Digital)



Staff monitoring Pakistan schools' refurbished WASH facilities (Source: IR Digital)

Girls with Islamic Relief provided supplies for Pakistan schools (Source: IR Digital)

WASH Facilities for Women's College

At Frontier Women's College in Peshawar, Pakistan, inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities affected the health, safety, and dignity of students and staff, particularly adolescent girls and persons with disabilities.

The WASH project implemented at the College addressed these challenges by improving access to safe and inclusive water facilities and strengthening hygiene awareness across the campus, benefiting 5,250 rights holders.

The intervention also provided private and secure sanitation facilities that supported menstrual hygiene management and reduced barriers to attendance and participation in education. This included disability accessible features, such as ramps and handrails, which ensured safer access for students and staff with physical disabilities.

Through improved sanitation infrastructure and hygiene promotion activities, the project contributed to a healthier and more supportive learning environment while strengthening dignity, wellbeing, and participation for the wider college community.

Somalia

Cataract Operations

The Cataract Project aims to reduce preventable blindness in Somalia by providing comprehensive eye care and free cataract surgery services. The project is being implemented in rural and underserved areas, where access to specialised eye care is limited.

Commencing in December 2025, the project will be implemented throughout 2026 and will provide 1,300 free cataract surgeries for rights holders, including those living in poverty and internally displaced individuals in Mogadishu and surrounding regions. By restoring sight, the project will improve beneficiaries' quality of life, independence, and economic participation.

Rather than relying on short-term, campaign-based interventions, the project adopts a sustainable health systems strengthening approach. This includes equipping and furnishing a health facility with the essential equipment, instruments, and supplies required to deliver ongoing cataract treatment and surgery, creating a lasting centre for quality eye care services.

In addition to cataract surgeries, the project will conduct community outreach and awareness activities, cataract screenings, comprehensive eye examinations, postoperative follow-up care, and the distribution of free reading glasses to patients, ensuring continuity of care and improved long-term eye health outcomes.



Beneficiary (man) receive eye examination by Islamic Relief staff in Somalia (Source: IR Worldwide)



Somali man with a bandaged eye (Source: IR Worldwide)

Displaced Syrians and Refugees

Ongoing conflict, displacement, and the impact of natural disasters have left displaced Syrian communities with limited access to essential healthcare and life-saving services.

Since 2015, Islamic Relief Australia has supported more than 19 projects for displaced Syrians, including medical, winterisation, and emergency response interventions.

From 2021 to the present, healthcare interventions have supported more than 92,000 rights holders through primary healthcare centers, mobile emergency units, paediatric intensive services, and specialist health facilities. The projects provided essential medicines, medical disposables, baby milk, and operational support for health facilities treating chronic diseases, maternal and child health conditions, and seasonal illnesses.

In late 2025, we established the project: "Bridging Support for Critical Healthcare Facilities", aimed at providing 30,000 rights holders with better access to healthcare services. The project established 11 health facilities, including operational and staffing support for a paediatric and neonatal intensive care unit, which delivered lifesaving care to 210 children, as well as a free cardiology centre, where 1,930 rights holders received treatment, including 85 open-heart surgeries. Medicines and medical supplies were also distributed to multiple healthcare facilities to address ongoing funding gaps and increasing humanitarian needs for the displaced communities.



Staff conducting check-up on toddler at Islamic Relief supported health clinic (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief supported health clinic doctors performing surgery (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff conducting medical exam on boy after earthquake emergency (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff providing nutrition aid to mother and baby (Source: IR Dropbox)



Islamic Relief supported medical staff provide care to patient (Source: IR Dropbox)

Thaki

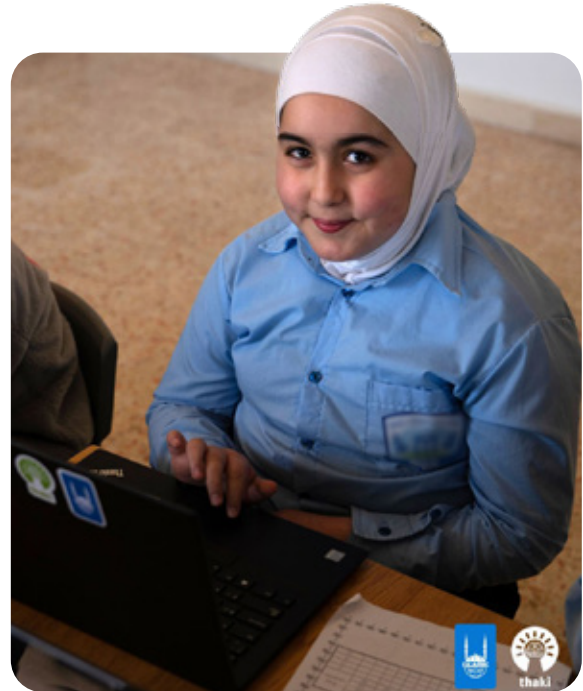
📍 Lebanon & Jordan

Across Lebanon and Jordan, vulnerable and forcibly displaced children faced significant barriers to education and digital inclusion, limiting their access to learning opportunities and essential digital skills.

Through the collaboration between Islamic Relief and Thaki, 600 laptops were distributed to schools, learning centres, and vulnerable households to support vvvchildren's access to digital education.

The laptops were equipped with offline educational content and Thaki's digital learning platform, enabling children to continue learning despite limited connectivity and ongoing crises. The project also strengthened teachers' capacity through digital learning tools, a Teacher Digital Toolkit, and social-emotional learning resources, including Nour's World.

The intervention supported approximately 4,200 students and 169 teachers, helping bridge learning gaps, improve digital literacy, and create more inclusive and engaging learning environments for vulnerable students across both countries.



Girl using Thaki provided laptop for schoolwork (Source: Thaki)



Children with Thaki provide laptops for school (Source: Thaki)



Boys learning to use Thaki provided laptop (Source: Thaki)



Islamic Relief Australia and Thaki staff in front of banner (Source: Thaki)

UNICEF: Empowering Families and Youth

In challenging global economic times, holding a steadfast commitment to upholding sustainable development for future generations is more important now than ever before.

Islamic Relief Australia maintains a multi-year partnership with UNICEF to support sustainable development outcomes across several countries, with focus on Cambodia, Maldives, and Papua New Guinea. These initiatives build on previous phases of collaboration launched in 2021 and continue into 2026.

Cambodia

Islamic Relief Australia continues to support 82,600 rights holders in Cambodia with Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD).

The program focuses on improving access to essential support services for vulnerable communities and aims to increase early childhood education enrolment for children aged 3 to 5 years old.

The initiative strengthens the capacity of local providers in health, nutrition, WASH and early childhood education, and improves the quality of community-based services by encouraging greater community engagement in child development.



Mother feeding son with meal provided by aid program (Source: UNICEF)



WASH facility for the school in Cambodia



UNICEF and Islamic Relief Australia staff delivering early children education program (Source: UNICEF)

The program also helps reduce food insecurity, malnutrition, and stunted growth, while also strengthening resilience, social support systems, and livelihood opportunities for mothers and children.

📍 Maldives

The Maldives is one of the lowest lying countries in the world.

80% of the population lives on a narrow strip of land less than 100m above sea level, leaving most of its citizens vulnerable to climate change.

To tackle this challenge, we are assisting the government in establishing Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Preparedness plans across five islands in target geographic areas. This includes supporting 4,202 people through the Climate Guardians program, which promotes the development and implementation of initiatives at the national level, as well as amplifies youth voices, to improve the nation's climate resilience, at present and for future generations.



Climate guardian briefing UNICEF and IRA on climate action



Climate guardians in Lamu, Maldives



Mother and son benefitted by Papua New Guinea Early Childhood Development program
(Source: UNICEF/IR Australia)

📍 Papua New Guinea

We are assisting 31,520 rights holders through an Early Childhood Development program, which aims to foster safe and supportive environments for children at home and in their communities.

The program also supports parents and caregivers to adopt positive discipline approaches and provide their children with a nurturing start to life.

Overall, the program helps ensure children can learn and develop healthily and are visible to the systems and services designed to keep them safe, while also making these provisions more accessible and inclusive.

📍 Yemen Emergency Response

Since 2015, Yemen has been facing one of the world's most devastating famines in 100 years. Approximately 17.6 million people are experiencing food insecurity, while around 50% of children are affected by moderate to severe stunting. An estimated 18.2 million people require humanitarian assistance

Since 2023, the Yemen Nutrition Project has strengthened community-based treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition across five governorates through 150 health facilities, while also providing emergency cash assistance and livelihood support to 9,450 rights holders.

At the same time, Islamic Relief Australia delivered an integrated Health, Nutrition and WASH project in Raymah Governorate, improving access to healthcare, nutrition services and safe water for 38,668 rights holders through health facility rehabilitation, nutrition treatment, health worker training and solar-powered water infrastructure.



Beneficiary receiving cash grant from Islamic Relief (Source: IR Digital)

Sustainable Development Projects



Toddler receiving nutrition check-up in Yemen (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff wheelbarrowing construction materials for WASH facilities in Yemen (Source: IR Dropbox)

Local Projects

Logan Roos Youth Connect Project
Al Firdaus College Youth Project
Rahilah Family Support Program
Al Irsyad Sydney
Centre for Cultural Relations /
Al Nawawi Centre

Salsabeel Care (attached to Al Nawawi Centre)

Gold Coast Community Centre
Salsabil Charitable Organisation
(Southport Masjid) Community
Toowoomba
Apni Dukaan
Brothers in Need
Al Itqan Community Centre
(Victoria)

Ararat Islamic Welfare Association
(Victoria)
Australian Sri Lankan Association
Inc. (ASLA).
IEACA
Islamic Society of Geelong (ISG)
Madania Foundation
Melton Hub Ltd (Melton Hub)
Warrnambool Islamic Society
Werribee Islamic Centre (MGM -
Melbourne Grand Mosque)
Activate Youth Melbourne
(Victoria)
ICV - Victoria
TAQWA Local Palestinian Family
Support



Islamic Relief Australia staff and volunteers (Source: IR Australia)

Al Firdaus College: Youth Development Partnership

Islamic Relief Australia and Al Firdaus College continue to nurture a strong partnership with a strong focus on accessible and engaging learning experiences for Muslim youth in Sydney.

The youth development partnership creates opportunities for young people to advocate for humanity and foster meaningful relationships with their communities.

It supports young people to build self-confidence, strengthen emotional wellbeing, and develop positive values and behaviours.

Initiatives of the partnership include collaboration on youth engagement activities, such as camps and community programs.



Boys' Quran reading circle class (Source: AlFirdaus)



Teenage sisters' mentorship program (Source: AlFirdaus)



Teenage sisters' Islamic lesson (Source: AlFirdaus)



Children in front of art project wall (Source: AlFirdaus)

Logan Roos Youth Project

Islamic Relief Australia endorses Logan Roos Football Club in their endeavour to use sport as a platform to support refugee, migrant and underprivileged young people in the local community.

Engaging more than 150 young people across 10 teams, the program promotes social inclusion, self-confidence, empathy, leadership and wellbeing through organised football, mentorship and youth engagement activities.

The program brings together families from diverse cultural backgrounds, helping strengthen community connections, foster positive relationships, and create pathways for young people to grow both on and off the field.



Logan Roos at Islamic Relief Australia Brisbane office (Source: IR Australia)

Boys in Islamic Relief shirts (Source: IR Australia)



Logan Roos youth holding medals (Source: Logan Roos)



Logan Roos youth competition (Source: Logan Roos)

Rahilah Family Support Program

Islamic Relief Australia partners with Rahilah to support holistic youth and community development through programs designed to strengthen social, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing.

Established in 2018, Rahilah was created to support social and family cohesion by providing safe, engaging spaces for young people, families, and community members. It has continuously delivered a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities for people of all ages, including halaqas, workshops, camps, sports programs and community service initiatives.

Through the partnership, Islamic Relief Australia and Rahilah help foster a deeper sense of belonging and positive identity among Muslim youth and families across Northwest Sydney.

Together, we expand awareness of humanitarian initiatives and advocacy, encourage active community participation and outreach, and nurture personal development.



School children in uniform attending Rahilah program (Source: Rahilah)



Family workshop at Rahilah centre (Source: Rahilah)



Youth camp with Rahilah (Source: Rahilah)

Seasonal & Faith-Inspired Giving

Winter Support

Ramadan & Qurban

Orphan Care



76,420 people supported during Ramadan 2025



82,647 people supported during Eid Al Adha 2025



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.



Girl receiving Winterisation aid at Lebanon distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Family in Pakistan to receive winterisation aid (Source: IR Digital)



Elderly woman at winterisation distribution in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)



Displaced Syrians receiving Winterisation aid (Source: IR Digital)



Children at winterisation distribution in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)

Ramadan & Qurban

Each year, 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.



Boy with ram for Qurban (Source: IR Digital)



Elderly woman holding food pack from Pakistan Ramadan distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Ramadan food distribution in Lebanon (Source: IR Digital)



Inspection of sheep for Qurban in Kenya (Source: IR Digital)



Elderly lady receiving food pack at Ramadan distribution in Malawi (Source: IR Digital)



Islamic Relief staff delivering and opening food pack with children (Source: IR Digital)



76,420 people supported during Ramadan 2025.



82,647 people supported during Eid Al Adha 2025.



Girl receiving a Zakat Al Fitr pack from Islamic Relief Pakistan, 2026 (Source: IR Digital)

Orphan Care

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 grow and thrive, striving for a brighter tomorrow.

In 2025, we sponsored 2,752 orphans, supporting the children and their families with access to food, clean water, medical aid, education, livelihood support, and essential daily items.



Orphaned girls at Albania Winterisation distribution (Source: IR Digital)



Mali orphan family (Source: IR Digital)

Hijran's Story



Hijran is a 9-year-old boy living in Kabul, Afghanistan, with his mother and four siblings.

Before receiving support from Islamic Relief, Hijran's mother struggled to provide their family with even the most basic necessities.

Upon receiving sponsorship, their mother was able to fulfil their everyday needs, brighten up their home, and build a stable source of income.

When he grows up, Hijran dreams of becoming an engineer, and feels it in reach now, thanks to Islamic Relief.



Hijran, an orphan boy from Afghanistan, and his family (Source: IR Digital)

Kaltun Abdirahman Ali is a 13-year-old girl from Afgoye, Somalia.

She attends Aisha Boarding School, which was previously in a dilapidated condition that hindered learning.

A recent renovation, funded by the International Waqf Fund and implemented by Islamic Relief, has transformed the school into an engaging and inspiring learning environment.

Looking ahead, Kaltun dreams of becoming both an entrepreneur and a nurse, aspiring to contribute to her community's well-being. With the enhanced school infrastructure and ongoing support, Kaltun and many children like her now have a genuine opportunity to pursue their dreams.



Kaltun's Story

Kaltun, orphan girl from Somalia, at her newly refurbished school (Source: IR Digital)



Halimoo's Story

Rim, orphan girl from Ethiopia, holding new clothes (Source: IR Digital)



Halimoo Abdurahman, the mother of 9-year-old Rim Mahmood, is a widowed mother from Ethiopia who works as a cleaner at a guesthouse.

She earns a modest income to supplement the quarterly financial support provided through Islamic Relief's one-to-one sponsorship program.

The sponsorship has allowed her to provide for her three children, including school materials, food during Ramadan, and eid gifts. The support has also helped her daughter Rim feel happier and more motivated to attend school regularly and focus on her education.

Kariman is a widowed mother of five from Derai, Bangladesh.

Her younger daughter, Shajida Akter, receives support from the orphan sponsorship program, which has allowed Kariman to afford education for her younger children and provide for her family of six, particularly for food and clothing.



Kariman's Story

Kariman, a widow, with her children in front of their home (Source: IR Digital)

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 2025, 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.

Overall, we are often inspired by the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and volunteers of the organisations we work with and are blessed by Australia's strong traditions of volunteerism and altruism.

Testimonials

Our partnership with Islamic Relief has played an instrumental role in supporting Gaza arrivals in Australia, providing both immediate assistance and a foundation for dignity and stability. Together, we've helped families start their healing journey and rebuild their lives. May our collective efforts continue to offer hope and resilience to those seeking refuge and stability.



Abu Muneer Ismail Davids,
National Zakat Foundation Australia, CEO

Australia for UNHCR has been fortunate to partner with Islamic Relief Australia over the past five years. The partnership has made a life-changing difference for some of the world's most vulnerable people. With support from IRAUS, thousands of Nigerian refugees who have returned home from Cameroon have been able to begin rebuilding their lives. IRAUS's generosity has also assisted hundreds of refugees in Indonesia who have received cash assistance for essentials such as shelter and food. Thank you, IRAUS.



Trudi Mitchell,
CEO of Australia for UNHCR

Built on a shared commitment to children, our partnership with Islamic Relief Australia continues to deepen each year - reaching more of the world's most vulnerable children and creating lasting change in their lives and communities.



Tony Stuart,
UNICEF Australia, CEO

Our collaboration with Islamic Relief has strengthened PANZMA's impact by improving access to medical supplies and funding. We have also benefitted from their extensive humanitarian aid experience, which has helped expand our reach and increase the impact of our efforts.



Prof. Mohammad Irhimeh
Palestinian Australian New Zealand Medical Association (PANZMA), President

Working with the Islamic Relief Australia team has been such a gift. They understand that supporting the education of forcibly displaced and vulnerable children isn't just about giving devices - it's about giving children hope when they've lost so much. Their partnership has been built on trust, allowing us to reach those who otherwise get left behind.



Rudayna Abdo
Thaki, Founder and CEO

Community Partnerships



Global Partnerships



Palestinian Australian
New Zealand Medical
Association

Our Executive Board & Staff



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 academic sectors.
- 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.
- Chair 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.



Samir Bennegadi

*Director,
Board of Trustees*

- 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
- ACFID Board Member since 2023



Ahmed Hegazi

*Director,
Board of Trustees*

- 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.
- Holds 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.



Hoosein Ismail

*Director,
Board of Trustees*

- Decades of experience in bookkeeping, accounting, and financial advisory services.
- Founder of RegalBiz Bookkeeping and Accounting Services.
- Long-standing community advocate with a commitment to social justice and human rights.
- Supported migrant communities in New Zealand through settlement and financial literacy initiatives.
- Serves on a number of boards, committees, and not-for-profit organisations in Western Australia.
- Member of the WA Police Advisory Board for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities.
- Member of the Community Grants Program Assessment Panel appointed by the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.
- Recognised by a United Nations exhibition in Fremantle in 2019 for his human rights advocacy.

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.

Our Team

Our deeply dedicated team is the heartbeat of Islamic Relief Australia. They are crucial to our transformative work, where, each day, they carry a passionate drive to serve humanity, with unwavering adherence to our principles and values at Islamic Relief. We're truly grateful for their devotion and the skills they invest in bringing meaningful change to the lives of the most vulnerable.



Islamic Relief Australia staff and partners at annual retreat 2025 (Source: IR Australia)

In memory of *Peter Sapsford*

Peter Sapsford (Source: IR Australia)



Peter was not only a valued colleague but a genuinely kind and warm-hearted person who had a remarkable way of lifting the spirits of everyone around him. His presence brought ease and comfort, and he left a lasting impression on all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Peter's contribution to our mission and to the culture of Islamic Relief was significant, and his legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the work he was part of.



Peter Sapsford with Grand Mufti Ibrahim Abu Mohammed (Source: IR Australia)

His impact also reached far beyond our organisation, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the honour of working alongside him.

Our prayers and condolences go out to his family, the entire Islamic Relief family and all those who knew and loved him.

Peter Sapsford was the International Programs Coordinator of Islamic Relief Australia. He dedicated eight of the best years of his life to Islamic Relief, serving with sincerity and humility.

Finances and Accountability

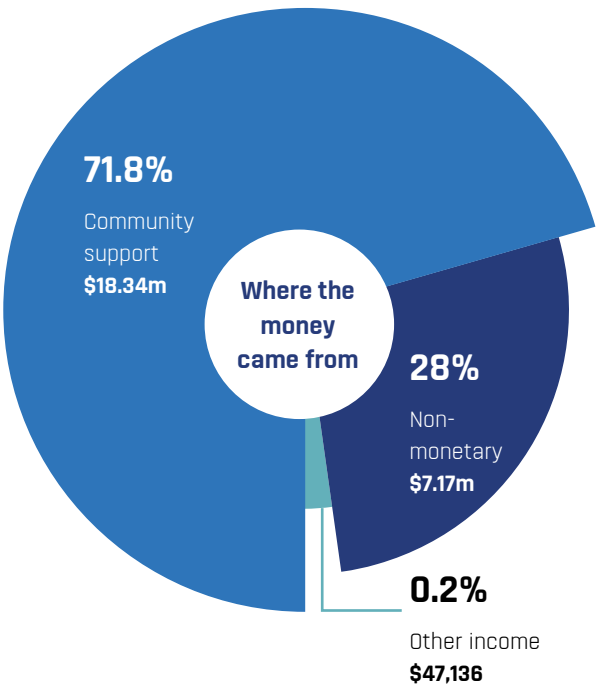
Income in 2025

In 2025, Islamic Relief Australia recorded total income of \$25.56 million, representing an increase of 21% from \$21.06 million in 2024.

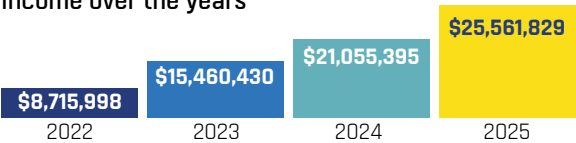
This continued growth reflects the ongoing generosity of our supporters, the trust placed in our organisation, and our continued ability to mobilise resources in response to increasing humanitarian needs worldwide.

Community support remained our principal source of income, increasing to **\$18.34 million** from **\$15.13 million in 2024**. This growth demonstrates the continued commitment of our donors and supporters to Islamic Relief Australia's humanitarian mission and their confidence in our ability to deliver meaningful impact. Income from **gifts in kind** also increased, rising to **\$7.17 million** from **\$5.88 million in the previous year**. This growth reflects the strengthening of strategic partnerships and our continued efforts to diversify the resources available to support humanitarian and development programmes.

The increase in both cash and in-kind contributions has enabled Islamic Relief Australia to expand its humanitarian response and strengthen support for vulnerable communities across our programme portfolio.



Income over the years



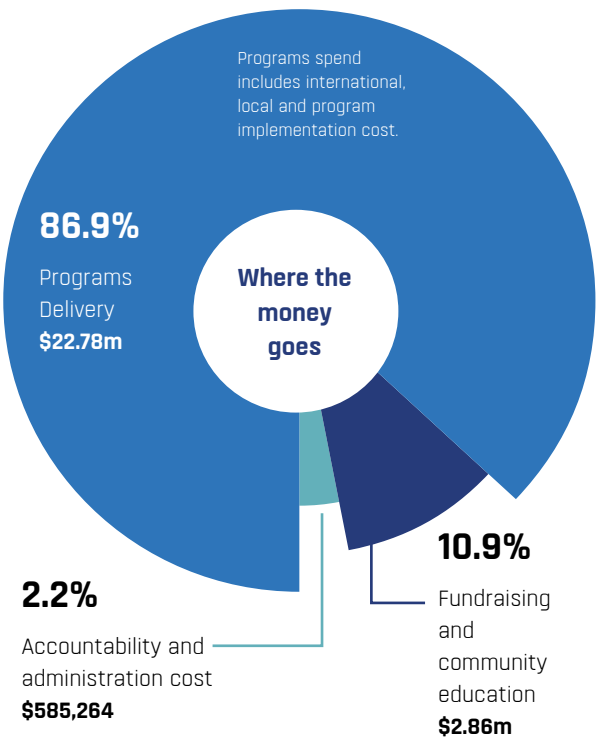
Expenditure in 2025

Total expenditure increased to \$26.23 million in 2025, compared with \$20.50 million in 2024, representing an increase of 28%. This growth reflects the expansion of our humanitarian operations and our commitment to delivering timely and effective assistance in response to increasing global needs.

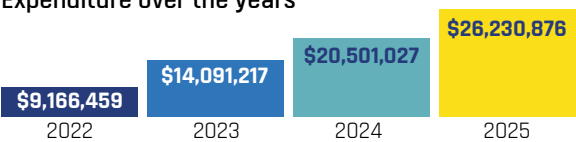
Program **implementation expenditure** increased to **\$22.78 million**, up from **\$17.78 million in 2024**. This increase demonstrates our continued focus on directing resources towards humanitarian and development programmes, ensuring that donor contributions are translated into meaningful outcomes for the communities we serve.

Fundraising and community education expenditure totalled **\$2.86 million in 2025**, compared with **\$2.15 million in 2024**. This investment supported the continued growth of our fundraising capacity, strengthened community engagement, and enhanced our ability to generate sustainable income to support future humanitarian responses.

Accountability and administration expenditure remained well controlled, increasing modestly from **\$0.57 million in 2024** to **\$0.59 million in 2025**. Despite the significant growth in organisational income and programme activity, administrative expenditure remained proportionately low, reflecting our ongoing commitment to sound governance, financial stewardship, operational efficiency, and transparency.



Expenditure over the years



Looking at this differently

For every 1 dollar

86.9c towards Islamic Relief Australia programs.



10.9 c on investing in raising more funds.

2.2c on administering the funds and making sure we are accountable.

Statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts		
Monetary	18,342,916	15,134,206
Non-Monetary	7,171,778	5,882,658
Grants		
Other Australian	-	-
Other Income	47,136	38,527
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
Total Revenue	25,561,829	21,055,391
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to International Programs	12,517,374	9,543,922
International Program support costs	438,035	385,146
Fundraising costs		
Public	2,862,460	2,151,568
Accountability and Administration	585,264	571,186
Non-Monetary Expenditure	7,171,778	5,882,658
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	23,574,911	18,534,480
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion	-	-
Domestic Program Expenditure	2,617,848	1,929,229
Domestic Program support costs	38,118	37,319
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,230,876	20,501,033
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(669,048)	554,364
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive (loss)/Income	(669,048)	554,364

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

"The 669,048 deficit for the year reflects the planned utilisation of accumulated reserves from previous years to fund program delivery and strategic initiatives."

Gift-in-Kind valuations were independently audited and valued.

"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 involved in operating an organisation. This category includes costs associated with staff time in areas such as finance, human resources, information technology, and administration. It also includes expenses for insurance premiums, legal and professional fees, office supplies, and other operational costs.

Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,971,872	4,539,601
Trade and other receivables	231,158	176,113
Financial Assets	3,059,459	1,012,324
Other assets	69,649	69,386
Total Current Assets	7,332,138	5,797,424
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	124,721	166,771
Right-of-use assets	144,704	262,985
Intangibles	5,719	10,187
Other assets	35,210	34,360
Total Non-Current Assets	310,354	474,303
TOTAL ASSETS	7,642,492	6,271,727
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,402,046	2,282,234
Lease liabilities	87,154	132,433
Employee benefits	176,096	139,937
Total Current Liabilities	4,665,296	2,554,604
Non-current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	84,444	171,597
Employee benefits	51,090	34,816
Total Non-Current Liabilities	135,534	206,413
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,800,830	2,761,017
NET ASSETS	2,841,662	3,510,710
EQUITY		
Reserves	830,598	1,592,653
Retained surpluses	2,011,064	1,918,057
TOTAL EQUITY	2,841,662	3,510,710

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 2025. 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 as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flow activities of Islamic Relief Australia Limited as the full financial report does.

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 2025 is available upon request to the organisation by emailing info@islaemicrelief.org.au

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Specific Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,093,847	1,862,501	2,956,348
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	-	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
	Specific Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2025	1,592,653	1,918,057	3,510,710
Surplus for the year	-	(669,048)	(669,048)
Transfer (from)/to reserves	(762,055)	762,055	-
Balance at 31 December 2025	830,598	2,011,064	2,841,662

The movement in the Specific Reserve reflects the planned utilisation of funds set aside in previous years to support the delivery of approved projects and charitable activities during the year.

Directors' Declaration

Islamic Relief Australia Limited Directors' declaration For the year ended 31 December 2025

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 2025 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 2025;
- 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 2025;
- 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 2025; 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


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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 2025, 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 2025.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 21 May 2026.

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

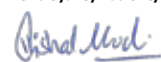
The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

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 21st day of May 2026

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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.

Islamic Relief Australia CEO Samir Barmagadi (Source: IR Australia)



Islamic Relief Australia annual retreat 2025 (Source: IR Australia)

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

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.



Islamic Relief Australia staff members (Source: IR Australia)

Islamic Relief Australia staff marketing workshop (Source: IR Australia)



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: islamicrelief.org.au/contact-us/

Email: info@islamicrelief.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: islamicrelief.org.au/contact-us/complaints

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)



Presenting of Islamic Relief Australia staff marketing workshop (IR Australia)

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Islamic Relief staff giving qurban meat to an orphan in Dnabai

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