

A Year of *Solidarity*

Islamic Relief Australia
Annual Report 2023



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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

“The believer’s shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity.”

Tirmidhi



2023 at a Glance

Thanks to you, we reached over

 **874,555 people**

in need globally!

In 2023, 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

147,273 people



16 Emergency Relief

RESPONSES ACROSS

11 countries

HELPING

584,033 people



1,568 Orphan Sponsorship

IN

24 countries

THANKS TO OUR ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



9 Help at Home

PROJECTS DELIVERING SUPPORT FOR

8,830 vulnerable people

RIGHT HERE IN AUSTRALIA

Our Global Network

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



19,951 people

REACHED IN

20 countries

DURING **RAMADAN**



4,020 Qurbani

DELIVERED TO OVER

100,500 people

IN **15 COUNTRIES** IN **DHUL HIJJAH**



12,400 people

ACROSS

9 Countries

GIVEN **WINTER SUPPORT**



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.

2023 was a year filled with immense hardship for vulnerable communities worldwide. But it was also a year of solidarity, pushing our team at Islamic Relief Australia to work harder than ever to bring relief, hope and positive change to those who need it most.

I am grateful for the incredible work we achieved in 2023, which has helped to reduce food insecurity, save lives during crisis and give communities

opportunities to rebuild after natural disasters.

As we reflect on the challenges 2023 brought us, we will continue, with greater strength, determination and capacity, to work towards a more just, secure, and resilient world for all. To alleviate the ongoing injustices faced by our ummah, around the world and especially in Gaza.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, as well as 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



Message From the CEO

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

The year 2023 presented unprecedented global challenges, impacting millions through natural disasters, war, conflict, oppression, injustice and economic decline. Notably, the war on Gaza caused a deteriorating humanitarian situation incomparable to anything else, affecting 2.2 million people.

However, amid the increasing crises around the world, 2023 also became a year of great solidarity and action, where immense generosity and support was shown by our communities, our ummah. Support that allowed us, as the Islamic Relief Worldwide family, to immediately respond to the needs of over 11.1 million people suffering and in crisis – in countries like Pakistan, Somalia, Türkiye, Sudan, Morocco, Afghanistan and,

especially, Palestine.

Here in Australia, we continued to reinforce our grassroots engagement through various local entities, empowering our community, supporting the vulnerable and assisting youth. I am humbled to join the ACFID board in 2023. It is a position I strive to uphold with dignity, and one that allows our community to create further positive change, empowering even more people in need around the world. In 2023, we also partnered with UNICEF and UNHCR and joined other Australian aid organisations to advocate against oppression and injustice, assisting those affected most by climate change, refugees, and the people of Gaza.

In such a year of catastrophe, it is our incredible Islamic Relief Australia team, volunteers, supporters, partners and donors that have made a positive impact on so many of our

brothers and sisters around the world. I am extremely grateful to them for allowing us to carry out this crucial work for the people who matter most, continuing the legacy Islamic Relief has built since 1984.

Jazakum Allahu Khayran and thank you for your ongoing trust and support. May Allah (SWT) allow us to continue working on your behalf to save and transform lives.

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 disasters and emergencies happen, providing a lifeline in times of crisis.

Together, we are driven by one purpose: to improve the lives of some of the world's poorest and 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.

Scan to read
more about Us



Our Values



Sincerity *Ikhlās*

We are driven by sincerity towards God and the need to fulfil our obligations to humanity.



Excellence *Ihsān*

Our work is marked by excellence, allowing us to empower the people we serve.



Compassion *Raḥma*

We believe in the importance of protecting the well-being of every life.



Social Justice *ʿAdl*

Our work is founded on fulfilling the rights of the poor and vulnerable.



Custodianship *Amanah*

We uphold our duty of custodianship by being transparent in all aspects of our work.

How We Work

At Islamic Relief Australia, we work with our supporters and partners to ensure all our efforts go towards overcoming all kinds of injustice and ending global suffering.

As a part of the wider Islamic Relief family, we have the resources to be able to respond on a global scale. As a result, we can assist vulnerable communities even in the hardest-to-reach areas, while also ensuring our work is carried out to the highest professional standards.

In 2023, the IRW family reached over **11.1 million people** in over 40 countries worldwide.

A feat possible because of our combined Emergency Fund, which brings together resources from each member of our global family into one pool, enabling us to respond immediately to emergencies and be one of the first organisations on the ground.

In both emergencies and long-term support, we strive to empower communities with culturally appropriate assistance. We work with communities to determine what support is needed, giving them a clear voice in the design and delivery of our programs and policies.

We assist people according to their needs and do not discriminate in any way, regardless of faith, race, class, disability, gender or political affiliation. We also strive to ensure environmental sustainability, fulfilment of rights and access to fundamental needs for every vulnerable person we help, including adequate food, personal safety and safe drinking water.



In everything that we do, we adhere to a 'do no harm' principle, ensuring that our staff and volunteers abide by a strict code of conduct. This includes child protection, safeguarding, accessible complaints procedures and other measures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse within our work.

We are also committed to meeting various best practice-related compliance standards, including those set by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS).

All in all, we consistently aim to assure our supporters, adhering to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and professionalism in all aspects of our work.



Your Compassion Saves Lives

Palestine

Our Immediate Response to October 7th

Türkiye-Syria

Delivering Earthquake Disaster and Recovery Support

Pakistan

Helping Communities Rebuild After Floods

Yemen

Relief for an Often-Forgotten Crisis

Sudan

Urgent Support During Escalating Conflict

Somalia

Delivering Ongoing Climate Disaster Support

Morocco

September Earthquake Emergency Response

Afghanistan

Herat Earthquake Emergency Response

Indonesia

Ongoing Earthquake Relief for West Java

Al Hadi

Ensuring food security for 140,000 people

Winter Support

Assisting 12,400 people in need



16 humanitarian responses around the globe



11 countries aided with emergency relief



584,033 people empowered by your compassion



12,400 people across **9 countries** assisted with Winter Support



📍 Palestine



In early October 2023, Israel began a relentless bombing and persecution operation against the Palestinians living in Gaza.

The situation quickly became 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.

By the end of 2023



21,320* killed

(including 6,300 women and 8,800 children)



55,603 injured

* Sources: MoH Gaza, UN OCHA, as of December 28, 2023

Our Response

Islamic Relief has 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.

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.

Islamic Relief Australia supported the efforts in Gaza, Contributing to the \$43 million AUD raised by the Islamic Relief family in 2023 to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Gaza.

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 Impact in 2023



2.2 million medical items distributed



1.7 million people given food support



46,000 children given psychosocial support



8,700 orphans supported

We also supplied water, hygiene/ dignity kits and various non-food items (such as clothing, mattresses and blankets).





Türkiye-Syria



On February 6, 2023, a series of significant earthquakes struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria.

The Earthquakes' Devastation



30 million people impacted



57,000 people killed



1.1 million people in need of shelter assistance

The damage of the disaster was widespread, affecting 11 Turkish provinces and areas populated by Syrian refugees and those already reliant on humanitarian aid. In northwest Syria, where humanitarian needs were already at the highest level since the conflict began, the earthquakes caused further devastation to an already struggling population.

During the earthquakes, we delivered...



4,905 Food Packs



5,417,000 Litres of Water



408,431 Medical Supplies



5,878 Shelter Kits

We also provided food items and vouchers, hygiene items, non-food items (such as heating material, mattresses and blankets) and cash grants.

Our Response

Relief efforts began from the moment the earthquakes struck. The Islamic Relief Australia joined forces with the Islamic Relief family to meet the immediate needs.

Our teams on the ground, together with local partners like Turkish Red Crescent and the Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency (AFAD), mobilised swiftly, delivering immediate aid to civilians in need. A feat made possible as Islamic Relief keeps significant reserve stocks on standby in case of emergency.

Recovery Efforts

Islamic Relief is committed to helping vulnerable communities rebuild after every disaster. Across Türkiye-Syria, the aftermath of the earthquakes has left extensive damage. 17 million people face a long road to recovery, and costs for reconstruction could be as high as \$80 billion. Many people are still living in tents and makeshift shelters with little access to vital services. Without ongoing support, poverty across both countries will deepen.

Islamic Relief teams have begun work to repair water infrastructure, strengthen struggling

healthcare facilities, build houses, restore farming and herding livelihoods, and return teachers to the classrooms by rebuilding schools.

At Islamic Relief Australia, our recovery efforts focused on building houses for Syrian refugees. Built from brick and mortar, the houses will protect families from extreme climatic conditions, provide insulation, provide enclosed living spaces and, most importantly, provide privacy.

Rebuilding Türkiye-Syria



20 Houses

[65 square meters] built for families of five to own



4,000 Children supported

through Orphan Sponsorship Program



📍 Pakistan



In mid-2022, Pakistan was hit by the worst floods in living memory, affecting 33 million people and leaving a third of the country submerged.

Millions of people were forced into poverty after losing their livestock, land and jobs. Worst-hit were the areas of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh, with damage to infrastructure and economy totalling at approximately \$46 billion AUD.






The Floods' Destruction

- ✖ **1,739 deaths**
- ✖ **12,865 injured**
- ✖ **7.9 million displaced**
- ✖ **2 million houses damaged**
- ✖ **1,460 health facilities damaged**
- ✖ **27,000 schools damaged**
- ✖ **8,330 km of roads damaged**

Our Response

Islamic Relief has been working in Pakistan since 1992. During the floods, we were one of the first aid agencies to respond, helping over 2.8 million people throughout Pakistan. Islamic Relief Australia, in particular, has focused on providing immediate relief to vulnerable families in 3 regions of Balochistan, including 2,400 people in Killa Saifullah. We have also helped provide housing for 4,190 people within these areas.

During the floods, we delivered...

-  **18,545** Multi-purpose Cash Grants
-  **14,361** Food Packs
-  **48,000** Litres of Water
-  **10,379** Hygiene Kits
-  **4190** people with Housing

We also provided essentials such as shelter, water tanks, latrines and other necessities.



Long-term Response

Islamic Relief remains committed to helping communities in Pakistan recover. The most pressing need during the aftermath of the floods has been securing permanent shelters, as thousands of families lack the funds and other resources to rebuild their destroyed homes.

Islamic Relief is also addressing the country's vulnerability to climate change.

These include climate-sensitive projects that focus on sustainable water management, incorporating innovative approaches like water recycling, drip irrigation and solar-powered pumps. Through these interventions, we strive to ensure environmental sustainability and contribute to the long-term climate change resilience and adaptability of Pakistan and its people.

📍 Sudan



In April 2023, armed clashes erupted between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

Sudan faces one of the worst humanitarian nightmares in recent history. It is now the country with the largest number of displaced people, and deteriorating food security within the nation risks triggering the world's largest hunger crisis

In addition to having the world's largest displacement crisis and an impending food crisis, Sudan faces compounding health problems. 70% of healthcare facilities have shut down and there has been an increase in the number of cholera cases. The challenges are significant, with families facing difficulties in meeting even their most basic needs.

By the end of 2023, 7.3 million people were displaced

✕ **5,855,848 people internally displaced**

✕ **1,523,350 people displaced in neighbouring countries**
[Chad, Ethiopia, South Sudan]

✕ **17.7 million facing acute food insecurity**

✕ **24.7 million people in need of assistance**

Children also represented approximately half of those displaced.

Our Response

Islamic Relief has worked in Sudan since 1984, providing emergency aid and sustainable development projects. We help communities with food and water, support health centres, and work to improve education, sustainable livelihoods and women's rights.

During crisis, vulnerable groups such as women are often disproportionately impacted. Our initiatives in Sudan aim to ensure the particular needs of women, young people and refugees are considered within its design and implemented within local communities.



In 2023, our teams on the ground reached 559,132 people in...

- 📍 Khartoum
- 📍 Blue Nile
- 📍 North Kordofan
- 📍 South Kordofan
- 📍 Central Darfur
- 📍 West Darfur
- 📍 Kassala
- 📍 Gedaref

During the crisis, we provided...



Food Security and Livelihoods to 464,221



WASH to 15,922



Shelter and NFI to 3,812



Health and Nutrition to 67,076



Protection to 8,101



The Dire Situation



17.6 million people facing food insecurity



18.2 million people in need of humanitarian aid

Yemen, on the brink of being the world's most devastating famine in 100 years, suffers from the world's worst, yet often forgotten, ongoing humanitarian crisis.

The future of the country hangs in the balance, with nearly half of all children under five suffering from moderate to severe stunting, and over half of the population requiring humanitarian assistance and protection services.

Our Ongoing Response

Islamic Relief started its operations in Yemen in 1998, establishing a strong presence with over 3,000 staff and volunteers supporting operations in more than 70% of the country. The teams on the ground also work with international institutions, including major UN Agencies (such as the World Food Program) and local aid agencies to ensure aid, immediate and long-term, reaches as many people as possible.

Islamic Relief Australia is supporting three projects in Yemen, addressing the key challenges of health, nutrition, food provision, livelihoods, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for vulnerable groups.

Our projects have helped provide...



9,450 people in Amant Al-Asemah and Aden with food security support



151,045 women and children across Yemen with health and nutrition support



38,668 people in Raymah with WASH, health and nutrition support



374 orphan households in Yemen with cash-grants for start-up businesses



Our projects are spread across Yemen, reaching nearly 200,000 people.

 Hodeida (or Al Hudaydah)

 Dhamar

 Raymah

 Amant Al-Asemah

 Amran

 Aden

 Sada'a

These projects focus on the most vulnerable groups in Yemen, including food insecure families, orphan families, malnourished children, and pregnant and lactating women, who require additional nutrient supplements.



We address a variety of needs, including increasing overall access to healthcare, improving infrastructure, providing training for medical staff, providing medication and equipment, promoting healthy eating habits and good hygiene practices, and providing large quantities of food and nutrition packs.

In immediate emergency environments, we supply food packs or multipurpose cash grants and, where possible, support families to gain economic independence.

We also facilitate projects that provide easier access to clean water, which improves health and nutrition in vulnerable communities. This includes rehabilitating water sources and installing cheaper and sustainable sources of energy, which lowers operational costs for the community it supports.



📍 Somalia



Somalia has been devastated by a relentless mix of ongoing drought, conflict and floods. By mid-2023, over a million people have been displaced.

Three consecutive seasons of below-average rainfalls have had a severe, long-term impact on the nation's economic growth and environment. Acute food and seed insecurity have increased, as thousands of crops and livestock have perished over the past few years.

Islamic Relief has a long-term commitment to providing humanitarian aid to the Horn of Africa, working in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. Islamic Relief Australia has supported these initiatives over the years, including in 2023. One of the main areas we supported included Somalia's Shabelle region, where we provided food assistance to families that were displaced due to flooding.

Our Response



1,920 people helped through Baidoa IDPS Emergency Response Project [BIDER]



4,800 people helped through **Emergency Livelihood Response** to flood-affected and displaced communities [ELIF]

In the Baidoa District, we responded to the needs of displaced Somalians. We provided lifesaving food supplies for families coming into the district from the surrounding areas, forced to flee from their homes due to ongoing drought and armed conflicts. We target severely food-insecure households – those most at risk of hunger and starvation. The food relief was part of a broader Islamic Relief support package that included access to shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, health and education.

📍 Morocco



On September 8, 2023, a devastating earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 struck the High Atlas region in Morocco.

Worst-affected were the areas of al-Haouz, Marrakesh, Ouarzazate, Azilal, Chichaoua and Taroudant.



Islamic Relief's initial response to the earthquake provided immediate and vital support to vulnerable communities affected. Teams on the ground distributed food packs, hygiene kits, winterisation kits, temporary shelters, health caravans, latrines and showers.

We are also working with the Moroccan government to assist in implementing its long-term objects for the rehabilitation and recovery of areas affected by the disaster. This will involve constructing disaster-proof housing, providing accessible healthcare services, helping rebuild livelihoods and supporting local organisations.

The Earthquake's Destruction



3,000+ people killed



5,700 injured



500,000 people displaced



580 schools destroyed

📍 Afghanistan



In October 2023, 6.3, 6.4 and 4.7 magnitude earthquakes worsened the already dire situation in Afghanistan, devastating thousands of lives.

By the end of 2023...

-  **1,482 dead**
-  **2,100 injured**
-  **43,400 affected**
-  **114,000 in need of humanitarian aid**

Source: World Health Organisation

These earthquakes, against the backdrop of the worst drought in 27 years and combined with decades of conflict, political instability and economic decline have deepened the levels of poverty, malnutrition and the collapse of basic services within the nation.

Within 24 hours of the first earthquake, Islamic Relief responded immediately. Our first deployment was a medical team to assist at Herat Regional Hospital. We then further deployed 6 mobile health teams to the affected villages to provide urgent primary healthcare and counselling. We also provided psychosocial support to children traumatised by the earthquakes.

Our teams also provided urgent water and shelter support. Mobilising local water trucks, we delivered clean drinking water to villages with damaged water wells and also installed water tanks for continuous access to clean water. Robust shelters were brought in for families whose houses and temporary shelters (such as tents) had been damaged, providing protection against the massive dust storms that followed the earthquakes.

📍 Indonesia



Indonesia's unique geographical position makes it vulnerable to natural disasters, including earthquakes. Cianjur, Bogor, Bandung, Sukabumi and Jakarta were the worst-affected by the 2022 earthquake, and a humanitarian intervention was urgently needed.

Devastation of West Java Earthquake 2022

-  **2 million impacted**
-  **73,874 displaced**
-  **2,000 injured**
-  **300+ dead**

Despite interference from landslides and blocked roads, Islamic Relief teams on the ground were still able to swiftly mobilise to assist displaced families. Working with local parents, we distributed emergency shelter, hygiene kits and essential items such as food, water, and blankets to 2,080 people.

Post-emergency, Islamic Relief also provided recovery support. This included the provision of temporary shelters, temporary schools, emergency livelihood programs, water sanitation initiatives, and assisting in rubble-clearing efforts.

Al-Hadi



For vulnerable populations in remote, conflict-afflicted or disaster-stricken regions, numerous logistical constraints make it difficult for them to receive frozen meat.

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, leaving them 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, which aimed to reduce food insecurity and improve the overall nutritional health of vulnerable populations.

Through this project, Islamic Relief Australia distributed non-perishable meat to 140,000 people in two countries where conflict and natural disasters left their populations in pressing need for food assistance.

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



12,400
people



across 9
countries

Afghanistan

Bangladesh
[including
Rohingya
refugees]

Lebanon

Nepal

Pakistan

Palestine [Gaza]
Syrian refugees

Türkiye

Yemen



For a Better World

HIRA Afghanistan

Community-Based
Healthcare for
21,630 people

IECD with UNICEF

Protecting Women
and Children

Jordan

Primary Healthcare
Services for 5,000
people

Somalia

Making Clean Water
Accessible for 5,000
people

Indonesia

Water and Housing
Support for Vulnerable
Families

Lebanon

Water and Education
Support During
Economic Crisis

Bangladesh

Building Water Wells
for Poor Communities

Pakistan

Providing WASH
to Vulnerable
Communities

Syrian Refugees

Fulfilling the
Health Needs of
27,000 people

Nigeria

Livelihood Support
for 1,141 people



16 sustainable
development projects
around the world



147,273
people
impacted



12
countries
reached





Around 28.3 million people in Afghanistan, two-thirds of the population, require humanitarian assistance, as they struggle to access basic needs, including healthcare.

With the nation's crises worsening, the healthcare sector is straining to meet the growing population of those in need of aid. Islamic Relief is responding to the need by implementing a community-based healthcare program: HIRA.

The HIRA Afghanistan project reaches 21,630 people in...

- 📍 Nangarhar
- 📍 Zabul
- 📍 Kabul



The project focusses on assisting mothers and children, particularly in communities where there is a mix of permanent residents, and internally displaced people and refugees. Islamic Relief Australia is a long-term supporter of the project, as we are committed to providing sustainable solutions to one of Afghanistan's key challenges.

The centers will provide antenatal and postnatal care, nutrition support focusing on both maternal and family well-being, and psychosocial counseling. Each clinic is staffed by a medical doctor, psychosocial counsellor, community midwife, and health and nutrition nurse.





Early childhood development (ECD) is a crucial part of healthcare interventions; nurturing it provides the building blocks for growth and success in communities.

Partnering with UNICEF Australia, a leading organisation in child-focused development projects, Islamic Relief Australia strives to support children in their early years (birth to age 5) and their mothers within the Asia Pacific region.

Together, our interventions address health, nutrition, inadequate healthcare and limited cognitive stimulation within early childhood, preventing long-lasting negative effects into adulthood and ensuring that each child can achieve their full potential.



Cambodia

We are assisting **53,723** people, including...

21,987 children under 5

2,853 community members

We are also supporting service providers in health, nutrition and early childhood education.

Our project in Cambodia focuses on delivering sustainable Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD) interventions for impoverished communities. By providing integrated initiatives, we ensure

we address all aspects of wellbeing. This not only prevents challenges such as food insecurity, malnutrition and stunted growth from increasing, but also helps build resilience, expand support networks and increase livelihood opportunities for mothers and children.

Solomon Islands

In the rural areas of the Solomon Islands, where poverty and overall disadvantage are disproportionately high in comparison to the rest of the islands, ECD interventions are crucial. 87% of the population reside in these regions, with 14.3% under 5 years old.

Our project in Guadalcanal Province provides vital training to ECD frontline workers in education, health and child protection, improving the lives of 60% of the 18,000 children under 5 years of age within the area. We collaborate with key stakeholders, including child protection providers,

social welfare services, police, health and education sectors, area health centres and rural health clinics, to address domestic violence and enhance the capacity of the region's social welfare officers and teachers.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu's unique geography makes the delivery of infrastructure and services challenging. Rural regions, especially, lack access to basic services, such as portable water, healthcare and education. Combined with lower economic opportunities in comparison

to urban areas, quality care for women and children is often lacking within these areas. Furthermore, malnutrition contributes to over 45% of deaths under 5 in the country.

To combat this issue, we are strengthening the health

system in Vanuatu, providing essential services, enhancing caregiver knowledge and skills, and promoting recommended health practices, especially in ECD.

Provision of Primary Health Care Services for Refugees and Host Communities in Al-Mafraq, Jordan

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

Since 2011, Jordan has taken in more than 1.36 million Syrian refugees, 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.

Delivered with accessibility and affordability in mind, these services will be localised in a permanent clinic that aims to improve the health of 5,000 of the most vulnerable and marginalised people per year.

It will provide long-term, ongoing care to those who need it, including clients with chronic conditions.

The medication is also free of charge and clients are educated on its use.

Islamic Relief takes full responsibility in staffing, supplying medication, health and hygiene kits for the clinic, and running health awareness programs. The clinic also provides professional services such as health assessments and can provide referrals to see specialists. There are 2 doctors (one male and one female) based in the clinic and a pharmacist who dispenses the medication prescribed by the relevant doctor.



📍 Somalia

Only 30% of the population has access to clean water in Somalia, yet most of the population depends on it for their livelihoods and survival.

Clean water is essential to life. Lack of access leads to a wide range of health problems, including increased vulnerability to diseases. Most communities in Somalia also earn their livelihood from livestock and agricultural activities, which all heavily rely on water.

As a response to the need, Islamic Relief is providing permanent access to clean water for the Rad and Lako villages in Puntland, which were among the worst-affected by the recent drought. The new water facility is a complete infrastructure which includes a borehole with a water tank, kiosks and troughs powered by the hybrid energy of solar power and a generator and pump.

To ensure sustainability, water management committees for the borehole have been established and trained. The local community is also being educated through a hygiene promotion campaign.

Overall, the project has a significant impact, supplying safe drinking water to 5,000 people.



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

The issues are not only infrastructure related, but individual hygiene practices are also poor with widespread open defecation and pollution. Vulnerable groups need support interventions that are holistic in nature allowing for long-term, sustainable impact.



Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for All [SANDIWANA]

Islamic Relief Australia is supporting a project in Pandeglang, one of the poorest districts in Banten Province. The project is providing 528 families with access to clean water and helping them foster hygienic life habits through public health promotion.

The infrastructure for the project includes a 9km piping system that supplies

2 reservoirs in 2 villages. The water is distributed from there to the families' houses. Where needed, the costs of construction and maintenance have been subsidised by the project.

Water management committees have also been established and trained to manage the water facility's operation and maintenance. Latrines are also being constructed, addressing sanitation and eradicating the need for open defecation.

In turn, overall hygienic practices are being addressed in the community,

including how to avoid water contamination, safe water handling, hand washing and improved solid and waste management. Some families will be installing private toilets and have been trained in how to construct and maintain them.



House Reconstruction for the Poor [HORP]

Indonesia struggles to provide housing to assist the poor and needy. Many of these are orphan families, a majority of whom live under the poverty line. Natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods, have also greatly increased housing needs. Without proper housing, vulnerable families are at further risk of social problems, including poor results at school for the children, social exclusion,

poor health 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. The housing design and construction also considers the unique conditions of Indonesia, such as the frequency of earthquakes and the need to make the houses earthquake-proof.



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.

Upgrading Water Supply Networks

Access to safe, clean water has become one of the most pressing issues in Akkar, Northern Lebanon. Public investment in infrastructure has declined and water schemes are increasingly not functioning. Tripoli is one of the worst hit areas, where infrastructure is rapidly crumbling.

Islamic Relief Australia are working to get 6 water schemes operating at full capacity once again, providing reliable and equitable water access to 12,000 people. In addition,

our teams on the ground are distributing personal hygiene kits and conducting awareness sessions for 500 individuals to help prevent the spread of disease as they navigate the ongoing crisis.



Education

Northern Lebanon, including Deir Ammar and Tripoli, is considered the most vulnerable areas, lacking access to basic facilities and infrastructure. Schools are chronically underfunded, with debilitated infrastructure and little equipment. Parents increasingly do not have the funds to pay for the education and supplies.

Islamic Relief Australia is providing educational material, including school kits and stationery items, to 1,000 students selected based on need. By providing these materials, the project

aims to create a conducive learning environment that fosters academic growth and empowers students to succeed in their studies.

The project will also fund the development of teacher training material and upskill teachers. In addition, the project is funding infrastructure repair and rehabilitation of facilities, such as play areas and classrooms, within schools.



📍 Bangladesh



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.

Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities are critical in maintaining health and even survival. Islamic Relief is 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, ensuring safe water supply to 460 families.

Our projects also include training caretakers for the ongoing repair and maintenance of the wells. We also facilitated hygiene promotion sessions for WASH 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.

📍 Pakistan



In Pakistan, the lack of proper water, sanitation and solid waste disposal facilities at schools exposes students to multiple risks of contracting water borne diseases. It also impacts negatively on learning outcomes and reduces attendance.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), up to 20% of schools do not have latrines and 33% of schools do not have clean drinking water facilities.

Islamic Relief is implementing a program in the region that rehabilitates and improve water and sanitation services in schools, ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for both local and Afghan refugee children.

By upgrading the facilities and promoting hygiene education, we aim to enhance health outcomes, reduce waterborne diseases, improve attendance, reduce dropout rates, and elevate the overall wellbeing and quality of education for vulnerable children.

Syrian Refugees







Since 2011, war and prolonged crisis has displaced more than 14 million Syrians, leaving some 7.2 million internally displaced and approximately 7 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.

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 2023 marks 3 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 supports...

-  4 Mobile Emergency Units
-  1 Primary Health Care Centre
-  1 Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
-  27,000 people with access to doctors and nursing staff, medication, medical disposables, and baby food.



Nigeria



Over 11 million people in Nigeria’s northeast urgently require humanitarian assistance as they 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.



Islamic Relief Australia, partnered with Australia for UNHCR, provided immediate assistance and protection for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States. The assistance aimed to address pressing challenges faced by IDPs, particularly the lack of livelihood opportunities, prevalence of negative coping mechanisms and weak family resilience.

In 2023, Islamic Relief provided assistance to 1,141 IDPs, providing training and starter kits in agriculture, livestock management and fisheries, and general business start-up kits for entrepreneurs. We also provided microbusiness support for individuals in tailoring, carpentry, cap making, groundnut oil extraction, and flour and oil extraction.

In conflict and post-conflict settings, opportunities for self-employment, youth enterprise development and vocational training empowers IDPs to build sustainable livelihoods.

Our projects aim to continue supporting the growth of agricultural enterprises and small businesses in Nigeria, helping IDP families meet their needs, enhance self-reliance and restore dignity.

Faith Inspired Projects

Ramadan and 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.



3,011 nutritious food packs delivered to **19,951** people in **20** countries during Ramadan 2023



4,020 Qurbanis delivered to over **100,500** people in **15** countries during Eid Al Adha 2023



Supporting Orphans and 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 the future, Islamic Relief aims to expand the Orphan Sponsorship Program, reaching even more children in need of this lifeline.



1,568 children supported in **22** countries



In 2023, the program reached new milestones...

90,000 children supported in **27** countries

Providing comprehensive support through:



Increased Access to Education



Healthcare and Nutrition Support



Emotional and Social Support



Community Integration Programs

Case Study: *Amina's Story*

Amina is a 10 year old from Somalia faced an uncertain future after losing her parents. However, through the sponsorship program, she not only continued her education but also received counselling to help her cope with her loss. Today, Amina is a top student, aspiring to become a teacher, and an active member of her community.

Help at Home

Our Advocacy

Islamic Relief
Australia Powering
Change

Help in Australia

Supporting Local
Communities

Partnering
Locally to
Support
Palestinian
Families

Mobile Food
Pantry

Brothers in Need

Logan Roos

Empowering Our
Youth

Asylum Seekers Centre

Supporting Struggling
Families

Nuturing Our Youth

Alfirdaus College

Partnering
with UNICEF
for Climate
Disaster Relief

Promoting and
Supporting
Community
Awareness



9 projects
that assisted
communities at
home in Australia



8,830 vulnerable
people aided
across Australia



Our Advocacy

Islamic Relief Australia Powering Change

At Islamic Relief, we strive for a world where women, men and children live in dignity and are free from poverty. With a drive for change and the support of our wonderful community, we deliver advocacy efforts that give vulnerable and marginalised communities a strong voice and hope for a brighter future.



Calling for a Ceasefire Now

All members of Islamic Relief Worldwide continue to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. In Australia, Islamic Relief joined with other leading Australian agencies in Canberra to call on Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to speak out in favour of this #CeaseFireNow.

Together, alongside ActionAid, Act for Peace, Anglican Overseas Aid, Oxfam and Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA, we urged the Australian Government to revoke their support of Israel. To allow for the protection of Palestinian civilians and delivery of desperately needed humanitarian assistance into Gaza.



Islamic Relief Australia CEO joins ACFID Board

We were honoured to have Samir Bennegadi, CEO of Islamic Relief Australia, welcomed in 2023 as a new Director on the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Board.

We are proud to further work with ACFID in helping build a world where all people are free from extreme poverty, injustice and inequality. As a signatory of the ACFID code and, now, voice on the board, we ensure our organisation holds a level of transparency and compliance that is on an international level, well above the minimum standard for ACNC charities.



Addressing the Urgent Needs of Rohingya Refugees

CEO Samir Bennegadi spoke at the UNHCR high-level meeting on Rohingya Refugees, addressing the urgent needs and resilience of the Rohingya community.

He highlighted key challenges facing the community, like safety, extreme weather and community tension. He also reaffirmed Islamic Relief's commitment to providing relief and sustainable support to Rohingya refugee communities – support that had reached over 2.3 million people as of 2023.



Islamic Relief at the UN General Assembly

UNICEF Australia invited Islamic Relief Australia (IRAUS) to attend activities at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), held in New York, furthering our partnership and goal to mitigate the impact of climate change.

UNICEF held the event "Champions for Children: Child Rights at the Heart of the SDGs" at the UNGA, where US First Lady Jill Biden was a keynote speaker. At the event, Islamic Relief Australia recommitted to upholding Child Rights and addressing Climate Change. Dr Ihab Saad, an esteemed Director on the IRAUS board, who is based in the US, attended UNGA in person and signed the commitment on our behalf.

We also attended the UNICEF Faith Leadership Circle engagement, and had our commitment captured in the global 'commitments corner', which will be reflected in the UN global commitments and Australian Government commitments.



Partnering Locally to Support Palestinian Families

The conflict in Gaza has been devastating and incredibly traumatic. In addition to our on-the-ground efforts, Islamic Relief Australia is also supporting families and individuals from Gaza who have been able to join their families in Australia.

We are partnering with National Zakat Foundation (NZF), Penny Appeal Australia, AusRelief, and Brothers in Need to provide a wrap-around support service

for Gazan families coming to Australia.

In Queensland, we have 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.

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

Help in Australia: Supporting Local Communities

At Islamic Relief Australia, we also focus on supporting those most in need within our local communities. While we recognise that there is greater need around the world, we are also acutely aware that segments of our society – refugees and asylum seekers, the youth and the elderly – are especially vulnerable.

The cost of living has increased dramatically over the last 2 years, worsening food insecurity, homelessness and health challenges for Australia's

most vulnerable. While for many of us it is not life threatening, as we often have emergency savings and social support to help us through, not everyone is as fortunate.

Young people are also prone to experiencing social isolation, leading to mental health challenges, loneliness, delinquent behaviour and poor school results. In turn, being in Australia also does not remove the danger of facing natural disasters, as floods and fires have greatly devastated our

regional and rural communities. Thus, our Australian programs focus on working with expert partners in these fields to bring about meaningful change.





Mobile Food Pantry Service with Brothers in Need

Over the years Islamic Relief Australia has developed a strong working relationship with Brothers in Need.

We have partnered on a number of initiatives, including during Covid where we distributed food and essential items.

In this project, we are providing those in need with a mobile food pantry (MFP) service. It is a converted van that is loaded with fresh food, hampers and essentials and then driven to central sites that are easily accessible. It aims to help resolve the dual problems of affordability and accessibility that many vulnerable groups struggle with.

Logan Roos Youth Project

Empowering Futures is a comprehensive program designed by Islamic Relief Australia to support the holistic development of refugee and underprivileged children and help them integrate into Australian society.

We are working with the Logan Roos Football Club in Brisbane to introduce a love of sport for refugee and asylum-seeker children. By providing access to organised sports, which helps participants develop social integration, self-confidence and self-discipline, we aim to keep these children off the streets by giving them a sense of belonging and helping them work towards a brighter future.

At a formal level, the Club offers soccer as an organised and competitive sport. It also offers additional activities, including mentorship programs, homework support programs and leadership camps, that help nurture children holistically. The focus is on creating a safe space that promotes their physical, emotional and academic development.





Nurturing Our Youth with Alfirdaus

The youth are our future.

In all aspects of our work, Islamic Relief Australia is dedicated to the growth and development of young people, ensuring they have the best opportunities to explore their full potential.

This mission forms the foundation of our partnership with Alfirdaus College, a major trailblazer in our community providing many initiatives that help nurture the holistic development of our youth.

Alfirdaus' annual curriculum is filled with a diverse range of youth engagement activities. This includes camps that support emotional growth and

wellbeing, as well as programs that encourage positive values and behaviour and building beneficial relationships.

Islamic Relief Australia is honoured to regularly support and work with Alfirdaus College on many youth initiatives, helping young Muslims develop life-long skills, improve their self-confidence and receive a quality education.

Asylum Seekers Centre: Supporting Struggling Families

Families seeking asylum in Sydney are experiencing unprecedented levels of food insecurity, poverty and isolation.

Many of these families, having left their homeland under duress, arrive in Australia facing intense financial and emotional stress.

As a humanitarian organisation, it is important that we do our bit in extending our hand to new arrivals. Islamic Relief Australia is working with the Asylum Seekers Centre to provide relief to these families currently residing in Western Sydney by providing them access to food

and other essentials.

These services are being provided at Auburn Community Centre, to more easily reach vulnerable families, many of whom live in the surrounding area. The location also allows these families to build meaningful connections, nurture their children's development and seek advice about important topics such as school enrolment, health and transport.





Promoting and Supporting Community Awareness

Islamic Relief Australia is also supporting community events that highlight and raise awareness of important community issues.

In 2023, we supported the screening of 'Purple Don't Cry' in Sydney and Melbourne, a movie that highlights the dangers of drugs and gang life for young people.

In addition, we supported a mental health conference that highlighted Islamic approaches to mental health diagnosis and support, and the contributions that Islamic scholars have made in the mental health field.

In the education sector we continued our partnership with Crescent Foundation in celebrating the achievements of teachers and students in Muslim schools.

Partnering with UNICEF for Climate Disaster Relief

Islamic Relief Australia has responded to a number of increasingly devastating flood and bushfire events in Australia over the years. Our support is primarily humanitarian, providing essential support including food, water and clothing.

In November 2022, we partnered with UNICEF Australia to support those impacted by the floods in New South Wales. A response greatly

strengthened by our learnings from conducting disaster risk reduction in Pakistan and Indonesia, two countries greatly impacted by climate change.

We also worked with UNICEF Australia to deepen our understanding of the impact of disasters on children and young people. These vulnerable groups are increasingly exposed and most severely affected by climate disasters. They are also less equipped to deal with the

trauma of the event physically and mentally, at the time and in recovery.

The capacity to prepare for and respond to climate disasters should be a permanent feature for any humanitarian organisation in Australia going forward.

Hence, we are ensuring that we play our part in helping our organisation and our local partners develop and provide appropriate disaster responses.



Our Partners

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 organizations involves assisting them in growing by raising funds, promoting their efforts, building their capacity and expanding their reach. In 2023, 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.

Community Partnerships



Other Partners



"I have seen Islamic Relief Australia tremendously grow in the last years. Their outstanding and tireless efforts in providing humanitarian aid and development programs across the globe are truly commendable. I recognise that Islamic Relief Australia's leadership and team always work closely with the community at a grassroots level and constantly have been active participants at all community leaders, meetings, forums, and gatherings.

I only see Islamic Relief Australia continue to grow and prosper and serve those who are in need and the interest of the Muslim community."



**Imam Shadi Alsuleiman,
President, Australian National
Imams Council (ANIC)**

"UNICEF Australia's are proud to collaborate and partner with Islamic Relief Australia.

We have a shared vision to create a better world and we are grateful for the generous support that Islamic Relief have provided to the children and communities that we assist together."



**Tony Stuart, CEO, UNICEF
Australia.**

"Australia for UNHCR values its partnership with Islamic Relief Australia, which focuses on providing assistance to refugees and displaced people.

Our ongoing collaboration has made a difference for more than 1100 people in Nigeria where IRAUS provided assistance in 2023 to help internally displaced people establish livelihood projects."



**Trudi Mitchell, CEO,
Australia for UNHCR**

"The ICV has partnered with Islamic Relief for a number of years, most recently to support the Palestinians in Gaza and those that have arrived here in Australia as refugees from the genocide in Gaza.

We have found Islamic Relief to be transparent, flexible, reliable, and to have a can-do attitude.

They also have been supportive of ICV initiatives and events demonstrating their intention to give back to the community."



**Adel Salman, President,
Islamic Council of Victoria
(ICV)**

"Since March 2022, both organisations, Werribee Islamic Centre and Islamic Relief have been in collaboration in multiple activities for the benefit of the community. Our joint projects range from disaster relief, Zakat, and orphans sponsorship to youth engagement activity, 'Empowering Ambassadors'.

We wish this relationship to continue in the future in many aspects, In Shaa Allah."



**Rifai Abdul Raheem,
President, Werribee Islamic
Centre.**

"Since March 2023, IEACA (Cranbourne Mosque) and Islamic Relief have collaborated on numerous activities to benefit local and global communities.

Islamic Relief Australia's support has significantly bolstered our efforts to promote unity and empower our community, not only in the Victorian Eastern Suburbs but also across Australia.

We sincerely thank them for their generosity and partnership in fostering a compassionate and united society."



**Imam Khalilurrahman Hamid,
The President of Board of Imam
Victoria**

"For me as the CEO of an NGO myself, I find it truly refreshing and inspiring to be able to work with Islamic Relief on so many initiatives, as our goals are the same; help our Ummah in whatever way we can with collaboration, brotherhood and sincerity."



**Ismail Davids, CEO, National
Zakat Fund Australia**



Our Executive Board and 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



Mahmoud Nahya

Secretary, Board of Trustees

- Experienced team leader, 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


- 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



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



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 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 Finance and Economics



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.
- 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 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.



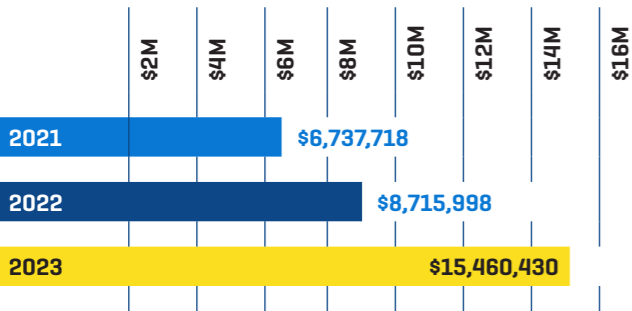
Finances and Accountability

Income in 2023

In 2023 Islamic Relief Australia’s income increased to \$15.46 million from \$8.72 million, reflecting a remarkable growth rate of 77% compared to the previous year.

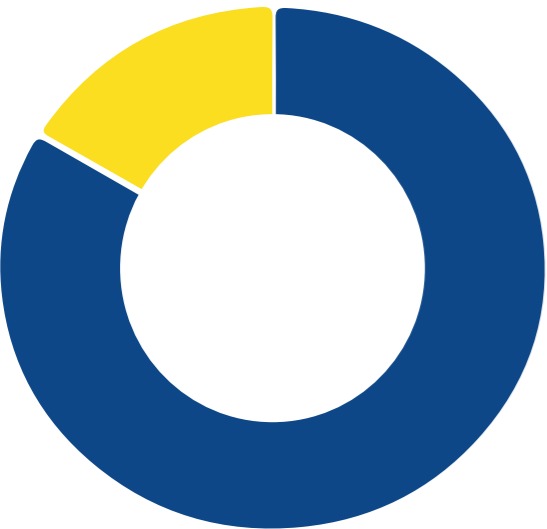
Our primary source of income remains community support, contributing \$12.92 million, followed by in-kind donations totalling \$2.54 million.

INCOME OVER THE YEARS



Where the money comes from

Community support income: \$12,916,750
Non-monetary income: \$2,543,680



Expenditure in 2023

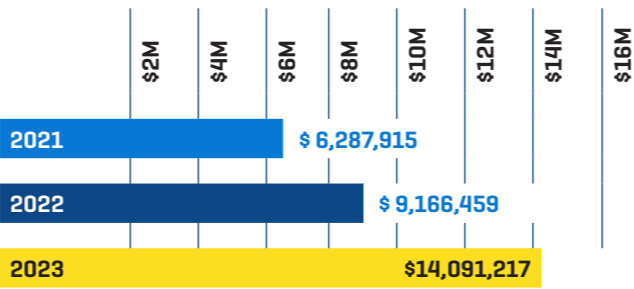
As a result of the growth in income, our expenditure also increased significantly to \$14.09 million from \$9.16 million in the previous year, reflecting a 60% growth.

The significant increase in expenditure can be primarily attributed to the rise in International and Local Program implementation projects, underscoring our unwavering commitment to fulfilling our mission, delivering donors’ gifts in a timely manner and serving the communities we are dedicated to.

In 2023, fundraising and community education expenditure amounted to \$1.47 million, reflecting a 36% increase compared to last year’s \$1.08 million. This investment has been a crucial factor in the growth Islamic Relief Australia saw in 2023 and signifies our continuous efforts to expand our fundraising activities and enhance community education initiatives. Our goal is to foster long-term income growth and community engagement, ultimately taking the donations we receive further and ensuring income growth in future years.

Furthermore, our expenditure on accountability and administration experienced a decrease from \$0.48 million in 2022 to \$0.46 million in 2023. This reduction exemplifies our commitment to maximising the impact of each dollar spent and underscores our focus on efficiency and accountability in our operation.

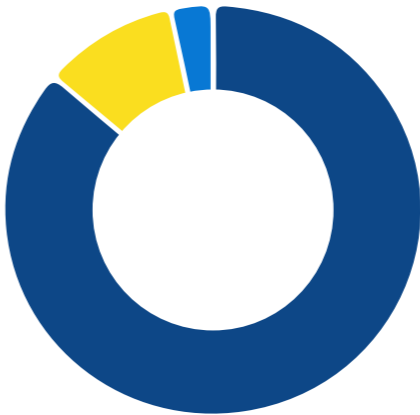
EXPENDITURE OVER THE YEARS



Where the money goes

Programs Delivery*: \$12,152,541
Fundraising and community education: \$1,476,322
Accountability & Administration: \$462,353

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



Looking at this differently

Of every \$1 we spend:

- 86c towards Islamic Relief Australia programs.
- 11c 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.

Statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts		
Monetary	12,916,750	6,196,920
Non-Monetary	2,543,680	2,499,780
Grants		
Other Australian	-	-
Other Income	-	19,297
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
Total Revenue	15,460,430	8,715,997
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to International Programs	6,943,373	3,851,861
International Program support costs	364,382	305,307
Fundraising costs		
Public	1,450,556	996,257
Accountability and Administration	462,353	476,284
Non-Monetary Expenditure	2,543,680	2,499,780
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	11,764,344	8,129,489
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion	-	-
Domestic Program Expenditure	2,273,614	977,794
Domestic Program support costs	53,258	59,175
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,091,216	9,166,458
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	1,369,214	(450,461)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	1,369,214	(450,461)

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 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 Postion

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,646,531	2,706,427
Trade and other receivables	139,077	42,823
Other assets	50,686	67,952
Total Current Assets	4,836,294	2,817,202
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	69,016	67,137
Right-of-use assets	233,691	353,673
Intangibles	150	1,098
Other assets	34,360	32,455
Total Non-Current Assets	337,217	454,363
TOTAL ASSETS	5,173,511	3,271,565
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,828,221	1,217,035
Lease liabilities	166,585	122,923
Employee benefits	92,809	59,053
Total Current Liabilities	2,087,615	1,399,011
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	111,488	276,282
Employee benefits	18,060	9,138
Total Current Liabilities	129,548	285,420
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,217,163	1,684,431
NET ASSETS	2,956,348	1,587,134
EQUITY		
Reserves	1,093,847	899,197
Retained surpluses	1,862,501	687,937
TOTAL EQUITY	2,956,348	1,587,134

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 2023 is available upon request to the organisation by emailing info@islamicrelief.org.au

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Specific Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,237,814	799,781	2,037,595
Surplus for the year	-	(450,461)	(450,461)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(450,461)	(450,461)
Transfer (from)/to reserves	(338,617)	338,617	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	899,197	687,937	1,587,134
	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	-	1,369,213	1,369,213
Transfer (from)/to reserves	194,650	(194,650)	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,093,847	1,862,501	2,956,347

Directors’ Declaration

Islamic Relief Australia Limited
Directors' declaration
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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 2023 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 2023;
- 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 2023;
- 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 2023; 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

__29_March 2024



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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 2023, 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 2023.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 29 March 2024.

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 29th day of March 2024

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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)

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



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