



Zakat builds *lives*

Your Ramadan
Donations in Action

2023

Our International Response

This Ramadan, thanks to your donations, we were able to make a huge impact! Your Zakat, Fitrah, and Sadaqah donations went towards helping the most vulnerable and those in need.



235,800

People supported with food assistance



62,950

People supported through water programs



Our Zakat Where Most Needed Distribution Process

Zakat is a universal welfare system to support people who are most in need and vulnerable.

It ensures enough basic support so that one can live with dignity. Zakat helps save lives and rebuild communities.

At IDRF, we have an internal evaluation system to distribute donations that are allocated as **Zakat Where Most Needed**.

We consider this based on the current circumstances at the time of donation. IDRF follows this procedure:



1

We evaluate and assess needs with our local partners on the ground



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We make sure to balance crisis management & sustainable development



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We implement a project that serves immediate needs and builds for the future.

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Through your trust and support, we collect Zakat.



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We then allocate your donations to our Zakat approved projects



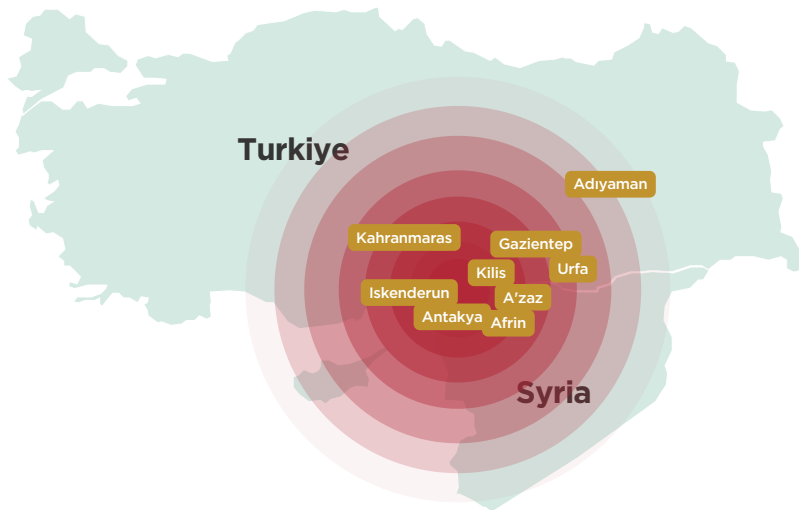
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Your donations are delivered and received by our beneficiaries.



Turkiye & Syria Earthquake

In February, a catastrophic earthquake hit Southern Turkiye & Syria, claiming nearly 60,000 lives and leaving more than 100,000 injured.



Almost 9.1 million people were affected, including 4 million children without access to education and 3 million displaced. The devastation lingers on.

IDRF responded immediately to alleviate the suffering of families affected by the crisis. We provided essential supplies, healthcare, education, and hygiene kits from day one. We also organized events and programs to support survivors' psychological well-being and social cohesion. From family counselling and Ramadan meals to children's entertainment and education, we worked to provide affected families with the support to heal and recover.

Your donations also helped build container shelters, provided chargeable solar lights and gas tubes for household cooking, and distributed baby kits. With the support of our donors and supporters, IDRF will continue to support survivors and rebuild communities affected by the disaster.

Our emergency response spanned across the earthquake zone from the epicenters in [Kahranmaras](#) and [Elbistan](#), to [Antakya](#), [Islahiye](#), [Malatya](#), [Gaziantep](#), [Killis](#), and [Urfa](#), down to [Afrin](#), [A'zaz](#) and [Jinderes](#), providing immediate and ongoing relief to families impacted by the earthquake.

Our Ramadan impact

Built 148 shelters

supporting hundreds of families with container shelters



21,000+ people

supported through hot meals and food parcels



6,500+ people

supported through health care and hygiene services



6,500+ students

supported through education and nutrition kits





A Survivor's Story

An elderly woman from Elbistan, Turkiye, found herself caught in an earthquake while praying with her family. Trapped under rubble, they were eventually rescued by her eldest son, although tragically, her daughter lost her life.

Following the earthquake, the government provided the family with a place to stay, and IDRF provided their family with enough food to last a month. Despite personal loss, they express gratitude for the assistance received and contentment with their current living conditions.

However, the woman was concerned about her grandchildren's lack of educational resources. Although attending school, the children did not have the necessary books, hindering their learning experience.

In response, IDRF is dedicated to supporting their education and nurturing the holistic well-being of these children. Our emergency response offers a range of crucial support to affected children, including engaging in entertainment and cultural events, as well as education for both their psychological and social support.

Through your generous support, thousands of children in Elbistan have experienced a profound impact on their lives. Your contributions have enriched their educational journey, empowering them with the tools and resources they need to shape a brighter future, even in the face of adversity.

“ | There is nothing to say. May God be pleased with you.



Food Assistance



Food insecurity is an escalating global crisis that demands urgent attention.

The distressing reality of world hunger affects a staggering 828 million individuals who struggle to find a meal each day. The combination of factors such as military conflict, climate change, political instability, and economic inflation has pushed countless families to food insecurity.

Amidst such challenging circumstances, your generous donations bring stability, improved health, and hope. With your support, we distribute food to impoverished families and support sustainable agriculture projects to provide sustenance and combat hunger in vulnerable communities worldwide—one family at a time.



Our Ramadan impact



14
Countries



235,800

people supported through
Food Assistance

Countries we worked in

Palestine, Afghanistan, Turkiye, Syria, Pakistan, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso, Somalia, Kenya, Yemen, Mali, India, and Bangladesh.



828 million
individuals struggle to find a meal each day


This year, inflation rates went up by **8.5%**



Palestine

Serving Iftar in Masjid Al-Aqsa

This year, we worked closely with our local partners in Jerusalem to distribute iftar meals to thousands of people at Masjid Al-Aqsa, bringing much-needed relief to the community during the last ten nights of Ramadan.



17,000

people were provided iftar meals for the last ten nights of Ramadan at Masjid Al-Aqsa



Emergency Food Boxes in Gaza

The scale of the humanitarian crisis in Palestine is staggering, with approximately 2.1 million people in dire need of every day humanitarian assistance. In the Gaza Strip alone, an alarming 63% of the population is food insecure.



12,000

people were provided with food packages to last a month



Food Vouchers in Gaza

The territory has been under a blockade for 15 years, leading to high levels of poverty and unemployment. By having our staff on the ground, we have assisted the people of Gaza in obtaining affordable groceries and enabled them to exercise greater autonomy when purchasing their own food.



18,600

people were provided with food vouchers to purchase food for at least a month



Afghanistan

After decades of conflict and violence, Afghanistan remains on the precipice of survival, with over 24 million people in dire need of humanitarian aid and nearly 20 million facing acute food insecurity. From economic isolation from the international community over the governing regime, many fear the situation may only deteriorate further, exacerbating the suffering of the Afghan people.

This Ramadan, your donations contributed towards our Afghanistan team delivering thousands of food boxes to vulnerable families in Kabul, Kunduz, Laghman, Mazar-i-Sharif, and Sherberghan.



21,200

people were provided with food packages to last a month



Yemen

Yemen is currently in the midst of a severe food crisis, posing a significant threat to its population. As the poorest country in the Middle East and North Africa, Yemen is grappling with widespread hunger, endangering the lives of millions. The scarcity of food has reached an alarming level, with up to 19 million Yemenis facing food insecurity.

Thanks to your generous donations this Ramadan, IDRF provided food packages to fasting families, ensuring they had enough nourishment for the entire month.



9,000

people were provided with food packages to last a month

A Fisherman's Story

Like many families in Haro, the struggle to meet basic necessities has become an uphill battle. Take, for example, the story of a young fisherman who finds it increasingly difficult to provide for his family. Despite his tireless efforts, the rising cost of living has created an insurmountable obstacle.

High prices have rendered even the most essential items beyond his reach, making it a daily challenge to put food on the table and cover the family's expenses.

The most fundamental necessity of all—food—remains a constant concern in Haro. Despite their best efforts, families are unable to stockpile enough food to sustain them for a month.

Fortunately, through collaborative efforts, IDRF is bringing Haro closer to a future where households have access to food and gaining greater food security.

“ Some of them didn't have the necessities of Ramadan. They see this relief when they receive it as a treasure. People are really happy

Thanks to your donations, Haro is inching toward a future where hunger is no longer a daily struggle.



East Africa

The horn of Africa is in the grip of a dire food crisis caused by decades of conflict, infrastructure devastation, and the most severe drought in four decades. Insufficient funding for humanitarian aid is putting approximately 8.3 million people at risk of acute food insecurity. The crisis has reached a point where 2 out of every 5 Somalis are now battling acute food insecurity, with a staggering 213,000 individuals facing the grim reality of catastrophic hunger. IDRF's dedicated team responded to the dire situation in Uganda, Kenya and Somalia by providing vital emergency food support to the most vulnerable communities affected by the devastating drought.



81,000

people were provided with food packages to last a month

Sahel Africa

Persistent conflicts, climate change, and economic instability have created grave conditions in Sahel Africa, leading to an alarming food crisis. Approximately 12.7 million people in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are grappling with food insecurity, unable to meet their basic nutritional needs. Distressingly, this crisis has led to an increase in acute malnutrition among young children, affecting over 5 million kids under the age of 5. Your generous donations have provided families in Sahel Africa with nutritious meals to break their fasts during the holy month of Ramadan.



20,400

people were provided with food packages to last a month



Pakistan

Pakistan is facing a severe food crisis, as millions of homes have been destroyed and over a million livestock lost. As a result, a widespread epidemic of malnutrition and hunger has engulfed the nation, presenting a daunting challenge that demands urgent attention and intervention.

The situation is particularly disheartening, considering that a staggering 44% of children under the age of 5 are afflicted with stunted growth as a direct consequence of malnutrition.

Thanks to your donations this Ramadan, our team in Pakistan delivered food packages to vulnerable families in need to last them the entire month.



41,600

people were provided with food packages to last a month



Ali's Story

Ali Dur, a 55-year-old is a daily wage worker from village Faiz Muhammad ward, Kourogoth-Khairpur. Ali and his family of 9, including 8 children and his wife, were making ends meet through daily wage labor until a devastating flood hit their community. The flood wiped out their crops, destroyed their home, and drained their savings.

Left with nothing, Ali and his family of nine endured tremendous hardships, struggling to survive amidst the aftermath of the flood.

In a moment of desperation, your donations supported IDRF to step in to provide Ali and his family with a vital lifeline: a month's worth of rations and essential provisions.

The timely provision of rations became a beacon of hope for Ali and his family, addressing their immediate need for sustenance.

“ Even though I have lost my home, cattle and crops but for the survival of my family ration was my immediate need. I don't have any source of income. This ration is a big support for me and my family.

This Ramadan, your efforts brought Ali's family survival.



Water Assistance

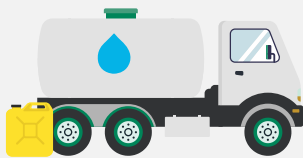


Access to clean water, hygiene, and sanitation remains a critical challenge for millions worldwide.

Vulnerable families lack sufficient water for drinking and cleanliness, putting them at severe health risk. In response, IDRF has delivered clean water to thousands of families across multiple countries, making a tangible impact on their well-being.

This Ramadan, through your donations, we were able to support 62,950 people, through water trucking.

Our impact this Ramadan



62,950

people supported through water trucking



Countries we worked in

Palestine, Somalia, and Yemen.



More than
3.6 billion
people lack access
to safe managed
sanitation



2 billion
people do not
have safe drinking
water



Kenya

Water Water wells

North Eastern Kenya is suffering from a severe, prolonged drought which has resulted in 2.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. In response, IDRF has built over 20 water wells and trucked clean water to thousands of families this Ramadan.



43,750

people were provided with clean water



Somalia

Water Trucking

Across Somalia, about 8 million people lack access to safe water and sanitation facilities. This Ramadan, you helped us provide thousands of litres of clean water daily to people for the month of Ramadan.



17,400

people were provided with clean water



Palestine Gaza

Water Trucking

Over 90% of Gaza's water is unfit for drinking and an estimated 1,366,681 people are in need of WASH assistance. To address this water crisis, IDRF is providing fresh, clean drinking water to schools daily across Gaza.



1,800

people were provided with clean water

Zakat Al-Fitr distribution in Gaza

Your generous Zakat Al-Fitr donations have made a significant impact on our long-term initiative aimed at uplifting the lives of the underprivileged families residing in Gaza.

This includes vulnerable groups such as orphans, widows, and those in dire need. Through IDRF's dedicated local farming program, we have been able to extend our support to thousands of families by providing them with specially curated Ramadan and Eid packages filled with fresh, nourishing, and locally grown food.

Thousands of families received fresh food parcels containing fruits, vegetables and a source of protein. By investing in our multi-year project, you are helping us create sustainable change and empowering impoverished populations in Gaza. Through our comprehensive approach, we're uplifting over 150 local farmers by providing them with training and rehabilitating their individually-owned farms.

By purchasing fresh produce and food items directly from these farmers, we're not only supporting them but also ensuring families have access to nourishing meals throughout the year, including during the holy month of Ramadan.

Your donations not only relieve hunger but also help uplift the local economy.

Our Ramadan impact



31,140

fresh food parcels delivered during Ramadan



150

local farmers provided with training and rehabilitating their individually-owned farms



Fatima's Story

Fatima Mohammed Musa al-Abdala, a 61-year-old widow and mother of six children, resides in Khan Younis City, South Gaza. Her family currently lives in an old rented house, and despite Fatima's efforts to provide for their basic needs, they continue to struggle.

Compounding their difficulties, Fatima is unemployed, relying on assistance from relatives, neighbors, and NGOs. One of the major challenges Fatima faces is her inability to afford meat for her children.

However, thanks to the generous donations of Zakat Al-Fitr, Fatima and her family received meat and fresh food parcels to enjoy during Ramadan.

“ We had almost nothing to eat. This Ramadan, we were able to enjoy chicken! It had been a long time since we had eaten meat, so we were overjoyed. As someone who doesn't work, I had been uncertain about how to provide food for my family during Ramadan until I received this parcel.

With your incredible support, IDRF has brought smiles and nourishment to families like Fatima's during this blessed month of Ramadan.



Ramadan in Canada

Food Distributions

Across Canada, 5.8 million Canadians, including 1.8 million children, experience inadequate access to food.

Households living below the poverty line and unhoused communities are particularly most at risk to food insecurity. To combat hunger in Canada, IDRF distributed hot meals to Canadians across the nation every Ramadan.

In Montreal, we collaborated with Hilm, Afghan Grillades Acadie, and Grillados, we hosted weekly Ramadan hot meal distributions to those in need across the city.

We extended our efforts to Vancouver and Victoria and partnered with local restaurants such as Taste of Lahore Restaurant, Al-Barakah Food Speciality, Lahouri Restaurant, Jamila Kitchen and Grill, and Thali Indian Cuisine.

In Toronto, we partnered with Halal Meals, One Love and Healing as One to provide hot meals to vulnerable households in Regent Park, Etobicoke, and the GTA.



Our Ramadan impact



1,200

people were provided with hot meals



1,902

people were provided with food boxes



1,320

cookies were delivered for Eid



Community Events

This Ramadan, our community united like never before.

With the support of dedicated volunteers, staff, business ambassadors, and community leaders, we hosted workshops and iftar fundraisers nationwide.

Your presence and generosity at our events in Montreal, Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, and Toronto made a significant impact on vulnerable communities both locally and globally.

Thank you for being part of this initiative to bring joyous a Ramadan to everyone.





Thank you Volunteers!

IDRF extends its appreciation to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time and effort to contribute to the success of IDRF's events. Your enthusiastic participation and selfless efforts have played a pivotal role in making our events memorable and impactful. Thank you for being an indispensable part of the IDRF family!



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