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Foreword

Islamic Relief's waqf programme commemorated its tenth anniversary in 2010. Over the last decade, your waqf donations have helped thousands of vulnerable people to sustain their livelihoods by offering them long-term support.

In 2010, the waqf programme funded a variety of initiatives, from equipping a hospital in Sri Lanka and offering rehabilitation to children with disabilities in Egypt, to providing food and water to survivors of the Pakistan floods.



Sustainability is paramount, so Islamic Relief invests your donations and only uses profits to fund these projects, ensuring that donations carry on to the following year, and that benefits can be reaped year after year.

Projects also aim to have long-lasting results, by repairing a library in Chechnya, for example, it is hoped that generation after generation will be able to profit from the project.

In the last ten years, Islamic Relief has implemented 71 projects in 26 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

Over the next year, the Waqf Department will see some small changes. We will be adopting a new, improved system which will allow us to manage your shares and donations more efficiently and we will also be exploring different waqf models with the aim of making your donations go further.

We look forward to working with you again in 2011 and hope that you will continue to contribute to Islamic Relief's waqf programme. Thank you for your support.

Islamic Relief Worldwide
Strategic Business Unit Director

Food assistance in Pakistan

In July and August 2010, over 12 million people had their homes damaged or destroyed by the worst floods in Pakistan’s history. About 2,000 people were killed and 20 million affected.

Islamic Relief immediately responded to the floods, providing food and water to survivors of the floods.

About 34,600 families received food packages, benefitting a total of 242,186 people, 3,920 of which were funded by waqf donations. Waqf fund also contributed in providing drinking water for the needy people.



The food packages were distributed all over Pakistan, in the areas of Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan-Administered Kashmir, Punjab and Sindh.

Distribution points were selected on the basis of convenience to the local community. Each person received an invitation to collect their food at a scheduled time and proved the receipt of their package by offering their thumbprint.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€1,833,810	€30,564	3,920 beneficiaries



CASE STUDY

Bastikhar Bibi’s story

Bastikhar was asleep in her home in Londa village when the floods struck, and awoke to find her husband Noor Mohammed calling her. The water was already a foot deep in her home. Grabbing her twelve-year-old daughter, Faryal, Bastikhar fled her home and went to higher ground. The family spent two days outdoors and returned to their village to discover that their home had been completely washed away.

“I was shocked when I saw what was left of my house. I lost everything. My daughter asked me for something to eat and I felt extremely helpless because I had nothing to give her.

After two weeks we were able to eat properly as we received a food package from Islamic Relief. Now we have enough food to last us for a month and we can concentrate on rebuilding our home, instead of worrying about food.”

Islamic Relief also provided Bastikhar with clean drinking water, jerry cans, cooking utensils, hygiene items- such as towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste- and shelter.

“The flood left us to live in the open air, where we were exposed to rain, extreme heat and insects. Thankfully, Islamic Relief provided us with shelter so we could have privacy and protect ourselves from the extreme weather.”

Ramadan in the Gaza Strip

As food shortages continued across Gaza this year, waqf donors provided thousands of pounds worth of food to Gazans during the course of Ramadan.

The food distribution programme covered all five governorates of the Gaza Strip and targeted the poorest rural areas. Islamic Relief identified the most vulnerable families and provided them with food with which to break their Ramadan fasts and celebrate the joy of Eid.



Beneficiaries included large families, people with special needs, orphans, elderly people, widows and those with no relatives or friends to support them. People struggling to find employment or who live in particularly remote areas were also included in the selection process, which included rigorous assessment and checks to make sure aid was distributed to those most in need.

307 food packets were distributed by Islamic Relief Palestine. They included staples such as rice, pasta, beans and oil as well as Halal canned meat and halawa, a popular local dessert.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€9,228	€9,228	1,842 individuals (307 families)

In 2010, the Emergency Relief Waqf fund provided 1,800 people in the Gaza Strip with enough food for the month of Ramadan and those living in marginalised areas.



CASE STUDY

Mahmoud's Story

Mahmoud Hasan Ziedane lives in a three-room house in Beach Camp, with his wife and family.

A fisherman and father of 11, he is the breadwinner for 23 members of his family. However, for four years the siege has restricted Mahmoud from catching enough fish, and now he struggles to support his family on less than £4 a week.

"The number of fish I catch is too little," he said, "it is enough for less than 24 hours and sometimes I fish for an entire week without catching anything."

The family's daily diet consists of salad, beans and occasionally eggs. "It harms my children that they are deprived of eating fruit and other healthy foods," Mahmoud added, "We have not tasted meat for a very long time."

"I appreciate the work of Islamic Relief, which works hard to help us overcome the obstacles in our life," he said. This year the family received an Islamic Relief food parcel, which meant that instead of the salty fish they sometimes eat at Eid, they had a range of staples as well as meat and even dessert.

Distributions in drought-struck Niger

This year, your waqf donations allowed around 3,000 people in Niger to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha with meat-based meals. The price of meat is high in the region and with a cyclical food crisis, few families can regularly afford to buy meat.

In April 2010, nearly half of Niger's population was food insecure and seven million people were at risk of malnutrition due to an extremely low rainfall.

The country experienced a prolonged drought which killed both crops and livestock. Families in the region who depended on their harvest to survive saw their crops wither and perish.



In August, just two months before communities were due to reap the crops that survived the drought, flash floods swept across the Sahel, inundating tens of thousands of Nigerien families. Over 200,000 people were made homeless.

Over three-quarters of the population in Niger relies on agricultural produce and livestock to make ends meet. Tens of thousands of animals died during the floods and thousands of hectares of farmland were destroyed and the agricultural yield was crushed.

Project expenditure	Waqf contributions	Beneficiaries	Qurbanis performed
€5,334	€5,334	2,928	122

CASE STUDY

Issoufou's Story

Issoufou is a farmer. When he used to work for a textile company he fell ill and now he is unable to do physical jobs.

The 61 years old, father of seven explained that he rarely has enough food to feed his family because of the cyclical food problems in Niger. "The food crises happen because of poor crop yields, a lack of farming tools and general poverty in our community."

I feel frustrated because I can't always get food for my children," explains Issoufou, "but what can I do?"

"I grow vegetables, despite of my disability, and in the rainy season I harvest millet, which I can then exchange for other basics that my family needs.

"On Eid day, after prayers, I visit my relatives and neighbours. We rarely eat meat, because it is so expensive, so I can't afford to do my own Qurbani. I rely on my family and friends sharing theirs with me, otherwise my children have to go begging."

In 2010, Issoufou and his family received a Qurbani meat package for the first time. "Qurbani meat is very useful to my family- see how happy my children are today because they have enough meat? They don't need to beg today."

Issoufou hopes that his eldest son will be able to study in order to get a better job. "I need assistance to help my children and improve their welfare so that they will not have to live like I do."

"I'm thankful to Islamic Relief's supporters, may Allah reward them all and increase their welfare."

Clean water and hygienic living conditions in Haiti

On January 12 2010, a powerful earthquake struck the Caribbean nation of Haiti. More than 200,000 people died and 1.5 million were made homeless.

Over the past year, Haitians have endured hurricanes, monsoon rains and flooding. With severely damaged infrastructure, the country came to a standstill and hygiene levels dropped. Poor sanitation levels and widespread flooding were followed by a cholera outbreak, and many Haitians were at risk of contracting waterborne diseases.



Following the earthquake, Islamic Relief began offering emergency humanitarian assistance to survivors, such as food, shelter and household items. As extreme weather swept through the country, however, Islamic Relief began providing essential hygiene and water systems and training.

The Water and Sanitation Waqf fund provided 5,800 residents in two of Islamic Relief's camps with regular water, access to toilets and hygiene awareness.

In addition to ensuring that toilets are regularly cleaned, so that they are usable for the longest time possible, Islamic Relief is also in the process of building 20 more toilets for individual families for whom we have constructed transitional, wooden shelters on their property.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€29,891	€29,891	5,800

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CASE STUDY Yvans' Story

Yvans Fred Nelson lives in Yasin community camp in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The 22-year-old used to work as a mason, but lost his job when the earthquake struck.

"Before the earthquake, I had a good life; I lived with my family at home. After January 12, I started to sleep outside with my family. We didn't know where to sleep because everybody had problems.

Now I'm living in Yasin community camp. Islamic Relief gave me paid work which made me happy.

But in October, there was a hurricane. The camp became wet and muddy so we couldn't sleep. Water even entered the tents...we were in trouble.

Islamic Relief constructed drainage for us and levelled the whole land with rubble. This prevents flooding when it rains so there's no more mud in the camp.

Islamic Relief has helped a lot, providing everybody living in the camp with water and also supplying us with tents. Thank you, life has become better for us."

Hospital equipments in Sri Lanka

Islamic Relief’s Health Waqf fund is being used to equip the Akkaraipattu Base Hospital (ABH) Ampara in eastern Sri Lanka. The hospital provides treatment to 200,000 people from ten villages in the surrounding area.

Although ABH used to be relatively well-equipped, the laboratories, which perform patients’ tests, weren’t able to cater to the needs of 200,000 people.

Previously, patients in Akkaraipattu were required to have their tests done privately in order to diagnose their conditions.



Islamic Relief provided the hospital with new medical and laboratory equipment, and now, on an average month, it treats about 1,000 extra patients and performs 1,500 more tests.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€9,030	€9,030	200,000 people

“The hospital staff were very helpful and my sincere thanks to Islamic Relief for all their work in helping people to recover.”



CASE STUDY

Saraswathi’s Story

54-year-old Saraswathi lives with her daughter and two sons in Akkaraipattu, on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. Her husband, Kanapthippilla, is a labourer and the sole breadwinner for the family.

Saraswathi was first treated by the Akkaraipattu Base Hospital when she underwent tests to diagnose her illness. Saraswathi had to undergo surgery after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

“The hospital staff were very helpful,” Saraswathi explained, “and my sincere thanks to Islamic Relief for all their work in helping people to recover.”

Saraswathi also thanked Islamic Relief donors for supplying the essential equipment to help diagnose her condition.

She added, “Lastly I would like to thank the hospital staff who looked after and for my successful treatment.”

Rehabilitation for disabled children in Egypt

Islamic Relief’s Early Intervention and Rehabilitation Centre in Egypt provides support to children living with disabilities. The centre aims to develop linguistic, cognitive social and physical skills through specialised education, speech therapy, psychotherapy and physiotherapy- depending on the needs of the individual.

The centre also offers recreational activities for children being treated, such as art and IT workshops, sports, games and trips.



Families of children in the centre can take part in activities and are also offered classes in making clothes and bedsheets. In addition to this, parents are provided with awareness and guidance training on their child’s disability.

Islamic Relief’s centre has also developed a Mother Leaders group, where the most qualified and trained mothers at the centre offer training, support and guidance to other families.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€277,536	€25,716	300



CASE STUDY

Abeer’s Story

29-year-old Abeer has two daughters, Doha and Shourok. Both Abeer and her husband, Rabea’ Muhammad, suffer from poor health, but Abeer explains that it’s her children’s health problems that worries her. “Doha’s birth was the first joy in our lives, the labour was healthy. But after three months, she got pneumonia and was hospitalised. We had to run many tests, that’s when we realised that she had cerebral atrophy.”

This means that Doha loses brain cells and their connections.

Three years later, Abeer had her second daughter, Shourok. “But it was the same scenario,” explains Abeer, “she had a healthy birth, fell sick after three months and was then diagnosed with cerebral atrophy, just like her sister.”

That’s when Abeer found out about Islamic Relief’s intervention centre. “It was like a light at the end of a tunnel,” she explained. “We have been to see so many people, but I only found this warmth and dedication at the EIRC. They were very considerate of my circumstances, scheduling appointments for Doha and Shourok on the same day. Not only did they help my children, but they also gave me more knowledge and awareness.”

But most importantly for Abeer, EIRC helped her to accept having a child with disabilities. “I used to feel so ashamed of my girls. I would hide them and shut myself in my house. As a mother, I always used to feel like it was my fault. The guilt crippled me. “I’ve learnt that a disability is not a shame I should hide. All my perceptions have been altered and it surprised me how this helped the girls to get better. Now I am determined to make it up to them.”

Equipping an orphans office in Hargiesa, Somaliland

Islamic Relief Somalia currently looks after 430 orphans. In 2010, conflict in the region intensified and over 3 million people were estimated to have been affected. An increase in tensions led to instability, both for the region and for the orphans which Islamic Relief supports.

Many families which benefit from our Orphan Sponsorship programme have expressed concern because they cannot access healthcare and Islamic Relief's projects in Somalia had been impeded by a lack of funding and high rental costs.



In order for the Orphan Sponsorship project officers to be able to access more areas, and provide comprehensive assistance, permanent transport was purchased through Orphan and Child Welfare Waqf. This allows Orphan Sponsorship staff to regularly reach current beneficiaries, and also to transport them to health centres and children's centres when required. Both the internet connection and electricity generator were also improved, which will allow our Somalia office to apply for funding for the Orphan Sponsorship programme, which was hindered by irregular and poor connections.

Many foundational changes needed to be made in the Somalia office, in order for our staff to be able to fulfil all the needs of the children it looks after.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€31,264	€31,264	430 Orphans and their families



CASE STUDY Shun's Story

Mother-of-four, Shun Abdullahi, has been displaced by conflict so many times that she has lost count. She was made homeless by the 1982 war with Ethiopia and was displaced many times since during local clashes.

Shun explained, "The situation has improved a bit as Somaliland (an autonomous region in Somalia) has held two elections peacefully, but there is still a risk that we might be displaced, which I'm used to by now."

She described how life has improved since Islamic Relief in Somaliland began to offer her help and provide her with food during difficult times. Since the Orphan and Child Welfare Waqf purchased a vehicle, local staff have been able to transport children who are ill to the nearest hospital. A rapid response is critical in these cases, and having a vehicle enables staff to respond to urgent cases without delay.

"If my children are sick, I can call Islamic Relief and they take them to the hospital," explained Shun. "Alhamdulillah, my children have not been sick, but we were made aware of this service that they now offer and my neighbours have had to call Islamic Relief for this purpose."

Shun sends her prayers and good wishes to all donors, but she also requests more help. "I would like you to help mothers such as myself to start small businesses so that we can be more self-reliant."

Skills training in India

Unemployment rates in India have been on the rise in recent years, with nearly one hundred million Indians jobless in 2010. Competition for each position is extremely high, so people who were disadvantaged early on in life often find it difficult to find a job and support their families.

Islamic Relief’s skills training centre in Assam, India, offers vulnerable people the opportunity to gain basic skills in accountancy, languages and desktop publishing.



But training is highly sought-after in many areas of India today, so Islamic Relief’s waqf fund is building a workshop beside the vocational training centre to enable the centre to offer training in trades such as plumbing, masonry and electrics.

This workshop will train vulnerable people in the technical skills they need to secure employment.

Once complete, the workshop will aim to train about 500 youths by the end of 2011.

The Sustainable Livelihoods Waqf was previously called ‘Income Generation Waqf’.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€12,065	€12,065	500 Youths



CASE STUDY

Mohammed’s struggle

While Mohammed Abdus Sabur was still at school, his father passed away, leaving Mohammed behind to support his five younger siblings. He managed to complete his education, but without vocational training he was unable to get a job.

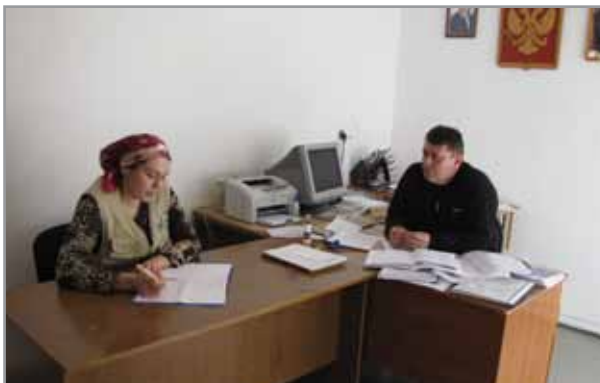
Mohammed’s family lives in Alamkhani with his family. His younger brothers and sisters weren’t able to continue their schooling and left education after primary school.

Islamic Relief’s vocational training centre in Mohammed’s village provides subsidised training in skills such as language, accounting and desktop publishing. Mohammed, who took classes at the centre explained, “I attended the desktop publishing course and I now have a job as an office assistant with a local charity. But I need technical training to become an electrician, so that I can get a job abroad.” The training centre will soon offer vocational classes, which Mohammed plans to attend. He hopes that six months of skill-based training will enable to secure him a job in the Gulf and earn enough money to support his family.

Rehabilitating libraries in Russian Federation

Chechnya has long-suffered the effects of war. Tens of thousands of people lost their lives in the Chechen conflicts and now, many years since the war ended, scores of buildings remain damaged.

Islamic Relief’s Education Waqf fund focuses on offering a sustainable means of education to communities. By providing training centres, repairing schools and reconstructing libraries, Islamic Relief aims to create an ongoing source of education, that will not only offer the current community the opportunity to learn, but will provide generation after generation with the resources they need.



Islamic Relief is repairing the public library in the village of Vinogradnoye, Russian Federation of Chechnya.

In a country that hits sub-zero temperatures for much of the year, Vinogradnoye’s library had no heating and was in poor condition. Islamic Relief repaired the library, providing it with a heating system, and rehabilitating the damaged floorboards, entrance and walls.

Vinogradnoye’s library is now the hub of the community. The local residents not only frequent the library to borrow books, but also to socialize. Hosting both an array of literature and the village’s Cultural Centre, the library is often the venue for local educational and cultural events.

Project Expenditure	Waqf Contributions	Beneficiaries
€12,726	€12,726	3,200 residents



CASE STUDY

Zaurbek’s Story

“Rehabilitating the library is a great help to us,” he explained. “We desperately need educational support to help us preserve our culture, traditions and identity.”

“There are 3,200 people living here and we only have this public library. Before the repairs, people would go to our only school library, and, usually, all they have to read there are school books.”

Zaurbek explained that because his village is isolated from others, residents find it difficult to preserve their culture.

The library also serves as a sanctuary and a hangout for teenagers. “We have young people who idle around and young boys who don’t know how or where to channel their energy,” said Zaurbek. “The Cultural Centre is the only place in the village where they can entertain themselves, there’s lots of national music and young people can socialize with one another, under the supervision of adults.”

Zaurbek used to worry that without entertainment that is appropriate for youths, they might have resorted to abusing drugs or alcohol, or joining gangs.

“On behalf of all the people of Vinogradnoye, I would like to thank Islamic Relief and all the donors who supported this project. For us, it has been of great help.”



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