Sustainable Solutions

Sowing the Seeds for a better Future

Continuity ... Independence ... Investment
Why Waqf?

Waqf creates great benefits not only for the endower themselves but for the whole society.

Participation in the Waqf program is different from any other form of charitable activities, because Waqf means that the capital is retained forever and, moreover, allowed to grow further. This ensures the provision of a permanent and uninterrupted source of giving and income for the orphans, women, children, and vulnerable people including the elderly, the disabled and all other deprived people who are in need for help.

Waqf in Islamic Relief

Islamic Relief started the Waqf programme as one of the donation forms in 2000. During these eleven years the programme has helped thousands of needy people in more than 25 countries around the world including Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean through funding a variety of projects in various sectors of development.

The Islamic Relief Waqf is characterised by being part of the large organisational body which offers a secure capital investment and ensures the diversity of projects and quality of the implementation. Islamic Relief has a presence in many poor countries across the world, and carries out various charity projects, conducted by loyal, honest and efficient staff. These projects reach the needy all over the globe.
Since its inception in 2000, the Waqf Programme has been steadily growing an increasing diversity of offerings. Donors can now donate to any kind of the following types of Waqf:

1 Waqf Shares:

Waqf shares offer the opportunity to participate in the programme, as donors can choose the sector which they wish to support. Upon donating the full share price (1,300 Euros), the Waqf programme management issues a certificate and right after they invest the capital. After the calendar year ends, the returns are calculated and then the majority will be directed to finance a project in that sector annually. After implementation, the Waqf management will issue an annual report stating the investment and implementation details.

Donors are welcome to sign up for more than one share in one sector or different sectors (as shown below) and likewise more than one person can pay collectively and participate to the price of one share.
Catering for disabled children, this multi-disciplinary centre works on developing the social, linguistic, cognitive and behavioural skills of children with special needs from birth till the age of eight. The Waqf programme will endeavour to construct a building for the centre and support families, develop and mobilize local communities through a sustainable livelihoods approach.

**Required Fund: €900,000**
This project aims at improving the quality of life of the disabled war victims in the republic of Chechnya through providing them with a comprehensive set of services including medical, psycho-social, legal, vocational training and income generation. The centre will also represent the disabled and advocate for their rights within the Chechen society.

Required fund: €560,000
Orphans Endowment Waqf Fund has been established by Islamic Relief Worldwide South Africa to provide a secure and self-sustaining source of funds specifically to support orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. You can contribute by buying a share with 60 Euro and you will receive a Waqf Certificate. The donation will be invested and most of the annual profit will be used to address the basic needs and development of the orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa.
Ongoing Charity - The sustainability of giving and the continuity of the reward

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said “When a person dies, their actions come to an end but three, ongoing charity, knowledge from which people continue to benefit and righteous offspring who pray for them” narrated by Ibn Majah

Perhaps the best gift can make for yourself or for someone you love - whether alive or passed away - is to give an ongoing charity, which shall reward everyone constantly. It secures a sustainable fund to the needy while the reward for the donor is continuing.

If you can not afford the price of a share, then you can donate any amount to the Sadaqa Jariay (ongoing charity) where the Waqf management will invest it, just like shares, and then spend the annual profits on any of the projects implemented by Islamic Relief. The projects would cover different sectors such as orphans, water, health care, education and any other project that helps the needy in various countries around the world or may cover the expenses of running the the Waqf Programme. This contribution will also offer you the opportunity to get the reward year on year.
Case Study (Water and Sanitation)

Being one of the most Waqf sectors, Islamic Relief Waqf Programme started promoting the Water & Sanitation Waqf in 2000. The total donations received so far for this sector have reached $800,000 from kind donors in different countries around the world.

Every year, the Waqf management invest the cumulative sum of donations, and then the profits generated are used to implement Water and Sanitation projects in different parts of the world.

During the last 10 years, 10 successful Water & Sanitation projects were funded in different 10 countries (Pakistan, Sudan, Indonesia, Iraq, Niger, Yemen, Kenya, Bangladesh, Haiti and China). The total contribution of profits in those projects was around $132,000 which had been generated from a low-risk investment that adheres to Islamic Relief’s investment policy and complies with the Islamic Shaira.