



Islamic Relief Worldwide

Dedicated to alleviating the suffering of the world's poorest people.

[Islamic Relief](#) is an independent humanitarian and development organisation with a presence in over 40 countries around the globe. We have been fighting poverty and injustice for 30 years, in a world in which over three billion people still live in poverty.



Mosque damage from floods, Subzu Jat Punjab, Pakistan

Islamic Relief works with communities to strengthen resilience to disasters, and we provide vital emergency aid when disasters occur. We help poor people to access basic services, including education, water and sanitation, as well as healthcare. We provide lasting routes out of poverty through our sustainable livelihoods schemes. Our integrated approach to development is transforming communities worldwide.

We take a rights based approach to development and seek to tackle the root causes of poverty, ensuring the world's most vulnerable people have a strong voice and real influence in both our programmes and advocacy. Islamic perspectives on humanitarian and social justice issues inspire all aspects of our work.

Islamic Relief's vision and mission are inspired by our Islamic faith, and seek to exemplify Islamic values. We are guided by the values contained within the Qur'an and taught through the example of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), most specifically: *ikhlas* (sincerity), *ihsan* (excellence), *rahma* (compassion), *adl* (social justice) and *amana* (custodianship). We believe in serving communities regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief.



Malaysia Qurbani food distribution

We engage in religiously motivated seasonal projects like Qurbani, which is the animal sacrifice Muslims make during Eid-al-Adha that takes place on the 12th month of the Islamic calendar, Dhul Hijjah, where the meat is distributed to the poor.



Ramadan food distribution, Egypt

Read more about this and other Islamic financial concepts such as *zakat* and *waqf* at Islamic Relief's site [here](#).

We believe that faith can play a powerful role in promoting sustainable development and social justice. Moreover, we believe that our heritage provides guidance and wisdom on many of the areas that Islamic Relief works on – such as human rights, child protection, poverty reduction, gender justice, environmental protection and conflict transformation.

Read more at Islamic Relief's Policy and Research page [here](#).