

YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

RAMADAN 2025

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builds
Lives



40 YEARS OF
IMPACT

 IDRF

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.



447,096

People supported with food assistance



589,233

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.

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

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:

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



2. We make sure to balance crisis management & sustainable development



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



4. Through your trust and support, we collect Zakat



5. We then allocate your donations to our Zakat approved projects



6. Your donations are delivered and received by our beneficiaries

PALESTINE IN CRISIS

This was the second Ramadan of the siege in Gaza. As families around the world gathered for iftar and prayer, the people of Gaza continued to face starvation, grief, and displacement. And yet — despite relentless bombardment, aid restrictions, and a deepening humanitarian catastrophe — our team never stopped fighting.

Throughout Ramadan, we continued to provide urgent, life-saving relief across the Gaza Strip, reaching thousands in desperate need.

IDRF has been on the ground in Gaza long before this current crisis, and we have remained there — present, committed, and working tirelessly every single day.

We know the needs are immense, and the challenges are growing. But our response goes beyond food and water. From fresh produce and food parcels to hygiene and dignity kits, psychosocial support for children, and clean water delivered by truck and plant — we are doing everything we can to care for the people of Gaza.

Despite the heavy restrictions on aid entering Gaza, our long-standing presence has allowed us to work with local partners, sourcing supplies directly from farmers and vendors to keep delivering essentials. Every act of care, every parcel delivered, every litre of water distributed — it was all thanks to your support this Ramadan.

With the support of our donors and supporters, IDRF will continue to support the people of Gaza through this crisis.



*Scan to learn
more about our
Palestine appeal*





GAZA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

As bombs fell and borders closed, IDRF's team remained on the ground, standing with the people of Gaza and delivering aid under the most harrowing conditions.

Our emergency response adapted in real time as the situation grew more challenging. Every day, we provided clean drinking water through our trucks, wells, and desalination plants. As food became increasingly scarce, we distributed hundreds of hot meals. Food packs were delivered weekly or bi-weekly to thousands of families who had nothing left.

This work goes far beyond meals and water. It includes food parcels with fresh produce, hygiene and dignity kits for families living in overcrowded shelters, and psychosocial support for children whose lives have been shattered by war.

While restrictions on aid continue to choke supply routes, our deep roots in Gaza have allowed us to source essentials locally — from farmers, vendors, and partners who remain hopeful.



YOUR IMPACT IN GAZA



500,000 people supported through water trucking



189,000 people were provided with food packages to last a month



43,000 people were provided with fresh food parcels



120,000

people supported with fresh, hot meals



20,000

people received medical support



21,000

people supported with essential hygiene supplies



281,900

people supported, with temporary shelters such as tents, schools and at hospitals



15,300

children received psychosocial support



30,000

people were provided iftar meals throughout Ramadan



Story
Highlight

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When my son was diagnosed, our world fell apart. Then we lost our home and income — it felt like everything was slipping away. These food packages meant we could feed our children and gave us the strength to keep going.

Hana
Lebanon

Hana's Story

With Lebanon grappling with years of economic collapse, the crisis continues to worsen by the day. Ongoing violence and financial instability have displaced thousands, leaving families struggling to survive.

Hana's family is one of them. She is a mother of two, caring for her 6-year-old who has been diagnosed with terminal liver cancer — with no treatment available. Her husband had been their only source of income.

Due to the crisis in southern Lebanon, Hana's husband lost both his job and their home. The family's situation became extremely difficult — with no shelter, no income, and no way to meet their basic needs.

With the food packages Hana's family received during Ramadan, they were able to focus on caring for their child without the constant stress of survival.

These distributions were crucial, providing them with the support they needed during this difficult time.



FOOD ASSISTANCE

Rising global food insecurity is a crisis fueled by conflict, climate change, political instability, and economic hardship.

These intersecting challenges have left millions of people—especially in vulnerable communities—without reliable access to food. Droughts destroy crops, conflict displaces families from their homes and livelihoods, and rising prices put even basic staples out of reach.

In the face of these growing hardships, your support made a difference.

Thanks to your generosity, we delivered emergency food aid to families facing hunger and invested in long-term solutions like sustainable agriculture and local food systems.



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Countries



447,096

people supported through Food Assistance

Countries we worked in

Botswana, Eswatini (Swaziland), Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Chad, Niger, Burkina Faso, Palestine, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Bangladesh, Turkey, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Canada, Guyana, India



**828
MILLION**

individuals struggle to
find a meal each day

This year, inflation
rates went up by

8.5%

FOOD SECURITY

With your help, we're building stronger
local food systems.

AFGHANISTAN

After decades of instability, Afghanistan continues to face a severe humanitarian crisis. Over 22 million people are in need of assistance, and more than 14.8 million are facing acute food insecurity.

Families displaced to northern provinces like Kunduz and Mazar-i-Sharif continue to face poverty and food shortages. 5.7 million people are internally displaced, with women and children making up 80% of the most affected.

This Ramadan, your donations brought relief to thousands through food packages distributed in Kunduz and Mazar-i-Sharif, providing essential support for those in need throughout the month.



20,250

people were provided with food packages to last a month



65,000

people were provided with food packages to last a month

YEMEN

After years of conflict, economic collapse, and crippling infrastructure, Yemen continues to face one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world.

Rising food prices, disrupted agricultural production, and mass displacement have left millions struggling to meet their basic necessities. The situation has pushed food insecurity to catastrophic levels, with more than 18 million people in urgent need of support.

This Ramadan, your donations helped deliver food packages to people in Yemen, ensuring they had the nourishment they need even in the most difficult times.



PAKISTAN

Pakistanis are facing severe food insecurity, as the country is fighting to recover from the effects of devastating floods.

A severe crisis of malnutrition and hunger is unfolding in Pakistan, creating an urgent situation that calls for immediate action and support.

Over 11 million people in rural Pakistan are experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity, with 1.7 million in critical conditions, requiring immediate assistance to address severe food deficits.

Thanks to the generosity of donors this Ramadan, food packages were delivered to vulnerable families, helping to provide them with essential nourishment throughout the month.



6,278

people were provided with food packages to last a month

BANGLADESH

Hunger in Bangladesh continues to soar, with close to 40 million people facing food insecurity today.

Bangladesh is no stranger to hardship. With climate disasters striking frequently and nearly a million Rohingya refugees seeking safety within its borders, communities across the region are under immense pressure.

This past Ramadan, your generosity made a real difference.

Because of your support, thousands of families in Bangladesh received essential food boxes — offering not just nourishment, but a sense of hope and dignity during a time of deep need.



15,275

people were provided with food packages to last a month

WATER FOR ALL

Approximately

4 BILLION

people experience severe
water shortages for at least
one month each year

**2.4
BILLION**

people are exposed
to waterborne
diseases

Every drop carries the promise of a better
future.

WATER SECURITY

Around the world, water scarcity is threatening the health, dignity, and survival of millions.

Driven by climate change, prolonged droughts, population displacement, and damaged infrastructure, access to safe, clean water is becoming increasingly difficult — especially in impoverished and crisis-affected regions. For many families, every day begins with the urgent search for water.

With your help, we're providing communities with access to clean drinking water through emergency distribution, well construction, and water purification systems. We also invest in long-term solutions that protect water sources and promote sustainable use.



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Countries



447,096

people supported through Water, Sanitation & Hygiene projects

Countries we worked in

Botswana, Eswatini (Swaziland), Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Chad, Niger, Burkina Faso, Palestine, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Bangladesh, Turkey, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Canada, Guyana, India





The food and water I received during Ramadan gave my family much-needed relief, and helped me focus on the well-being of my children.

Yusra
Kenya

Yusra's Journey

Kenya continues to face multiple challenges due to persistent droughts. These conditions have affected livestock, agriculture, and economic stability — leaving communities without reliable sources of income.

The droughts have also contributed to water scarcity, leading to the spread of waterborne diseases and growing food insecurity, with over 2 million people now facing hunger. Malnutrition continues to impact those most vulnerable.

Yusra is a single mother of five who has faced immense hardship since her divorce. With no steady income and little access to food and water, she struggled to feed her children.

This Ramadan, IDRF's food packages along with clean water provided her family with relief, allowing her to focus on her children's health and well-being in their time of need.



UGANDA

81% of the population in Uganda lacks access to safe water. Despite two decades of economic growth, rapid migration from rural areas to informal urban settlements has placed significant strain on existing water and sanitation infrastructure.

In cities, people living in poverty spend up to 22% of their income on water. In rural areas, many families walk over 30 minutes to collect water. This reduces time for work or school, making it harder to save break the cycle of poverty.

This year, thanks to your donations, IDRF improved access to sustainable, clean, and safe water for communities in rural Maracha District, helping prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.



42,000

Through water trucking and water wells



17,055

Through water wells and water trucking

PAKISTAN

Access to safe drinking water remains a major concern for the people of Pakistan.

Many communities lack access to clean water sources, forcing them to rely on contaminated water, leading to a rise in waterborne diseases and compromising public health. The vulnerable, including women, children, and the elderly, suffer the most from this dire situation.

Through the help of your donations, communities and students of villages and schools in Sanghar have access to clean drinking water.



INDIA

Home to over a billion people, India is the most populous country in the world. With such a large population, the country is now facing a growing water crisis — two-thirds of its districts are experiencing critical water shortages.

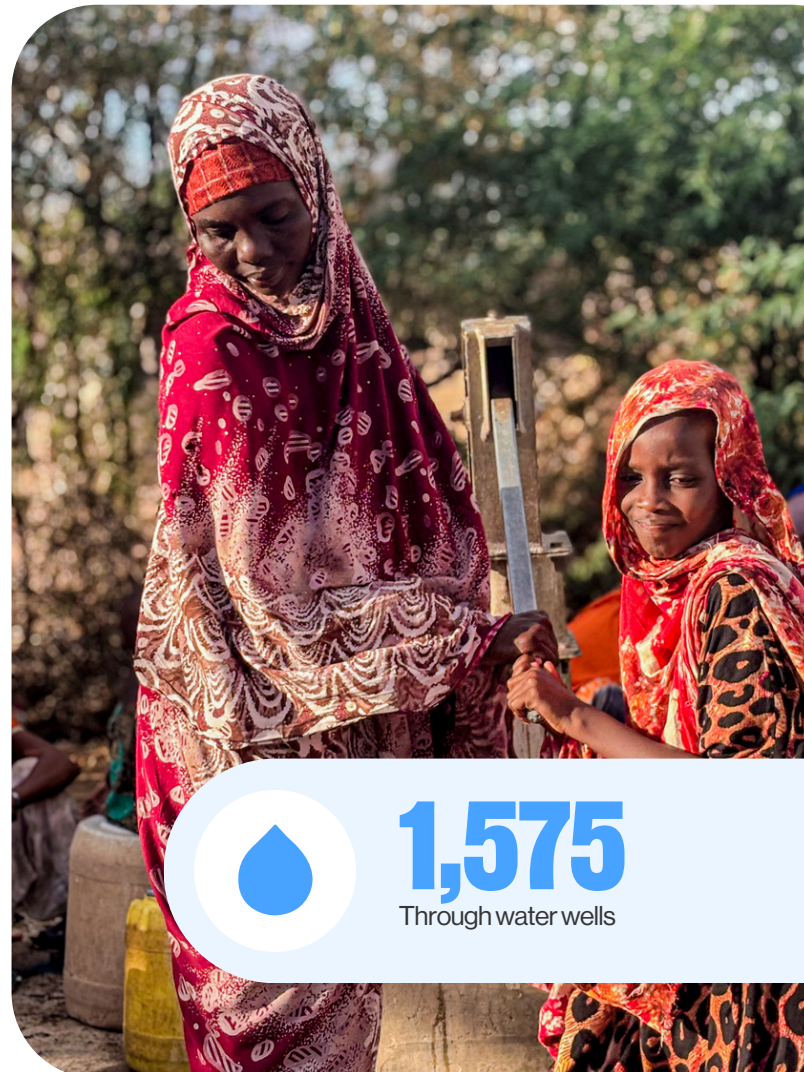
Among the rural areas and villages, the situation is worse, where nearly 600 million people are affected due to water scarcity.

Thanks to your donations this Ramadan, we provided clean water to families in rural India, helping improve their health, hygiene, and access to a reliable water supply.



21,000

people were provided with food packages to last a month



1,575

Through water wells

KENYA

Nearly 28% of Kenya's population lack access to safe water. Across Garissa County and Maracha district, many households frequently consume water from contaminated, unsafe sources.

Rising water demand and scarcity have become major challenges in Kenya. Factors like climate change, population growth, urbanization, pollution, and poor water management have worsened the crisis — impacting the economy, food security, education, and public health.

Through your generosity, we were able to increase accessibility to clean and safe water, preventing the spread of water-borne diseases among vulnerable households in Kenya.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

This Ramadan, our community came together once again.

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

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



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



**Together, we are
People Helping People.**

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