

# YOUR IMPACT

Ramadan 2023



# 559,090

## INDIVIDUALS HELPED THIS RAMADAN

As lingering conflicts, economic crises, and lack of security continued to drive more refugees and displaced families into deep poverty, Ramadan this year, was welcomed very differently in the homes of displaced families around the world, particularly those who endured a challenging winter and relied on our unwavering assistance to sustain their families.

Throughout these challenging times, your support is what made all the difference. We cannot help but look back and acknowledge the beautiful impact YOU had on the lives of refugees this Ramadan. Through your Zakat and Sadaqah donations, thousands of refugee families in the region observed the holy month with food on their Iftar tables and basic needs secured. During the month of giving, you gave wholeheartedly and generously, and that goodness was felt and embraced by refugee families across the region and beyond.

Even through unprecedented hardships, their fortitude and faith in God gave them the courage to face each day as it came. Together, our support provided a safety net of comfort and compassion for more than 111,818 families (559,090 individuals) this Ramadan.



# WHERE YOUR DONATIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED

## **Syria**

(Internally displaced persons)

## **Jordan**

(Refugee families in Jordan)

## **Afghanistan**

(Internally displaced persons)

## **Bangladesh**

(Rohingya refugees)

## **Yemen**

(Internally displaced persons)

## **Indonesia**

(Refugee families in Indonesia)

## **Lebanon**

(Refugee families in Lebanon)

## **Tunisia**

(Refugee families in Tunisia)

## **Nigeria**

(Internally displaced persons)

## **India**

(Refugee families in India)

## **Somalia**

(Internally displaced persons)



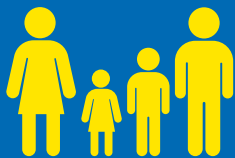
# REFUGEE ZAKAT FUND ENDORSEMENTS

A few days ahead of the blessed month, UNHCR launched its 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report, highlighting the significant impact of Zakat and Sadaqah contributions on the most vulnerable beneficiaries among refugees and displaced populations worldwide.

The Refugee Zakat Fund continues to be the primary driver of much-needed humanitarian assistance during Ramadan and beyond. Trusted and compliant, the most recent fatwas endorsing the UNHCR Refugee Zakat Fund were received in 2022 from the Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department of Dubai, the Fiqh Majlis of Canada, the Tri-State Imams Council (USA), and the Supreme Council of Imams and Islamic Affairs of Brazil, bringing up the total number of endorsements to 15.

**READ MORE** about endorsements and fatwas in the 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Philanthropy Annual Report.

## ZAKAT AL FITR



# 22,900

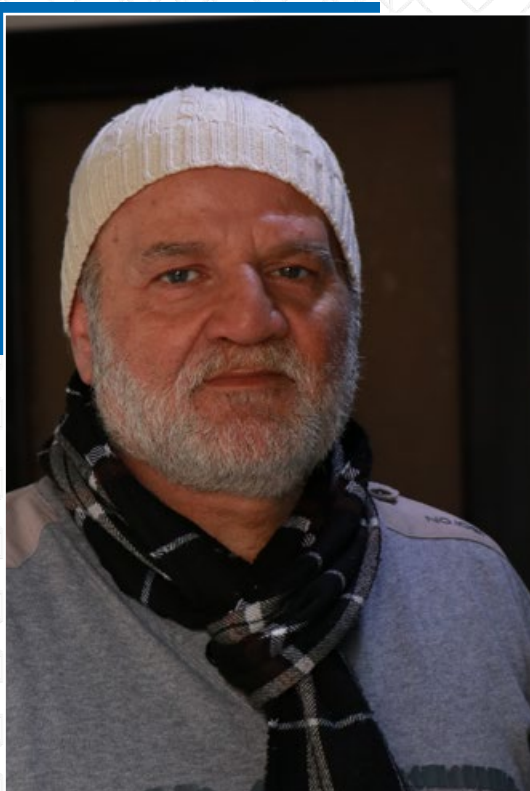
**Syrian refugees in Lebanon  
received Zakat Al Fitr**

100% of Zakat Al Fitr was distributed before Eid.



# YOU EXTENDED A HELPING HAND TO THOUSANDS

During Ramadan, our stories took a closer look at the refugees themselves - their lives, their memories, and their prayers. Once again, you extended a helping hand to thousands, choosing to share joy at a time of great hardship.



## ABOU SALEEM

Syrian refugee in Lebanon

“I want to thank them (UNHCR) for not letting us get separated. Without the assistance we received, our family would have been broken. It helped with our daily living expenses... Thank you so much for not leaving refugees behind.”



## REEM

Syrian refugee in Lebanon

“I used the cash assistance to pay for rent and for my daughter’s medicine.”



### Wehbiya

Internally displaced Iraqi

“I bought some essentials for the house and clothes and shoes for the children... it made them happy.”



### Afrah

Internally displaced Yemeni

“Zakat has helped me to pay for our everyday expenses, repay our debts, and buy the things my children need.”



### Nagham

Displaced Iraqi mother

“It really makes such a big difference... The food we are able to buy, is so important for us.”

# ● TÜRKIYE-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE



# EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT RAMADAN

**60,235**  
individuals

received Core Relief Items kits  
in North-west Syria

As of May 1st 2023



**Sanad**  
Ramadan Relief

The tragic earthquakes that hit the Türkiye – Syria regions on the 6th of February this year left thousands desperate for relief. Amongst those most affected, were countless families who were already internally displaced due to twelve years of the ongoing Syria war.

During Ramadan, your generous donations reached them through 'Sanad' – our Ramadan Relief Kits program. Each kit included **plastic sheets, blankets, solar lanterns, sleeping mats and other urgent items**. In the form of Sanad, your donation gave them a lifeline through core relief items vital to their survival.

With your support UNHCR remains committed to supporting those in need as they try to overcome the effects of this calamity.

Our aid efforts continue, and our teams will be on-ground to assist those in need for as long as is necessary.

# ● SUDAN EMERGENCY



# TOGETHER, WE HELPED THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN NEED.

**250,000**  
refugees and returnees

have been  
forced to flee their country

More people are crossing borders daily



On April 15th, just a few days before Eid, an armed conflict began in Sudan. Within the first few days, an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 people fled the Darfur region, seeking refuge in neighboring Chad. A majority of them were women and children. UNHCR immediately began to work closely with the Government of Chad and its partners to assess their needs and prepare a joint response.

So far, the number of forcibly displaced individuals from the recent conflict has exceeded one million people. Amongst those, nearly 250,000 have been forced to flee their country, with more crossing borders daily, seeking safety in **Chad,**

**Ethiopia, Central African Republic, and Egypt.** Additionally, hundreds of thousands have been internally displaced with many more confined to their homes, unable to access urgent necessities.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has deployed teams and, with partners, has rushed to deliver aid from the onset of the emergency. The initial, most pressing, needs are water, food, shelter, health care, child protection, and prevention of gender-based violence. Due to the violence experienced by those crossing the border, psychosocial support is also among our top priorities.

From your donor relations team at UNHCR,

**THANK YOU!**



As a team, we see firsthand the significant impact of your donations every day, and we cannot thank you enough for your unwavering commitment to the cause of refugees. You never fail to respond to our calls, emails, and messages, always ready to do whatever you can to help those in need.

Reaching out to you feels like reaching out to a family member – someone who really cares and someone we can depend on. After all, this is who we are – a family that comes together, working hand in hand to create a brighter future for the most vulnerable displaced families.

**FROM THE  
BOTTOM OF OUR  
HEARTS,  
THANK YOU.**

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EVERYTHING  
TO US.**