



# Islamic Relief

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# Highlights of 2004

*As Islamic Relief marks its 20th anniversary, the growing need for commitment to humanitarian causes is increasingly apparent the world over.*

2004 saw many natural and man-made emergencies including the Darfur crisis, the Iran earthquake, war in Iraq, ongoing tensions in Chechnya and Palestine and towards the end of the year, the devastating Tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Islamic Relief was able to respond to these situations quickly and effectively, providing relief and hope to many of those affected. The year also saw an expansion of Islamic Relief's development projects around the world, providing long-term support to poor communities and empowering them to become self-reliant.

A few of Islamic Relief's projects are highlighted below to give you an indication of how our commitment to each sector of work is making a difference to real lives, every day.



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Bashkim told Islamic Relief



## Water and Sanitation

### *Clean water in Kosova*

Since the 1999 war Kosova has suffered immensely. A massive refugee crisis, ruined schools and homes and the presence of landmines are just some of the country's problems. Islamic Relief works towards re-building people's lives and improving their standard of living. In 2004, a water supply was installed in two of the poorest villages in Mikushnice.

### **Bashkim's story**

Bashkim and his family lived in a village with no running water. Every day, villagers had to fetch water from the nearest well, one kilometre away. In 2004, Islamic Relief installed a water supply to bring clean running water to people's homes. "Life is now so much easier for us," Bashkim told Islamic Relief.

By installing a water supply system Islamic Relief has helped improve health and hygiene standards and stopped people migrating to other areas.

# Health Care

## *Child health in Palestine*

The Middle East conflict has taken a heavy toll on physical and mental health. In Gaza, economic depression, curfews and checkpoint closures have restricted people's access to food and resulted in malnutrition. Children in particular need supplementary nutrition to avoid long-term damage to their health.

### Ilham's story

Three-year-old Ilham and her family moved to a Rafah refugee camp after their home was demolished. Ilham's father is educated but unable to find work and the family depend on humanitarian aid. Ilham attends Um Al Hanoon Pre-School where she looks forward to the daily milk drink that comes in chocolate, strawberry and banana flavours. Like most other children, the milk and biscuit break is the most nutritious food she has all day.



Every day, Islamic Relief provides 1600 children in Gaza with milk drinks and high-energy biscuits fortified with vitamins and minerals.

# Income Generation

## *Livelihood support in Bosnia*

The genocidal war in Bosnia-Herzegovina traumatised the nation and left thousands widowed and orphaned. It also destroyed homes and factories, displacing entire communities and creating mass unemployment. Islamic Relief's Micro-Credit Programme provides interest-free loans for rebuilding houses and setting up small businesses.

### Jasmine's story

Jasmine witnessed so many horrors during the war that she is barely able to smile anymore. Her father and two brothers were killed, her son was almost snatched from her arms and she lived as a refugee for 5 years. After the war Jasmine returned home and with the help of a Micro-Credit loan, set up a small business growing strawberries. She used the profit to repay the loan and then applied for another to rebuild her war-damaged house. Now, almost a decade after the war, she occasionally manages to smile again.



Islamic Relief has helped thousands of refugees return to their pre-war homes and start earning a living again.

### Cheick's story

Seven-year-old Cheick lives with his mother and seven siblings in one room where they have no electricity or running water. His mother is often ill from over-working and the family can only afford to eat once a day. Since Cheick was sponsored by an Islamic Relief donor, he is living a much healthier life. He goes to school, has suitable clothes to wear and all his family can afford to eat three times a day.



# Orphan Sponsorship

## *Orphan welfare in Mali*

Mali, one of the poorest countries in the world, has high infant mortality rates and low levels of literacy. Many children have been orphaned due to the growing HIV/Aids epidemic and widowed women often have no source of income. Islamic Relief supports children in some of the poorest regions of Mali, ensuring all their basic needs are met.

Islamic Relief and its donors sponsor 1,000 orphans in Mali, giving disadvantaged children an equal chance in life.

# Education

## *Youth training in Bangladesh*

Poverty is rife in Bangladesh's city slums where many do not have access to basic services. The illiterate and unskilled are forced to undertake arduous physical labour for extremely low wages. To tackle this problem, Islamic Relief has established a successful Vocational Training and Educational Support Service (VTESS) across Dhaka city, providing young people with knowledge and skills training that improve their employment prospects.

### Asma's story

17-year-old Asma was forced to give up education and work as a domestic servant to help support her family. She felt education was a privilege reserved only for the rich, whilst the poor must concern themselves with day-to-day survival. Since joining the Islamic Relief training scheme Asma has changed her opinion. Skilled in tailoring and embroidery, she now hopes to become an entrepreneur and set up her own fashion business.



# Summary of Projects in 2004

Country	Project Type	Beneficiaries
Afghanistan	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	359,793
Albania	Education, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	194,676
Bangladesh	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	504,163
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Health, Income Generation, Orphans and Seasonal Programmes.	40,891
Chad	Seasonal Programmes.	80,000
Chechnya	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	713,794
China	Water & Sanitation and Seasonal Programmes.	15,235
Egypt	Health and Seasonal Programmes.	36,200
Ethiopia	Integrated Community Development Programmes.	12,275
India	Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	200,860
Indonesia	Emergency Relief, Education, Water & Sanitation, Health and Seasonal Programmes.	56,264
Iran	Emergency Relief Programmes.	2,500
Iraq	Emergency Relief, Education, Water & Sanitation, Health, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	1,020,397
Jordan	Orphan Welfare Programmes.	199
Kenya & South Sudan	Education, Health, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	10,572
Kosova	Water & Sanitation, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	11,297
Mali	Emergency Relief, Education, Orphan Welfare and Integrated Community Development Programmes.	89,265
Morocco	Emergency Relief Programmes.	2,000
Pakistan & Azad Jammu and Kashmir	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare, Integrated Community Development and Seasonal Programmes.	567,189
Palestine	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Income Generation, Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	359,793
South Africa	Orphan Welfare and Seasonal Programmes.	19,400
Sri Lanka	Emergency Relief Programmes.	5,000
Sudan	Emergency Relief, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Orphan Welfare, Integrated Community Development and Seasonal Programmes.	955,220
Turkey	Education Programmes.	750

**Education** - Includes building/equipping schools, providing school kits, training teachers, supporting adult literacy, providing vocational training and helping children with special needs.

**Health** - Includes building/equipping health centres and hospitals, running mobile clinics, providing food supplements, midwifery training and raising health and hygiene awareness.

**Income Generation** - Includes providing interest-free business loans, creating job opportunities, providing agricultural training, promoting livelihood initiatives and helping refugees return home.

**Water & Sanitation** - Includes constructing water supply and sewage systems, rehabilitating water treatment plants, promoting better hygiene practices and distributing hygiene packs during emergencies.

**Seasonal Projects** - Consists of annual distribution of food packets during the Islamic month of Ramadhan and meat gifts during the Qurbani season.

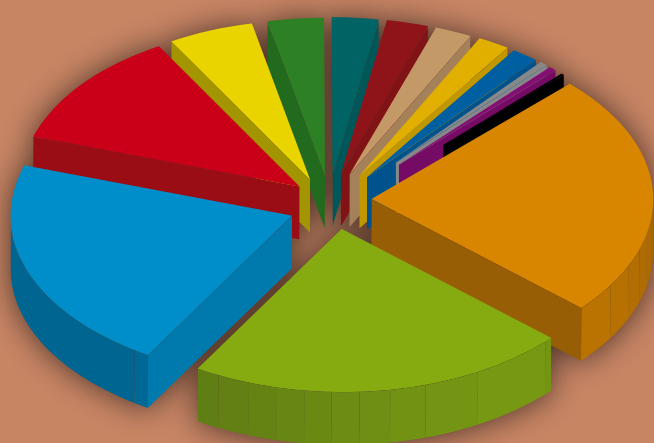
**Orphan Welfare** - Includes one-to-one sponsorships, rehabilitating orphanages, providing educational/recreational facilities, distributing winter clothes and caring for orphans with HIV/AIDS.

**Emergency & Relief** - Includes providing survival items like food, water, clothes, shelter and medical care during emergencies. Also involves training communities in preparing for and coping with disasters.

**Integrated Community Development** - Involves a holistic approach to helping communities identify their needs and rebuild civil society through social mobilisation and self-empowerment. Projects cover all major sectors of Islamic Relief's work.

# Islamic Relief Worldwide Financial Summary 2004

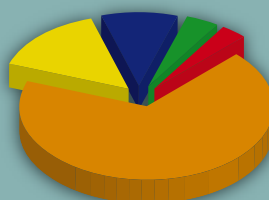
Where the money came from  
(including in-kind donations)



Source of Income	Amount in GBP
UK	£8,180,783
USA	£7,396,979
France	£7,191,683
Other*	£3,862,659
Institutional Donors	£1,749,201
Clothes Recycling	£1,102,101
Holland	£943,545
Germany	£817,295
Middle East	£794,024
Switzerland	£605,392
Belgium	£539,024
Mauritius	£224,899
Sweden	£194,963
Italy	£119,135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,721,683</b>

\* Other countries include Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chechnya, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kosova, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, South Africa and Sudan.

What the money was used for  
(including in-kind donations)



Activity	Amount in GBP
Humanitarian Relief and Development Projects	£23,006,623
Fundraising*	£4,994,776
Funds allocated for ongoing humanitarian projects	£3,195,852
Raising Awareness**	£1,413,179
Management and Administration Costs	£1,111,253
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,721,683</b>

\* Costs associated with specific campaigns and with handling funds.

\*\* Costs associated with raising awareness of the issues that face the people in need we are trying to help.

How the money was spent



Humanitarian Relief and Development Projects	Amount in GBP
Emergency & Relief	£8,865,040
Other*	£2,939,784
Integrated Community Development	£2,316,087
Orphan Welfare	£2,112,197
Income Generation	£1,997,178
Education & Training	£1,248,825
Ramadhan Food Gifts	£1,189,930
Qurbani Meat Gifts	£1,022,577
Healthcare and Nutrition	£781,136
Water & Sanitation	£533,869
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£23,006,623</b>

\*Other includes local projects for communities in Europe and other countries where Islamic Relief has regional Fundraising offices. It also includes the cost of handling the clothes recycling trade.

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