

Islamic Relief Netherlands

Impact Portfolio



Islamic Relief
Nederland

Islamic Relief Netherlands presents a comprehensive portfolio of our global initiatives aimed at alleviating suffering and promoting justice.

Our mission is to combat poverty, provide humanitarian aid, and support sustainable development across diverse regions. This portfolio highlights our multifaceted approach to addressing both immediate crises and long-term challenges.

From responding to natural disasters and improving water access to fostering economic empowerment and enhancing educational opportunities, our projects reflect a commitment to creating positive and sustainable change. We focus on areas such as food security, health, infrastructure, and social inclusion, working in alignment with global sustainable development goals.

In this portfolio, you will find detailed descriptions of our efforts, the obstacles encountered, and the successes achieved. Through strategic partnerships and community collaboration, Islamic Relief Netherlands continues to strive towards a more equitable and resilient world, making a tangible impact on the lives of those most in need.



IN THE PAST 5 YEARS WE HAVE



raised over
14 million euros



worked in over
20 countries



served over
5 million people



completed
73 projects

Sectors of Intervention

Islamic Relief Netherlands has been working on supporting people in various sectors, depending on the needs on the ground and (humanitarian) access. Interventions vary from country to country, based on the needs assessment received from the field. The main sectors that Islamic Relief Netherlands has been involved in are:

Development Projects

Our predominant project category comprises holistic development projects, typically spanning one to three years. These initiatives aim to foster lasting enhancements in communities, enriching people's lives. They serve as a platform for skill acquisition, entrepreneurial ventures, infrastructure development like schools, and capacity building for educators, all aligning with long-term objectives. This booklet primarily focuses on detailing these extensive projects.

Seasonal Projects

Seasonal projects are event-specific endeavors, such as those tied to Ramadan, Eid, or winter. These projects, often collaborative efforts among partner organizations and field offices, play a crucial role in long-term development despite their short-term nature.

WASH Initiatives

WASH, denoting Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, is pivotal in light of the fact that one-tenth of the global population lacks access to clean water. To safeguard against health risks and diseases, our projects encompass the installation of water pumps, construction of latrines, and educational programs on hygiene and sanitation, among other critical components.

SOS Projects

SOS projects serve as rapid responses to crises unfolding in regions where we operate. Upon receiving a crisis management plan from the field office, we collaborate to address the situation promptly while adhering to stringent time constraints.

SOS Collaborative Response

In instances where we launch fundraising campaigns post-disaster to directly aid affected regions, we adopt a collaborative approach known as SOS Collaborative Response. This strategy ensures a collective, well-coordinated effort to support impacted individuals, even in locations outside our usual operational scope. Funds raised are channeled to the local Islamic Relief office or, if applicable, to experts from partner organizations like IRN. These experts conduct assessments, collaborate with local entities for sustainable solutions, and prioritize community engagement, fostering self-reliance and promoting local empowerment.

Creating excellence

Developing extensive long-term projects can be challenging, but fortunately, we have various tools and frameworks to support us. These resources are essential for ensuring that financial resources and efforts are allocated effectively, comprehensively, and sustainably, allowing us to maximize our impact in helping those in need.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are 17 integrated and interconnected goals designed to be accomplished by 2030 with the aim of mitigating hardships and enhancing global conditions. These goals serve as a blueprint for collaboration among countries, institutions, and individuals to foster a more sustainable and just world. Encompassing a diverse array of concerns such as poverty alleviation, education, healthcare, gender parity, renewable energy, and environmental preservation, the 17 SDGs provide a comprehensive framework. Islamic Relief consistently integrates these goals into its efforts to contribute to the worldwide battle against poverty and adversity.



SPHERE standards and Theory of Change

Two other ways we ensure quality and sustainability for rightholders is to adapt and evaluate our projects with the help of the SPHERE standards and the Theory of Change (ToC).

The SPHERE standards are standards created for all humanitarian aid and international development institutions. These standards are a set of guidelines developed by and for humanitarian agencies to protect rightholders and ensure long term sustainability of the development intended. Theory of Change (ToC) is a framework that describes how and why an intervention or project is assumed to lead to a desired end-result.

Our values

Islamic Relief Netherlands also has its own five values that guide everything we do:

- *Ikhlas* - sincerity
- *Ihsan* - excellence
- *Rahma* - compassion
- *'Adl* - social justice
- *Amana* - custodianship

Our operational process

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One of Islamic Relief's field offices identifies a need in their country.

They conduct a thorough investigation and develop a project proposal to address it.

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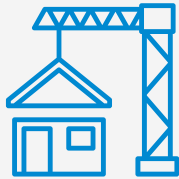
The head office in the UK, along with their regional managers, will share this proposal with partner offices, such as Islamic Relief Netherlands. It will then be reviewed and adjusted.

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If approved, a partner office (like Islamic Relief Netherlands) will agree to fund the project

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The field office implements the project, delivering immediate assistance and essential support that directly contributes to the country's current and future development.

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Throughout the project setup process, we maintain continuous communication, reporting, feedback exchanges, and collaborative teamwork with the involved offices. This collaboration continues during and after project execution, ensuring a collective effort to generate a significant impact.



COVID-19 Emergency Response, South Africa



Africa



Mali

2023 WASH

Budget: €150,000 | Rightholders: 8000

Mali is among the world's poorest nations, with widespread challenges in accessing clean and safe drinking water. This scarcity hinders sustainable development, particularly in rural areas grappling with ongoing drought and the adverse effects of climate change. The lack of clean water has led to an increase in waterborne illnesses, including typhoid, diarrhea, and various skin and eye diseases.

To address this critical issue, a solar-powered water collection point has been installed in each of the four targeted villages. Local management committees in each village have been trained in the maintenance and management of these water points, with support from WASH specialists from IR Mali.



Niger

2023 WASH

Budget: €150,000 | Rightholders: 2000

In Niger, the districts of Ouallam and Simiri face severe poverty and significant difficulties in accessing safe drinking water, hygiene, and sanitation services. The residents depend heavily on unprotected wells, which pose contamination risks and lead to frequent water shortages.

To address these issues, a solar-powered water facility has been installed in both districts. This initiative is part of a broader effort by Islamic Relief Nederland, which also includes a project aimed at promoting sustainable livelihoods and providing educational support.



Somalia

2022 SOS Drought

Budget: €50,000 | Rightholders: 360 households

The ADER (Afgooye Drought Emergency Response) project provided critical aid to 360 households, benefiting **2,160** individuals in 6 IDP camps in Afgoye district, Lower Shabelle, Somalia. The region was severely affected by the 2022 drought, one of the worst in decades, which led to widespread food and water shortages, displacing thousands of families. In response, the project distributed essential food supplies, including 25 kg each of sugar, rice, and wheat flour, along with 5 liters of cooking oil and 2 kg of porridge, addressing acute food insecurity. Additionally, emergency hygiene kits containing bar soap, a mat, a mosquito net, and Aqua tabs were provided to improve sanitation and health conditions. The project was highly successful, with beneficiaries expressing significant satisfaction amidst the ongoing crisis.



Kenya

2022 SOS Drought

Budget: €50,000 | Rightholders: 4997

The 2022 drought in Kenya was one of the worst in decades, affecting millions of people across the country. Wajir County, in particular, faced extreme food and water shortages, leading to widespread hunger and displacement. The prolonged drought decimated livestock, a primary source of livelihood for many communities, and disrupted local economies, causing significant hardships. In response to this crisis, cash transfers were provided to the most vulnerable households, offering a critical lifeline to help them navigate the devastating impact of the drought. These transfers not only addressed immediate needs but also contributed to long-term resilience by shielding vulnerable households from climatic shocks by improving nutrition, reducing school dropouts, and decreasing reliance on harmful coping mechanisms, such as early and forced marriages.

Ramadan Food Distribution, Mali





Ethiopia

2021 Sustainable solutions IDP

Budget: €400,000 | Rightholders: 3320

Ethiopia has faced significant internal displacement challenges over the past several years due to a combination of factors, including ethnic conflicts, political instability, and natural disasters like droughts and floods. According to reports, Ethiopia has one of the largest internally displaced populations in the world, with millions of people displaced from their homes. Ethnic violence, particularly in regions like Oromia, Amhara, and Tigray, has driven large-scale displacements as communities flee conflict zones.

The project was designed to enhance the income-generating capacity of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and vulnerable host communities by organizing them into business groups and providing them with essential training, financial assistance, and access to market opportunities. Significant progress was made, including the recruitment of project staff, the conduction of a project launch workshop, and the establishment of community committees. The project has supported 318 households in the IDP camp, with 244 female and 74 male beneficiaries identified. Furthermore, 60 households from the host community have been selected to receive poultry production training and support. Challenges such as adjusting the project plan due to a decrease in the number of IDP communities and price increases of construction materials have been identified.



Malawi

2020 Graduating poor families

Budget: €500,000 | Rightholders: 3360

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, with the majority of its population living in rural areas and relying heavily on subsistence farming. Over 50% of Malawians live below the national poverty line, and about 70% of the population is considered food insecure, especially during the lean season. Limited access to education, healthcare, clean water, and economic opportunities exacerbates the cycle of poverty. The country's economy is vulnerable to external shocks such as climate change, which frequently leads to droughts and floods, further impacting food security and livelihoods. Despite these challenges, efforts like the "Graduating the Ultra Poor Families" project are vital in providing support and building resilience among the most vulnerable populations.

The project targeted 200 ultra-poor households across three Group Village Heads with the goal of enhancing food security, access to basic services, financial and social inclusion, and livelihood resilience. During the reporting period, the project achieved significant milestones. Irrigation schemes were upgraded, including 540 meters at the Chibulubulu scheme and an extension of 688 meters across five feeding canals at the Tisawale scheme. To support the 200 households during the lean period, cash assistance was provided in partnership with First Capital Bank, ensuring that basic food and nutrition needs were met. Additionally, child education grants were distributed to 188 families, and 15 defective water facilities were repaired in the targeted areas. Lastly, leadership and capacity-building training were provided to 50 group leaders.



Kenya

2020 Interreligious ICPCP

Budget: €170,000 | Rightholders: 1000

The ICPCP project aimed to boost economic participation and peacebuilding by focusing on the youth population. The project sought to leverage the demographic dividend of young people by investing in health, education, and job opportunities. Through its value chain programming, the project successfully expanded economic opportunities for at-risk youth and vulnerable women in Tana River County. This led to enhanced community tolerance, cohesion, and livelihoods.

The project also revitalized the cooperative movement, fostering increased support, partnerships, and investments in agriculture. Additionally, it contributed to higher enrollment rates in technical and vocational colleges, improved student marketability, and strengthened collaborations with the county government and other stakeholders. Overall, the project significantly improved financial literacy, security, and access for the target beneficiaries, resulting in better living standards, reduced school dropout rates, fewer domestic violence incidents, and strengthened unity and cooperation across different religious groups.



Sudan

2020 SOS Floods

Budget: €17,000 | Rightholders: 500

In 2020, Sudan faced severe flooding due to heavy rainfall, impacting over 860,000 people across multiple states including Khartoum, North Darfur, and Blue Nile. The floods caused extensive damage, with thousands of homes destroyed and essential services disrupted. In response, the Sudanese government declared a state of emergency and called for international aid.

Islamic Relief Netherlands (IRN), along with other partners such as the UN and IFRC, contributed to the emergency through a joint flood appeal. The focus of the response was on shelter, livelihood, health, WASH, and disaster risk reduction (DRR). IRN allocated funds to provide Non-Food Items (NFIs) relief support to 50 of the most vulnerable households (250 individuals) in Khartoum. Based on a needs assessment, the two primary needs identified were food and NFIs. While WFP addressed the food needs, IRN responded to the NFIs gap by supplying plastic sheets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, kitchen sets, and blankets to the affected communities.



Shueb Mohammed (blue shirt) and his brother-in-law Abdi are now caretakers at the new solar-power borehole drilled by Islamic Relief in Degmada Magaala, Somalia

A blurred background image showing a group of people in a meeting or office setting. In the foreground, a person is wearing a red headscarf and a dark jacket. To the left, another person is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt. The background is out of focus, showing other people and interior lights.

MENA

Middle East and North Africa



Jordan

2023 Green Start

Budget: €525,000 | Rightholders: 285

In Jordan, while most Palestinian refugees are granted full citizenship, those residing in Jerash Camp face significant challenges due to their lack of citizenship status, which restricts their access to essential services. Despite having been in Jordan for four generations, refugees in Jerash Camp encounter legal and civil rights issues, leading to 52.7% living below the national poverty line, 88% lacking health insurance, and substandard housing conditions that many cannot afford to repair.

The Green Start project aims to support both Palestinian refugees and the Jordanian host community by addressing housing, income, and security needs. The main objective is to enhance the resilience of both vulnerable Palestinian refugees and Jordanians. Achievements include improved access to secure and affordable housing, enhanced mental health and family relations through better coping mechanisms for beneficiaries, and increased economic engagement among targeted Palestinian refugees and Jordanians.



Yemen

2022 WASH

Budget: €100,000 | Rightholders: 3000

Yemen is experiencing a severe humanitarian crisis, with over 20.7 million people, two-thirds of the population, requiring urgent aid and protection. Key issues include widespread food insecurity, famine-like conditions, high rates of acute malnutrition in young children, and limited access to clean drinking water. These challenges have led to recurring cholera outbreaks and other health problems. The project sought to improve water infrastructure to provide clean water to 3,000 people across four villages, addressing water-related challenges while focusing on gender, protection, inclusion, and environmental sustainability.



Winter Action, Jordan



Gaza, Palestine

2022 Sports Centre

Budget: €210,000 | Rightholders: 200,000

The project led by Islamic Relief Palestine (IRPAL) aimed to alleviate challenges in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip's second-largest urban area. The city faces high youth unemployment and lacks essential infrastructure and public facilities, including safe spaces for women, girls, and individuals with disabilities. With support from IRN, IRPAL established a football playground and green spaces, fostering social activities and inclusivity. This initiative provides a venue for youth to engage in sports, alleviates stress, and promotes positive social change by enhancing access to recreational facilities and contributing to a healthier, more inclusive community in Khan Younis.



Lebanon

2020 Beirut explosion

Budget: €100,000 | Rightholders: 128

On August 4th, 2020, Beirut was struck by a catastrophic explosion that resulted in the loss of around 200 innocent lives and left a trail of widespread devastation. The blast had a profound impact, affecting approximately 291,180 individuals residing in 72,265 apartments. This tragedy not only displaced many households to safer areas outside the immediate blast zone but also left numerous others living in their damaged homes. The explosion added to Lebanon's already severe socio-economic and financial crisis.

The project's main goal was to support the initial stages of early recovery in Beirut, focusing on shelter and WASH needs. This intervention was crucial to prevent a worsening humanitarian crisis and was fully aligned with the Flash Appeal for Beirut's response. Through funding from IR-Netherlands, IR-Spain, and Karama Solidarity, Islamic Relief provided direct assistance to those affected by the explosion. The shelter rehabilitation efforts specifically targeted extremely vulnerable households, prioritizing repairs to homes with minor to medium damage and addressing structurally unsafe buildings that posed significant risks of eviction and homelessness.



Iraq

2019 Winter Action

Budget: €100,000 | Rightholders: 7800

Islamic Relief Iraq, in partnership with the Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), launched an emergency intervention project to address food security for Syrian refugees in northern Iraq. The project focused on reducing vulnerability and meeting the urgent needs of refugees, especially families with specific vulnerabilities. A total of 1,475 food baskets, containing essential items, were distributed to the most at-risk households. By collaborating closely with camp management, the project identified and assisted households that were not receiving monthly food aid from WFP, effectively filling the distribution gap. This initiative successfully provided critical support, helping Syrian refugees meet their food needs with dignity.



Islamic Relief has rehabilitated water sources in Hodeidah and Lahj governorates, Yemen



Asia



Indonesia

2023 Livelihood Recovery in Sulawesi

Budget: €500,000 | Rightholders: 4000

Indonesia is frequently affected by natural disasters. During these crises, many locals seek support and guidance from religious leaders, who play an important role in traditional Indonesian society. However, in Central Sulawesi, religious organizations struggle with disaster resilience due to the lack of disaster preparedness knowledge among religious leaders and insufficient capacity within these institutions to manage emergencies effectively.

The project focused on improving the community's preparedness and response capabilities to better withstand and recover from disasters. Religious leaders received training in disaster management to assist their communities.



Bangladesh

2023 Youth Envision Project

Budget: €300,000 | Rightholders: 1600

The Bihari-camps in Dhaka, Bangladesh, accommodate Bihari migrants who have lived in exile since 1971, facing severe poverty and limited access to essential services. Because of their refugee status and lack of official documentation, the migrants face social exclusion and have few economic opportunities. This project focused on improving the resilience, social dignity, and economic empowerment of this community. The project provided young people with the opportunity to pursue vocational training in their preferred field and enhance their technical skills, thus fostering self-sufficiency and social empowerment.



Qurban Meat Distribution, Pakistan



Pakistan

2022 SOS Floods

Budget: €150,000 | Rightholders: 3150

In 2022, amidst the severe flooding in the D.I. Khan and Tank districts, Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) responded with remarkable efficiency. Within 72 hours of the onset of the disaster, IRP mobilized to provide critical assistance. The organization distributed food packs, hygiene kits, and multipurpose cash grants to 521 families, ultimately benefiting a total of 12,293 individuals across 1,582 households. The intervention not only addressed immediate needs but also aimed to restore dignity and stability. The cash grants served as a vital lifeline, preventing families from resorting to desperate measures, while the provision of essential supplies improved health and comfort. This substantial effort underscored the effectiveness of collaboration, as IRP worked in close coordination with local authorities, community leaders, and partner organizations, exemplifying the impact of collective action in times of crisis.



Bangladesh

2019 Sustainable Access to Water

Budget: €141,784 | Rightholders: 1620 families

Islamic Relief Netherlands and Islamic Relief Bangladesh (IRB) tackled the water crisis in Modhupur Subdistrict through the implementation of the "SAWOPNA" project. This initiative aimed to enhance access to safe water and improve sanitation and hygiene practices. The project successfully provided safe water facilities for 1,620 families, constructed two WASH blocks, and conducted 135 hygiene improvement sessions. Additionally, it included training for students, caretakers, and members of the union sanitation task force. Overall, the project contributed to reducing vulnerability and raising awareness about health and hygiene practices in the region.



Myanmar

2019 SOS

Budget: €45,000 | Rightholders: 480

Under our SOS-response initiative, Islamic Relief Myanmar undertook a project to rebuild 10 long shelters for 40 IDP households, providing safe refuge for 480 individuals. These shelters significantly impacted the lives of IDPs and stranded communities across townships in Rakhine State, offering them a place to call home. The urgency of this mission was heightened by the outbreak of violence in 2017. In response to the ongoing crisis and with future needs in mind, we developed a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan to safeguard against potential future damages. Our efforts made a meaningful difference in the lives of those in greatest need.



Ensuring continued access of out of school vulnerable children to quality education in far to reach areas of Bamyan and Diakundi provinces, Afghanistan



Europe



Turkey

2023 Earthquake Relief Support

Budget: €200,000 | Rightholders: 4325

In 2023, Turkey experienced a devastating earthquake, prompting a crisis response that unfolded in three stages: emergency response, recovery, and rehabilitation/restoration. This project specifically addressed the long-term rehabilitation of the affected regions.

During the rehabilitation phase, Islamic Relief focused on rebuilding homes to restore stability and create secure living environments. This initiative was part of a broader strategy aimed at strengthening community resilience and supporting affected individuals in rebuilding their lives.

A total of 4,325 individuals were provided with new homes constructed using earthquake-adaptive techniques, ensuring greater safety for future residents. Beyond providing physical housing, the project also fostered a renewed sense of hope and recovery within the communities, contributing significantly to their long-term well-being.



Bosnia & Herzegovina

2023 Interest free loans to widows and orphans

Budget: €200,000 | Rightholders: 120

The Srebrenica genocide in July 1995 and the siege of Sarajevo during the Bosnian War have profoundly impacted present-day Bosnia and Herzegovina. The country is still in the process of recovery, facing challenges such as high unemployment and political tensions. The Covid-19 pandemic has further exacerbated these issues.

Approximately 20% of the population in Bosnia & Herzegovina lives below the national poverty line, and another 30% are just above it. To address these challenges, the project provides interest-free loans to widows and orphan households, enabling them to invest in agriculture, housing, and education. In collaboration with the IR Bosnia Orphans Department, this initiative has been delivering financial assistance for 22 years.

A total of 120 widows and orphan households have received interest-free loans. This project not only empowers beneficiaries to become decision-makers and active participants in their households but also positions them as role models within their communities.



Bosnia & Herzegovina

2021 Greenhouses & business education

Budget: €500,000 | Rightholders: 340

This project aimed to combat poverty by enhancing agricultural capacity in rural areas in Bosnia & Herzegovina. Key achievements included the successful completion of the tender process for greenhouses, engagement of technical experts, provision of training and educational materials to beneficiaries, and installation of 76 greenhouses for various vulnerable groups.

Lessons learned from the project emphasized the importance of careful beneficiary selection, extending project durations, addressing market manipulation issues, and tackling concerns related to chemical pesticides. These insights have provided valuable practical lessons for future programming, and all lessons were meticulously documented for future reference and guidance.



Turkey

2021 SOS Wildfires Partnership

Budget: €30,000 | Rightholders: 2035

In response to the 2021 wildfires in Turkey, Islamic Relief and the Red Crescent Turkey collaborated to address the emergency. The combined effort provided vital assistance to 1,920 beneficiaries. Food packages, hygiene packages, market vouchers, and household and textile equipment were supplied by the head office and distributed by the local branch in Muğla, which identified and reached out to those affected by the disaster. Some households in particularly poor conditions received additional aid to further support their needs. This initiative aimed to alleviate the hardships faced by disaster victims and improve their living conditions during a time of crisis.



Earthquake Emergency Relief, Turkey



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