

Report prepared for:

**KSIMC OF BIRMINGHAM, UK**

**November 2014**



1435 | 2014

# RamadhanReliefFund

*A time to reflect, remember those in need and act...*

Wood Lane | Stanmore, Middlesex UK HA7 4LQ  
[www.world-federation.org](http://www.world-federation.org) | [relief@world-federation.org](mailto:relief@world-federation.org)  
Registered Charity in the UK, No. 282303



THE  
**WORLD  
FEDERATION**  
OF KHOJA SHIA ITHNA-ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITIES



## OVERVIEW Ramadhan Relief 1435 | 2014

The Ramadhan Relief Fund is The World Federation's primary campaign to bring respite to individuals and families who are affected by poverty, natural disaster or war to make the month of Ramadhan a little easier so that they too can enjoy and partake in the spirituality and blessings of this month.

The enthusiastic support from committed donors like you has helped us grow the Ramadhan Relief Fund, where this year we were able to significantly expand our level of aid and support to many more families. Over 164,000 men, women and children including orphans, seniors, widows and the disabled benefited from your generosity. Many of these beneficiaries struggle from financial hardships, some are displaced due to war and others are victims of unforgiving floods that have claimed their homes. Whatever their difficulties, your kindness has earned their prayers.

This year, The World Federation worked in over 22 countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Gaza, Haiti, India, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Myanmar, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom. Thanks to the generous contributions from donors worldwide, we were able to distribute \$1.6 million USD in various forms of aid including food baskets, iftaars, monetary assistance and debt relief; this is our highest achievement in the history of the Ramadhan Relief Fund.

This Ramadhan our worldwide community truly came together to make a real difference. On behalf of all of those whose lives you touched, thank you for bringing light to the darkest and coldest corners of our world.



## DONOR CONTRIBUTION

The Ramadhan Relief Program is all about peace of mind for deserving men, women and children and their families. Your contribution directly enabled our dedicated workers to reach out to as many people as possible to deliver much needed aid.

This year, The World Federation received a sum of £30,000 GBP from the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim Community of Birmingham (UK) to be spent on the Ramadhan Relief Program. This reports shows where and how this contribution was spent during the month of Ramadhan. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and most generous support.

## PROJECT ACCOUNTS

### DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR DONATION RECEIVED FOR RAMADHAN RELIEF FUND 1435/2014

Sponsor: KSMC OF BIRMINGHAM (UK)  
 Contribution 1: £10,000 GBP (\$16,200 USD)  
 Contribution 2: £20,000 GBP (\$32,400 USD)  
 Contribution 3: £3,564.59 GBP (\$5,580 USD)  
 Total Donation: £33,564.59 GBP (\$54,180 USD)  
 Start date: 23 June 2014 | End date: 29 July 2014

LOCATION	TYPE OF AID	COST PER UNIT (USD)	TOTAL COST (USD)
<b>Afghanistan</b> (in the cities of Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif)	<b>243 food baskets</b>	\$50.00	\$12,150.00
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>646 sacks of Rice</b> (included in food baskets distributed to refugee families)	\$8.38	\$5,413.48
<b>Kenya</b> (in the towns of Kericho, Kibwezi, Kinango, Kwale, Mombasa, Msambweni, Nairobi, Naivasha, Nakuru, Wundanyi)	<b>700 food baskets</b>	\$50.00	\$35,000.00
	<b>Administration Fee</b> (3% of total donation)		\$1,625.40
<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>			<b>\$54,188.88</b>
<b>TOTAL DONATION RECEIVED</b>			<b>\$54,180.00</b>



## AFGHANISTAN

In Afghanistan, The World Federation distributed food baskets containing dry rations in the cities of Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif.

During one of the aid distributions, our volunteer reported: *"We met a widow in Mazar-e-Sharif who was living with her small children in a house made of mud. When we entered their home, the woman and her children were very hungry and were longing for a piece of bread to eat. We gave them some food rations (flour, oil, rice and sugar) and this brought immense joy to their hearts. They told us that they hadn't had any decent food for several months now. Hearing this and seeing their dire living conditions brought tears to our eyes. There are lots of poor and needy people in Afghanistan who are worse off than this family we met."*

*In another instance, we met another family where the father was an old and frail man who could not even stand up. He lost his sons to war and his grandchildren were very young. They were in such a bad economic state that the children wore tattered clothes and didn't own any shoes. The food parcels that we gave this family made them very happy."*



## FOOD BASKETS

In an effort to provide humanitarian aid in Afghanistan, The World Federation distributed 243 food baskets (sponsored by KSIMC of Birmingham) to impoverished families living in Mazar-e-Sharif in Afghanistan.

Before the start of the Month of Ramadhan, food parcels including dry rations were purchased in bulk and packaged for delivery. Volunteers worked long hours preparing the food parcels.

# 243 food baskets

Rice

Cooking oil

Flour

Sugar



## GAZA STRIP



*“Salah is the head of an eight-person family. He and his wife have four daughters and two sons who range from 2 to 17 years old. They live in a small home which comprises one room, a small bathroom and a kitchen. Salah is unable to work, because of a 60 per cent disability in one hand. His daughter suffers from a gland disease and needs treatment abroad. The Ramadhan Relief Fund supports an emergency food assistance program in the Gaza Strip and this year we were able to touch the lives of 1,165 families.”*

### THE SITUATION IN THE GAZA STRIP

Emergency interventions have been required in Gaza since the Israeli-imposed blockade in 2006. In July and August 2014, the latest round of hostilities in the Gaza Strip – the third and by far the most destructive in the last six years - came after a period of relative calm following the November 2012 escalation.

Unfortunately, that relative calm did not lead to an improvement in the day-to-day conditions of the majority of Gaza's population, who face high unemployment and poverty as a consequence of the Israeli-imposed blockade. The blockade, which entered its eighth year in June 2014, continues to have a devastating effect on people's lives, as freedom of movement to and from the Gaza Strip remains severely restricted. The majority of the population is dependent on humanitarian aid to meet basic needs. The situation has deteriorated further following the

closure of the tunnels in June 2013, which functioned as a necessary lifeline for the people of Gaza.

In the first quarter of 2014, Gaza's unemployment rate was 40.8 per cent; this was the region's highest unemployment rate since 2009. Public services such as health, electricity, water and sanitation have increasingly struggled to meet the basic needs of the population. Consequently, the population's coping mechanisms are nearly depleted and public services are operating below minimum standards. Steep rises in the costs of living caused by the ongoing blockade and destruction of the tunnel economy, exacerbated by issues such as uncertainty regarding the payment of public sector salaries, left Gaza in a fragile position.

Events in 2014, including a spike in violence in the broader Israeli-Palestinian conflict, culminated in the onset of the summer hostilities. As of 28 August 2014:

- 69% of Palestinians killed in Gaza were civilians (of whom 33 per cent were children);
- More than 10,224 individuals were wounded, (including 3,106 children);
- Over 290,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) sought refuge in emergency shelters;
- Over 18,000 housing units were destroyed or severely damaged, leaving more than 108,000 people homeless.





## Ramadhan Relief 1435 | 2014

### THE WORLD FEDERATION'S RESPONSE

This past Ramadhan, in order to help mitigate extreme poverty and food insecurity among refugee families living in the Gaza Strip – a direct product of the blockade, The World Federation contributed a total of 1,165 sacks of rice which was included in food parcels and distributed to abject and absolute poor refugee families in need in Gaza. KSIMC of Birmingham sponsored 646 of the 1,165 sacks of rice.

Each food parcel contained flour, rice, sugar, sunflower oil, milk powder and canned meat. The contribution from KSIMC of Birmingham benefited:

- 646 absolute poor families (7,429 individuals) subsisting on less than USD \$3.65 per person per day.

# 646

## sacks of rice



## Ramadhan Relief 1435 | 2014

### KENYA

The Ramadhan Relief Program was active across Kenya and individuals and families were grateful for the support they received this year. One of the beneficiaries of a food basket wrote:

*"My name is Shaaban and on behalf of my entire community I take this opportunity to thank all the donors for providing iftaar for the month of Ramadhan. I also thank you personally and pray to God to bless you. Ahsantum."*

### FOOD BASKETS

In Kenya, The World Federation distributed 700 food baskets (sponsored by KSIMC of Birmingham) in the towns of Kericho, Kibwezi, Kinango, Kwale, Mombasa, Msambweni, Nairobi, Naivasha, Nakuru and Wundanyi.

Before the start of the Month of Ramadhan, food parcels including dry rations were purchased in bulk and packaged for delivery. Volunteers worked long hours preparing the food parcels.



## 700 food baskets

Maize meal

Wheat flour

Cooking oil

Beans

