

A photograph of four young boys in a festive setting, likely a Ramadan celebration. They are smiling and holding up strings of warm white lights. The background features a large mural of a man's face, possibly a prophet, and red and white decorations. A large blue circle is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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INTRODUCTION

Foreword

Assalaamu ‘alaikum, Alhamdulillah, we are honored to participate in the launch of UNHCR’s 2025 Islamic Philanthropy Report.

Inspired by our faith, grounded in compassion, and fueled by innovation and global giving, Humaniti stands on the frontlines in a world increasingly defined by vulnerability, widespread, layered, and ever more acute. Our response to this reality takes many forms, and among our most urgent commitments is addressing one of its gravest manifestations: the global crisis of displacement and refugees.

Our endorsement of UNHCR’s Refugee Zakat Fund reflects this commitment. The Fund’s cash assistance programs place Zakat directly into the hands of refugee families, empowering them to prioritize their most pressing needs whether shelter, food, healthcare, or education. This freedom of choice restores a measure of control and humanity in lives otherwise marked by uncertainty. Yet we must acknowledge that current levels of cash assistance remain woefully insufficient. Addressing this gap requires focused, sustained, and collective effort from all stakeholders.



UNHCR has demonstrated trust, innovation, and accountability in its Shariah-compliant governance of Zakat, ensuring that 100 percent of Zakat reaches eligible recipients.

This challenge compels us to reimagine the potential of one of Islam’s oldest institutions: Zakat. Within a global Ummah of nearly two billion people lies extraordinary capacity to alleviate suffering. Yet this potential must be intentionally directed. It is a sobering reality that many of the world’s refugees come from within the same Ummah that possesses this immense capacity to respond. Humaniti is leading the call to ensure that Zakat reaches the most vulnerable refugee communities with excellence, credibility, transparency, and measurable impact.

UNHCR has demonstrated trust, innovation, and accountability in its Shariah-compliant governance of Zakat, ensuring that 100 percent of Zakat reaches eligible recipients. Through robust systems that assess and respond to varying levels of vulnerability, assistance is delivered in ways that uphold dignity, agency, and choice.

To truly harness the power of Zakat in transforming the lives of refugees and vulnerable communities, Humaniti recognizes the need for deep and expansive engagement with Muslim communities worldwide. In the face of unprecedented levels of migration and forced displacement, our mission is to inspire generosity where fatigue exists, to resist cynicism with principle, and to sustain hope through faithful resilience. This is the promise of Zakat when guided by intention, trust, and compassion.

We ask Allah to grant us steadfastness in purpose, compassion in service, and to make us a source of mercy wherever there is suffering.

With hope and gratitude,
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall Impact of Zakat and Sadaqah Donations

Throughout the entire course of 2025, and amidst a global humanitarian funding crisis, UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund continued to serve as a trusted, Sharia-compliant channel for Islamic philanthropy, translating the generosity of institutional partners and individual donors into timely and dignified assistance for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and vulnerable host communities across 25 countries. Contributions mobilized through strategic partnerships, the Refugee Zakat Fund mobile application, and UNHCR's Ramadan and Dhul Hijjah campaigns collectively enabled UNHCR to reach more than 1 million beneficiaries during the year.

Since its piloting in 2017, the Refugee Zakat Fund has supported more than 9.9 million people across 36 countries, underscoring its role as a scalable, transparent, and values-driven humanitarian financing mechanism grounded in Islamic philanthropic principles.

The Impact of Zakat: Delivering Zakat with Integrity and Compliance

In 2025, the Refugee Zakat Fund received over USD 23 million in Zakat contributions, to be distributed in full in line with UNHCR's 100% Zakat distribution policy, with 18 fatwas and scholarly endorsements underpinning the Fund.

Zakat assistance has been reaching more than 579,000 Zakat-eligible refugees and IDPs across 17 countries, including Afghanistan, Jordan, Sudan and Chad, through cash-based and in-kind modalities that ensured beneficiary ownership and dignity, in accordance with Sharia requirements. These interventions addressed immediate basic needs while reinforcing UNHCR's commitment to accountability, traceability, and religious compliance.

Cumulatively since 2017, Zakat contributions channeled through the Refugee Zakat Fund have assisted more than 6.3 million refugees and IDPs in 28 countries, reflecting sustained donor confidence in UNHCR's governance and delivery model.

Global Islamic Fund for Refugees

In 2025, the Global Islamic Fund for Refugees (GIFR) moved from its foundational phase into active operations, marking a major step in advancing Islamic social finance for humanitarian action. Established in 2022 by UNHCR with the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, GIFR is a Sharia-compliant endowment that generates sustainable funding to support refugees and host communities at a time of growing needs and shrinking traditional aid.

The Impact of Sadaqah: Flexible Support for Diverse Humanitarian Needs

Complementing Zakat, UNHCR mobilized approximately USD 16 million in Sadaqah contributions during 2025, enabling assistance to more than 453,000 beneficiaries across 18 countries, including Bangladesh, Tunisia, India, Namibia and Brazil. In line with donor intent and UNHCR programming priorities, Sadaqah funds supported a broad range of life-saving and resilience-building interventions, providing critical flexibility to respond to evolving humanitarian needs.

Since 2017, Sadaqah contributions have supported more than 3.6 million refugees, IDPs, and other vulnerable populations in 30 countries, reinforcing the complementary role of voluntary Islamic giving alongside Zakat in addressing both immediate and longer-term needs.

New Operations: Broadening our Reach

In 2025, the Refugee Zakat Fund expanded into new operations in Africa and South America. In Africa, Zakat funding supported cash assistance for displaced families in Botswana and education for vulnerable children in the Central African Republic. The Fund also deployed Zakat or Sadaqah resources in Brazil and Colombia.

Campaigns

Over 199,800 displaced people received support through Zakat and Sadaqah during Ramadan, while Zakat al-Fitr assistance reached 2,019 refugees ahead of Eid al-Fitr.

Amid global humanitarian funding cuts, Zakat and Sadaqah contributions reached 4,961 vulnerable families in Yemen, Sudan, and Syria during Eid al-Adha.

Additionally, contributions through the Sadaqah Jariyah campaign enabled at least 280,000 people in Bangladesh to gain access to safe and clean water through long-term water infrastructure projects.

New Operations: Broadening Our Reach

During the course of 2025, the Refugee Zakat Fund significantly expanded its geographic reach, deepening engagement across Africa and in South America. This expansion reflects the Fund's growing capacity to respond to diverse displacement contexts while maintaining full adherence to Sharia principles and donor intent.

In Africa, Islamic philanthropy funding enabled UNHCR to extend support to new operations in Botswana and the Central African Republic, expanding assistance to displaced populations in underfunded contexts. In Botswana, contributions amounting to approximately USD 200,000 supported an estimated 213 households (852 individuals) through cash assistance modalities, addressing urgent protection and basic needs. In the Central African Republic, additional contributions totaling USD 270,000 facilitated access to education for approximately 1,325 households (3,975 individuals) in highly vulnerable displacement settings, helping displaced children continue their education where access to schooling remains severely constrained.

At the same time, 2025 marked the first-ever deployment of Refugee Zakat Fund resources in Brazil and Colombia, representing a significant milestone in the Fund's evolution. In Brazil, contributions amounting to approximately USD 1 Million enabled UNHCR to support an estimated 1,394 displaced persons through Zakat-compliant interventions and 392 with Sadaqah donations, marking the Fund's inaugural engagement in the country. Similarly in Colombia, additional contributions supported 394 vulnerable households supporting them towards long-term empowerment, extending the reach of Islamic philanthropy to complex displacement contexts in the Americas.

Together, the expansion of operations across Africa and the Refugee Zakat Fund's engagement in South America confirms its position as a truly global, principled and adaptable Islamic philanthropy platform, capable of translating donor trust into measurable humanitarian impact wherever needs are greatest.

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Botswana households supported

USD 270,000

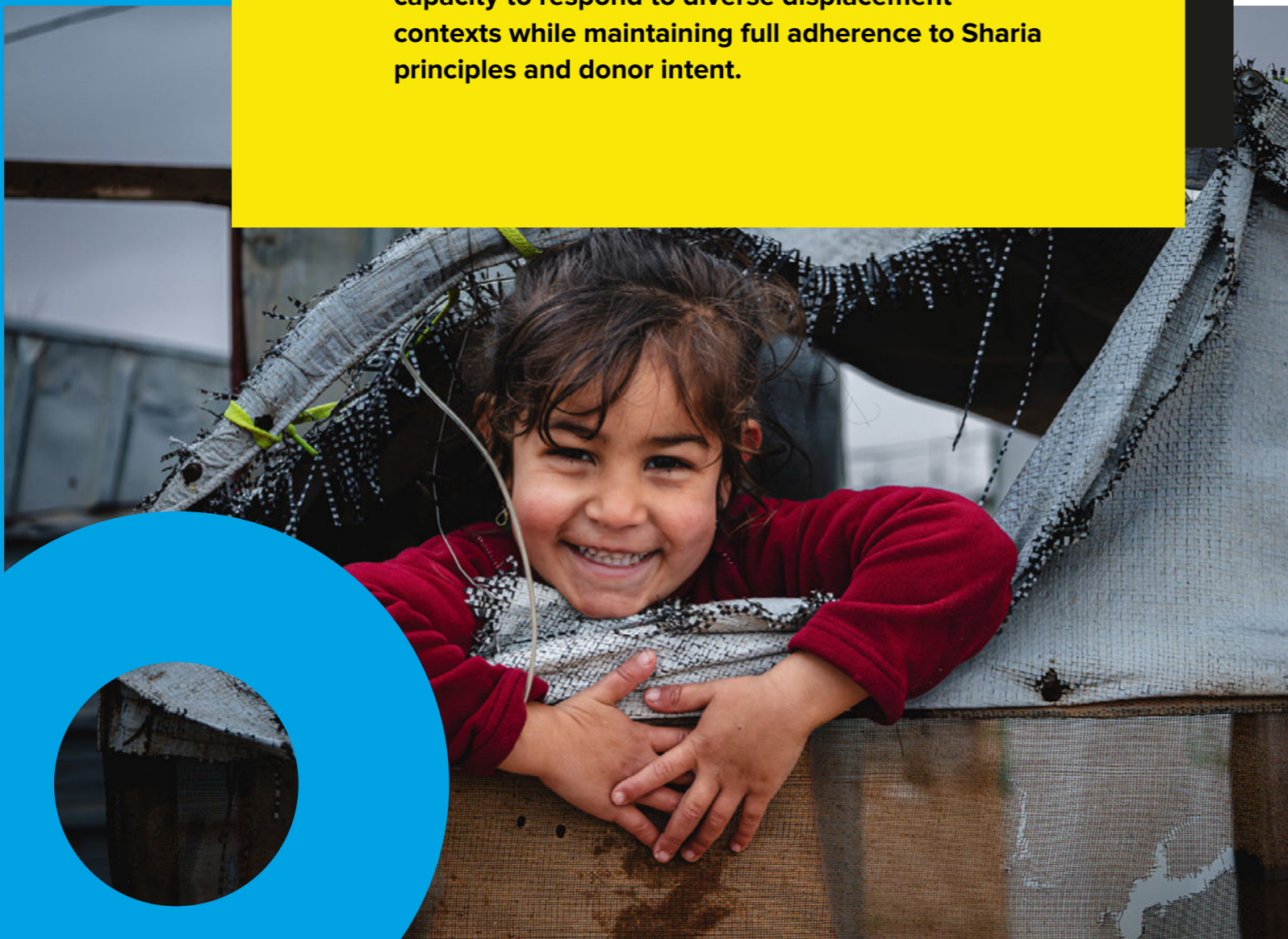
facilitated access to education in Central African Republic

USD 1M

contribution in Brazil and Colombia

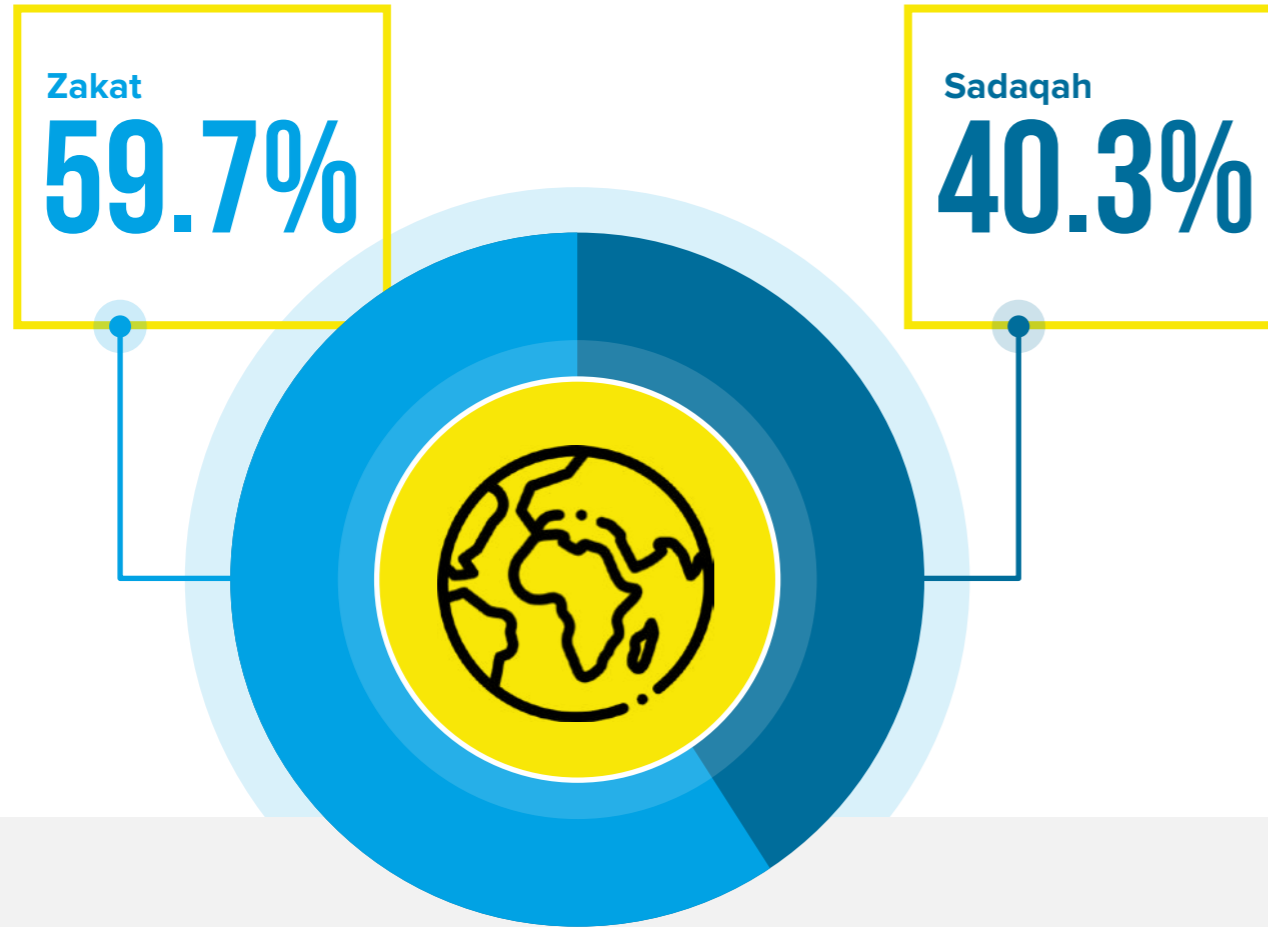
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vulnerable households supported in Colombia

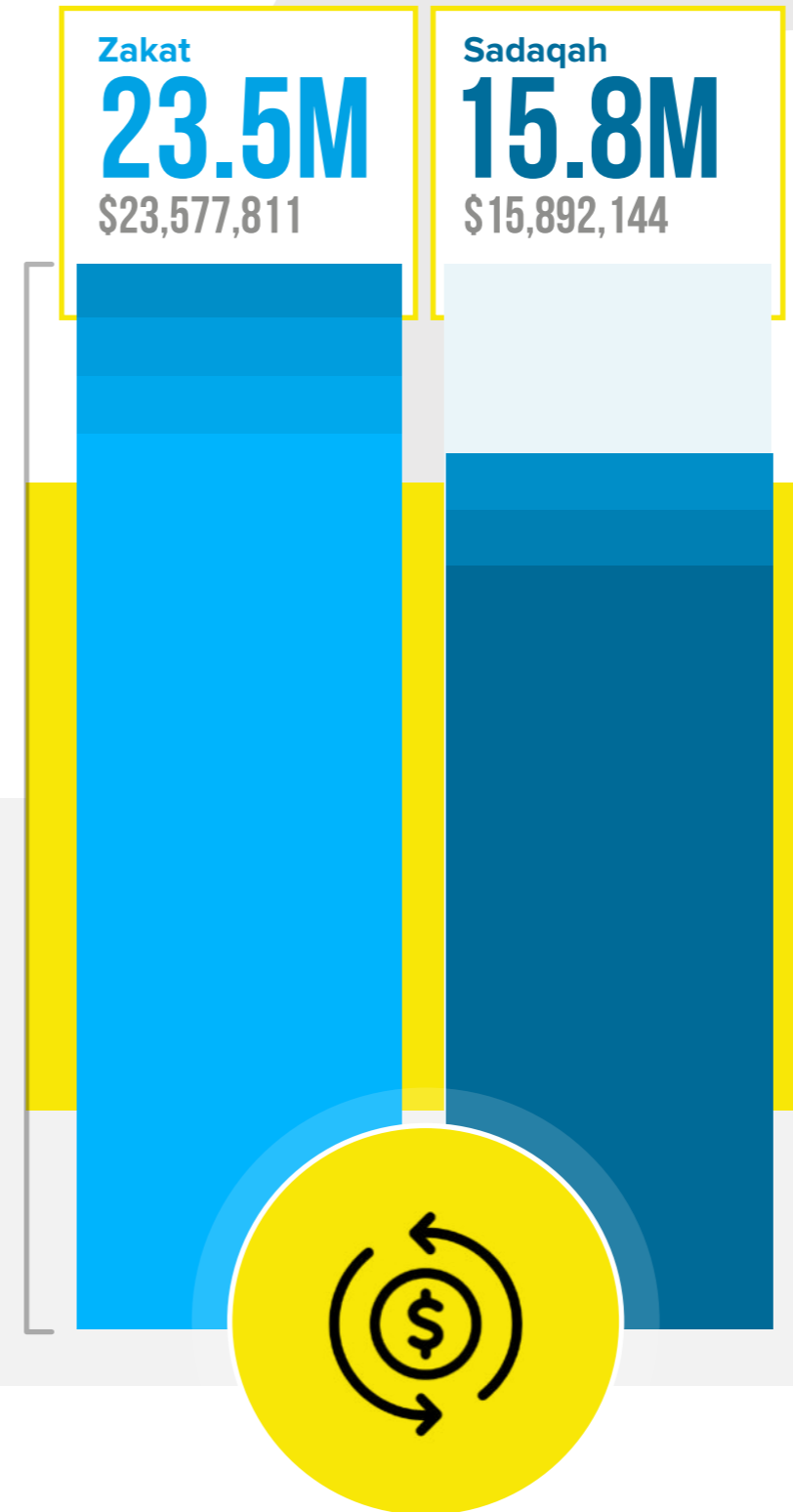


Impact of Zakat and Sadaqah Donations

Overall Impact



Total Income Received



INCOME DISTRIBUTION: ZAKAT & SADAQAH (2025)

2025
Total Amount Received:
\$39,469,954

Summary

2025	Zakat	Sadaqah	Total
Income	23,577,811	15,892,144	39,469,954
Beneficiaries	579,664	453,302	1,032,966
Countries supported	17	18	25

Beneficiaries

Zakat
579,644
 Individual Beneficiaries

Sadaqah
453,302
 Individual Beneficiaries

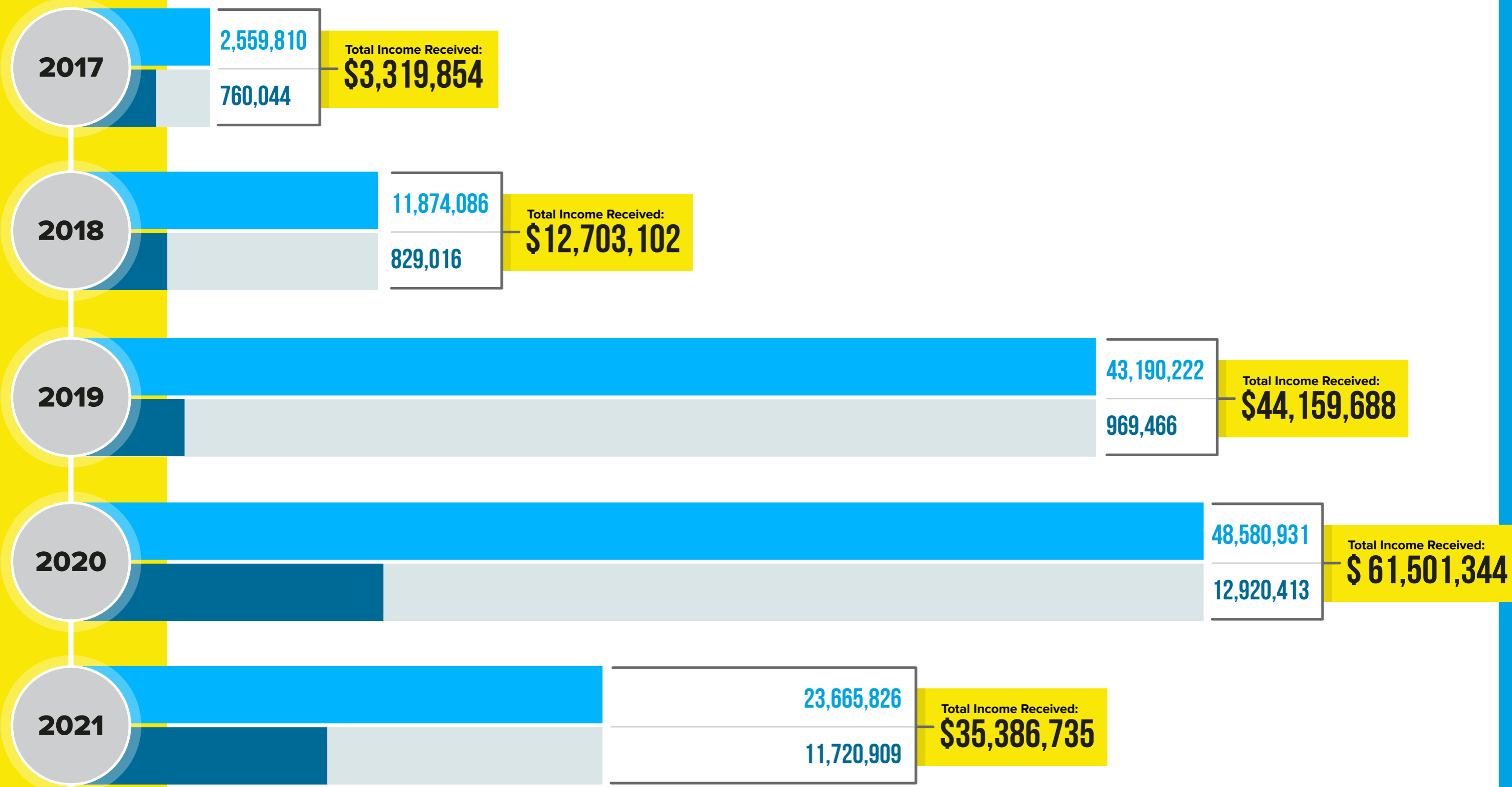
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1,032,966

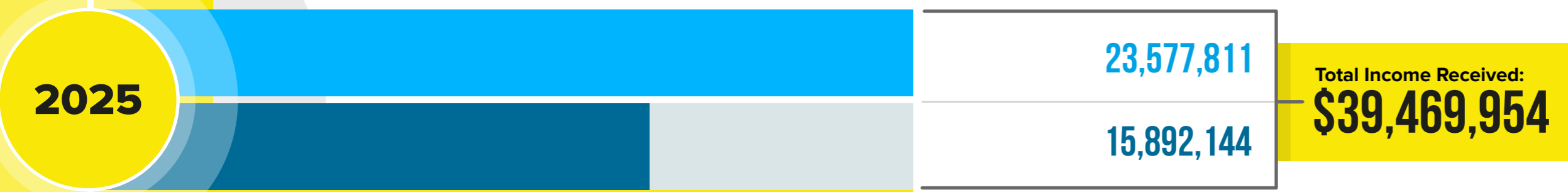
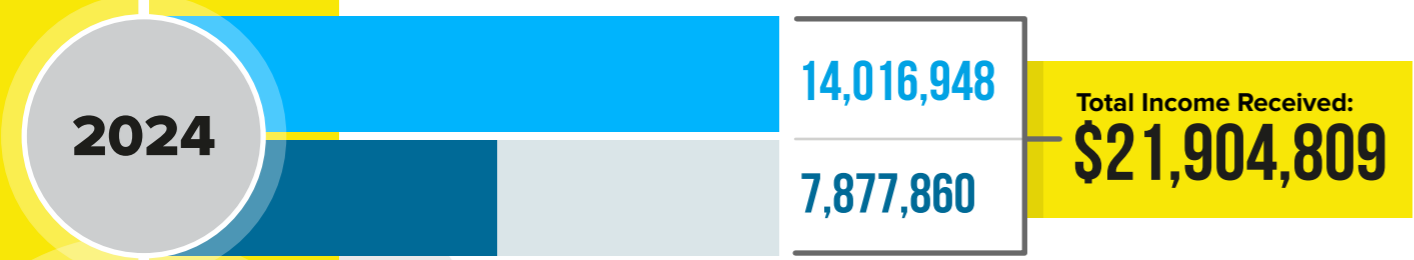
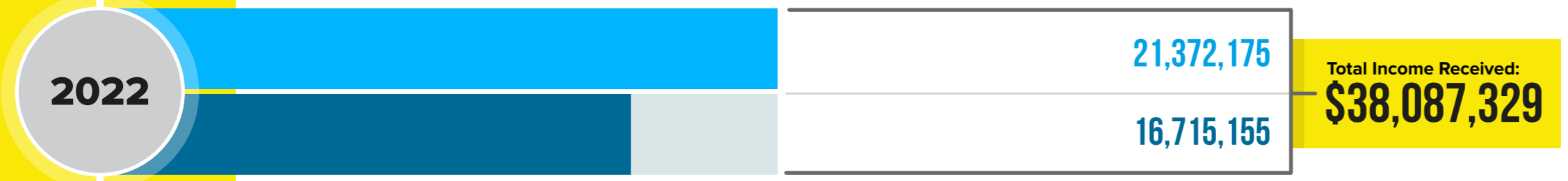
Countries Supported



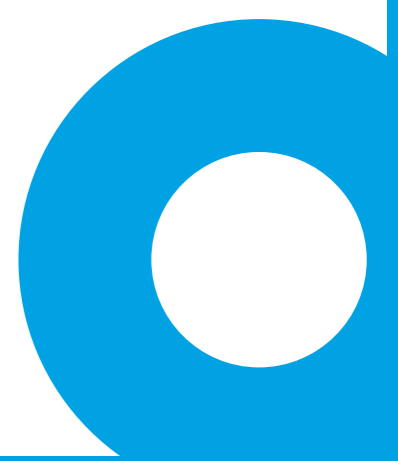
Historical Income

Zakat
Sadaqah





302M
 Total Hsitorial Income Zakat & Sadaqah (2017 to 2025)
\$302,739,608



HEAR THE EXPERIENCES

Stories from the field



Hakima

Hakima, 50, lives in Bamiyan province in a house dug into a mountainside. A widow and mother of six children, three daughters and three sons, she has been caring for her family alone since the death of her husband, who was disabled and bedridden. With no steady income and limited access to healthcare, the family was unable to afford treatment when his health deteriorated. Recalling that period, Hakima said, “My husband was sick and disabled. He had high blood pressure, but we had no money to buy medicine or get him treated. He remained in bed until he passed away.”

Struggling with illness herself, Hakima is unable to work. Her eldest son now supports the family by pushing a wheelbarrow in the market, earning barely enough to meet their daily needs. Speaking about the challenges her children face, Hakima explained, “Sometimes we have food, and sometimes we don’t. Some days my children go to school hungry, and sometimes they stay home because they are sick. The weather is cold, and the house leaks when it rains or snows.”

Reflecting on the emotional toll of these hardships, she added, “May God protect my children. When there is no food in the house and I cannot cook, my children cry, and I cry with them.”

The family’s greatest concern remains their home. Old and crumbling, it offers little protection from harsh winter conditions, with snow and icy water often seeping inside. “Our main problem is this house,” Hakima said. “The walls are collapsing. When it rains or snows, we have to leave because we are afraid it will collapse on us.”

Through UNHCR, Hakima and her family received cash assistance, which helped them cover some of their essential needs, including food, medicine, and charcoal to keep warm during the winter. Reflecting on the support, she shared, “This winter, we were better off. I was able to buy charcoal and some things for my children, like flour, cooking oil, and rice. It helped us a lot, and our situation was a little better this year.”

Mohammad and Rajaa

Mohammad and his wife, Rajaa, are an elderly couple from Homs, Syria, who fled to Jordan in 2014 due to the war. Recalling the moment he was forced to leave his country, Mohammad said, “When I first found out that I had to leave, it was very difficult. We were forced to move from one place to another. A person leaves their soul behind in their country. It’s indescribable.”

The couple spoke of the deep pain of displacement and the loss of the life they once knew. “Only those who have experienced this life can truly understand it,” Mohammad explained. “We were living well. I had a good degree, my sons were working, and we had everything we needed.” Remembering their home before the war, he added, “I had a farm. We grew our own food and shared it with our neighbours.”

After arriving in Jordan, the couple initially rented an apartment in Amman, but rising costs soon made it impossible to continue. “At the beginning, we were renting an apartment, but we couldn’t pay the rent anymore,” Mohammad said. With the landlord’s permission, they moved to the roof of the building. “He allowed us to put up a tent,” Mohammad explained.

The couple built a small bathroom on the roof, and used plastic sheets to protect the shelter they built from the rain.

Rajaa, who suffers from multiple illnesses and has undergone several operations, is unable to move far, further limiting the couple’s ability to cope.

The couple received cash assistance from UNHCR, which helped them cover basic needs such as food, water, and electricity. Still, the support does not cover everything. “With the cash assistance, we can buy food, water, and electricity each month,” Mohammad said, “but we still go into debt. My children can barely feed their own children.”

Shortly after this interview, Mohammad and Rajaa decided to return to Syria. For many families, return comes with serious challenges, including damaged or destroyed homes, lack of employment, and limited access to healthcare, making continued support essential.





Rahima

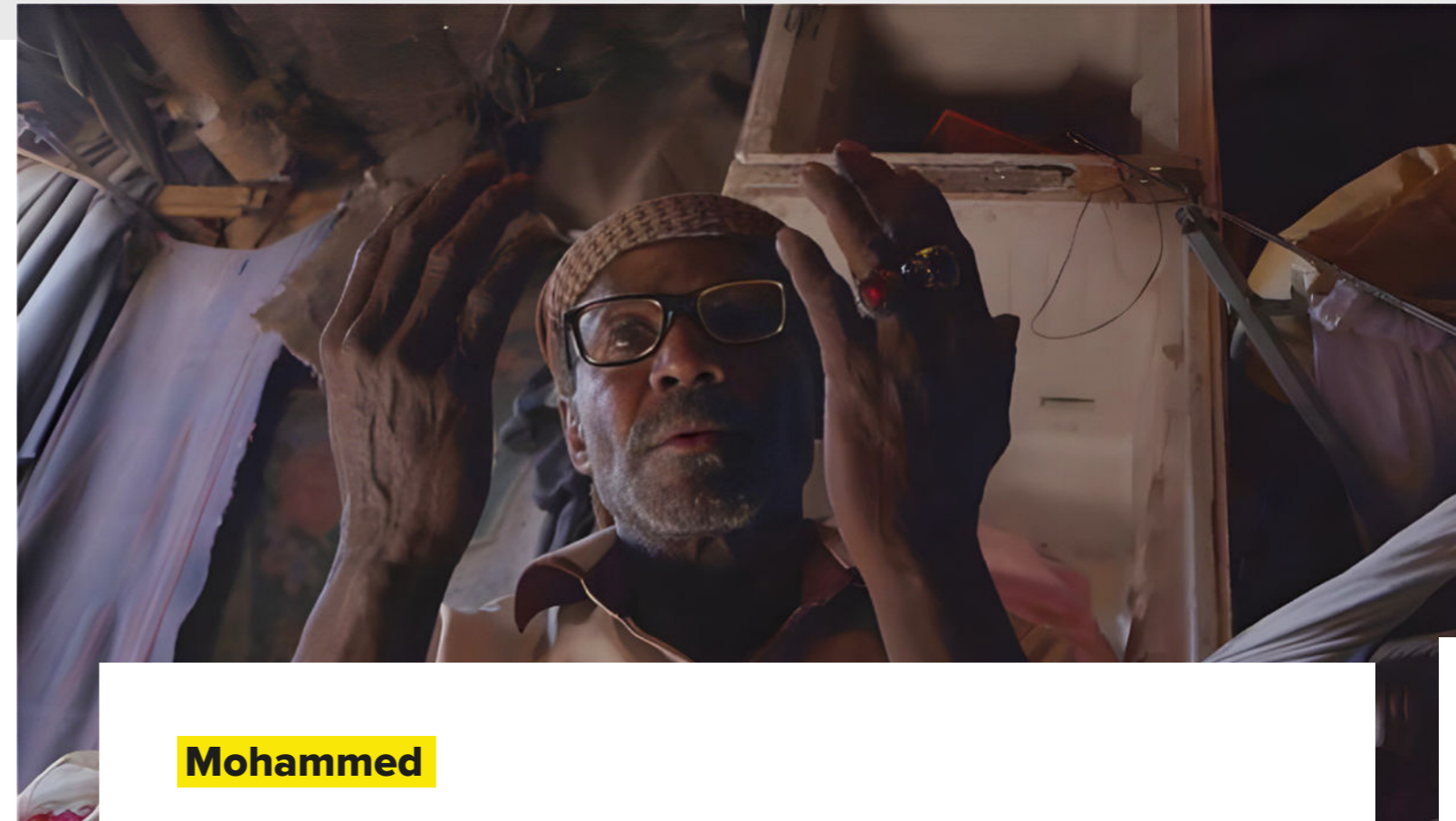
Rahima is a displaced widow from Logar, Afghanistan, who fled to Kabul five years ago after her husband was killed in the conflict, leaving her alone to care for her four children.

The family now lives in a rented basement without electricity or clean water, enduring harsh winter conditions. To keep warm, Rahima's son collects plastic to burn for heat.

Despite ongoing illness and pain, Rahima works whenever she can. Her daughters earn a few Afghanis by teaching neighborhood children, while her son searches for daily labor instead of attending school.

"I received assistance one or two times," Rahima says. "With it, I paid my debts, bought medicine, and clothes for my children." For a short time, the support brought relief. "It helped me a lot. I could manage." But the needs remain overwhelming. "Sometimes we have food, and sometimes we don't," she explains. "Often we eat only bread and tea." As Ramadan approaches, Rahima fears she and her children will have nothing to eat.

"I tell my children to read the Quran and have patience," Rahima says. "One day God will help us." She hopes that during Ramadan, someone will share their Zakat, so her family can survive with dignity.



Mohammed

Mohammed is a displaced father living with his children in an informal settlement in Yemen. With no stable income and limited support, daily life is shaped by constant uncertainty and the struggle to meet basic needs.

Unable to find regular work, Mohammed and his children rely on collecting empty plastic bottles and selling them to earn a small income. "This is the only way I can provide for my children," he said. "I go from one place to another collecting bottles. I have no other source of income." The earnings are minimal and often not enough to cover even the most basic food needs. The family lives without proper shelter or access to basic facilities, leaving them exposed to harsh weather conditions, especially during winter. Cold temperatures and rain make daily life difficult, and shelter remains one of Mohammed's greatest concerns. "What we need most is a safe place to live," he said simply.

During Ramadan, these hardships become even more pronounced. Mohammed fasts and prays like others, but worries constantly about how he will provide food for his children at iftar. "I think about that all the time," he said. "Where will I get food for my children while I am fasting?" On many days, the family relies on what charitable individuals are able to share, often simple meals such as dates or soup. "We eat whatever we have, and we thank God for that," he added.

Despite the challenges, Mohammed remains patient and grounded in his faith. "We are trying to maintain patience," he said. "I pray that God removes hardship from our lives and grants peace and stability to our country."

Before displacement, life was very different. Mohammed recalls living in Al Hudaydah with a sense of comfort and normalcy. "We used to enjoy Ramadan," he said. "We would gather as a family, eat together, talk, laugh, and stay up late. Now, my children eat what we have and go to sleep quietly."

Mohammed and his family have received Zakat assistance, which helped them cover some essential needs, including food and basic household items. While the support eased some immediate pressures, it has not been enough to provide lasting stability. "It helped us for a short time," he said, "but our needs are still many."

Today, Mohammed's hope remains simple and shared by many families around him. "We want a safe shelter, food for our children, and a chance to live with stability," he said. "We ask God to send kind-hearted people who can help us stand on our feet again."

INITIATIVES

Key Highlights

Campaigns

Ramadan 2025: The Power of Coming Together

Over 199,800 displaced individuals received support through Zakat and Sadaqah. A matching campaign raised USD 273,590.62 from 246 donors, and was doubled by USD 200,000 from four major donors. Zakat al-Fitr reached 2,019 refugees before Eid, restoring hope during a month marked by spiritual reflection and solidarity.

Dhul Hijjah & Eid Al Adha 2025: Hope Amid Hardship

Despite global funding cuts, Zakat and Sadaqah contributions supported 4,961 vulnerable families in Yemen, Sudan, and Syria. Cash assistance brought comfort and dignity to widows, children, and the elderly, honoring their resilience and enabling them to celebrate Eid with peace and hope in the face of ongoing crisis.

Sadaqah Jariyah Water Projects 2025: Sustained Impact Through Clean Water

In 2025, Sadaqah Jariyah contributions enabled at least 280,000 people in Bangladesh to gain access to safe and clean water through long-term water infrastructure projects. These projects helped reduce health risks significantly and eased the daily burden of accessing safe water for vulnerable families.



Omar Farooq: A Continued Commitment to Sudanese Refugees

Omar Farooq, a leading Bahraini filmmaker and digital creator, and long-standing UNHCR supporter, conducted his second field mission to support displaced Sudanese through Islamic philanthropy advocacy and fundraising. Following his previous mission to the border of Sudan and South Sudan, Omar travelled to the border of Sudan and Chad in 2025 to amplify the scale of displacement linked to the Sudan crisis and to highlight the growing needs of displaced families. Through on-the-ground storytelling and direct engagement with affected communities and frontline responders, the mission brought audiences closer to the reality of forced displacement and strengthened public understanding of the urgent humanitarian needs.

Omar's mission to Chad generated strong supporter engagement across his platforms and was paired with a clear call-to-action to give. The mission content achieved over 8.1 million views and generated 965,000 engagements across platforms, reflecting strong resonance and shareability among audiences. As a result of this mission and its associated fundraising campaign, Omar's outreach helped raise support for 1,044 displaced families through our Zakat program. Building on the momentum and credibility established during his first mission to South Sudan, this second mission further demonstrated the role of trusted creators in mobilizing Islamic philanthropy for humanitarian response through authentic content, high-impact visibility, and meaningful public engagement.

USD 2.5M

to support urgent humanitarian responses for Sudanese refugees in Chad, Egypt and Libya.

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Beyond physical protection, safe housing plays a vital role in restoring a sense of normalcy, stability, and well-being for families affected by displacement.

Building on its success, Home for a Home was relaunched with UNHCR during Ramadan in 2023 and again this last year in 2025. To date, the initiative has supported the provision of durable housing for more than 3,300 refugees, alongside the establishment of water infrastructure benefiting over 43,000 people in northern Kenya. In Chad, shelter support reached over 14,000 Sudanese refugees, while approximately 30,000 individuals gained access to clean water.

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For families like Jenthy Simon and her two children, who fled violence in South Sudan and arrived in Kenya's Kalobeyei settlement in 2017, displacement has meant years of living with uncertainty and fear. Their temporary shelter, made of plastic tarpaulin, offered little protection from harsh weather or theft, leaving the family constantly exposed and vulnerable. Jenthy recalls with a sad smile, "One day, the wind was so strong, our roof flew off our temporary shelter. We had to stay with our neighbours until we repaired it." Through Home for a Home, the family was able to build a durable house and latrine, enabling them to live with greater stability and safety, and maintain a dignified life despite the challenges of displacement.

Arada has been committed to broadening the scale, sustainability, and global reach of Home for a Home. The initiative has been instrumental in addressing the immediate and longer-term needs of forcibly displaced populations by enabling access to safe and durable shelter solutions. Durable shelters are critical in reducing protection and gender-based violence risks, limiting exposure to harsh weather conditions and communicable diseases, and providing a secure living environment that upholds privacy and dignity. Beyond physical protection, safe housing plays a vital role in restoring a sense of normalcy, stability, and well-being for families affected by displacement.

Additionally, emergency water systems supported through the initiative have also been vital in closing gaps in access to safe and clean water. The installation of new infrastructure has eased pressure on overstretched water sources shared by refugees and host communities, particularly in areas where surrounding villages lack reliable water services. Improved water access has helped refugees mitigate health risks associated with contaminated water and waterborne diseases, and reducing protection concerns for women and children who would otherwise travel long distances to collect water.

Beyond Home for a Home, Arada has continued to demonstrate its commitment to humanitarian action by supporting UNHCR's emergency response efforts in Türkiye, Syria, Lebanon, and Sudan in 2023 and 2024, contributing to life-saving assistance for thousands of vulnerable families affected by conflict and natural disasters.

Home for a Home by Arada: A Safe Place to Live

Over the past four years, UNHCR has collaborated with Arada to fundraise for the refugee cause, engaging their corporate operations and recently founded foundation.

The Holy month of Ramadan in 2022 marked the beginning of the partnership through which the Home for a Home initiative was launched. The flagship campaign brought together UNHCR, Arada, and The Big Heart Foundation under a shared commitment; for every home sold by Arada during Ramadan across its Sharjah communities, a vulnerable refugee family would receive a durable home. The initiative reflects Arada's vision of creating spaces that foster healthier, happier, and more meaningful lives as a property developer based in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, with a global reach.



Global Islamic Fund for Refugees

In 2025, the Global Islamic Fund for Refugees (GIFR) transitioned from a foundational phase towards a more operational one, marking a key milestone in the evolution of Islamic social financing for humanitarian action.

Jointly launched in 2022 by UNHCR, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), GIFR is a Sharia-compliant, endowment-based financing mechanism designed to generate sustainable income in support of refugees, internally displaced persons and host communities in IsDB member countries. By preserving invested capital and directing Sharia-compliant investment returns toward humanitarian programmes, the Fund supports interventions that strengthen protection, restore dignity and enhance long-term resilience.

This timely initiative comes at a time when humanitarian needs continue to rise; particularly across IsDB member countries. While traditional sources of international humanitarian funding continue to face sustained constraints, GIFR showcases the growing importance of exploring innovative and sustainable financing models. By capitalizing on the principles and instruments of Islamic social finance, the Fund offers a values-driven approach to mobilizing resources in support of displaced populations.

July 2025 marks a significant milestone, as UNHCR and the IsDB signed a groundbreaking agreement to allocate USD 2.5 million to support urgent humanitarian responses for Sudanese refugees in Chad, Egypt and Libya. This deployment represented the first significant operational use of a GIFR-linked capital to support a rapid, multi-country emergency response since the Fund's inception.

Under the agreement, US\$1.5 million was contributed solely by IsDB, US\$500,000 by the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, and US\$500,000 from GIFR.

These combined resources enabled UNHCR to deliver a range of life-saving interventions, including access to safe water for tens of thousands of refugees in Chad, expanded healthcare services in Libya, and education, medical support and rehabilitation services in Egypt. The agreement has been widely recognized as a milestone in Islamic humanitarian finance, demonstrating how GIFR's innovative model can be operationalized to respond to acute humanitarian needs while laying the groundwork for longer-term engagement.

By the end of 2025, GIFR had secured USD 120 million in endowed capital, bringing together key partners including UNHCR, the IsDB/ISFD, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center and Islamic Relief USA. This growing capital base underpins the Fund's long-term objective of mobilizing up to USD 500 million with the aim of generating predictable and sustained funding for critical humanitarian sectors. Further progress was made in October 2025, when GIFR's Steering Committee endorsed approximately USD 5 million in allocations for priority projects scheduled for implementation in 2026. These projects, to be implemented in Bangladesh, Sudan, Mali, Nigeria and the Central African Republic, are designed to bridge life-saving assistance and resilience-building efforts, with a focus on shelter, health, education and livelihoods.

Within UNHCR's broader Islamic Philanthropy framework, GIFR complements existing instruments such as the Refugee Zakat Fund by introducing a predictable, investment-backed financing stream. While Zakat and Sadaqah remain essential in providing immediate, direct support to the most vulnerable families, GIFR expands the humanitarian financing landscape by enabling multi-year programming and strategic investment in protracted displacement contexts. Through this complementary approach, UNHCR continues to maximize the principles of Islamic philanthropy solidarity, stewardship and shared responsibility to respond to displacement with both urgency and sustainability.

UNITING TO SAVE AND IMPROVE LIVES

Partnerships in Focus

MBRGI



مبادرات محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم العالمية
Mohammed Bin Rashid
Al Maktoum Global Initiatives

Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives (MBRGI) is a UAE-based foundation that was established in 2015, supported and launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. MBRGI embodies a vision to create hope, empower communities, and build advanced societies through sustainable humanitarian, developmental, and social initiatives. Its goals include fostering a culture of hope, supporting vulnerable groups, and promoting tolerance, coexistence, and innovation to drive progress and prosperity worldwide.

As part of its public engagement efforts, MBRGI has partnered with UNHCR to provide vital support to forcibly displaced communities through MBRGI's country-wide fundraising campaigns.

In 2021, following the success of its initial Ramadan food drive, MBRGI launched the "100 Million Meals" campaign, with UNHCR as one of the key organizations receiving funding to implement food assistance projects across Asia and Africa. Building on this collaboration, the 2022 "1 Billion Meals" Ramadan campaign continued to support UNHCR's efforts, enabling the organization to provide critical aid to displaced families in countries including India, Nigeria, Namibia, and Tunisia.

Beyond food assistance, MBRGI's contributions have reached approximately 800,000 refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, and host communities, providing support in the sectors of sustainable livelihoods, emergency response, healthcare, and WASH. Over the years, UNHCR has implemented numerous projects across 13 countries in Asia and Africa.

In 2025, with MBRGI's support, UNHCR has been able to assist around 70,000 forcibly displaced persons in Bangladesh, Botswana, India, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Tunisia. This support went beyond food security, encompassing empowerment opportunities through livelihoods programs that enable forcibly displaced persons to regain self-reliance and stability.

Eid Charity



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EID CHARITY

The Sheikh Eid Bin Muhammad Al Thani Charitable Foundation is a Qatari humanitarian independent non-profit organization that is concerned with the welfare of people in Qatar and abroad; and has been established in 1995.

During its three decades humanitarian journey, it has implemented major humanitarian and developmental projects that have benefited millions around the world, and in these projects the foundations' mission was integrated with the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals which aim to eradicate poverty and hunger, maintain health, improve the quality of education and equality, provide clean water, and work to preserve the environment by investing in clean energy, providing job opportunities, contributing to industries, establishing and developing infrastructure, eradicating racial discrimination and creating sustainably living societies, recycling, expanding green life, and spreading a culture of peace and tolerance.

Eid Charity has been a strategic partner to UNHCR since 2018 with total contributions exceeding USD 9 million for refugees and internally displaced persons across Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Somalia, and Yemen, reaching more than 339,000 beneficiaries.

In 2025, Eid Charity and UNHCR signed two agreements totaling QAR 9,521,745 (USD 2,612,780) to help over 31,000 forcibly displaced individuals in Syria and Yemen. With this funding UNHCR provided cash for shelter and multipurpose cash assistance to more than 8,000 forcibly displaced individuals in Yemen and will be providing multipurpose cash assistance, core relief items, cash grants for return and reintegration, and cash for shelter to more than 23,000 internally displaced and returning Syrians in Syria.

Through its partnership with UNHCR, Eid Charity works to support refugees in achieving a safe and dignified return to their areas of origin, and to facilitate reintegration and stability by providing shelter and essential assistance to meet their needs. These efforts align with Qatar National Vision 2030 and with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to ending poverty and hunger, promoting health and well-being, and ensuring access to clean and safe water for the most vulnerable, contributing to more resilient and sustainable communities.





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Humaniti is a global non-governmental organization dedicated to fostering human dignity, social equity, and sustainable development across communities in need. Inspired by faith and grounded in compassion, Humaniti works on the frontlines of global vulnerability, addressing some of the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Through a combination of education, humanitarian aid, and empowerment initiatives, Humaniti aims to uplift marginalized populations and create long-lasting change with a strong commitment to transparency, innovation, and measurable impact.

Humaniti recognizes the extraordinary power of Zakat to transform the lives of the world's most vulnerable. Humaniti is working to ensure that Zakat reaches those who need it most, particularly refugee communities facing unprecedented levels of displacement.

In partnership with USA for UNHCR, Humaniti stepped up to support life saving Zakat-eligible cash assistance for the most vulnerable refugees. In 2025, Humaniti expanded its commitment to USD 2 million to provide transformative and dignified cash assistance over a two-year period in Egypt and Jordan, helping displaced families meet their most pressing needs – whether shelter, food, healthcare, or education – while restoring agency and choice to lives marked by uncertainty.

Humaniti's partnership for refugees reflects a deep commitment to addressing the global crisis of displacement with sustained, focused effort. By supporting UNHCR's Shariah-compliant Zakat program, which ensures 100 percent of Zakat reaches eligible recipients through robust, transparent and vulnerability-responsive systems, Humaniti helps deliver assistance that upholds dignity and empowers families to rebuild their lives with hope and resilience.



Muslim World League



Muslim World League (MWL) is an international, Islamic, non-governmental organization established on May 18, 1962, following a resolution adopted during a meeting of the World Muslim Congress. The League is headquartered in the Holy City of Mecca, serving as a renowned charitable foundation in Saudi Arabia. MWL aims to highlight the tolerant principles of Islam, provide humanitarian aid, extend bridges of dialogue and cooperation with cultures and civilizations, and follow the path of centrism and moderation to realize the core message of Islam and ward off movements calling for extremism, violence and exclusion towards a world characterized by peace, justice, and coexistence.

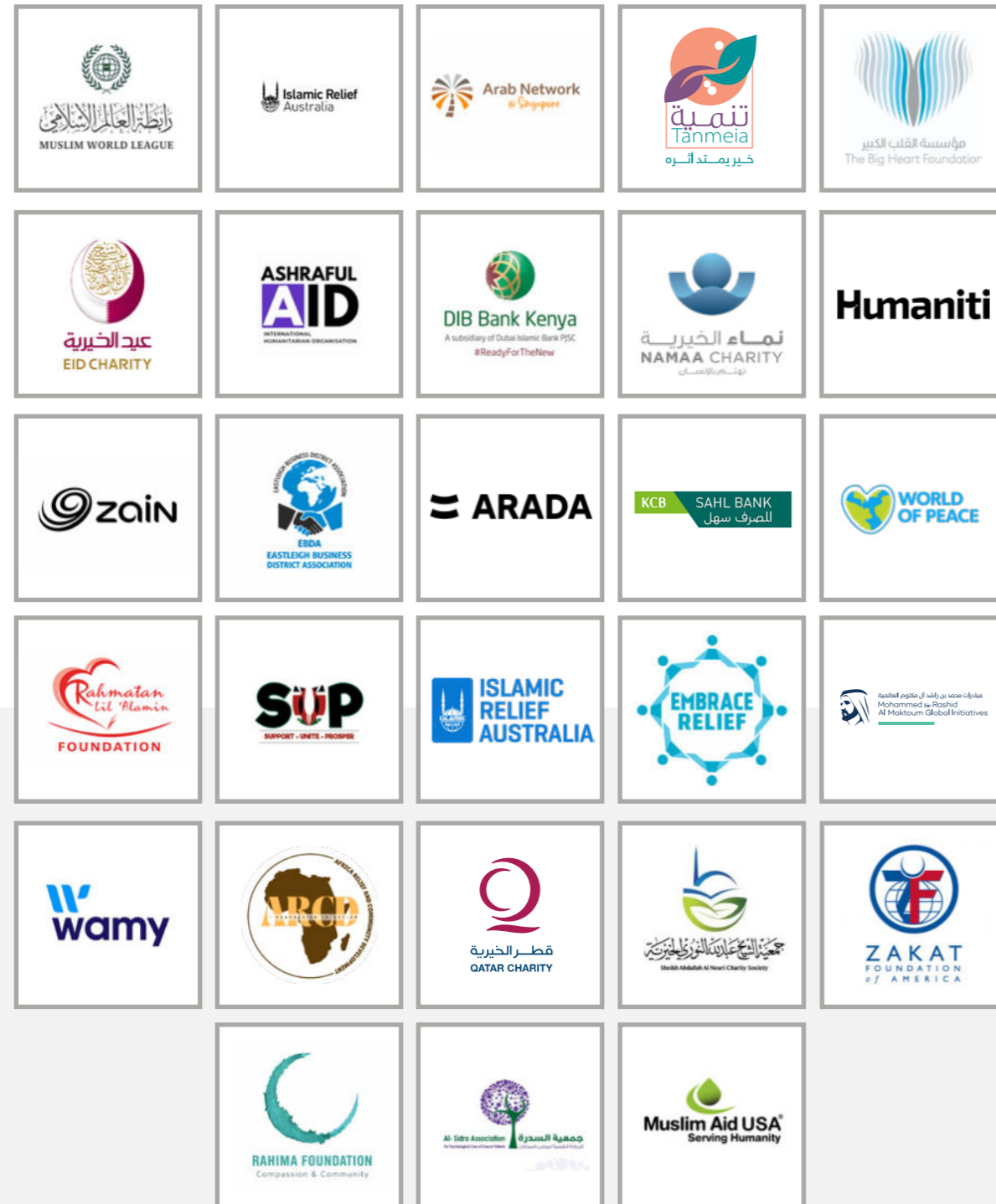
MWL agreed to join efforts with UNHCR having signed a multiyear General Corporation Agreement for 2020-2021, with the first contribution in 2020 to support Youth and Children as part of the Live, Learn, and Participate Project in Sudan and Ethiopia.

And a second contribution in 2021 to support activities that are part of the Child Protection Interventions Project in Northeastern Nigeria.

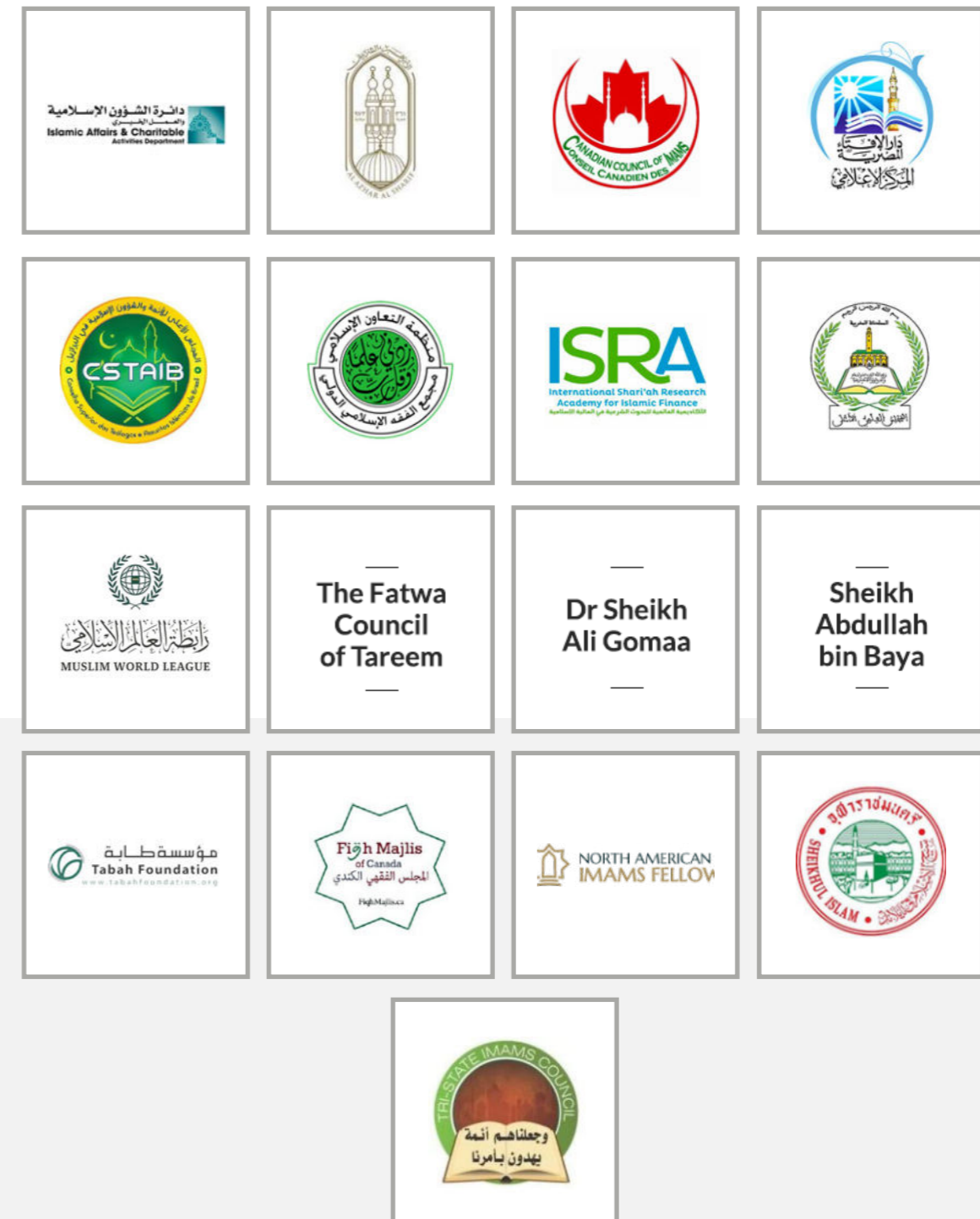
In early 2021, MWL's Islamic Fiqh Council responded to UNHCR's request and provided a fatwa endorsing UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund as a legitimate mechanism for Zakat collection and distribution, which strengthened the list (now extensive) of endorsements received. On Q4 of the same year, MWL hosted at their pavilion in EXPO 2020 Dubai, the launch of UNHCR's 2021 mid-year Islamic Philanthropy report. His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa, Secretary General of MWL, also co-wrote the foreword of the report. The launch event was covered in traditional and social media.

Believing in UNHCR's mission, MWL renewed its commitment for five years (2022-2026) with a USD 5 million commitment and pledged funds during the Global Refugee Forum. This commitment aims to improve the lives of refugees and host communities by ensuring food security, promoting economic and social inclusion, creating livelihood opportunities, fostering public-private partnerships, and involving refugees in community programs.

Islamic Philanthropy Partners Across the Globe



Endorsements and Fatwas





OVERVIEW

The Refugee Zakat Fund

With the rapid growth of the global Islamic economy and philanthropy sector and given the increasing desire by Zakat donors and institutions to channel Zakat funds to refugees – nearly more than 50% of whom are originating from Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) countries – UNHCR piloted the “Refugee Zakat Fund” in 2017, a trusted, compliant and effective distributor maximizing the impact of Zakat and Sadaqah on the lives of refugees. The Fund is subject to rigorous governance, ensuring transparency at every step, from donation to distribution of Zakat funds to eligible families among the refugees and internally displaced persons.

UNHCR implements several humanitarian programmes, including shelter, healthcare, education, economic inclusion, in addition to cash and in-kind assistance. The latter was identified as the best fit for Zakat distribution, assuring funds or goods are received by the most vulnerable beneficiary families. UNHCR is covering overhead costs associated with Zakat distribution from other non-Zakat sources.

Financial governance

Management and accountability:

Zakat funds are kept in a dedicated interest-free bank account in Geneva.

Traceability:

Zakat funds are strictly dedicated to Zakat-compliant distribution activities of cash and goods in identified countries with growing humanitarian needs.

Transparency:

UNHCR publishes annual and bi-annual Islamic Philanthropy reports, and partners are provided with customised reports based on where they wanted their funds to be utilised.

Zakat compliance

Fatwas:

The Fund is endorsed by 18 fatwas from prominent scholars and institutions globally, including the Muslim World League, OIC’s International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and Al-Azhar’s Islamic Research Academy.

Infrastructure:

The Fund adheres to a 100% Zakat-distribution policy to eligible beneficiaries as recommended by the fatwas.

Monitoring and evaluation:

An annual internal compliance review is conducted by UNHCR’s expert Islamic Philanthropy team, while an annual external compliance review is conducted by a third party which publishes a report about the findings of this review.

Assessment and monitoring

Vulnerability assessment framework:
Used to identify eligible beneficiaries.

Post-distribution monitoring:
Conducted annually to measure impact and improve implementation.

Innovation:
The use of technology in distribution to increase efficiency and minimise fraud and duplication.