MISSION
Islamic Relief USA provides relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and works to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world.

VISION
Working together for a world free of poverty.

VALUES
Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and conduct, which the people we serve deserve.

EXCELLENCE
Our work is founded on enabling people and institutions to fulfill the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We work to empower the dispossessed towards realizing their God-given human potential and developing their capabilities and resources.

We believe the protection and well-being of every life is of paramount importance and we shall join with other humanitarians to act as one in responding to suffering brought on by disasters, poverty, and injustice.

We uphold our duty of custodianship over the Earth, its resources, and the trust people place in us as humanitarian and development practitioners.

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Islamic Relief USA has invested in the development of life-changing water projects for the past 25 years.

In regions all over the world, water is and continues to be a fundamental building block for communities. Because of issues such as poor infrastructure, protracted conflict, and challenging climates, many countries are experiencing devastated water systems.

Through local partnerships and collaboration among some of the best innovators in water system development, Islamic Relief USA is providing long-lasting relief in a dignified manner. Places like Niger, Bangladesh, Palestine/Malawi, and Chad are benefiting from the construction of solar-powered wells. For emergencies such as the cholera crisis in Yemen or drought in Somalia, rapid responses through interventions like water pack delivery are helping to stabilize communities.

In addition to prioritizing water supply needs, IRUSA efforts include steps to ensure that sanitation efforts remain linked to all water programs.

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

“The best charity is giving water to drink.”

[Al-Muwatta]
1 in 9 people don’t have access to clean water. That’s 844 million people.

Every 90 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.

1 in 3 people don’t have access to a toilet.

1 million people are killed by water, sanitation, and hygiene-related diseases every year.

Millions of women and girls spend hours every day searching for water—hours that could be spent in school or earning a livelihood.

Together, we can produce positive change. IRUSA’s water and sanitation programs are bringing innovative solutions to communities suffering from a lack of clean water. Read more on the next pages.

Water is life.

You helped over 100,000 people through WASH* programs in 2018! Millions around the world stand to benefit from water relief.

New program investments for 2018: $1,544,346

*Water, sanitation, and hygiene programs. Shows only data for programs reported in year 2018 and does not reflect full scope of all projects/countries.

Working together for a better world.

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For women like Hapsita in Chad, living with contaminated water was a reality for her and her five children. Her village had one manual water pump that did not serve as a sufficient source for its residents. Oftentimes, Hapsita and her children had to walk for at least two hours to find water—sometimes polluted water—in Waddis.

If the water was polluted, it was polluted with human dirt and animal excrement, but they had no choice but to use it to bathe, wash their clothes, and drink.

With at least two billion people in the world using contaminated water sources, water pollution is a dark, worldwide reality.

Thanks to IRUSA donors, however, Hapsita and her children now celebrate clean water in their village, along with better sanitation and hygiene that Islamic Relief USA helped promote.

Hapsita’s three girls and two boys are now able to go to school, since they no longer have to spend their days walking to collect water. Hapsita collects the water with ease and efficiency, and people from neighboring villages rejoice in having access to clean water in close proximity.

That contaminated water spread viruses that cause health issues like typhoid, abdominal pain, and kidney problems. Diseases are an even greater issue in the village, given that the hospital district is located far outside.

Hapsita’s gratitude for the new water source lights up her beautiful face, which is so much less weary now that one of her greatest hardships has been lifted. She gives thanks to Allah, Islamic Relief USA, and the donors who made this possible.

In Hapsita’s words, “They relieved us, thank God.”
Food Security Enhancement & Poverty Alleviation in Niger
MAR 2017 - PRESENT
This project has helped 4,474 people to date.
In response to drought, IRUSA donors enhanced food security in five villages in District Ouallum, Niger, through water conservation training and water system development. Four deep water wells were constructed, along with gender-balanced infrastructure committees and women-led gardens.

Now in the same region, land for cash crops and 10 fishing ponds are being installed. Drought-resistant seeds are being distributed, along with training for farmers, fishermen, and fish sellers who are all women. These vital projects will directly alleviate food insecurity and poverty.

Rebuilding Livelihoods and Reducing Food Insecurity in Mali
MARCH 2017 - PRESENT
This project has helped 6,310 people to date.
The construction of 10 solar-powered water wells in northern Mali are improving livelihood capacity for drought and conflict-affected households. IRUSA donors are also increasing access to land that can be cultivated and providing training on farming tools, climate-adaptive farming, and better nutritional practices.

Safe Water and Disease Resilience in Mali
MAY 2018 - PRESENT
This project has helped 1,734 people to date.
IRUSA is improving safe water use and hygiene practices to reduce waterborne disease and mitigate the effects of flooding, caused by climate change, for the Dansa village. We’re building a deep water well, establishing a management committee, giving out hygiene kits, and more to achieve these goals.
Emergency Flood Relief in Kenya
MAY 2018 - SEP 2018

This project helped 7,015 people.
Thousands were affected by floods in the Garissa township area of Kenya, so Islamic Relief USA responded with a holistic response that shared food, shelter, supplies, and conducted hygiene and sanitation trainings to prevent the spread of waterborne illness.

Integrated Support Program in Kenya
MAY 2017 - PRESENT

This project will help 41,755 people.
As part of a holistic program to support healthcare, education, and water in Garissa county, Islamic Relief USA is installing and rehabilitating solar pumps, deep water wells, water reservoirs and pipelines. That means thousands will have access to low cost water, and they’re also receiving training in water system and facility management.

Humanitarian Aid & Recovery in South Sudan
MAR 2017 - NOV 2017

The water portion of this project helped 3,280 people.
Islamic Relief USA provided emergency, lifesaving services that included establishing improved water systems to increase access to clean water, and conducting hygiene education. Outcomes of the project were inspiring; no water borne disease spread and thousands gained water access.
Supporting the Most Vulnerable in Somalia
JUN 2016 - MAY 2018
This project helped 15,635 people.
Islamic Relief USA improved household income and food security for 300 marginal farmer households, and 60% of them were led by destitute women and widows. The project also rehabilitated three solar-powered deep water wells to create clean drinking water access for people and animals, and established management committees for the wells.

Humanitarian Flood Assistance in Somalia
JUNE 2016 - AUGUST 2018
This project helped over 18,000 people.
Islamic Relief USA provided emergency humanitarian relief by constructing safe sanitation latrines and fixing a damaged deep water well. We also gave out food and shelter kits.

Clean Drinking Water in Chad
DEC 2017 - JUN 2018
This project helped 2,963 people.
Two solar-powered deep water wells made clean water more available to families in the Sila region, thanks to IRUSA donors. We also provided water management education and established committees to care for new facilities. Rates of diarrhea and typhoid significantly decreased after the project’s conclusion.

Water Supply for Rural Malawi
DEC 2017 - SEP 2018
This project helped 44,975 people.
Islamic Relief USA supported emergency water, sanitation, and hygiene relief to community members in rural Malawi through solar-powered deep water well rebuilding/construction. Education campaigns were also conducted to inform school communities on proper health practices, and committees were established to maintain water systems.

Emergency Water for the Displaced in Ethiopia
JULY 2018 - PRESENT
This project will help 3,000 people.
Islamic Relief USA has been providing water trucking, cash vouchers, educational sessions about hygiene, and establishing garbage pits for those displaced by drought, in order to improve health.

Providing Water When It’s Needed Most

Building Deep Water Wells

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WATER MEANS LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT IN ASIA

Life-Saving Support to Myanmar Refugees in Bangladesh
AUG 2018 - PRESENT
This project will help 40,000 people.
As part of this holistic program, IRUSA donors are sending emergency water supplies to refugee encampments in Bangladesh. This allows families to use clean water for cooking, drinking, and bathing. The project also significantly rehabilitates latrines, includes gender advising, and conducts hygiene trainings.

Development for Empowerment in Myanmar
DEC 2018 - PRESENT
This project will help 25,000 people.
Islamic Relief USA is supporting a holistic project to help families within Myanmar, its water and sanitation component identifies households that do not have safe water or latrine access, and installs facilities that meet that need. This is especially important in increasing the safety of women. Hygiene training is also included.

Drought-Resistant Agricultural Modeling in Pakistan (DRAM)
MAR 2017 - FEB 2019
This project helped 16,637 people.
Islamic Relief USA supported drought-affected communities in the Balochistan region via training in water efficient irrigation, drought-resistant crops, as well as education in climate change, water conservation, and civic engagement.

Emergency Resilience for Myanmar Refugees in Cox’s Bazaar
JUL 2018 - JAN 2019
This project helped over 11,000 people.
Thousands of refugees from Myanmar live in the Cox’s Bazaar refugee camp within Bangladesh. Islamic Relief USA has a whole host of programs that provide immediate support to families, including this project that installed 10 deep tube wells, built 30 latrines and 10 private bathing spaces, set up waste bins, and much more.

Stranded Community Action Project in Bangladesh
SEP 2014 - APR 2019
This project will help 2,650 people.
Islamic Relief USA has been working for years to help ultra-poor households in Dhaka City, Bangladesh, with holistic needs such as housing, water, hygiene, rights, and more. When it comes to water and hygiene, phase two of this program developed water systems to improve access to clean water. This included deep water well and latrine construction. A youth-led waste management system was established to maintain water sources.
Safe Water Access in Nepal
DEC 2017 - JUN 2018
This project helped 3,120 people. Families in Nepal are benefiting from safer water systems thanks to the construction and rehabilitation of four community water supply units along with six school water supply units. Safe bathing facilities for girls are also a huge success of this project. Finally, communities received comprehensive trainings to learn best hygiene practices.

Transforming Capacity for Peace and Resilience in the Philippines
MAR 2017 - FEB 2019
This project helped 1,975 people. Islamic Relief USA enhanced sanitation facilities and increased education about best hygiene practices in Mindanao as part of a holistic project to improve disaster management and increase clean water access. Handwashing facilities were constructed and community support teams were formed for sanitation education, along with improved access to potable water.

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CLEAN WATER MEANS HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Urgent Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Palestine
MAY 2017 - OCT 2018

This project helped 14,033 people.

To develop access to clean water in Palestine, Islamic Relief USA helped provide long-term water, sanitation and hygiene relief in Gaza through water system restoration and development. We replaced water systems, upgraded or restored groundwater wells, and distributed hygiene kits and education. This was in partnership with ANERA.

Emergency Cholera Response in Yemen
OCT 2017 - PRESENT

This project has helped over 30,000 to date.

Islamic Relief USA is installing solar water systems, pumps, tap stands, and rehabilitating a water reservoir for livestock. We have also previously provided emergency rapid response cleansing supplies to individuals affected by cholera, along with medicine. Germ-safe water containers known as jerry cans were given to households for water storage, along with chlorine tablets to purify water that last up to six months.

REMEMBERING WATER NEEDS IN YEMEN

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