WINTER AID REPORT

A SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMATIC INFORMATION FOR IRUSA DONORS
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Islamic Relief USA saw the severe impact that winter had on underserved communities around the world and decided that it was a crisis we couldn’t ignore. Being in the blistering winter complicates the stressful journey of refugees to safety, can kill an entire region’s harvest and deter children from attending school. In places like Syria, Bosnia and Jordan, temperatures easily drop below zero. We knew we couldn’t control the weather, but we could fight to keep our neighbors around the world safe from it.

Winter projects began at Islamic Relief USA over 10 years ago in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide. The first regions targeted were Eastern Europe and the Middle East. In total $1,023,818 was spent in 2018 for winter support.

Our teams are on the ground distributing vital winter supplies where they were needed the most, including warm clothing, hygiene kits, fuel, blankets, insulation materials for homes, heaters, mattresses, nutritious food, and more. Every year millions are ill-prepared for the brutal weather. This report is an overview of our interventions.
Responding to Winter Worldwide

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A disastrous combination of drought and flooding has crippled many communities that were already in the midst of food shortages. Due to the winter season thousands have been displaced and continue to be displaced. Most families are in need of basic essentials for warmth and survival.

Over $1 million in winter aid worldwide in 2018!

A breakdown of investments across 13 different countries:

- Afghanistan: $500,000
- Turkey: $350,000
- Lebanon: $250,000
- Jordan: $250,000
- Iraq: $250,000
- Yemen: $200,000
- Bosnia: $67,500
- Pakistan: $50,000
- Nepal: $50,000
- Albania: $46,318
- Chechnya: $25,480
- Kosovo: $20,800
- Macedonia: $10,000
A SNAPSHOT OF THOSE YOU’VE HELPED

YOU SHARED WARMTH WITH OVER 370,000 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE IN 2018!

2018 WINTER AID BENEFICIARIES BY COUNTRY

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YOUR AID, THEIR RELIEF
PROUD TO PROVIDE THE THINGS FAMILIES NEED MOST

OUR WINTER AID INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS:

- Blankets
- Mattresses
- Plastic sheets
- Tents
- Coats
- Shoes
- Heating kits (heater and fuel)
- Carpets
- Firewood
- Food
- Hygiene kits
- Wooden stoves, and more.
Life-Saving Winter Aid
During cold winter months, many deeply impoverished families have to choose between buying food and buying what they need to stay warm. These projects made it possible for vulnerable families to have both.

Afghanistan 2018-2019
This project helped 19,570 people.
Families suffering in extreme winter conditions received care packages that included blankets and food parcels. Most of those who received aid were displaced from their homes due to conflict or drought conditions.

Albania 2018-2019
This project helped 900 people.
Orphans and vulnerable families located in remote areas received winter care packages that included firewood, blankets, and winter clothing.

Bosnia 2018-2019
This project helped 210 people.
Orphan families received winter care packages that included firewood and winter clothing such as shoes, jackets, hats, shawls, and gloves.

Chechnya 2018-2019
This project helped 70 people.
Vulnerable families received construction materials and equipment help reinforcing their homes from the frigid weather.

Iraq 2018-2019
This project helped 6,600 people.
Families seeking refuge from brutal winter weather received mattresses, blankets, pillows, stoves, and hygiene kits.
Lebanon 2018-2019
This project helped 18,475 people.
Communities of refugees and vulnerable families received winter care packages that included food, fuel, blankets, mattresses, carpets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, and hygiene kits.

Kosovo 2018-2019
This project helped 1,146 people.
Orphan families received winter care packages including food, blankets, firewood, and wooden stoves. Families in rural and remote areas were able to withstand the freezing temperatures with less risk of illness thanks to this aid.

Macedonia 2018-2019
This project helped 108 people.
Vulnerable families received winter care packages that included blankets and firewood.

Nepal 2018-2019
This project helped 1,920 people.
Families suffering from harsh winter conditions received care packages that included plastic floor mats, cotton mattresses, polyester pillows, blankets, quilts, shawls, and sweaters. Food packages were also distributed to some families.

Pakistan 2018-2019
This project helped 2,360 people.
Families suffering from harsh winter conditions received care packages that included plastic floor mats, cotton mattresses, polyester pillows, blankets, quilts, shawls, and sweaters. Food packages were also distributed to some families.

Turkey 2018-2019
This project helped 15,000 people.
Vulnerable conflict-affected communities including displaced families in Turkey received winter care packages that included blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, tents, coats, heating kits, and a floor carpet.

Yemen 2018-2019
This project helped 14,350 people.
Families of those severely affected by the conflict, including children with special needs, received winter care packages that included mattresses, blankets, and clothing.

YOU WARMED OVER 370,000 PEOPLE

YOU HELPED 424,034 PEOPLE ACROSS 14 COUNTRIES DURING THE 2018-2019 WINTER CAMPAIGN—THANK YOU!

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Umm Zakariyya assisted families that were receiving winter relief items at an orphanage that was home to Syrian refugees. The project provided 2,500 families with winter jackets, new shoes and socks.

Mothers arrived providing a list of every item they needed. One mother requested shoes size 6 and 7 and a small and medium winter jacket, and Islamic Relief staff was fortunate enough to have the exact sizes.

It wasn’t enough just to have coats and shoes, donors made it possible to have many different sizes so that mothers and fathers could exactly what they needed.

Umm Zakariyya was amazed to see such abundant help. “You can see first-hand how your help is reaching these people,” Umm Zakariyyah said.

KHALID’S FAMILY

Khalid is a father of 10 who fled with his family from their home in Syria. He was a farmer, and his family had lived a happy life in the outskirts of Aleppo. Their home was in the middle of the the war zone. Two of his daughters were injured badly when a rocket hit their home, causing a gas cylinder to explode and ignite a fire. His daughters suffered severe burns to their faces. They left just in time, as later he found out that his home was completely destroyed.

They went to Jordan on foot. “We were herded like cattle on trucks,” he said. At first they lived in the Zatari camp, which was very difficult with 10 children. Then they arrived in the Ma’raq province, where they live now in a tiny one bedroom house. Two of his sons suffer from a genetic disorder, making their day-to-day life even more difficult. He said alhamdulillah that they survived and made it out safely as a family, but he broke down into tears and was unable to speak with us any more.

With tears in his eyes, he said, “If I could go back today, I would.”

Alhamdulillah, compassionate Islamic Relief donors provided both rent support and critical winter aid to help Khalid’s family cope.