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Working Together for a
Better World



IRK Vision, Mission & Values

VISION

Inspired by our Islamic faith, we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others.

MISSION

Exemplifying our Islamic values we will mobilize resources, build partnerships and develop local capacity as we work to:

- Enable communities to mitigate the effect of disasters, prepare for their occurrence and respond by providing relief, protection and recovery.
- Promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods.
- Support the marginalized and vulnerable to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty.

We allocate these resources regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief, and without expecting anything in return

CORE VALUES OF OFFICE

Following Prophetic Guidance: We remain guided by the timeless values and teachings provided by the revelations contained within the Qur'an and prophetic example, most specifically:

● Social Justice (Adl)

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

● Sincerity (Ikhlas)

In responding to poverty and suffering, our efforts are driven by sincerity to God and the need to fulfil our obligations to humanity.

● Excellence (Ihsan)

Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and conduct which is deserving of the people we serve.

● Compassion (Rahma)

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

● Custodianship (Amana)

We uphold our duty of custodianship over the earth, its resources and the trust people place in us as humanitarian and development practitioners to be transparent and accountable.

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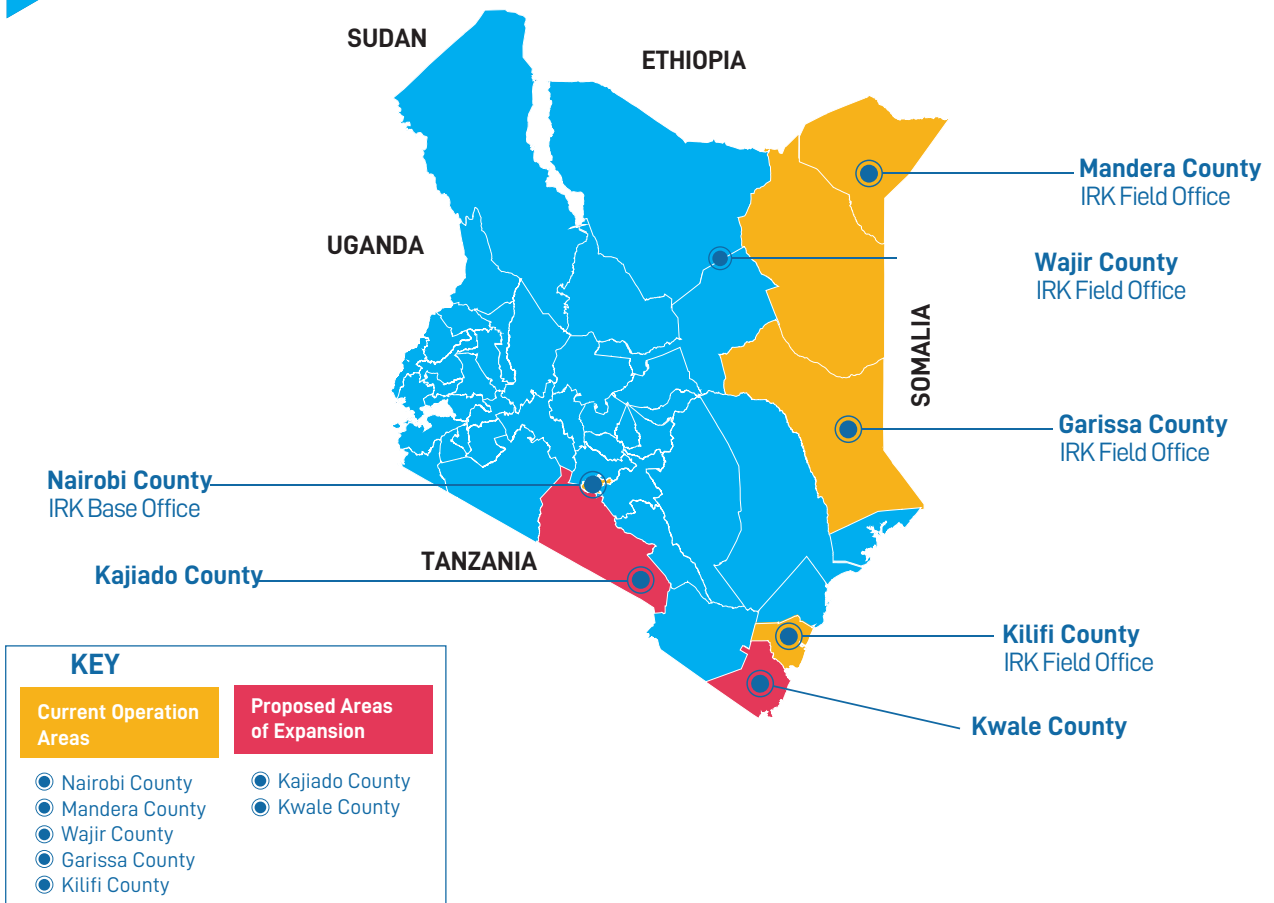


Abbreviations

ABC	AgriBusiness Clusters	IRC	International Rescue Committee
ASALs	Arid and Semi- Arid Lands	IRK	Islamic Relief Kenya
ASIK	Agro Solar Irrigation Kit	MIYCN	Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition
ASIT	Agro Solar Irrigation Technology	NDMA	National Drought Management Authority
BMS	Breast Milk Substitute	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
BH	Borehole	OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
CBO	Community Based Organization	OTP	Outpatient Therapeutic Programme
CCA	Climate Change Adaptations	RBA	Rights Based Approach
CHW	Community Health Worker	SFP	Supplementary Feeding Program
CMDRR	Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction	SWFF	Securing Water for Food
EBF	Exclusive Breast Feeding	TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
GSLAs	Group Saving and Loans Associations	VSLA	Village Savings and Loans Association
HCT	HIV Counseling and Testing	WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
IR	Islamic Relief	WUA	Water Users Association
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization		



Areas of Operation



Message from the Country Director



“ In 2017 Islamic Relief Kenya reached over 500,000 people through humanitarian support ”

At the heart of all Islamic Relief Kenya's work is the commitment to meet the needs of those who we work with by providing sustainable change to the vulnerable in the community. We are motivated by their needs and driven by their dreams.

The past year was marked by a drought that was experienced in at least 23 counties in Kenya. We expanded our work to Kilifi County, responding to the effects of the drought to the communities. We responded to the situation immediately by providing emergency relief to those affected in Kilifi as well as our other areas of operation including, Mandera, Wajir and Garissa Counties. We provided life-saving food supplies and non-food items such as water storage containers, hygiene kits as well as hygiene and sanitation promotion.

Throughout the year, we also continued our development projects tirelessly in Mandera, Wajir and Garissa counties, providing the vulnerable with education, healthcare, climate-smart initiatives and a means to make a living. We also continued to serve the needs of the orphans and their families. Over 3,099 orphans are in active sponsorship and we are exploring other avenues

of intervention to support such vulnerable families in Kenya.

In 2017, Islamic Relief Kenya reached over 500,000 people through humanitarian support. With continued support and commitment from our supporters and donors, we hope that even more progress can be made towards achieving a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others.

None of our work would have been possible if it were not for our dedicated supporters and staff. We would like to pass on our sincerest gratitude to the Board of Directors, multilateral and governmental partners, Islamic Relief Worldwide partners, local partners and the staff.

Sincerely,

Obaidur Rahman
Country Director
Islamic Relief Kenya



About Islamic Relief Kenya

IR-Kenya started operations in Kenya in 1993 on a one-to-one Orphans Sponsorship Programme through a local CBO in Mandera County, Northern Kenya. It opened its fully fledged office in March, 2006 at the height of drought in the Horn of Africa. Since, then IR has been providing humanitarian and developmental assistance to the vulnerable communities. Over these years, it has implemented various developmental and relief activities in the region.

This has remarkably changed the lives of the vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. In January 2010, IR extended its operation to Wajir County, neighboring Mandera. Again, in October 2011, the programme was extended to Garissa County, with a focus to primarily support Refugees at the Daadab Camp (the largest refugee camp globally) and host communities at the neighborhood. In 2017, IRK extended its operation in Kilifi County and opened its office in November.

North Eastern Kenya is the least developed region in Kenya. The region generally has very poor infrastructure, rough roads, underdeveloped social amenities and a remote potential for improvement in the near future. Government efforts to improve the situation of arid regions are hampered by lack of funds and policy bias among other factors. The region is also affected by perennial border conflict in Somalia – Ethiopia, a situation that has led to increased insecurity. The region has faced numerous challenges such as drought, flash flooding, inter clan and border conflicts.

The impact of recurrent drought-related crises in North Eastern Kenya is rapidly escalating, with more and more people being affected with every occurrence. Drought is becoming more frequent, allowing less time for recovery in between and increasing the vulnerability of local populations. The current ability of pastoralists to respond to drought is limited not only due to the increasing frequency, but also due to an increasing population, a dwindling resource base, conflict, changes in access to land and water as well as the impact of other shocks such as flooding and disease outbreaks.

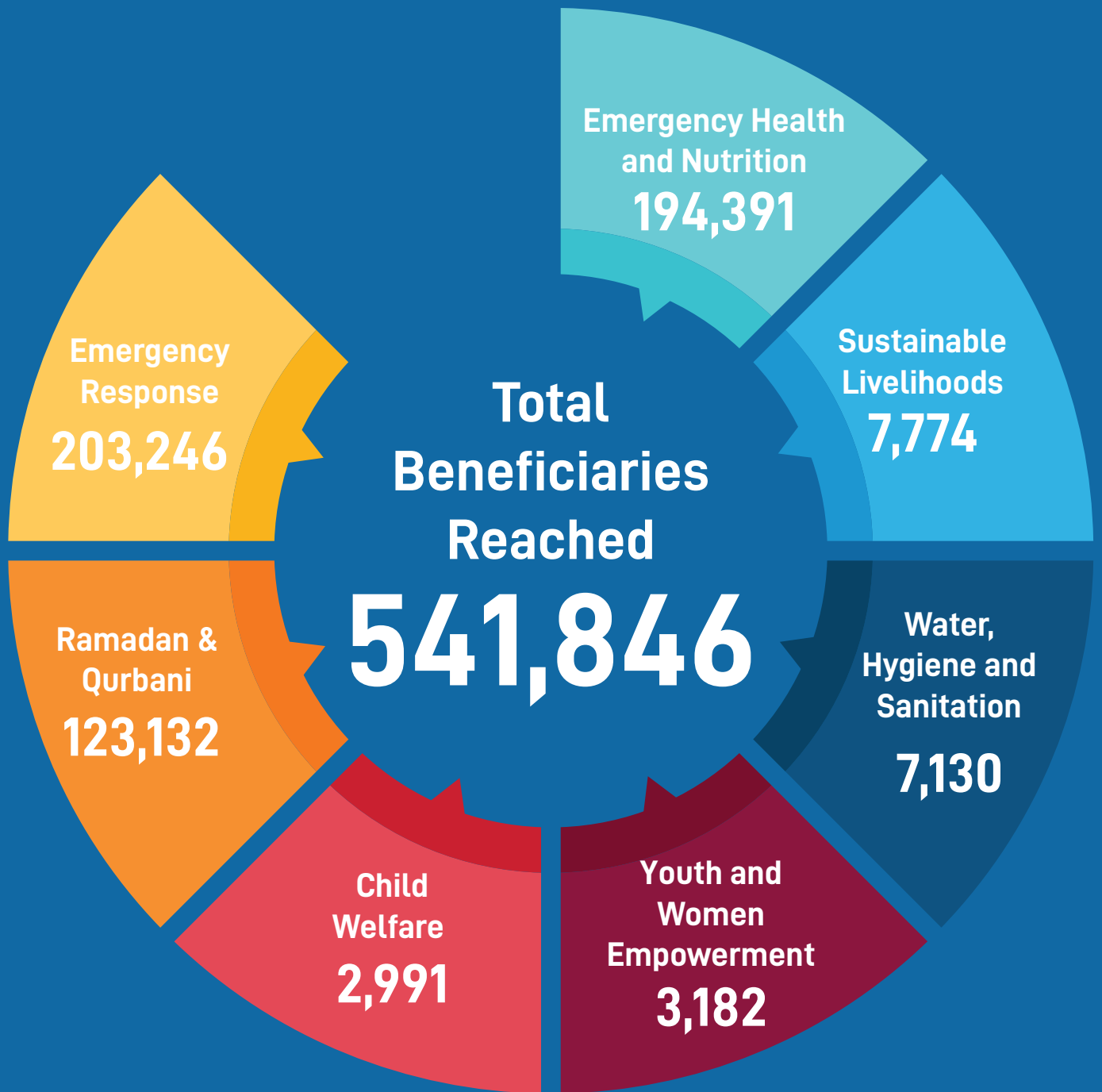
IR Kenya has tailored its programmes towards emergency response, recovery, and livelihood support. The programmes are aligned to respond to and comply with government developmental policies (such as Vision 2030), community focus, regional vision as well as Sustainable Development Goals. The focal programme areas since February 2006 have included; Nutrition and Health, Water and Sanitation, Orphans Sponsorship, Livelihoods programmes and Emergency and Relief Supplies. IR has ensured that its programmes target those who are most vulnerable in the most disadvantaged areas.

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2017 Milestones at a Glance



Sustainable Community Empowerment

Empowering communities to emerge from poverty and vulnerability)

Secure livelihoods and food security

Securing Water for Food – Increasing Agro-Pastoral and Pastoral Incomes through Production of High Value Fruits and Vegetables using Agro-Solar Irrigation Technology



The programme primarily focuses on irrigated farming, innovations, environmental conservation and income generation for economic strengthening of vulnerable communities, thereby building their resilience to climate change, reducing their vulnerability and improving their livelihoods.

Increasing Agro-Pastoral and Pastoral Income through Production of High Value Fruits and Vegetables using Agro-Solar Irrigation Technology is an innovative project that promotes Group Savings and Loans Associations (GSLA) model for smallholder farmers economic strengthening. Islamic Relief Kenya promotes adoption of climate-smart agriculture using Agro-Solar Irrigation Technology that promotes efficient food production using less water and energy. The project involves mobilizing farmers to work in GSLAs of 15-25 members, saving weekly or bi-weekly, adoption of Agro-Solar Irrigation Kits for crop production and market their produce jointly.

2017 In Brief:-

- 155** GSLAs of 2,160 individual farmers have been mobilized with KES 1,905,915 savings.
- 14** GSLAs were linked to IRK Micro-Finance Programme, total guarantee fund used is KES 3,753,350.
- 914** farmers were trained on the GSLA model to improve their saving culture.
- 281** farmers trained on the ASIK technology installation, operation and maintenance.
- 40** Water Users Association members trained on water resource management.
- 432** agro-pastoralists representatives from 154 GSLAs formed benefited from Small Plot Horticulture training.
- 3** GSLAs received sales from their first 2 harvest, earning KES 637,000.
- 17** GSLAs developed their shallow wells for irrigation purposes.
- 22** farmers from 11 production and marketing cooperatives trained in improving their access and linkages to lucrative markets for their produce.



Promote Rights and Access to better Socio-Economic Opportunities for Marginalized Communities in North Eastern Kenya

Now is the time to address marginalization and gender barriers to development, especially the rights to civil participation in county governance, natural resource management for improved socio-economic conditions.

Islamic Relief Kenya engaged with the relevant rights-holders to be better informed and empowered to demand for their resources so that they have better access to basic services. The project resulted in the emergence of 22 strong and functional networks consisting of 682 people capable of influencing community development plans in Wajir County made up of women groups such as 'Maendeleo ya Wanawake' groups and youth groups working on addressing the cultural factors, class, ethnicity, age and gender factors that contribute to gender inequality in the community.

Strengthened adaptive capacity and income choices for vulnerable groups through provision of livestock to 7 groups consisting of 162 women and increased awareness on natural resource management as well as environmental conservation.

With support from the Department of Trade, Wajir County, 337 representatives from 14 groups have been trained on enterprise development and management skills. 9 groups consisting of 207 members have been trained on the Group Savings and Loans Association model for economic empowerment. The project has led to informed and empowered communities with the ability to demand for their rights and services from the county government.

Improving Social and Economic Opportunities for Youth in North-Eastern Kenya

Islamic Relief Kenya seeks to address the marginalisation of the youth in Mandera County. Youth can easily be neglected, marginalised and sidelined from the development agenda of the county government. 60% of the youth in Mandera are either unemployed or underemployed which can lead to hopelessness and a criminal mentality.

We opened up a world of opportunities for the youth in Mandera through the creation of economic strengthening opportunities in 2017. Islamic Relief Kenya supported the formation and development of Group Savings and Loans Associations (GSLAs) and Agribusiness Clusters (ABCs). We also bridged the gap between the youth and the local government so as to bring the youth closer to opportunities offered by the government.

IMPROVING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH
OFFICIAL HANDOVER CEREMONY OF INFRASTRUCTURAL MATERIALS
TO 5 TVETS IN MANDERA COUNTY

| Mandera |

Project Duration: 2016 - 2019



2017 In Brief:-

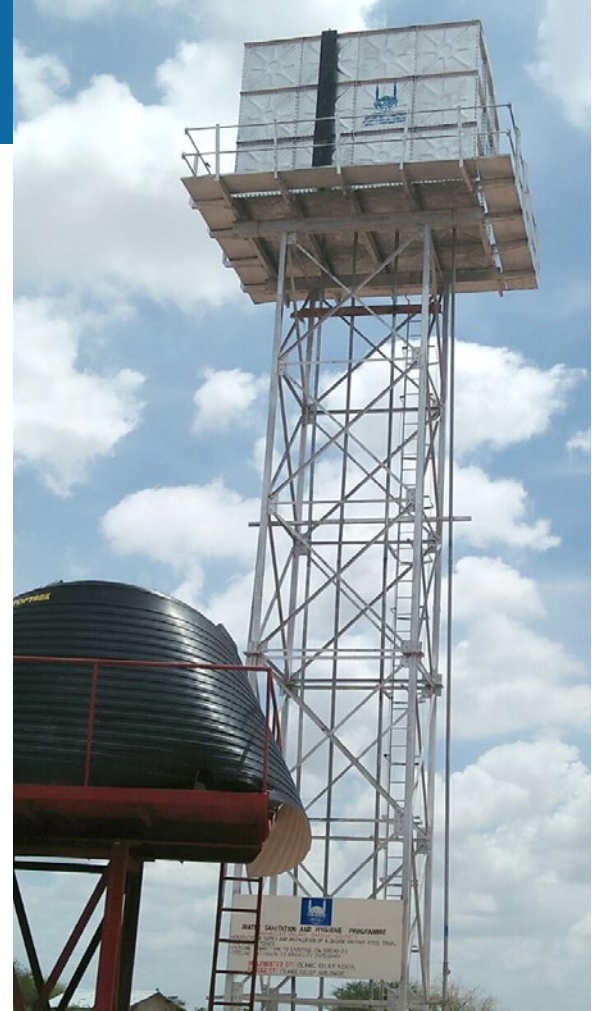
- Strengthened institutional and technical capacity of three networks of CSOs to support civic engagement between local government and the youth.
- 15 participants trained on how to design Monitoring and Evaluation Systems.
- Mobilisation of youth from six sub-counties to form Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). The newly mobilized groups were registered with social services department at the respective sub-counties.
- 15 VSLAs provided with training on business development, GSLA model, linkage to government youth funds and sharia-compliant finance opportunities benefiting 174 participants.
- 575 youth representing 6 sub-counties linked to different government youth funds.
- 10 youth groups received funding from the Youth Enterprise Development Fund to benefit 135 youth, 67 male, and 68 female.
- Conducted dialogue forums between Mandera County Government and its youth to discuss youth-specific issues such as job creation and opportunities for youth enterprise funding to ensure dissemination of accurate and timely information.
- Development of AgriBusiness Clusters (ABCs) Manual to help ABC coaches to build capacities and skills of households in agribusiness management. 29 participants from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Government staff, IRK staff and ABCs youth group representatives took part in the ABC Training of Trainers (ToT) training
- In the process of procuring infrastructure to support 4 existing TVETs including 90 sewing machines, 25 desktop computers, grinding machines, generators, solar panels and carpentry machines.
- 235 participants attended 5 linkage forums between TVET and Mandera County Government and Private Business conducted to strengthen the public-private partnership to secure job placement for TVET students.
- 23 participants from TVETs and County Government attended a 2-day Pedagogy and Human Resources procedures and policies training.



Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

In Arid and semi-arid areas, most people depend on rainwater as their primary source of water. Northern Kenya has continued to be severely affected by persistent droughts. The main impacts of drought include a drop in the groundwater level, shortage and deterioration of water quality, and the intrusion of saline water in groundwater bodies. The scarcity of water greatly affects children, pregnant and lactating women and older people. People have been forced to trek long distances in search of water for their domestic and livestock use.

We work with communities to improve access to safe water and contribute to improved hygiene and sanitation practices among communities. . In 2017, Islamic Relief Kenya improved water storage and rehabilitated water distribution lines. We aimed at bringing a sustainable water supply to Abakailley village within Dadaab Sub-County, Garissa County for both livestock and human consumption. 7130 people have benefited from successful fabrication, supply and installation of a 36 cubic pressed steel tank elevated at 15 meters above the ground level complete with a pipeline extension.



Education and Child Development

To improve access to quality basic education and protection of vulnerable children

Child Welfare Development

The loss of one or both parents is a traumatic and harsh reality for many children across Kenya. Orphaned children are among the most vulnerable members of society, and are exposed to many hardships and risks. Our Orphan Sponsorship programme assists orphaned children to realise their hopes for a brighter and safer future.

The Orphan Sponsorship programme is one of Islamic Relief Kenya's flagship projects, beginning in Manderu in 1993 and later extending to Dadaab in 2011 to support

refugees and the host community, and finally extending to Wajir in 2017.

Our efforts have simply been blessed!

To date, Islamic Relief Kenya has supported over 4,500 orphans of whom 2,991 orphans are currently in active sponsorship. Our goal is to ensure they have access to health, education, and nutrition for their mental and physical well-being.

2017 In Brief:-

01 97%
of the orphans are attending school

02 2,991
orphans received quarterly financial support

03 662
new orphans registered

04 80%
of the orphans reported improved living conditions



Disaster and Humanitarian Response

Reducing the Humanitarian Impact of Conflicts and Natural Disasters

Emergency Programme in Dadaab

Protection and Assistance to Somali Refugees in Dadaab Refugee Camp (Health, Nutrition, and Education)

Refugees should enjoy access to health services equivalent to that of the host population, while everyone has the right under international law to the highest standards of mental and physical health.

In 2017, Islamic Relief Kenya continued to deliver health and nutrition services to persons of concern in IFO 1 Refugee Camp and the host community. The implementation was in one level four hospital (IFO Hospital) for the provision of secondary, disease surveillance, emergency and maternity services, in six health posts for the provision of primary health care services.

We also implemented promotive, preventive and curative nutrition programmes in IFO Refugee Camp. The promotive and preventive care focused on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) catering for the needs of pregnant women, lactating women and children aged 0 – 24 months. Orphaned and abandoned children were provided with Breast Milk Substitute (BMS) exclusively for 6 months. To rehabilitate the nutritional status of children between 6-59 months, an Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) were implemented in 5 health posts within the camp.

01 85% (19,864)
children were immunised during a measles outbreak response.

02 26,220
children between 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition during the Malezi Bora Nutrition campaign.

03 94.4%
recovery rate of severely malnourished children through OTP.

04 95.8%
recovery rate of moderately acute malnourished children under 5 years through SFP.

05 100%
of rape survivors received PEP within 72 hours of the incident.

06 194,391
persons of concern benefited including 93,433 female and 100,958 male.



● Drought Emergency Response for Families Affected by Drought

In February 2017, H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of Kenya, declared drought a national disaster affecting 23 arid and semi-arid counties. More than three million people were in dire need of assistance. The drought caused food shortages, water stress, and economic stress. The President called on all local and international partners to complement the Government's efforts and upscale drought mitigation programmes.

We responded to the humanitarian emergency needs in the North-Eastern and Coastal regions of Kenya covering Mandera, Garissa, Wajir and Kilifi Counties by providing immediate lifesaving support and recovery to reduce the rates of human and livestock morbidity and the mortality rates. Our drought emergency efforts supported over 203,246 beneficiaries by distributing basic emergency supplies of nutritious food, short-term water trucking, and rehabilitation of

strategic water sources, livestock vaccination and distributions of essential non-food items such as water containers, sanitary towels, blankets, and mosquito nets. We also focused on sensitizing communities on the importance of maintaining hygiene and sanitation through hand washing, water treatment and use of hygiene kits.

As with our Seasonal Programmes, beneficiary selections were carried out using a participatory approach that involved community leaders, religious leaders and communities at large to jointly identify the most vulnerable households in their respective communities. We focused on helping those highly affected by drought, including children under 5 years, older people and the sick, and pregnant and lactating mothers to address the cases of increased malnutrition by providing food packs rich in carbohydrates, proteins, pulses, and oil.

In Brief: Food Stuffs Distributed



95,300 Persons accessed clean water

23,700 Persons received 20-Litre water containers distributed to 3950 HH

13,500 Pastoralists and agro-pastoralists received Livestock feed. Vaccinations facilitated for over 24,000 animals

26 Community Health Workers received refresher trainings on hygiene and sanitation

55 Hand washing kits provided to 22 schools and 2 health facilities

6 Water sources rehabilitated

Overall: **203,246** Beneficiaries Reached

Seasonal Programmes

Each year, Islamic Relief Kenya runs 2 seasonal programmes during the annual Ramadan and Eid al Adha religious festivities. We provide essential food items and meat to families most in need. A total of **123, 132** persons benefited from Ramadan and Qurbani programmes in 2017.

Ramadan

Abu Dharr, May Allah be pleased with him, reported:

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH), commanded me thus, "O Abu Dharr! Whenever you prepare a broth, put plenty of water in it, and give some of it to your neighbours" (Sahih Muslim).

The 9th month of the Islamic calendar is Ramadan, a much revered and blessed month for Muslims all over the world and it is one of the five pillars of Islam which Muslims regard very highly.

Muslims are encouraged to be charitable. Giving food to

people in need is considered a highly rewarding spiritual act. 2017 was an opportunity for Islamic Relief Kenya to ease the burden of many marginalized and vulnerable people in the North-Eastern Counties of Wajir and Mandera who face food insecurity and hunger by providing basic nutritious food.

In 2017, we implemented our Ramadan programme in 122 sites of 3 counties. A total of **9,672** food packs were distributed in three counties of Mandera, Wajir, and Nairobi benefiting **58,032** persons in total.

Each 18 kilogram (kg) food pack contained basic foodstuffs for a family of 6 including 9kg rice, 4kg wheat flour, 2kg beans, 2kg sugar and 1 litre of vegetable oil.





Qurbani

Eid-al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, is celebrated during the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar, Dhul Hijjah. Muslims slaughter an animal – either a goat, sheep, cow or camel – to reflect the Prophet Ibrahim’s willingness to sacrifice his son, Ismail, for the sake of God.

Islamic Relief Kenya has been implementing Qurbani since 2006 in Mandera County, distributing over 40, 000 goats and sheep to 80, 000 most vulnerable and food-insecure households.

In 2017, we implemented 5,425 qurbanis and distributed 65,100 Qurbani meat packs in Mandera and Wajir Counties benefiting orphans, older people and the physically challenged. The beneficiary selection was carried out using a community-based approach involving the community and religious leaders in each project site.

Each of the households benefited from an average of 5.6 kilograms of meat in 2017

5,425

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Financial Report 2017

ISLAMIC RELIEF - KENYA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - 31 DECEMBER, 2017

NON - CURRENT ASSETS	Note	2017	2017	2016	2016
		KES	GBP	KES	GBP
Property and Equipment	4	19,512,928	142,769	18,076,825	144,076
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Bank Balance	5	182,041,908	1,331,934	153,287,271	1,221,730
Accounts Receivable	6	6,898,578	50,474	5,763,081	45,933
Total Current Assets		188,940,486	1,382,408	159,050,352	1,267,663
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	7	81,867,322	598,993	48,638,250	387,657
Net Current Assets		107,073,164	783,415	110,412,102	880,007
Net Assets		126,586,092	926,184	128,488,928	1,024,083
REPRESENTED BY:					
Fund Balances		126,586,092	926,184	128,488,928	1,024,083
Total Funds (Page 8)		126,586,092	926,184	128,488,928	1,024,083

These financial statements were approved on 7th May, 2018 and signed by:-

Ahmed Sheikh Mohamed
(Chairman)

Ambassador Habib Mohamed Jelani
(Treasurer)

Mohammad Obaidur Rahman
(Country Director)

ISLAMIC RELIEF - KENYA

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017

INCOME	Note	2017	2017	2016	2016
		KES	GBP	KES	GBP
Transfers Through IRW (HQ)	8(a)	475,279,073	3,627,618	420,012,380	3,077,765
Income from Institutional Donors	8(b)	477,288,939	3,642,958	419,373,830	3,073,086
Other Income	8(c)	3,271,370	24,969	0	0
Total Income		955,839,382	7,295,545	839,386,210	6,150,851
EXPENDITURE					
Project Costs		543,735,458	4,150,118	371,984,214	2,725,825
Administration Costs		45,379,335	346,363	22,508,937	164,941
Personnel Emoluments & Benefits:					
Local Staff		308,875,621	2,357,526	403,652,615	2,957,884
International Staff		2,157,727	16,469	1,615,685	11,839
Other Running Costs		57,594,076	439,593	61,574,312	451,204
Total Expenditure		957,742,217	7,310,069	861,335,763	6,311,693
Deficit for the year (Page 8)		(1,902,835)	(14,524)	(21,949,553)	(160,842)



Support for our Programmes



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