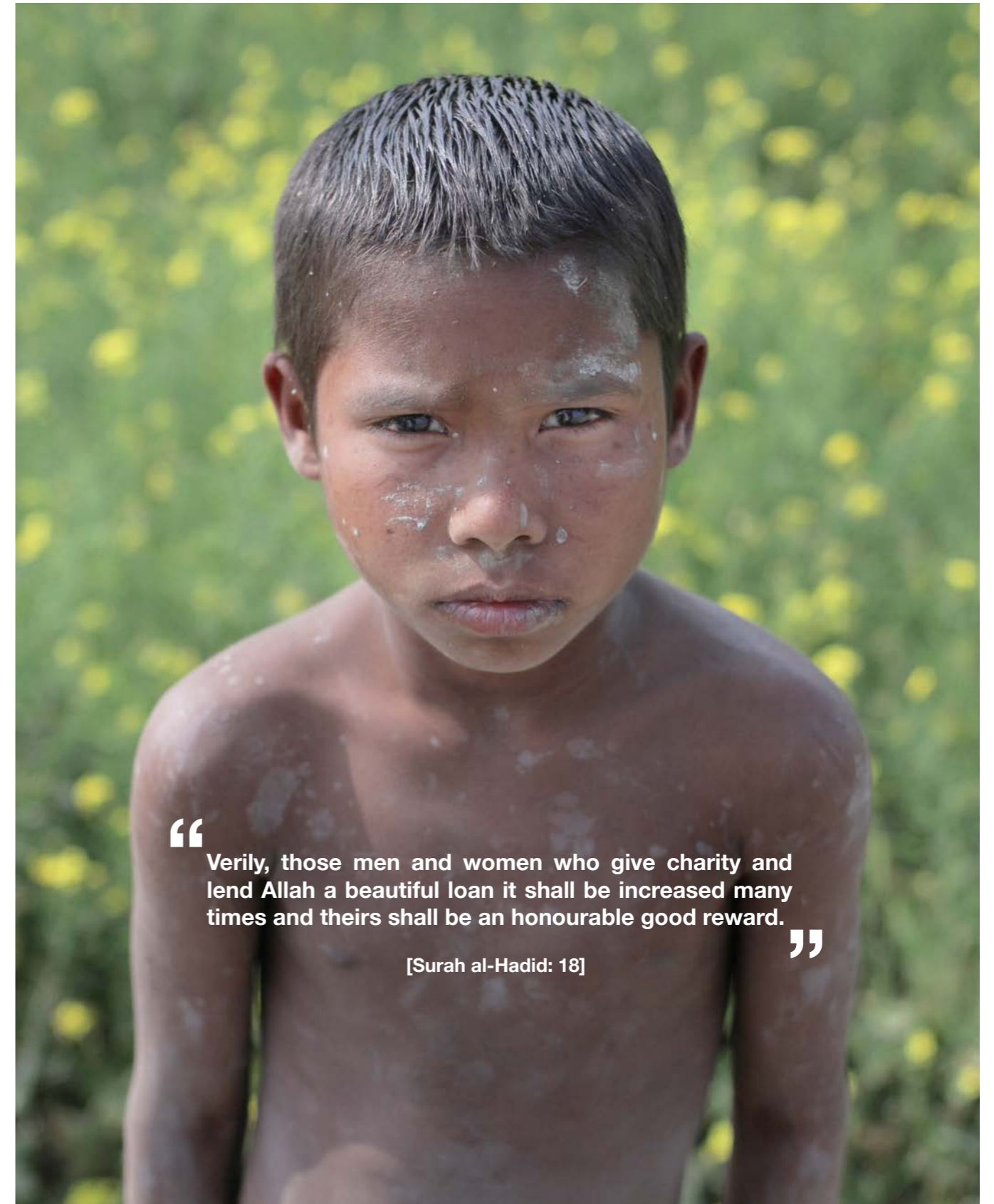
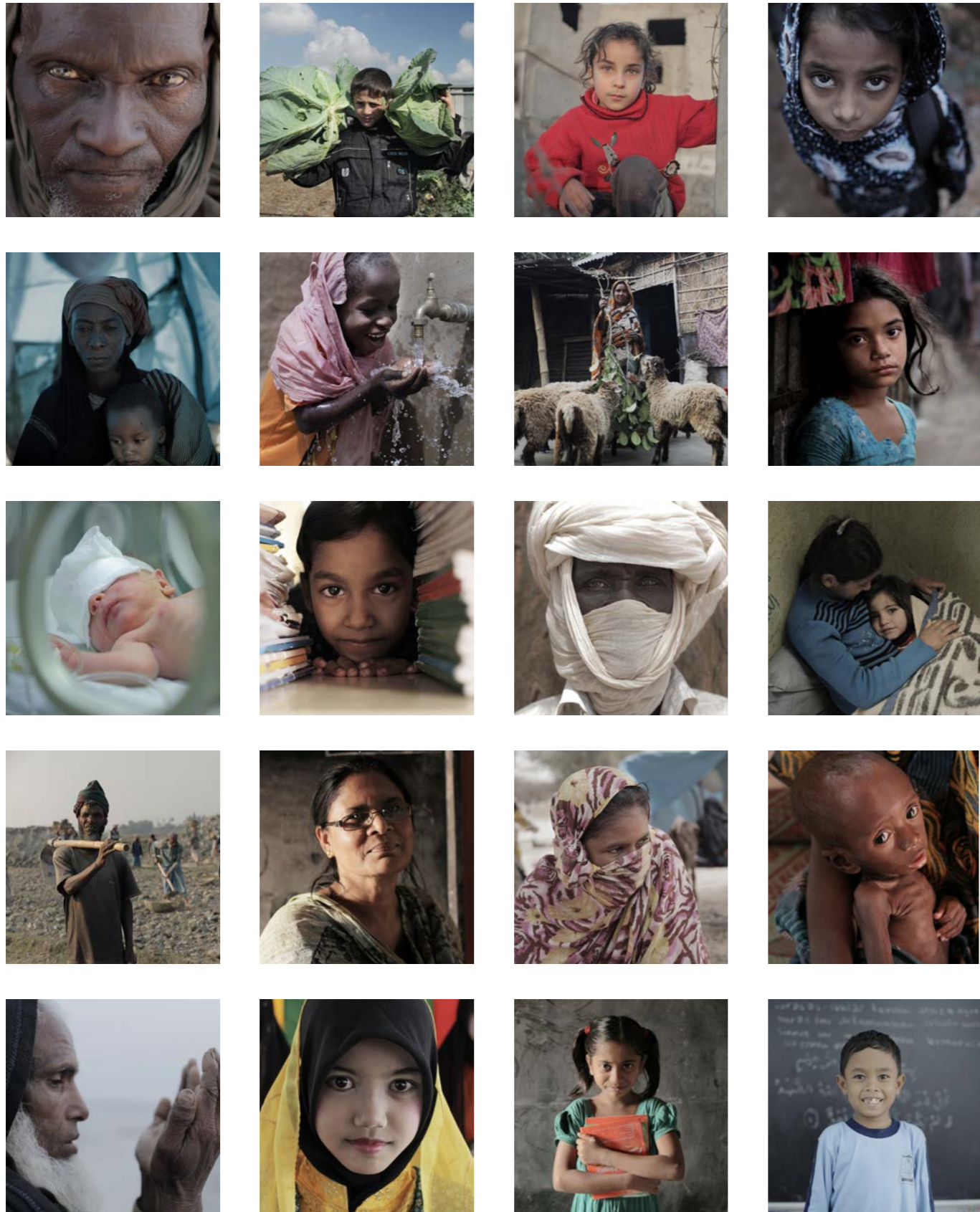




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“ Verily, those men and women who give charity and lend Allah a beautiful loan it shall be increased many times and theirs shall be an honourable good reward. ”

[Surah al-Hadid: 18]

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Message from the IFDD Director

Assalamu 'alaikum/Peace be upon you all,

In the twelfth year of Islamic Relief's Waqf programme, it gives me great pleasure to report on the performance of your Waqf contributions and on the life-changing support your generosity has provided. It is with the support of people such as yourself that we are able to carry out such vital work, the fruits of which can be seen in the benefit derived by the beneficiaries, who are able to gain an improved quality of life. Alhamdulillah.

From our investment of the Waqf funds during the year 2011, we used the profits to fund a variety of projects in 2012: from life-saving food distribution in war torn Syria, to providing health screening for orphans & children in Sri Lanka, providing water and sanitation for conflict affected population in Sudan and implementing sustainable livelihood project in Indonesia.

It is only by the Grace of Allah (SWT) through donors like you that Islamic Relief can achieve all it does in the past year for the poor, the needy and the destitute. We hope you remain involved with us in helping to revive the great Islamic tradition of Waqf and that you continue to be a supporter in our vital work.

Once again, on behalf of Islamic Relief Worldwide and all the people we help, we thank you for your generosity to bring help and hope to so many. We pray that Allah (SWT) will reward you for your contributions, in this life and the hereafter.

Wa salaam (In peace),

Heshmat Khalifa
Director, International Fundraising
Development Division

Project cost: £10,000
Beneficiaries: 214
Syrian refugee families

In 2012, the conflict within Syria had been raging for over a year. Thousands had been killed and millions forced to flee their homes, with nothing except what they could carry. Some are homeless in Syria, while others escaped to neighbouring countries, like Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

As of March 2013, over 100,000 refugees have sought safety in Iraq, many of whom live in the Al-Qaem Camp. With no property, jobs or means of income, these families rely completely on aid agencies to keep them alive.

Islamic Relief is working in Al-Qaem Camp to provide life-saving medical supplies, fuel for heating and cooking, food and cash for families to buy essential items. The Waqf fund supplied 214 families with food, desperately needed for parents who otherwise would not know where their children's next meal was coming from.

The situation in Syria is still dire – Islamic Relief's Samina Haq recently visited the area and reported that "families told me they had fled to the borders because of frequent bomb attacks and because their hometowns no longer had even basic supplies of food or water." The funding from Waqf, and from the Islamic Relief family around the world, goes some way towards making their lives bearable.



SAVING SYRIAN LIVES



Project cost: £33,500

Beneficiaries: 12,473 people from war-affected communities

Sudan is a country devastated by both conflict and natural disaster. There is a drastic lack of water and hygiene provision: diseases carried by dirty water can kill, but nearly half the population have no clean water, and only a third can access sanitation facilities.

Many families fled when violence tore their hometowns apart, with some settling in North Kordofan. Already-limited water resources became stretched as the host communities tried to share them with the newcomers, and everyone suffered, so Islamic Relief worked to help over 12,000 people in 25 North Kordofan villages.

We constructed five new water pumps and repaired 20 broken ones, training 50 mechanics – both male and female – to repair them if they break down, ensuring that they last over time. We also held sanitation awareness workshops to make sure that the communities knew how to keep the water clean and safe, and prevent diseases spreading through water – we even started hygiene clubs in schools to make sure that children knew exactly how to protect themselves and their health.

47-year-old Koudi Ibrahim Tiya was able to provide for his family as a farmer, until they had to escape the fighting and come to El Tamad Harran village. He still wishes they could all go home, but at least they no longer have to walk miles to collect clean water, and he told us “I would like to thank Islamic Relief and Waqf donors for all the support we have received.”

WELLS OF HOPE

ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE

Islamic Relief worldwide



Health Screening for Children



Location : Ampara District

Date : September 2012

Project cost: £16,000
Beneficiaries: 470 children

In the remote villages of Ampara, Sri Lanka, children's health and lives are at risk. Without a balanced diet, they become malnourished – nearly 1 in 5 children in the country are born underweight – and with poor hygiene practices, diseases spread fast. Some children are ill so frequently, they cannot attend school – and getting an education is crucial if they are to hope for a better future.

Islamic Relief identified 470 poor children, who were frequently missing school due to illness, or suffering learning and social difficulties. They were provided with basic health checks, and those with more serious illnesses were referred for specialist treatment. The children and their guardians also attended sessions on hygiene, oral health and nutrition, where they were given health guide books and hygiene kits to help practise what they learned at home.

Now, with their health and strength improved, we hope and pray that these children can get the education they deserve, giving them a chance at a brighter future.



SUMMER CAMP

Project cost: £42,000

Beneficiaries: 1,473 orphans

In Albania, more than one in ten people live below the poverty line. This makes it difficult for parents to send their children to school, and even harder for orphans. Education and training are crucial to giving these children a chance for a better future.

Islamic Relief organised a summer camp for nearly 1,500 orphans living in remote areas, with limited access to such facilities. It included a wide range of activities and classes, including: English, computing, tailoring, embroidery, plumbing and critical thinking. They also enjoyed recreational sessions, like gym sessions and trips, which they otherwise would not have been able to afford, and learned social skills like team work, listening and communication.

18-year-old Seldjana has a lot of responsibilities – she wakes early to take care of her younger brothers and walk them to school, then goes to a textiles factory where she is training to become a professional tailor. At 4pm, instead of going home after a long day, she attends school until 8pm. Unlike other teenagers, her family cannot afford for her to go to school full-time, and she needs to train for a profession.

Seldjana was delighted to take part in the Islamic Relief summer camp, enjoying a break from her usual routine and learning new skills, as well as taking classes in tailoring and embroidery to help develop her future career. She thanked all the Waqf donors ‘from the bottom of her heart for the opportunities she has been given.’





Project cost:
£30,000

Beneficiaries:
93 families

FARMING FOR A FUTURE

Poverty makes life difficult for millions in Indonesia. One in eight people live below the poverty line – in a population of nearly 240 million, that’s 30 million people in need, more than the population of nearby Australia. One in five cannot access clean water, and there is just one doctor for every 5,000 people.

Islamic Relief was determined to give Indonesians the skills and opportunity they need to lift themselves, and their families, out of poverty. We selected three of the poorest villages in West Sumatra, and trained 93 women to cultivate mushrooms, produce mushroom products like chips and bakwan (an Indonesian fried snack), and market these to the public, restaurants and government departments.

With the money they earn, these mothers can now support their entire families, sending their children to school and providing food for everyone. 40-year-old Kasniawati is a single mother of three, and the main breadwinner, so this project was just what she needed.

Kasniawati told us that the Islamic Relief project raised the confidence of all the women involved and motivated them to be successful – now, she dreams of having her own mushroom plot. “It might be small,” she says, “but it will be enough to support my children’s living costs and school fees.”



SCHOOLS FOR SUDAN

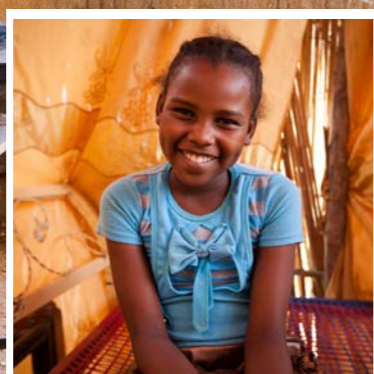
Project cost: £17,000
Beneficiaries: 2,030 students

When Islamic Relief established the Kerinding II camp for Sudanese families displaced by the conflict nearly 10 years ago, a temporary school was built to ensure that children did not miss out on their education. Now, nearly a decade later, there are still thousands of children in the camp, and a temporary structure is no longer good enough.

The Masakani primary school lacked enough permanent classrooms to house all children, and with a shortage of benches, having to sit on the floor during classes put many students off attending. The Waqf fund provided two new classrooms to replace temporary ones, and the school now has 28 permanent rooms to serve over 2000 students.

In addition, 40 benches were supplied to the new classrooms to give 160 students somewhere to sit, and 240 orphans received new school uniforms, which they otherwise would have struggled to afford.

Now, students like Hanan are more likely to attend school every day, and improve their chances of a brighter future. Waking up at 6:30am every day to clean the house and fetch water, then coming home from school to help her mother do the cooking and housework, the old classrooms made Hanan's already busy life more difficult. She is so grateful to Islamic Relief for the opportunity to enjoy her lessons, as well as the food and healthcare assistance in the camp, that she says "one day, I hope to complete my studies to become a doctor and serve my young brothers and sisters, and the whole of humanity, as Islamic Relief staff."



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Project cost: £6,782
Beneficiaries: 2391 people

A food crisis in Mali has left millions in hunger. Increasingly frequent droughts give communities little time to recover from the last poor harvest, and conflict in the region has made matters even worse. All of this, combined with rising food prices, mean that very few families can afford any sustenance, let alone meat.

The traditional practice of slaughtering animals and giving the meat to the poor, known as Qurbani, allowed Islamic Relief to give nutritional meat to Malian families who usually survive on the life-saving but simple food assistance from aid agencies.

Orphans, single mothers, the elderly and refugees were given priority as the most vulnerable and needy groups in the region. Thanks to Islamic Relief Waqf, 169 Qurbanis allowed nearly 2,400 people to enjoy a special meal, celebrating Eid al-Adha.

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