

**IN RAMADAN
YOUR GENEROSITY
AND KINDNESS
IS TRANSFORMING LIVES**



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



UN Zakat Fund helps 21 refugees hit by Covid-19



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ساهموا ب شئ بسيط و استخدموا الكود ال موجود فالصوره
و انتم الله يكون في ميزان حسناتكم



WE REACHED 11,700 FAMILIES WITH LIFESAVING AND LIFE CHANGING SUPPORT.

No words can describe our heartfelt gratitude.

A huge Thank You to the media and social media influencers for their incredible support in Ramadan 2021. Thanks to everyone's collective effort, we raised the voices of refugees and were able to show just how much every second counts in the blessed days of the Holy month.



Muna AbuSulayman منى @abusulayman - Apr 13
حياه الملايين تغيرت في ثواني...
في كل نايه:
طوبه تسرق.
وتضطر اموات لأحد أصعب القرارات.
وأبسر أخطر على القرار هي بونها بعتا عن الأمان.
كل نايه في رمضان فرصه للإحسان.. لا تفوتها





And most of all, a heartfelt thank you to our heroes, refugees, who shared their stories and opened their hearts to the world. The people we meet every single day in our work continue to teach us about strength, resilience, courage and most of all love. We are always inspired by refugees, and together, we will always make sure that they are looking ahead with hope.

Thank you for being a companion to those in need during their difficult journey



IN SUMMARY

Zakat:

Donations received during Ramadan this year have supported thousands of families.

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Syria Crisis:

You shared a message of hope with families in need.

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Rohingya Emergency:

Thank you for answering their call. You were among the first responders.

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Helping Yemen:

Children in Yemen smile after receiving their new Eid clothes.

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Our Ramadan Impact is Growing:

Your support reached thousands of families around the globe.

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A woman wearing a dark blue hijab and glasses is looking down at a document. The document has some text and a small logo. The background is blurred.

1- ZAKAT

THANKS TO THE GREAT SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS AND DONORS, DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING RAMADAN THIS YEAR HAVE SUPPORTED MORE THAN 11,700 FAMILIES (58,000 INDIVIDUALS).

Zakat has been the key driver behind this amazing impact, representing more than two thirds of donations received globally in the blessed month. We are humbled by the trust showed by our partners and supporters with their Zakat, **100% of which is distributed**, in cash or in goods, to refugees and displaced persons across seven countries during Ramadan.

Following several requests from donors interested to devote their Zakat al Fitr to refugees and IDPs, this year was also



the first time that UNHCR received this type of Zakat. This was possible after UNHCR reached out to **Al-Azhar Islamic Research Academy** to enquire about the permissibility of distributing Zakat al Fitr in cash to eligible refugees and IDPs.

The Academy issued a Fatwa affirming that Zakat Al Fitr can be given in cash or in-kind according to what is easier for Zakat payers and most suitable for beneficiaries.



2- SYRIA CRISIS

YOU SHARED A MESSAGE OF HOPE WITH FAMILIES IN NEED.

After ten years of crisis in Syria, millions have fled the country in search of safety, while millions more remain internally displaced. Syria remains the world's largest displacement crisis today; with more than 11 million people displaced and thousands of families in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Thanks to your generous support in the Holy Month, we have reached thousands of those most vulnerable living across **Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Egypt.**



With so long spent living in poverty and uncertainty, and families living far from their homes and loved ones, and with the added hardship this year of the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of Syrian families are surviving in desperate need. Thanks to your kindness in Ramadan, we were able to promise a lifeline to thousands of those most in need, in particular to the elderly, widowed mothers, and families caring for orphaned children.

Cash assistance is one of UNHCR's most innovative and successful programs and impacts the lives of thousands of families every single day; introducing a sense of self-reliance and reinforcing the dignity of families in displacement while allowing them to meet their needs according to their own priorities. Cash and in-kind assistance provide much needed safety and security to vulnerable families.

SHOWCASING RAMADAN SUPPORT IN JORDAN.

Um and Abu Safwan are now the guardians of their grandchildren after their parents passed away during the conflict in Syria. However, as they are getting older, their daughter Lubna, says she now has to help more, despite having responsibilities towards her own family.

They depend on UNHCR's monthly cash assistance; the family use the 155 Dinars they receive each month to pay their rent.



**CASH ASSISTANCE FOR
33,000 FAMILIES IN JORDAN.**

Every month, UNHCR distributes cash assistance to **33,000 refugee families** in Jordan. Money raised through Ramadan and Zakat donations go directly to supporting families like Abu Safwan for the year ahead. Funding cuts threaten this critical lifeline, but your support keeps it going.



Majid, 13 and Ammar, 12, play football outside their house in Jordan. The two cousins both lost their parents in the conflict in Syria and now live with their elderly grandparents.

CELEBRATING EID WITH COFFEE, MAAMOUL, QATAYEF AND TAMARIND JUICE.



Without you, the Zaatari refugee camp, which hosts 80,000 Syrian refugees wouldn't have been able to celebrate Eid joyfully this year. UNHCR manages the camp in coordination with the Jordanian Government.

Yousef, 43, is a Syrian refugee living in Zaatari camp. He arrived in Jordan in 2012 and has six children. For the previous 22 years, he worked as a Tamarind juice vendor. "Every Ramadan, I put on my Damask traditional clothes and sell tamarind juice, which is very common during Ramadan, and it takes me back to my village."



Yousef, 43, in Zaatari camp.



Nizar, 32, is a Syrian refugee in Zaatari camp. He came to Jordan in 2011. He lives with his wife and his four children. When he was in Syria, he worked as a Qatayef seller with his father. In 2014, he opened his own camp store.

“Qatayef is one of Ramadan's main sweet dishes, and I love making it because it reminds me of our days in Syria,” Nizar said.



Nizar, in Zaatari camp.



Nahla, a Syrian refugee living in Zaatari Camp, makes Ma'amoul, a traditional Arabic cookie filled with dates or nuts, at home ahead of Eid-AlFitr. Nahla has lived in Zaatari since 2012 and learnt to make Ma'amoul from her mother back in Syria. Now she is teaching her children the same recipe.

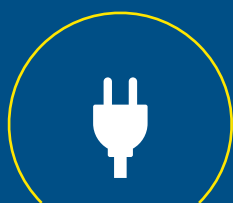




3- ROHINGYA EMERGENCY

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THEIR CALL.

This Ramadan was the most challenging for Rohingya refugees who are spending their fourth year in exile. On 22 March 2021, a few weeks before the start of the Holy Month, a massive fire swept through the Kutupalong Balukali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, causing loss of life and immense suffering. The fire has also reduced to ashes more than 1,600 important infrastructure facilities vital for daily operations, including hospitals, learning centers, aid distribution points and a registration center.



———— **50,000 Refugees** ————

You were among the first responders and supported UNHCR's immediate efforts to provide critical aid and protection to some 50,000 Rohingya refugees who lost their shelters and belongings in the devastating blaze.

Thanks to the rapid response from committed donors like yourself and close collaborations with authorities and partners, we were able to cover the most immediate needs. In addition to critical protection and registration interventions, other crucial needs included **first aid and emergency health services, delivery of safe water, construction of tap stands and emergency latrines, shelter and essential aid as well as reconstruction of key infrastructure, which is ongoing.**



Protection

- ▶ UNHCR deployed its registration teams across key food distribution points in fire affected camps to re-issue refugee identity documentation that was lost in the fire. As of April, over 500 households (around 3,500 refugees) have received family attestation documentation, which allows them to access services.
- ▶ More than 300 UNHCR-supported refugee volunteers continue to actively aid refugees in the fire affected camps as well as in other camps where refugees are taking shelter.



Site Management, Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

- ▶ UNHCR immediately released emergency relief items including **over 3,000 blankets, 20,000 solar lamps, 7,000 kitchen sets, 7,000 mosquito nets, over 3,200 female hygiene kits, 7,000 jerry cans and 500,000 aquatabs. UNHCR further distributed over 12,000 items of clothing to affected families.**
- ▶ In the aftermath of the fire incident, 1,705 families totaling 8,190 individuals from the affected camps temporarily fled and found shelter in UNHCR-managed camps.



UNHCR Distributed



500,000
Aquatabs



7,000
Jerry Cans



32,000
Female
Hygiene Kits



12,000
Clothing
Items



7,000
Kitchen
Sets



20,000
Solar Lamps



3,000
Blankets



Public Health

- ▶ UNHCR handed over **three hospital tents** to IOM to support the immediate medical care services in the affected camps, and has been supporting other agencies with the provision of medicines and supplies for their health partners in the affected camps.
- ▶ With our partners, **we have deployed mobile medical teams equipped with supplies** normally pre-positioned at facilities within the camps, to provide emergency first aid.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

► Together with partners, more than **1,200,000L of water (benefiting some 10,000 refugees daily)** and **11,000 jerry cans** have been distributed to affected families since the outbreak of the fire.

► The construction of **28 emergency latrines and emergency tap stands** have been completed in the affected camps.

Our teams on the ground continue to monitor the safety and security of refugees, particularly through safety awareness and training for refugee safety unit volunteers.



LPG cylinders and cooking stoves distributed to improve camps' safety

UNHCR has been working closely with the authorities and other humanitarian agencies to find a better solution for **fuel supply for the Rohingya refugees**. The solution adopted is liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), which is available locally in Bangladesh and was assessed as the best fuel alternative.

This year, through your generous support UNHCR was able to implement a new phase of this program and provide an additional 8,000 Rohingya refugee households with LPG energy.



Rohingya refugees & local communities receive help to grow food.

Around **1,000 households** received seeds, training and everything they needed to begin growing in 2020 and another 1,000 will receive help to start their own rooftop gardens this year.

Kefayetullah, his wife Fatima and their two children have been living in Kutupalong camp for more than three years. Kefayetullah struggles to support his family due to a disability in his left hand, which he can hardly use. But after he and his wife started rooftop gardening, they are producing more vegetables than they can eat. **“I can’t do it alone, my wife helps. I plough with one hand and plant the seeds. My wife brings water and I water the plants,”** he said.

Kefayetullah sells the family’s surplus vegetables at a local market in the camp so he can buy other things. **“Apart from fish, meat and other groceries, I sometimes buy clothes for my family and I also share with my relatives,”** he said.



Like most refugees in the camps, Kefayetullah dreams that one day it will be possible to safely return to Myanmar. Until then, his rooftop garden is providing nutrition for his family and allowing him to gain new skills.

“We used to do traditional gardening in Myanmar. But since I came here, I’ve learned so much and can do many technical things now. So, by the grace of God, when I can return to Myanmar, I can continue, but do it bigger and better,” he said.





4- HELPING YEMEN

CHILDREN IN YEMEN SMILE BRIGHTLY WEARING THEIR NEW EID CLOTHING.

Your donations brought the joy of Eid to thousands of Yemeni children who spent Ramadan amid the ongoing crisis in the country. After more than six years of conflict, Yemen remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis and millions of people welcomed the Holy month facing the threat of food insecurity and looming famine. More than 24 million Yemenis are dependent on aid to survive, and displaced families are four times more likely to face hunger.

UNHCR, with your support, provided life-saving aid throughout Ramadan to displaced Yemenis, as well as to refugees and asylum-seekers, across the country.

Cash assistance has proved to be one of the most effective and dignified ways to help refugee and displaced communities in Yemen, and this Ramadan it was even more crucial to receive cash support for food insecure families.

OUR CASH SUPPORT HELPS YEMENI MOTHERS TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES.

The first thing this displaced Yemeni mother bought after receiving cash assistance from UNHCR was fruits for her family for iftar.





CASH ASSISTANCE CREATES LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES AND GENERATES INCOME.

Riad is able to work again after he used our cash assistance to repair his motorcycle- his only source of income. Amid deteriorating economic situation in Yemen, cash assistance helps the displaced to meet their immediate needs in a dignified manner and helps families relying on aid become more resilient and independent.



5- RAMADAN IMPACT IS GROWING:

YOUR SUPPORT REACHED THOUSANDS OF
FAMILIES AROUND THE GLOBE.

In Afghanistan...

Through your commitment, UNHCR has assisted **over 100,000 internally displaced Afghans** by distributing hygiene kits, emergency shelter kits, family tents, sanitary kits, and other non-food items. Cash assistance has also been provided to vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly, children and women at risk, people with disabilities, and those with serious medical conditions.



In Egypt...

As of 31 March, 261,701 refugees and asylum-seekers from 62 countries were registered with UNHCR Egypt, half of whom are from Syria. Most refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt live in urban areas of Greater Cairo and on the North Coast. Thanks to your generous contribution during the Holy Month of Ramadan, UNHCR and Caritas Egypt distributed food meals to refugees, while UNHCR Egypt celebrated "Eid El-Fitr" by distributing "Kaak" to refugees visiting the UN Refugee Agency.



In Iraq...

Your assistance has helped UNHCR distribute **sanitary kits to more than 37,000 refugees and IDP women and girls** in Iraq, while more than **20,000 refugees and IDPs have received legal assistance**. As for the COVID-19 health response and vaccination plan, more than 24,000 refugees have benefitted from COVID-19 awareness raising initiatives and around **1,000 refugees and IDPs received their first COVID-19 vaccination** in the first four months of 2021, and vaccinations are ongoing.



In Nigeria...

In Nigeria, where the crisis entered its twelfth year, there are currently 2.9 million displaced people in the northern part of the country alone. Thanks to your support, UNHCR has been able to provide the necessary assistance and basic amenities like **healthcare, support provision of education and non-food items to refugees, IDPs, asylum seekers and stateless people.**



In Mauritania...

You also supported one of the most underreported emergencies in the world. Mauritania, where a large number of displaced people suffer from malnutrition, shortage of water and where climate is also a serious challenge.

Thanks to your donations, we were able to provide environmentally friendly houses, natural gas to cook as well as water and sanitation, food and non-food items, nutrition, health, education, community services and protection to extremely unprivileged families.



Mininy, Refugee from Mali.

Livelihoods cash assistance strengthens the ability of vulnerable refugees to cover their basic needs; it allows them to provide their immediate needs for themselves and their families, while supporting refugees to resume livelihood activities such as butchery, and the production of dairy products, leathers and hides processing, as well as sewing.

Cash distribution is carried out all year round, and Ramadan and Zakat donations are vital to keep this support going. **Many describe cash assistance as their lifeline.**

“We live on the charity of others” Mininy said, an old man who was forced to flee his home in Mali abruptly and now lives in Mbera camp. Mbera camp is currently the biggest camp for Malian refugees in the Sahel region, and Malian refugees are entirely dependent on international aid for survival.

In other good news, as education for refugee children remains a key component of our emergency response to families living in displacement, **UNHCR was recently able to finalize a new classroom for a school welcoming displaced children in Mali.**





**Thank you from all of us
here at UNHCR**

Your team is here for any questions
you might have.



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