



RAMADAN 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Connected by Humanity, Strengthened by Community



HOPE, HUMANITY & HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE.

THE POWER OF COMING TOGETHER

As humanitarian emergencies escalated and the weight on vulnerable communities grew heavier, our Ramadan campaign reflected what happens when communities come together to stand in solidarity with those in need.

Through this collective effort, your Zakat and Sadaqah reached more than 199,800 individuals, helping them observe Ramadan with dignity.

For most displaced families, the holy month is a time of deep uncertainty, yet through it all, they remain grateful to God, holding on to faith and hope. Your compassion helped carry them through, bringing not only essential support but a sense of comfort and reassurance throughout Ramadan 2025.



ZAKAT AL-FITR

A blessing delivered on time

Zakat al-Fitr holds a special place in the hearts of those who give, and those who receive it. Backed by a fatwa from **Al-Azhar Islamic Research Academy**, UNHCR once again ensured this sacred obligation was delivered in full compliance with Sharia, and with respect for each family it supported.

Thanks to the timely generosity of **803 supporters**, **2,019 eligible refugees** received their Zakat al-Fitr as cash assistance **on 28 and 29 March**, just ahead of Eid, allowing families to meet their essential needs, and mark Eid with joy and peace of mind.

Among them was Doreya, a Sudanese mother of four who fled to Egypt to protect her daughters from the horrors of war. For her, the Zakat support means vital funds to help cover rent and buy essential groceries.

“I work as a domestic worker when I can, but it’s not enough. Without the cash assistance, I wouldn’t be able to keep a roof over our heads or put food on the table.”

Doraya,
Sudanese mother of four



YOUR GENEROSITY MULTIPLIED

The Matching Campaign

During the last 10 days of Ramadan, UNHCR launched a 24-hour Zakat matching initiative on 21 and 25 March 2025, powered by four generous donors who pledged a combined **USD 220,000** to match incoming contributions. Their goal was to inspire others to give, and it worked!

In those two days, all donations were matched dollar for dollar, effectively doubling the impact of each contribution and more, raising **USD 294,101 from 368 donors**.

The response from our donor community was immediate and heartfelt, with many reaching out to confirm their contributions fell within the matching window, demonstrating trust and a shared commitment to maximizing their support for refugee families. One donor wrote, “My husband made a donation yesterday within the 24-hour period that was to be matched by a donor, so I hope the donation was doubled, inshallah.”

This initiative did more than double donations, it strengthened solidarity, deepened engagement, and ensured that more displaced families received the assistance they urgently needed during the holy month.



IN THEIR WORDS



"I was able to treat my son and buy him medicine. I bought diapers and milk for my daughter. I got groceries for the house and everything my children needed."

Hanadi, internally displaced mother in Yemen

"UNHCR gave us wheat, oil, some money, and mattresses. I used the money to buy rice, oil, sugar, and other basic items."

Mohamad, internally displaced father in Yemen



"May God bless UNHCR. We are now living comfortably in the caravan and sleeping safely."

Saeeda, internally displaced mother in Yemen



IN THEIR WORDS



"I was able to buy clothes for my children and provide for them. Our living conditions will change, and my children's mental well-being will improve."

Basheera, returnee Syrian mother

"Since I returned, I've received three mattresses, four blankets, solar panels, kitchen utensils, a heater, and a plastic tarp."

Bassem, returnee Syrian father



REFUGEE ZAKAT FUND

Trust, Growth, and Endorsement

In a heartfelt video message shared during the holy month, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Al-Issa, Secretary-General of the Muslim World League and President of the Organization of Muslim Scholars, spoke of our shared responsibility to support refugees struggling to survive with no other means of help. He emphasized that “they fall under the categories of the poor, the needy, and the stranded travelers, as referred to in the holy verse.”



Since its pilot in 2017, UNHCR’s Refugee Zakat Fund has grown into a trusted and effective platform for faith-based giving, fully Sharia-compliant and endorsed by leading scholars and institutions. Through the Fund, **over 8.9 million refugees and displaced people** have received vital support.

Today, the Fund continues to gain momentum, powered by growing trust, increased engagement through digital platforms like the Zakat App, and the unwavering generosity of the global Muslim community.



IFTAR AT ZAATARI

A shared table of solidarity

This year, an Iftar initiative was launched in Zaatari Camp, bringing refugees together in a beautiful show of solidarity. Thanks to the kindness and incredible efforts of refugee volunteers to prepare delicious Iftar meals, over 500 meals were distributed to refugee families in need.

THANK YOU

At a time when many felt forgotten, your compassion brought light and relief to thousands of refugee families this Ramadan, reminding them they are not alone: they are seen, supported, and surrounded by a community that cares. From warm meals to safe shelter, your Zakat and Sadaqah made a lasting difference.

As we come close to the blessed days of Dhul Hijjah and prepare for Eid Al Adha, we carry together this spirit of giving and continue to stand with displaced families, helping them find hope, dignity, and stability.

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