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# MESSAGES



## HOSSAM IBRAHIM CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Inspired by our Islamic faith and guided by our values, we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others. We assist communities regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief, without expecting anything in return.

Since our inception in 2010, I have had the pleasure of watching Islamic Relief Australia (IRAUS) truly raise the standards of quality for ourselves and for our members in the humanitarian aid space. Indeed, this is done by the grace of Allah (SWT) who has given us the tenacity and strength to reach the end of 2015.

I am pleased to report that due to the hard work and dedication of the IRAUS Country Director and team and all of our extended family, we saw many notable successes in 2015. Within Australia, 2015 saw our expansion into the Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia. We held exciting fundraising events, and increased our collaboration with other Australian NGOs to strengthen ourselves and our sector.

As a global family, Islamic Relief's advocacy and campaigning drove positive global change throughout 2015. We played a prominent role in the World Economic Forum, helping to create a new Global Agenda Council, addressing issues we believe are key in promoting effective development. We've also campaigned at the highest levels of government, within UN spaces, and in other forums on issues including inequality, climate change, child protection and inclusion, issues which are important to us as a global family.

We thank the big-hearted Australian public, who once more demonstrated their generosity, and the multilateral and governmental donors and partners for their support throughout the challenges of 2015. We are humbled by the trust which continues to be placed on us as we work together to save lives and empower communities across the planet. There is no better measure of our success than the positive impact we are making on those that we exist to serve.

Never before have I been more grateful for and reliant on my fellow trustees than I have been this year. Their assistance and dedication to doing what is right is exceptional as has been their willingness to put in the time and effort voluntarily in the very difficult times. Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our dedicated Country Director Br. Salwan Ameen, staff and volunteers, who have worked hard with limited resources to make IRAUS a unique organisation.

Together, we have enabled Islamic Relief Australia to reach this stage and carry out its noble mission of serving those in need all over the world.

Hossam Ibrahim  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



## SALWAN AMEEN COUNTRY DIRECTOR

2015 was my first year as a Country Director for Islamic Relief Australia (IRAUS), and what a year it was! I am humbled to share with you that 152,314 people, across 28 countries, were touched by your support through various IRAUS projects last year.

We provided disaster relief across 11 countries, which included providing medical support in active conflicts in Yemen and Syria, shelter and food in countries affected by natural disasters including the Philippines, Nepal and Afghanistan. We provided livelihood training in agriculture to communities within Indonesia, Somalia and Myanmar. Additionally, we linked 2,500 children without a breadwinning guardian to Australian sponsors providing long term support, allowing these children to continue living in their community, attend school and access health care. These are just some of the achievements of 2015; for more information about our work in assisting communities around the world, please turn to 'Our Work Overseas' section page 22-23.

As a charitable organisation we highly respect our supporters and want to ensure that your donations are being used effectively. Therefore, in order to maintain your support and uphold our high credibility, we provide you with our independently audited financial reports annually. Furthermore, we constantly maintain our compliance with the sectors key regulator, ACFID. We strive to demonstrate our respect to our supporters through complete transparency, accountability and our constant work to maintain these traits. These are qualities we value dearly and are very proud to have.

The second half of 2015 provided us with an opportunity to stop and look back on the work achieved by IRAUS since our establishment in 2010 and identify the challenges and opportunities facing us in the future. We were able to reflect upon the extraordinary growth IRAUS has achieved over five short years. Our team in IRAUS was able to identify a critical need to upgrade our systems to enhance our efficiency within the workplace. Updating the systems will significantly increase our ability to assist those in need and our valued supporters. We are very proud to be announcing that in 2016 we will be implementing new state of the art systems which will assist our teams in finances, fundraising and online campaign management.

IRAUS is committed to providing emergency relief to communities affected by natural disasters or conflicts; the role that Islamic Relief is best known for worldwide. We're proud of the fact that when you donate to an IRAUS emergency appeal, you know that your donation will go to providing immediate and relevant support, and this will continue to be the case in the future.

Finally, a big year is behind us and exciting times are ahead. As always, we request your support and prayers that in 2016 we continue to work effectively to assist those who need it most. Please, join us on that journey.

Salwan Ameen  
Country Director

# ABOUT US



## WHO WE ARE

Islamic Relief Australia (IRAUS) is a community of humanitarians staff, volunteers, affiliates, supporters, partners, donors who have been working together for a better world for about five years.

In 2010, IRAUS became an independent member of a global family that shares a common vision, mission and identity, connected through the use of the "Islamic Relief" name.

IRAUS operates three regional offices in Australia: in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The regional IRAUS offices have been serving to educate, inform, and raise awareness about our various relief and development projects since inception. Additionally, IRAUS holds seminars, banquets, concerts, and other public awareness programs across the country to help fund local and international projects.

## OUR VISION

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

## OUR MISSION

Working together for a world free of poverty.

## OUR VALUES

**Sincerity (Ikhlas)**

We strive to be sincere in our work

**Excellence (Ihsan)**

We aim to embody excellence in our conduct

**Compassion (Rahma)**

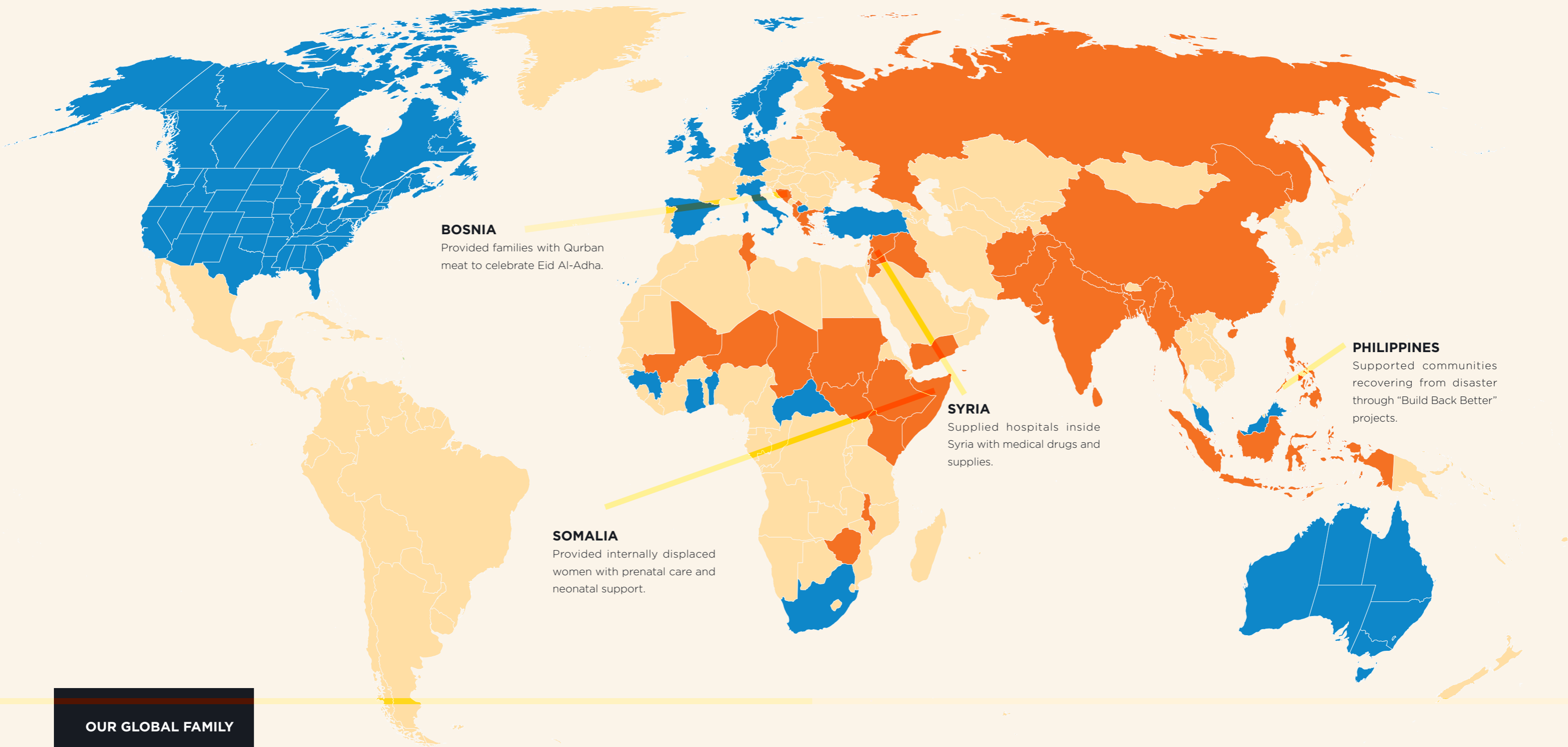
We believe the protection and well-being of every life is of paramount importance

**Social Justice (Adl)**

We work to empower the dispossessed towards realising their God-given human potential and develop their capabilities and resources

**Custodianship (Amana)**

We take ownership of our actions and strive to be role models



**OUR GLOBAL FAMILY**

We are blessed to be part of a worldwide network, the Islamic Relief Family, all working together to achieve a greater impact.

By being a part of the Islamic Relief Family, we benefit from the 30 years of experience Islamic Relief has in working with the poorest communities to overcome poverty and respond effectively to disasters.

We're able to access knowledge and expertise from the Islamic Relief Family all over the world, which helps us ensure our projects are the best they can be in creating change for those who need it most.

Working within the Islamic Relief Family helps likeminded people from all over the world come together to create greater change. Together, we are better.

■ Countries where the Islamic Relief Family raised funds and implemented programs.

■ Countries where Islamic Relief Australia implemented programs.

## JANUARY

- **Philippines:** We provided emergency support to 1000 families impacted by Typhoon Hagupit
- **Lebanon:** We supported refugee children in Lebanon who are disabled or traumatized by providing rehabilitation and physiotherapy, medication, and psychosocial support. Overall, we helped over 1,090 of the most vulnerable children through this program over 2015

## FEBRUARY

- **Somalia:** A new integrated project began which helped 16,000 people achieve better health outcomes and food security through maternal healthcare outreach and agriculture training

## APRIL

- **Indonesia:** Our fundraisers and a board member travel to see for themselves IRAUS's work in orphan sponsorship, water and sanitation, and livelihoods projects.

## JULY

- **Ramadan:** Through the month of Ramadan, IRAUS provided Iftar meals to 17,295 people in 14 countries
- **Australia:** We launched our first ever "Ramadan Cake Campaign"- an annual fixture from now on

## AUGUST



**Australia:** Syria in Our Hearts fundraising dinner

## NOVEMBER

- **Lebanon:** We helped Syrian refugees prepare for the cold winter ahead by providing warm clothes, food and blankets to ensure survival and comfort
- **Mali:** We built a bore hole well in a community of 400 people who previously had no access to clean water. The bore hole now provides safe water for drinking and will decrease illnesses caused by unsafe drinking water
- **Australia:** Over a single weekend, nearly 100 supporters donated via SMS to support refugees entering Europe
- **Australia:** Islamic Relief Victoria hosted their first ever 'Wonkas Dinner' - a sold-out success

## MARCH

- **Pakistan:** We strengthened sanitation networks in two regions by constructing flood resilient latrines, drainage networks, and tube wells and providing hygiene education to the community. Over 2,600 people benefit from better access to safe water
- **Australia:** Our New South Wales office was proud to host the 'Campaign for Australian Aid' food truck, in support of a strong aid budget for Australia

## JUNE

- **Nepal & Yemen:** We provided emergency assistance following humanitarian crises in both countries; supplying emergency education spaces and medical supplies to hospitals. Over 2,810 people are assisted through these projects.

## SEPTEMBER

- **Qurban:** As Muslims around the world remembered the Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice, we enabled 11,325 of the world's poorest people in 27 countries to celebrate Eid al Adha with a Qurban food pack including fresh or canned meat
- **Australia:** Islamic Relief Humanitarian Director Imran Madden spoke to ABC Radio about the situation facing refugees in Lesvos, Greece

## DECEMBER

- **Myanmar:** We provided tools and training in innovative agricultural techniques to 350 families of newly returned refugees, assisting them in regaining livelihood and food security
- **Australia:** Volunteers hosted a stall in Bankstown Shopping Centre which raised approximately \$50,000 over 2 weeks to assist refugees in surviving winter

## MAY



**Australia:** A delegation from the Australia - Indonesia Institute visits to learn about our work

## OCTOBER

- **Iraq:** We provided emergency food and hygiene assistance to over 12,000 people fleeing the frontlines of the devastating conflict
- **Turkey:** IRAUS's Country Director Salwan Ameen attended the Islamic Relief CEOs training program in Antalya to discuss with other partners how best to work together to bring about change

# OUR GOALS

## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Strategic Plan for the period from 2014 to 2016 was developed in consultation with a variety of stakeholders including volunteers, staff, community leaders, donors and partner organisations. It takes into account Islamic Relief Worldwide's and DFAT's strategic priorities.

In 2015 IRAUS continued to implement our strategy according to our annual goals. In keeping with our strategy, we funded projects to lift people out of poverty and respond to disasters as well as help communities take action in dealing with hazards to prevent or minimise the impact of future disasters.

A second component of the plan was to continually improve IRAUS's accountability, transparency and feedback to donors and to be able to deliver on the trust that the Australian community has put in IRAUS, and we continue to develop our capacity in these areas.

We have reached out to all cultural and religious groups in the country to develop a core base of volunteers and diversify our community of supporters in Australia. In the next section, we answer to our strategy, reporting on our key milestones and achievements towards our strategic goals and objectives.



Mohammad is assisted by his mum and Islamic Relief Lebanon staff member while attending a treatment session as part of the IRAUS project providing psychosocial support to the Syrian refugee children in Lebanon.



# OBJECTIVE 1 HELPING AUSTRALIANS TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THOSE AT RISK

## GOAL ONE: IMPACT AND QUALITY

### Ensure Impact:

- In 2015, 70,711 people affected by disaster received support from IRAUS across 11 countries. Two years into our strategy, 115,535 people have received disaster support.
- In 2015, 10,038 people had their lives improved by development projects across 3 countries. Two years into our strategy, 82,911 people have been assisted by development projects in this strategy.
- In 2015, 69,065 people received seasonal project assistance across 28 countries.
- 347 orphans were newly sponsored by IRAUS in 2015, bringing the total of orphans sponsored by IRAUS supporters to 1275.

### Ensure Quality:

- In 2015, we continued to use standardised analysis tools to appraise project proposals from a strategic, programmatic and financial perspectives, ensuring ensure we funded projects of the highest quality.
- Every project funded by IRAUS was evaluated to ensure the goals of the project were achieved. Every project which lasted longer than six months was monitored half way through to ensure the project was going to plan and changes could be made if necessary.
- All projects funded by IRAUS in 2015 included an initial needs assessment to make sure we were reaching the people who most needed assistance.
- In 2015 the orphan sponsorship program underwent a system reconciliation to ensure accuracy, and the program management system was streamlined for efficiency.



In Pakistan, a community benefits from a hand-pump as part of a sanitation strengthening project

## GOAL TWO: THEMATIC AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES

All new projects in 2015 were in line with our thematic and country priorities, ensuring we achieved a higher impact for communities.



In Myanmar, returned refugees learn innovative agriculture techniques, as per our thematic priorities of resilience and livelihoods.

## GOAL THREE: PILOT PROGRAMS

In 2015, we implemented pilot projects in resilience and disaster risk reduction. We assisted displaced communities in Somalia through the provision of agricultural training and supplies as part of a wider integrated pilot project. This project helped assist 600 families in becoming more resilient to food insecurity.

## GOAL FOUR: PLANNING AND POLICY

In 2015, Islamic Relief Australia's voice was heard in policy development within our global family in the areas of:

- Gender Based Violence
- Child Protection
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Governance

## GOAL FIVE: PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA

We continued our 'Peaceful Families' Australian program, which provided counselling from a religiously sensitive perspective and was conducted by an accredited counsellor and religious leader free of charge. The number of cases grew significantly, revealing the need for such programs in culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia.



# OBJECTIVE 2 ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

## GOAL ONE: CAPACITY AND ADVOCACY

- In 2015, we advocated within the public sphere for women experiencing gender based violence, for an end to the Syrian conflict, and for the rights of people with a disability living in poverty.
- We proudly continue to be affiliated with the 'Campaign for Australian Aid', which seeks to raise awareness of the fantastic work done through Australian aid, and advocates for an increase in the aid budget.

## GOAL TWO: RAISING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

We continued to work with schools, mosques, community groups and university groups to educate our community on the need for sustainable development and the long term impact sustainable development will have for communities we work with around the world.



IRAUS volunteers attending a Campaign for Australian Aid event in 2015.

# OBJECTIVE 3 BUILDING THE ISLAMIC RELIEF BRAND

## GOAL ONE: STRENGTHEN THE BRAND

IRAUS's brand and reputation within our community of supporters and with the wider Australian public as a result of the quality and consistency of our public communications.

In Ramadan 2015, we told the story of Islamic Relief's incredible work around the world through film, imagery and publication. This gave our donors a unique experience to see the positive effect IRAUS's work has on peoples' lives, strengthening their trust in IRAUS.



# OBJECTIVE 4 INCREASING FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND CAPABILITY

## GOAL ONE: GENERATE INCREASED INCOME

In 2015, our income was stable and very similar to the previous year. This was due to the unexpectedly high fundraising outcomes in 2014 as a result of humanitarian crises in that year. However the consistent income stream of 2015 indicates a stable base from which we can continue to grow and increase.

## GOAL TWO: STRENGTHEN DONOR RELATIONSHIPS

To ensure we are constantly enhancing the donor experience, we commenced the process of implementing a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. The system will provide significant improvements to our donors experience and allow us to tailor our communications with them. The CRM will be operational in mid-2016.

## GOAL THREE: VOLUNTEER LED FUNDRAISING

In 2015, an increased number of exciting volunteer led fundraising initiatives resulted in our ability to assist in more humanitarian situations around the world. A volunteer led fundraising event for Iraq in June enabled us to assist over 12,400 internally displaced people by providing them with urgently required food supplies. Our volunteers led the way in innovative fundraising initiatives, such as the 'Amazing Race' event and the 'Ramadan Cake Campaign'.

## GOAL FOUR: UNDERSTAND SUPPORTER INTERESTS

Thanks to our analysis of donor trends and interests in 2015, we were able to both provide our supporters with news and information of interest, while also engaging and raising awareness on important issues of which they may have been previously unaware, in formats which would appeal to a wide base of supporters.

## GOAL FIVE: IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY

IRAUS has led the way among Australian Muslim NGOs by publicly releasing our financial reports annually. We're proud of this benchmark, while always striving for better.

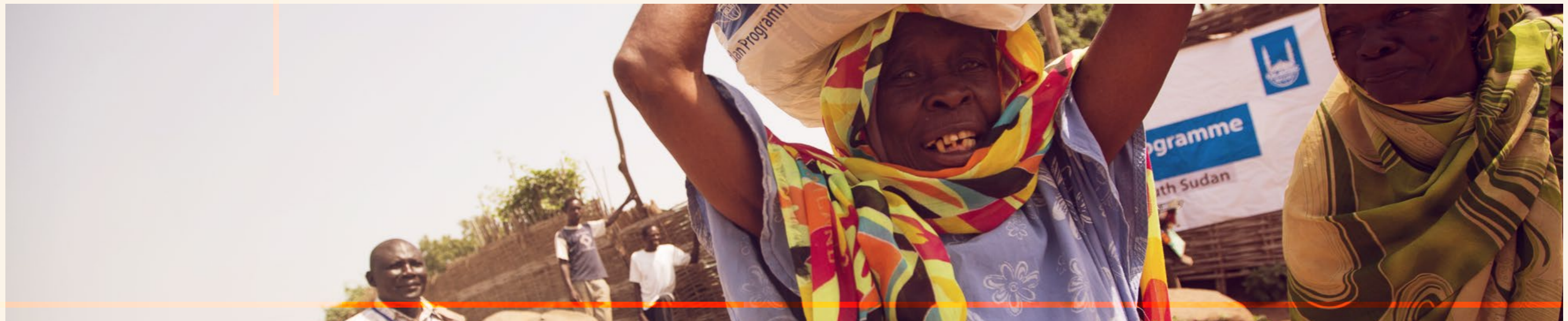
In 2015, we identified the need for a top-end financial system sooner than expected. We therefore commenced the process of implementing a new financial system which will enable us to account for our income and expenditure with enhanced accuracy and efficiency, marking our continued dedication to transparency and accountability to our community of supporters.



IRAUS volunteers hosting an outreach stall, raising awareness among the Australian community of important issues in aid and development.

## GOAL SIX: CAPACITY BUILDING

In areas including donor care, finance, IT and communications, we're implementing new systems and processes to build our capacity for years to come. We also are investing in staff training and development to ensure our team is equipped with the skills needed to ensure we are leading in our sector, with access to cutting edge research and information.



# OUR WORK OVERSEAS

## INTRODUCTION

In 2015, Islamic Relief Australia (IRAUS) continued to consolidate our role as an effective and innovative Islamic NGO, assisting communities facing conflicts and disasters as well as working with communities in poverty to bring smart and durable solutions with a long-term impact.

As the Syria crisis continued to dominate headlines, we were on the ground in Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, assisting those who had fled with food and shelter, and assisting those who remained by supplying hospitals with urgent medical supplies. We responded to disasters which fell quickly from the headlines, such as the devastating earthquake in Nepal, or Typhoon Hagupit which hit the Philippines just a year after the destruction of Typhoon Haiyan. In all our work in disasters, we achieved global standards of humanitarian action and embodied humanitarian principles, enabling us to best assist communities living through traumatic circumstances.

In 2015, we extended the reach of our 'Sadaqa Jariyah' or 'sustainable development' programs, to work with communities toward social and economic empowerment. We believe the most important change makers, and those with the best ideas, are the communities themselves, which is why we work in a participatory approach, with communities shaping our projects and outcomes, and include the voices of women, children, elderly people and people with a disability. In 2015, we worked across three continents in the areas of healthcare, livelihoods and sanitation to affect positive change.

In all our work, we reflect on lessons learnt and feedback from the communities we work with to constantly strive to improve, in order to honour all those impacted by our work.



Women in Indonesia show us packaged mushroom products they produced for sale in the market. Islamic Relief Australia supported these women through agriculture and business training.

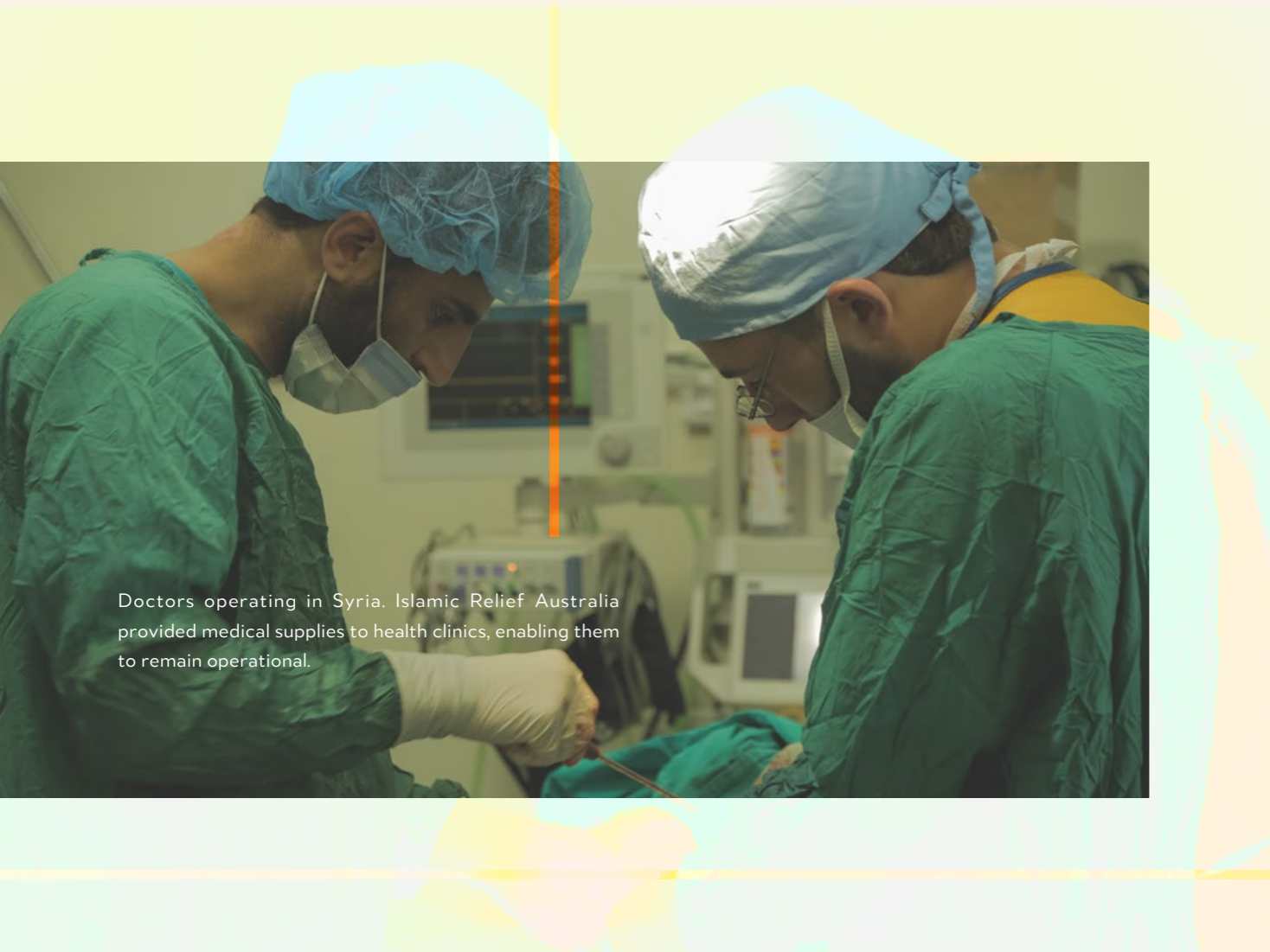
# SURVIVING WAR AND DISASTER

## SYRIAN CONFLICT: SYRIA, IRAQ AND LEBANON

In 2015, we worked in the Middle East, Asia and Africa assisting communities impacted by floods, earthquakes and sectarian and international conflicts, providing food and water to those who escaped with nothing, keeping hospitals equipped and operational in conflict zones and providing education and physiotherapy to internally displaced and refugee children.

The situation in Syria continued to deteriorate. Over a million Syrians became refugees in 2015, with another 13.5 million people in need inside Syria, of which an estimated 6 million are children. The conflict has expanded into Iraq over the past few years, leading to displacement and suffering of Iraqi civilians as well.

Inside Syria, we provided urgently needed medical drugs to health clinics, enabling them to remain open and treating the residents of the surrounding towns, who have experienced daily bombing. Thanks to this project, the facilities were able to remain open and over 15,000 people were able to access urgent treatment.



Doctors operating in Syria. Islamic Relief Australia provided medical supplies to health clinics, enabling them to remain operational.

With over a million Syrian refugees in Lebanon, the approaching winter signified for many a renewed struggle for survival. We provided 1000 people with items to ensure their survival through the freezing winter months such as safe heating, super-thermal blankets, and nutritional food, as part of a wider Islamic Relief program helping an expected 50,000 refugees.

Inside Iraq, we worked with very vulnerable internally displaced populations who had fled the frontlines of the conflict in Al Anbar, and were living without adequate shelter or supplies. We identified the most vulnerable as families with lots of children or a family member with a disability or illness. We provided over 10,000 people with food packs and hygiene supplies to ensure their survival.

### WHAT'S IN A FOOD PACK?

Item	How much?
Chicken and Beef	4 cans
Tomato Paste	2 cans
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre
Rice	3 Kilograms
Lentils	3 Kilograms
Sugar	3 Kilograms
Powdered Milk	3 Packs
Dates	3 Kilograms
Sesame Juice (Rashi)	1 Can
Tea	250 Grams

### CASE STUDY: UM QASIM



Um Qasim and her family tells her story to Mohammad, a local Islamic Relief worker.

Um Qasim lives with 15 members of her family in a tent. They fled their home in Al Ramadi due to the encroaching conflict. She told how much she worried about the children, not having enough money to buy them food, water or clothes.

Um Qasim was especially pleased to receive the hygiene kit, as one of her children was suffering from a skin disease caused by lack of sanitation.



During a food distribution for people displaced by the Syria-Iraq conflict in Anbar, Iraq.

# SURVIVING WAR AND DISASTER

## EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE: NEPAL



One of the temporary learning spaces constructed by IRAUS for school students in Nepal.

Following a devastating earthquake in April, we constructed two temporary learning spaces in a remote community, to ensure the education of children could continue without interruption while their schools were rebuilt, providing a safe space for the children to concentrate on learning while their families focused on rebuilding.

750 children and their families benefited from this project, including 14 year old Maiya, the oldest child of her siblings, who hopes to study at university in the future. She told us that before the temporary classrooms were built, she felt too scared to attend classes in the damaged buildings, but in the temporary classrooms, she feels safe and happy to concentrate on her education again.



Children affected by the earthquake in Nepal, 2015.

## TYPHOON RESPONSE: PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Hagupit hit the Philippines just a year after the devastating Typhoon Haiyan, causing yet more damage in communities already struggling to rebuild. Following Typhoon Hagupit, we helped 1,681 people by preventing the spread of communicable disease, common after natural disasters, through the distribution of hygiene kits. We employed affected community members to work in the clean-up efforts, generating income for families who normally relied on fishing activities affected by the debris.



# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SADAQA JARIYAH

'Sadaqa Jariyah' is the Islamic concept of social change, the consequences of which profligate and outlast the change-maker. It is this aim which also informs social and economic development projects; assisting local communities in effecting long-lasting, significant change with ongoing positive consequences for community members.

## EMPOWERING REFUGEE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY: LEBANON

Families with children with disability often struggle, due to distance or financial reasons, to access targeted treatment which could significantly decrease the impact of the disability upon that child's life. In Lebanon, we worked with children with disabilities from refugee backgrounds and their families throughout the year, providing rehabilitation treatments, medication and medical treatments, physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychosocial support and special education in order to empower children in navigating the world with a disability, and reducing the impact of their disabilities on their lives.

### CASE STUDY: HANEEN



10 year old Haneen travelled with her family to Lebanon after a bomb strike on her home in Syria left her disabled. For two years, her father was unable to access work to pay for medical treatments for Haneen. As a result, she was unable to stand or walk, and spent most of her days in her bed.

Haneen has been a patient with our rehabilitation centre for a year now, and thanks to ongoing physiotherapy, and special orthopaedic shoes provided by the centre, Haneen has learnt to walk again. She can play with her siblings and attend school once again.

Haneen told us, "I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to go to school after being disabled, but now I am getting better and I will walk and walk to reach my dreams."



Haneen and her family.

### CREATING LIVELIHOODS: MYANMAR AND INDONESIA

A sustainable ongoing livelihood is the difference between being able to provide your family with food and water, shelter and healthcare, or relying on handouts. It can be the difference between children attending school, or begging on the street.

In Myanmar, we're working with returned refugee communities to create agriculture livelihoods based on innovative, effective agriculture techniques and training in selling produce. This project will assist returned refugee populations in their resettlement through access to work and a stable income.

In Indonesia, we worked with single mothers, providing training and tools for producing and selling mushrooms, forming cooperatives to better access markets, and adding value to the mushrooms by creating different products (like flavoured mushrooms, or dried mushrooms). Thanks to this project these women, who find it difficult to find work as single mothers, now have sustainable, ongoing livelihood, ensuring security for themselves and their children.

### PROMOTING MATERNAL HEALTHCARE: SOMALIA

Pregnant women or those who recently gave birth in remote IDP communities in the Banadir regions of Somalia struggle to access much needed health care, given the long distance they must walk to public health clinics. This contributes to an increased maternal mortality rate.

We set up two health clinics in central areas for the communities, providing free medical care and treatment six days a week. We deployed mobile health units to visit very remote areas in order to ensure all women were able to access the services. Overall, 28,826 patients were treated by our team in 2015. We provided health education training to 21,020 people to promote positive health practices and hygiene awareness.



A consulting session with a maternal health specialist in a mobile clinic, Somalia.

# ALYATEEM CHILD SPONSORSHIP

IRAUS is proud of our ongoing kinship sponsorship programme. As per the Islamic definition of 'Al Yateem', we sponsor children who have lost their breadwinning parent, or both parents. We know it's best for a child to stay with their family and within their community, but sometimes it can be difficult for the surviving parent or relative to provide ongoing care for a child in this situation, and they may choose to move the child to an orphanage.

However, the sponsorship offered by IRAUS provides support to the child and their carer, making sure the child is able to be cared for within their family and community. The sponsorship also ensures that the sponsored child can attend school and have access to health care, nutritional food, and water. A sponsorship officer visits all children sponsored on an ongoing basis to confirm the sponsorship is being best utilized to assist the child and their siblings.

In 2015, 347 children were newly sponsored by Australian supporters, bringing the total of children supported by Australian donors to 1,247.



Children in Ethiopia collect their eid gifts in 2015.



Child receives his eid gift in Sri Lanka by Islamic Relief.



Children in the Al Yateem sponsorship program celebrating Eid in Lebanon.

# ISLAMIC AID PROGRAMS

Providing food to those who are hungry is an important action in Islam and this is particularly so during the month of Ramadan and for the Eid Al Adha. IRAUS is proud to provide nutritious and culturally relevant food packs to people around the world to honour these Islamic traditions.

## RAMADAN: 14 COUNTRIES

Providing food to people during Ramadan represents a very rewarding spiritual act according to Islamic tradition and teachings. The Ramadan program provides supporters with the opportunity to assist those who experience food insecurity by providing them with a food pack to ensure those assisted are able to have a 'suhoor' (breakfast) and 'iftar' (fast-breaking) meal every day throughout the month of Ramadan.

In 2015 we provided packs to 17,295 people across 14 countries. The program operates in conjunction with other relief and development programs that provide more sustainable assistance in improving living conditions for beneficiaries.



During the Ramadan food distribution in Pakistan.

## QURBAN/UDHIYA: 28 COUNTRIES

The ethical slaughter of an animal and distribution of the meat between family and needy people within the community is a ritual undertaken by Muslims around the world on the 10th Day of the month of Dhul Hijah, in solidarity with those pilgrims who are performing Hajj for whom it is a specific obligation as a culminating part of the pilgrimage.

The Qurbani program provides an opportunity for those people who cannot afford to purchase meat products to receive the nutritional benefit of an Islamic Relief Qurbani Meat Packet. The project involves the distribution of fresh, canned or frozen meat packets to the most vulnerable people around the world. In 2015, we provided 50,085 people in 28 countries with a Qurban meat pack.





# REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

## COMING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

Across Australia, communities came together for fundraising events and dinners throughout 2015 to show their support for issues as varied as supporting children in poverty, gender justice, and the Ramadan appeals.

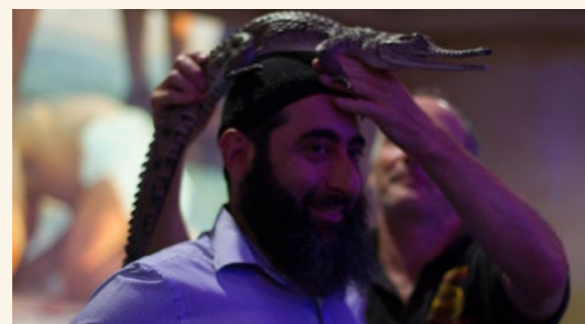
In New South Wales, Ramadan 2015 saw the successful launch of a key new campaign, the signature Islamic Relief Cake Campaign which has taken the world by storm, and will be returning every Ramadan, as well as an important fundraising dinner for Syria, with a heart-rending performance by local children. Throughout the year, Islamic Relief staff and volunteers spoke at mosques and student groups, raising awareness for communities in need, and manned stalls in key locations to bring the voices of those communities to our supporters in Australia.

In Queensland, the Muslim community came together to support single mothers in Indonesia, raising much-needed funds with the 'Red Carpet Dinner' for livelihoods training. Throughout Ramadan, community stalls and outreach saw passionate staff and volunteers reaching communities in Underwood, Gold Coast and as far as Toowoomba. And at the end of the year, women in Queensland came together to enjoy a morning tea, raising funds to support refugees suffering harsh winters across the Middle East.



Razeena runs a kids outreach session for Islamic Relief Queensland during Ramadan

In 2015, our office in Victoria cemented their reputation for hosting exciting and innovative events throughout the year. Highlights include the first Black and White Gala Dinner, now an annual event, where over 400 people got into the theme while providing food packs for communities throughout the world in Ramadan, as well as the much talked about Wonkas Dinner, an exciting and zany community outreach dinner which was fun for all the family.



Community Engagement Coordinator, Baha, has some fun with a crocodile during the memorable Islamic Relief Victoria 'Wonkas Dinner'.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR CHANGE

The work of reaching our communities is only possible thanks to the support of dedicated volunteers who put into action their commitment to standing with those in poverty or hardship. In 2015, volunteers undertook tasks including organising community stalls and events (or event hosted their own) and assisting in office. Volunteer appreciation events such as barbeques or picnics were held to convey how deeply appreciative IRAUS is of their efforts, and to signify that volunteers are a vital arm of the Islamic Relief Family.

## REACHING NEW MARKETS

In 2015, we reached out to new passionate volunteers in Western Australia and New Zealand to begin sowing the seeds of grassroots support in these caring communities. We're excited to work with passionate individuals, families and groups in these regions and more in the coming years.

# OUR FAMILY

## OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**HOSSAMELDIN IBRAHIM**  
CHAIRPERSON

Hossameldin Ibrahim has worked in multiple fields and brings a diverse and multifaceted knowledge to IRAUS. Hossameldin is the CEO of an Australian training company in the Middle East. He has a Masters in International Relations and Communications, a Diploma of Business Management and a Bachelor degree in pharmaceutical science.



**DR. NORA AMATH**  
SECRETARY

Dr. Nora Amath holds a PhD on Sociology and Community Development. She has more than 15 years of human rights advocacy, international and community development experience. Her work includes actively participating in interfaith dialogue. She is the current chair of AMARAH (Australian Muslim Advocates for the Rights of All Humanity). In 2006 and 2007 she received the prestigious award of Australian Muslim Woman of the Year. In 2013, she received the Australia Day Community Awards.



**MOEGAMAT (TAHIR) SALIE**  
MEMBER

Tahir Salie holds a Masters from Stanford University, California. He has provided business consultancies to private and public sector institutions focusing on South-East Asia. He serves on the Board of Governors of the International Business Forum (IBF) based in Istanbul, and he served as a Special Advisor to the Western Cape Premier.



**DR. RAWAA EL AYOUBI GEBARA**  
MEMBER

Dr. Rawaa Gebara holds a PhD from United Theology College at Charles Sturt University, Masters in Arts (Arabic and Islamic Studies) from the University of Sydney and Masters in Administration from the University of Holy Spirit, Beirut. She also holds a Diploma of Health Practice Management from the University of New England. She is an active leader in the Sydney Muslim community, especially through her volunteering and tutoring work.



**IBRAHIM EL ZAYAT**  
MEMBER

Ibrahim El-Zayat holds a Masters in Economics. He is an academic at the German universities of Dartadt, Marburg and Cologne. His focus is upon the study of Law, Islamic Economics and a specialised emphasis upon the economic challenges of developing countries. He holds various positions in several Muslim organisations in Germany and Europe and regularly lectures on issues of integration and the Muslim identity in European countries, as well as Islamic Finance and Economics.



**HESHMAT KHALIFA**  
MEMBER

Heshmat Khalifa is a skilled and established fundraising professional with an extensive and successful track record in the humanitarian arena. He has over thirty years' experience in local and international networking, PR, fundraising & advocacy. He is the Founder and Manager of Omar Bin Khatab Hospital in Egypt.

# OUR FINANCES

## ISLAMIC RELIEF AUSTRALIA

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE )  
DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION  
SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Directors Declare that:

1. the attached summarised financial statements comprising the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes and Balance Sheet have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements under the ACFID Code of Conduct
2. the attached summarised financial statements a give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conducts

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors:

On behalf of the directors:



Director: Dr. Rawaa El Ayoubi Gebara

Date: 24/5/2016

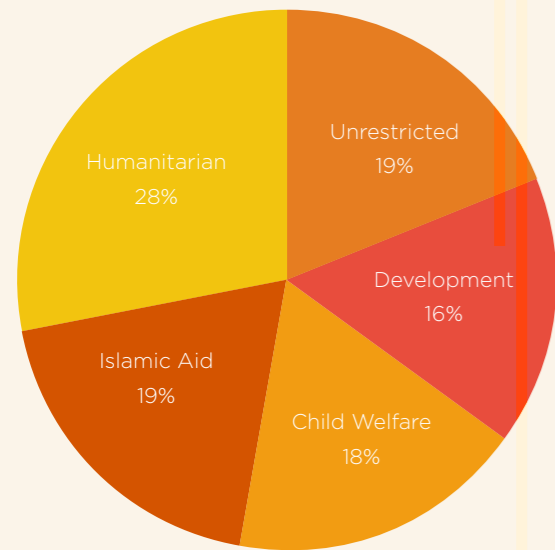
- DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION
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## FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The full version of Islamic Relief Australia's financial statements are available upon request. Call 1300 308 554.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

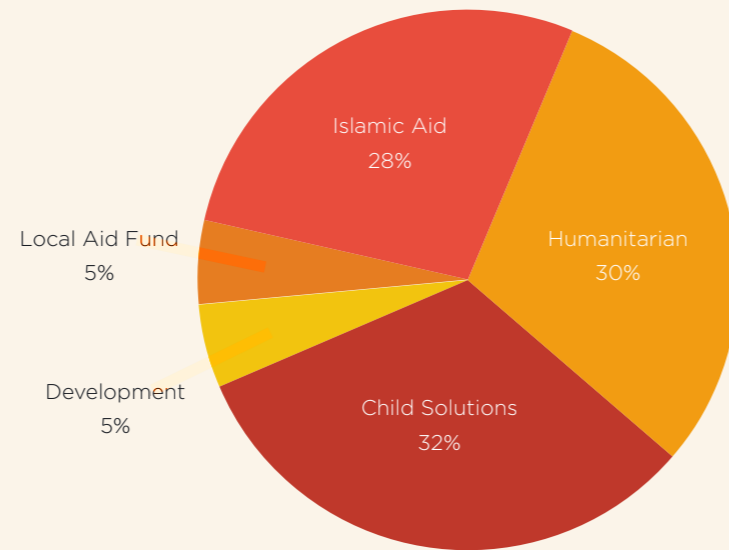
## HOW WE RECEIVED YOUR DONATIONS



Total income decreased by \$91,663 (2%). However, unrestricted income increased by \$173,243 (24%) due to the shift in the fundraising strategy towards unrestricted income, enabling quicker and more effective program funding.

- Donations increased significantly in multiple areas, including Islamic Aid, Child Solutions, Zakat and unrestricted funding in 2015, as a result of increased fundraising efforts in these areas.
- Donations decreased for humanitarian programs in 2015. This was expected as the 2014 income saw the unprecedented donation drive during the Gaza crisis. However 2015 still saw a significant proportion of income for humanitarian programs.

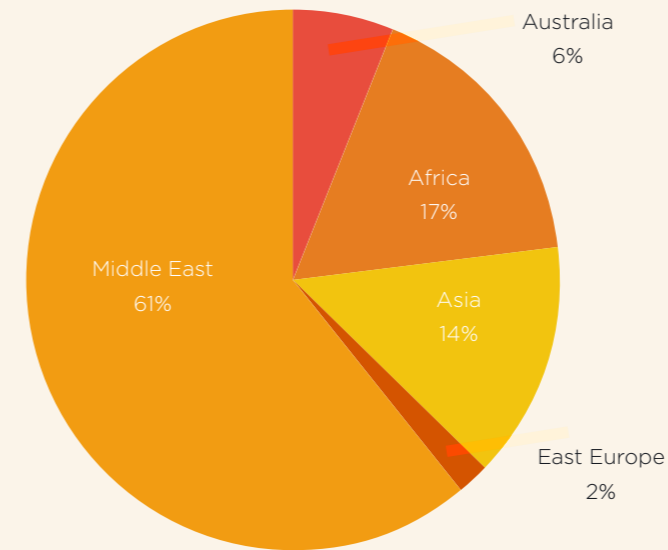
## HOW WE IMPLEMENTED YOUR PROGRAMS



Expenditure decreased by \$545,310 (12%), with the following primary variances:

- Administration cost decreased by \$141,259 (24%) due to the efficient financial management and budget control to bring our overhead to the minimum and direct more funds to the programs.
- Humanitarian funding decreased by \$816,539 (52%), directly related to the decrease in income generated as a result of the 2014 Gaza crisis.
- Funds disbursed for Child Solutions increased by \$195,428 (32%), and funds disbursed for Qurban increased by \$221,773 (74%).

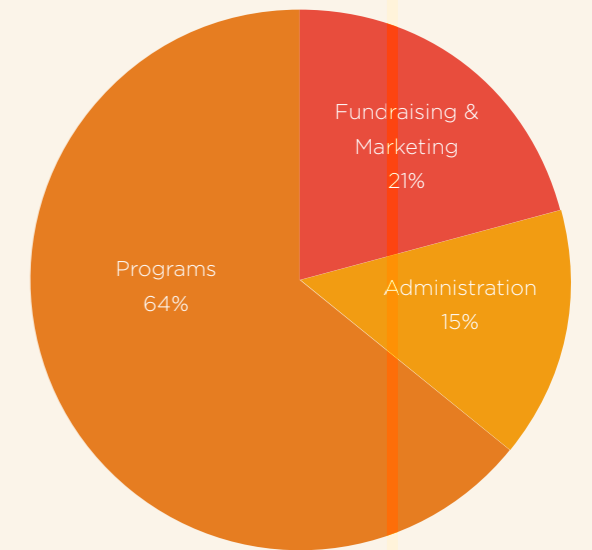
## WHERE WE IMPLEMENTED YOUR PROGRAMS



During 2015, we supported long-term development and humanitarian work in five regions around the world. In some countries, we work directly with the community through Islamic Relief Field offices while in others we work through another Islamic Relief partners.

*Please note: Advocacy, campaigning, youth and research programs are not included in this graph.*

## HOW WE SPENT YOUR DONATIONS



- **Program expenditure** includes our development and humanitarian programs, and our work to measure and improve program quality and effectiveness.
- **Fundraising costs** are those related to our efforts to raise awareness of and funds for those in needs around the world, including running fundraising events, awareness advertising campaigns, and community engagement.
- **Administration expenses** includes costs associated with the overall operational capability of our organisation, including audit fees, office maintenance, IT and finance staff costs and other such costs.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW



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**Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Islamic Relief Australia Ltd**

**Report on the Summarised Financial Statements**

We have audited the summarised financial statements of Islamic Relief Australia, which comprises the income statement, statement of changes in equity, table of cash movements for designated purposes for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the balances sheet as at that date and the directors' declaration.

**Directors' Responsibility for the Summarised Financial Statements**

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarised financial statements based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the summarised financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the summarised financial statements is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amount and disclosures in the summarised financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the summarised financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the summarised financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the summarised financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**

In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

**Qualification**

It is not practical for Islamic Relief Australia to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations revenue until its initial entry in the accounting records and accordingly our audit in relation to such revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the financial statements.



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**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects on the summarised financial statements of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the summarised financial statements of Islamic Relief Australia Ltd has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with the ACFID Code of Conduct.


**NOT FOR PROFIT ACCOUNTING SPECIALISTS**  
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Nicholas Matsis CPA  
 Registered Company Auditor No 77466

Dated on this day *25<sup>th</sup> May 2016*



# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations & Gifts		
Monetary	4,526,706	4,675,572
Non-monetary	182,142	128,960
Bequest	-	-
Grants		
• Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-
• Other Australian	-	5,500
• Other Overseas	-	-
Investment Income	9,521	-
Other Income	-	-
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,718,369</b>	<b>4,810,032</b>

## EXPENDITURE

International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
• Funds to International Programs	2,357,797	2,628,091
• Program Support Costs	106,408	119,070
Community Education	-	-
Fundraising Costs		
• Public	850,129	812,997
• Government, Multilaterals and Private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	589,576	730,835
Non-monetary Expenditure	-	-
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>3,903,910</b>	<b>4,290,993</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		
Domestic Programs Expenditure	132,193	290,421
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,036,103</b>	<b>4,581,414</b>
<b>EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>682,265</b>	<b>228,618</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES	OTHER	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2015 (Commencing Balance)	274,889	-	-	274,889
Adjustments or changes in equity due to, for example, adoptions of new accounting standards	-	-	-	-
Items of other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Excess of revenue over expenses	682,265	-	-	682,265
Other amounts transferred (to) or from reserves	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2015 (Year-end Balance)	957,154	-	-	957,154

## TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	CASH AVAILABLE AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2015	CASH RAISED DURING YEAR	CASH DISBURSED DURING YEAR	CASH AVAILABLE AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Emergency Appeal	1,536,504	1,306,402	1,414,236	1,428,670
Orphan Sponsorship	7,673	804,195	928,479	(116,611)
Zakat Al Mal	446,865	678,443	-	1,125,308
General, Admin Projects under 10% of Revenue	-	1,842,405	3,141,770	(1,299,365)
Total	1,991,042	4,631,445	5,484,485	1,138,002

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,138,002	1,991,042
Trade and Other Receivables	245,804	192,665
Inventories	-	-
Assets held for Sale	36,993	-
Other Financial Assets	32,822	233
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,453,621</b>	<b>2,183,940</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Trade and Other Receivables	-	-
Other Financial Assets	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	63,240	73,478
Investment Property	-	-
Intangibles	-	-
Other Non-current Assets	26,488	21,688
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>89,728</b>	<b>95,166</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,543,349</b>	<b>2,279,106</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other Payables	428,291	1,862,058
Borrowings	-	-
Current Tax Liabilities	-	-
Other Financial Liabilities	-	-
Provisions	50,494	34,749
Other	-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>478,785</b>	<b>1,896,807</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Borrowings	107,410	107,410
Other Financial Liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>107,410</b>	<b>107,410</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>586,195</b>	<b>2,004,217</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>957,154</b>	<b>274,889</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	682,265	228,618
Retained Earnings	274,889	46,271
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>957,154</b>	<b>274,889</b>

## OUR COMPLIANCE

### AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT COMMISSION (ACNC)

IRAUS is registered with the ACNC and complies with the ACNC Act 2012. IRAUS must keep financial records which correctly record and explain our transactions and financial position and performance and enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared and to be audited, if required. IRAUS must submit an Annual Information Statement and a financial report to ACNC every year. IRAUS must comply with the governance standards. These standards set out a minimum standard of governance, to help promote public trust and confidence in charities.

### FUNDRAISING LICENSES

IRAUS holds all required fundraising licenses in the states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. IRAUS complies with the requirements associated with these licenses and provides all extra reporting materials required.

### AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE (ATO)

IRAUS is a current holder of the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the ATO. IRAUS is also granted exemptions from Income Tax and provided fringe benefit and GST concessions. IRAUS reports to the ATO our annual Fringe Benefit Tax returns, quarterly Business Activity Statements and monthly Pay-as-you-go (PAYG) submissions.

### AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ACFID)

IRAUS is a member of ACFID and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the peak body for aid and international development NGOs and its code of conduct upholds the highest standards of ethics, transparency, effectiveness and accountability. IRAUS's voluntary adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability. For more information on the ACFID Code of Conduct please visit ([www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)).

Our summary financial reports have been audited and comply with the standards set out by ACFID Code of Conduct which can be referred to on the ACFID Code of Conduct website ([www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)).

Any Complaints related to a members compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct and any possible breach can be made to ACFID Code of Conduct Committee at ([code@acfid.asn.au](mailto:code@acfid.asn.au)). Information about how to make a complaint can be found at ([www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)).

### COMPLAINTS MECHANISM

#### General complaints should be addressed to:

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Islamic Relief Australia is an active member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and adheres to the ACFID Code of Conduct which defines minimum standards of governance, management and accountability of development for non-government organisations (NGOs). Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee.