

2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT





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ABOUT ASHRAFUL AID

Ashraful Aid International Humanitarian Organisation is an internationally recognised non-profit organisation dedicated to the mission of providing aid and support to communities in need both locally and globally for over 27 years. With headquarters in South Africa and offices in Zambia, Malawi, Canada and New Zealand, Ashraful Aid has reached millions of people with vital short-term and long-term assistance in over 25 countries across Africa, Middle East, Asia and South America.

Our vision is to establish Ashraful Aid as the foremost non-profit organisation worldwide, renowned for its profound impact and unwavering support for individuals and communities facing adversity. At the core of Ashraful Aid's mission is a deep-seated commitment to providing support and assistance to vulnerable populations around the globe. We are passionately devoted to enhancing the well-being of people in dire need, offering them the essential tools and resources to forge a path towards a brighter, more secure future. Our comprehensive programmes are designed to provide access to vital services such as nutritious food, clean water, quality education, and healthcare, empowering individuals and communities to rise above their challenges. Ashraful Aid's approach is deeply collaborative, working hand-in-hand with local communities, stakeholders, and partners to ensure that our interventions are not only impactful but also sustainable and culturally sensitive. This collaborative ethos ensures that the aid we provide is not just a temporary relief but a step towards long-lasting improvement in the quality of life for those we assist.

The foundation of our work is embedded in our name. Ashraful, meaning honourable, is at the heart of a set of unwavering values that guide every action and decision we make. Honour, honesty, reliability, efficiency, and professionalism are the pillars that underpin our organisational ethos. We conduct our operations with the highest level of integrity, ensuring that every resource is utilised judiciously to maximise the impact of our aid. Our commitment to transparency and ethical practices fosters a culture of trust and accountability, both within our organisation and in our interactions with the communities we serve. By adhering to these principles, Ashraful Aid continues to support countless individuals regardless of age, gender or colour, embodying the spirit of 'Ubuntu' - the African philosophy that emphasises our interconnectedness and shared humanity. Through our concerted efforts and dedication, we remain steadfast in our mission to alleviate suffering and create a world where everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and prosperity.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Over the past year, Ashraful has seen growth in numerous areas. First and foremost we have expanded the number of beneficiaries we have been able to assist, as well as our footprint across South Africa to cover rural and urban areas in all provinces. We have also grown our international footprint with offices now successfully established in Zambia, Malawi, Canada and New Zealand. All our programmes have expanded the number of projects we have been involved with, adapting to the changing and ongoing needs of communities, whether affected by disaster, conflict, circumstance or economics. I am particularly proud of the successful introduction of the Ubuntu Ukhuwa microfinance programme and the establishment of the Ulwazi skills development centre, which highlight our increased focus on creating income earning opportunities for beneficiaries and sustainable livelihoods.

Whether its an escalating water crisis in South Africa, a growing number of people unable to afford basic necessities due to poor economic conditions, or an ever increasing number of large scale disasters across the globe, the need for efficient rapid response to short-term humanitarian needs and long-term interventions is becoming critical. The growth we have achieved over the past year is on the back of a number of years of development of our team, systems, processes, governance, and donor relationships. During the past year, we started our digital transformation journey, bringing about more effective management, flexibility, efficiency and governance. We have also placed increased emphasis on the development of skills in our teams, and our capabilities, as well as on our support for donors through our donor care teams.

Over the next year, we will continue to embed digital into our way of working as this has transformed our ability to deploy resources more effectively, and to adapt to humanitarian needs more effectively and efficiently. We will also increase our disaster relief capability particularly in the area of search and rescue, logistics and rapid deployment of sustained water relief to affected communities. We will continue our support for refugee communities in Middle East and Africa, with particular emphasis on income earning and sustainable livelihoods. We are particularly conscious of the fact that the number one humanitarian crisis in the world is in Gaza. The logistics and security challenges of providing aid to Gaza has been unprecedented. Despite this, we have provided assistance with food, blankets, water and other basic needs since the start of the war, and we will continue to find ways to do our part and increase the provision of basic necessities to the people of Gaza.

Lastly, I must express my sincere appreciation to our donors, partners and volunteers. With your ongoing support, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of many.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Empowering Change through Digital Transformation: Ashrafal Aid's Journey

As Director, I'm excited to share Ashrafal Aid's digital transformation this past year, vital in enhancing our global humanitarian impact. This strategy has not only improved operations but also expanded our reach and effectiveness.

24/7 Operations: Constant Readiness

Transitioning to a 24/7 operational model, Ashrafal Aid ensures availability of services anytime, essential for urgent aid delivery in various time zones.

Centralized Remote Workforce: Global Collaboration

Our remote workforce, supported by advanced technology, breaks geographical barriers, enhancing communication, efficiency, and productivity in a global workspace.

Decentralized Field Workers: Local Impact

Complementing our centralized model, decentralized field workers, equipped with digital tools, deliver personalized, community-focused aid, ensuring effective local outreach.

End-to-End Digital Integration: Efficiency and Insight

We've digitized key functions like project management, donor relations, HR, finance, and fundraising. This not only streamlines operations but also drives data-informed decisions, aligning closely with beneficiary needs.

Global Reach: Digital Expansion Across Borders

Present in South Africa, Canada, Zambia, Malawi, and New Zealand, our digital model overcomes geographical limits, facilitating seamless global assistance.

The Future: Tech-Driven Humanitarianism

Our digital transformation transcends technology integration; it embodies change and innovation. This approach unlocks new resource optimization avenues, improves service, and uplifts lives.

This journey demonstrates how embracing digital change can significantly enhance humanitarian efforts globally. Our commitment to digital innovation is steadfast, aiming for a connected, efficient, and impactful future.

FOOD SECURITY

In the face of widespread food insecurity affecting millions, Ashrafal Aid stands out as a symbol of hope and sustenance. Our food relief programme has made a profound impact over the past year in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. In South Africa alone, we delivered over 40,000 food hampers and over 200,000 hot meals across all 9 provinces. Outside of South Africa, we delivered over 10,000 food parcels, meals and livestock into numerous countries across Africa, the Middle East and Asia, affirming our commitment to addressing food scarcity in both rural and urban areas.



1. Local and Global Food Distribution Efforts:

Our programme is a testament to our commitment to leaving no one behind, distributing food hampers packed with staples like rice and beans, fresh fruits, vegetables, hot meals to a diverse group of beneficiaries as well as grocery packs to local community kitchens and NGOs. We've reached families, students, hospitals, old age homes, refugee camps and orphanages across cities and remote rural areas of South Africa as well as internationally in Somaliland, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan and more. Our food hamper distribution programme impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of people annually.

2. Ashrafal Aid Kitchen:

Situated in Marlboro, Johannesburg, our dedicated kitchen produced over 120,000 freshly prepared hot meals over the past year. Our kitchen has been pivotal in nourishing Wits University hot meal programme with daily meals, and patients in Johannesburg-based hospitals through the halal meal programme. With the support of devoted volunteers and partner organisations, the kitchen has also provided meals to Madressah and community feeding programs with additional support through bread, grocery hampers, and soup distributions.

3. Iftar Feeding Program:

Our iftar feeding programme in 2023 showcased our generosity, providing over 50,000 meals during Ramadan across South Africa and beyond.

4. Bakery in Azaz, Syria:

Amidst the difficult conditions in Azaz, Syria, our bakery has become a beacon of hope, delivering up to 30,000 bread daily to refugees. With over 4 million bread supplied since its inception, the bakery has been essential in addressing the urgent food needs of displaced individuals in the region. The bakery was also an essential lifeline following the 2023 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, supplying bread to thousands in both Turkey and Syria.

5. Fireflies Burger Truck:

Innovative and sustainable, the Fireflies Burger Truck is more than just a food outlet; it's a lifeline for funding charitable activities. Operating as a social enterprise, every burger sold contributes directly to Ashrafal Aid's charitable causes.

6. Winter Warmth Campaign:

A notable addition to our array of initiatives is the distribution of over 200,000 hot meals in the KwaZulu Natal, Western Cape, and Gauteng provinces as part of the Winter Warmth Campaign. This effort highlights our commitment to providing hot soup and bread during the colder months, ensuring individuals and families stay nourished and warm.



Way forward:

Ashrafal Aid's food relief programme continues to grow and impact lives significantly. With a comprehensive set of initiatives that include extensive food distribution networks, dedicated kitchen operations, and innovative fundraising methods, we have laid the groundwork for sustained support. Over the next year, we hope to expand our hot meal programme in KZN and Western Cape, while continuing to sustain our food programmes in Gauteng. Our commitment to nourishing, empowering, and uplifting communities is steadfast. We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate hunger and food insecurity, one meal, one bread, one community at a time.

WATER SECURITY

The fundamental human right to water remains elusive for many communities across Africa, Asia, refugee settlements, and increasingly, South Africa. Ashrafal Aid's water programme is determined to combat this critical challenge, enhancing access to clean water through immediate relief and sustainable development. Our mission is not only to provide water but also to ensure the health, dignity, and development of the communities we serve.



Programme Overview:

This past year has highlighted the escalating water crisis in South Africa and globally. Our response has been robust and adaptable, providing nearly half a million litres of emergency water relief to regions in dire need while concurrently implementing long-term solutions to ensure ongoing access to this vital resource.



1. Short-term Water Relief:

Ashrafal Aid responds to short-term emergency water shortages across the country on a regular basis providing bottled drinking water and deploying water tanks to affected areas where possible. In areas like Fietas, Johannesburg, for example, where access to clean drinking water is severely limited we have delivered emergency drinking water and installed of 2 x 5000 Litres JoJo tanks with stands, offering the elderly and the wider community a critical water source. These efforts reflect our commitment to immediate, impactful support in crisis situations.

2. Long-term Water Relief:

Recognizing the need for durable solutions, we've drilled over 10 new boreholes this year, focusing on schools, mosques, and local communities bereft of regular water supplies. Each borehole project undergoes a meticulous assessment to ensure cost-effectiveness and maximum community benefit, reflecting our commitment to sustainable development.

3. Well Programme:

Our well programme represents a major component of our strategy to provide long-term water access. This year, we've completed 100 wells across Sri Lanka, Malawi, Madagascar, South Africa, and Mozambique, benefiting over 5,000 families. Our ability to complete a well within 2-3 months demonstrates our efficiency and dedication to quick, impactful action.



Way Forward:

As we continue our journey to alleviate water scarcity, our future efforts will focus on expanding our well programme and our borehole programme, with particular emphasis on expanding our water relief programme in South Africa. We also aim to expand our emergency water relief capability by looking for innovative solutions to rapidly deploy small scale water tanks to communities experiencing short-term water shortages. Ashrafal Aid's Water Programme remains dedicated to this mission, fostering a world where every individual can access the clean water they rightfully deserve.

DISASTER RELIEF

In a world frequently marred by natural disasters and crises, Ashrafal Aid's Disaster Relief Programme emerges as a pillar of hope and resilience. With an ambitious aim to extend a helping hand to those ensnared by the harsh aftermath of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and an array of other daunting challenges, our programme is more than just a response—it's a commitment to humanity.

This past year, our rapid response teams have been the first glimmers of hope in the wake of devastation, reaching affected communities within 24 to 48 hours. We've stood alongside people through the tremors of the Nepal and Morocco earthquakes, the deluges in Libya, Turkey, Pakistan, and South Africa, and amidst the war in Palestine. Locally, working closely with local community disaster relief structures, we have responded to over 150 localised disaster incidents, addressing the urgent needs of communities affected by unexpected disaster events.



Countries where Ashrafal Aid provided disaster relief in 2023.



Our intervention is a holistic embrace. From the provision of hot meals, food packs, and clean drinking water to the allocation of blankets, mattresses, and essential clothing, we've ensured that the immediate needs of disaster victims are met with dignity and care. Tents, sleeping bags, and heaters have offered shelter against the cold bite of loss, while our support for trauma counselling has kindled a light of psychological healing and hope.

Marking a milestone, our collective efforts have directly impacted over 100,000 lives. With each intervention, Ashraful Aid was able to rapidly deploy a team to assess situations on the ground and make rapid decisions on the type of assistance to be provided. We have also been able to provide follow up assistance and on the ground oversight either through our own teams or through local partners to ensure that the assistance is reaching those who need it. We have also been able to overcome significant challenges to provide assistance in Gaza, either through programmes and partners already in place in Gaza, or by sending truckloads of assistance from Egypt.

Looking forward:

As we approach 2024, Ashraful Aid is dedicated to significantly enhancing our disaster response capabilities, particularly in water relief and search and rescue operations. We plan to deepen our coordination with national and provincial disaster management teams and forge stronger links with governmental and international bodies. This expansion is aimed at improving our response times and effectiveness in both local and international disasters, ensuring we can provide swift, impactful aid to those in urgent need, and continue to save and improve lives across the globe.

EDUCATION

Ashrafal Aid stands as a committed advocate for disadvantaged children, dedicating its resources to break the barriers hindering their educational and personal growth. By offering comprehensive support through education programs, the organization ensures that children have access to necessary school supplies, uniforms, and quality instruction, enabling a conducive learning environment.



Our annual back to school programme for 2024 provided 5,000 children with essential stationery and school bags in Gauteng, KZN and Western Cape, while our ongoing learner support programme extends support to schools by enhancing the capabilities of schools and teachers, ensuring that education's transformative power reaches every student. Furthermore, Ashrafal Aid's commitment we provided bursaries for children whose families are unable to bear the costs of education. These bursaries cover essential educational expenses, allowing children to continue their schooling uninterrupted and aspire towards a brighter future. Our commitment to education extended to infrastructure improvements in South African schools and renovations to educational institutions in Burundi, as well as the establishment of two educational institutions in Syria, creating environments conducive to learning and growth. Ashrafal Aid's multifaceted approach not only addresses immediate educational needs but also lays the foundation for long-term empowerment of children, driving forward the mission of building a better, more educated future for the most vulnerable.

Way Forward:

Ashrafal Aid is dedicated to empowering disadvantaged children by providing them with essential educational support, including school supplies, uniforms, and access to quality teaching. The organisation also offers bursaries to ensure that financial constraints do not hinder a child's education. This comprehensive approach aims to remove barriers to learning, fostering an environment where every child can thrive and work towards a brighter future.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Ashrafal Aid's Social Development Programme continues to lead transformative initiatives, bringing hope and practical solutions to those most in need. Our comprehensive approach has seen significant achievements in the past year, including robust welfare support and housing projects that have provided Syrian refugees with dignified living conditions, provision of livestock and other small business support, the launch of our microfinance programme to support small businesses, and the establishment of a skills centre in South Africa, expanding on the skills development approach already established for Syrian refugees in Turkey.



Our community assistance projects have tangible impacts, from a bakery in Syria offering employment and daily bread to refugee camps, to the completion of a mosque catering to the spiritual needs of a rural community in Burundi. During the past year, we have also continued our support for the Humanitarian Store and established support for a Humanitarian pharmacy in Syria.

The Ashrafal Aid children's home in Johannesburg continues to provide comprehensive care to up to 20 boys, while our support to an Afghan orphanage ensures safety and nurturing for many children affected by war in that country. Over the past year, we have expanded our support to women by building a women's shelter in Johannesburg to provide refuge and a new start for those affected by abuse.

Over the past two years, we have steadily grown our strategy to create income earning opportunities for those who may currently be relying on welfare assistance. At the heart of this development strategy, is empowering women in particular with skills to become small business entrepreneurs. Our newly established skills development centre in Lenasia, Johannesburg is instrumental in equipping women with valuable skills in baking, cooking, and sewing, fostering self-reliance and entrepreneurial spirit. We have also provided income support to women in Afghanistan and Lebanon where many women have been widowed due to war.

Interest-Free Micro Finance

Further supporting the growth of entrepreneurs and small businesses., our Ubuntu Ukhuwah programme launched over the past year is a groundbreaking interest-free microfinance initiative, offering loans up to R25,000. So far, it has assisted over 15 individuals in embarking on or enhancing their business ventures, underscoring our commitment to economic empowerment and community resilience. Through these diverse and targeted efforts, Ashrafal Aid is not just offering aid but is actively participating in building stronger, self-sufficient communities and brighter futures.

Poultry breeding enterprise established through loan support initiative by Ashrafal Aid.



Way Forward:

Ashrafal Aid plans to further enhance our Social Development Programme by expanding vocational training and educational initiatives, broadening our entrepreneurship and microfinance programs to empower more individuals with economic independence, and strengthening community support systems. Through these targeted efforts, we aim to foster sustainable growth and resilience in the communities we serve, ensuring a brighter, self-sufficient future for those in need.

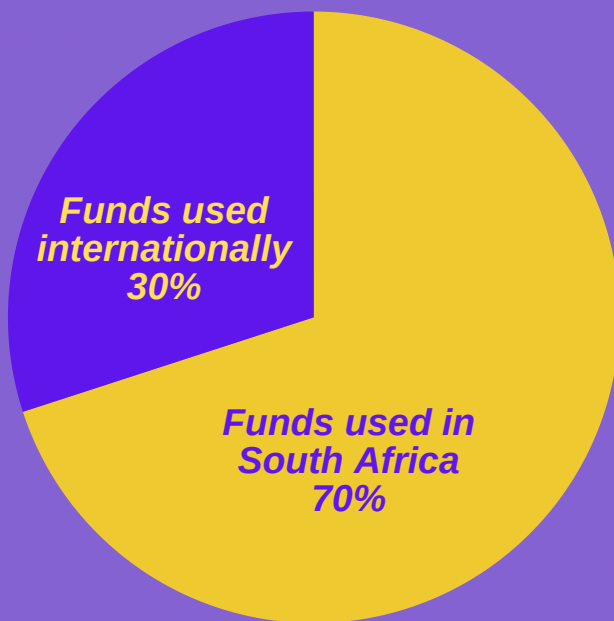
Ulwazi Skills Development Centre

Ashrafal Aid has recently acquired a skills development center with the goal of empowering individuals, especially women, through comprehensive training and resources for personal and professional development. The center offers specialized programs in essential job skills, entrepreneurship, and leadership, with a focus on enabling women to pursue employment or establish businesses. This is supported by resources, networks, and a nurturing environment. Practical experience is gained through job opportunities, while advocacy efforts highlight women's accomplishments and obstacles. Around 40-50% of students achieve their objectives, and in 2023, the center held its inaugural graduation ceremony, celebrating the completion of courses in sewing, baking, computer skills, and more by many women.



SOUTH AFRICA

Ashrafal Aid South Africa has made significant strides in addressing the essential needs of underprivileged communities, particularly through our emergency drinking water initiatives in areas like Alexandra, Hammanskraal, Bethal, and others. Our proactive approach ensures that those facing water scarcity have timely access to this vital resource, underscoring our commitment to health and well-being across communities.



Our economic empowerment efforts, spearheaded by the Ubuntu Ukhuwah program, provide interest-free loans to South African entrepreneurs in need, fostering economic resilience and growth. This initiative, alongside our collaboration with disaster management teams, showcases our holistic approach to support, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters or fire outbreaks, ensuring affected communities receive comprehensive aid and recovery assistance.

In the past year, Ashrafal Aid has made a remarkable impact by distributing 40,000 Zakaah hampers, providing essential supplies to those in need. Our kitchen in Marlboro, Sandton, Johannesburg, further extends our reach by thousands of hot meals daily, benefiting students of Wits University and the wider community, demonstrating our commitment to combating hunger and supporting nutritional needs.

Looking ahead, Ashrafal Aid is dedicated to expanding its initiatives and enhancing the scope of its programs to meet the growing needs of the communities we serve. By increasing our distribution of Zakaah hampers and continuing to provide hot meals and hampers to the needy, we aim to strengthen our impact and foster a more sustainable and empowered future for all. Through strategic partnerships and innovative approaches, we are committed to driving meaningful change and uplifting those in need, reflecting our ongoing mission of compassionate and effective community support.



SYRIA

Ashrafal Aid has been actively involved in several key projects in Syria, addressing the urgent needs of the community amidst ongoing challenges. Our most recent initiative is the support of a Humanitarian Pharmacy, which provides essential medications and health services to 100 Syrians daily, free of charge. This initiative is crucial in a context where access to healthcare is limited, ensuring that the most vulnerable can receive the care they need.



In addition to healthcare support, Ashrafal Aid's Syrian Bakery continues to play a vital role in food security for the Azaz region of Syria. Producing bread daily, the bakery ensures that underprivileged Syrian refugees have access to this staple food item, contributing significantly to alleviating hunger. At the same time, the Ashrafal Aid Humanitarian Store also continues to assist thousands of refugees annually with essential clothing items and provides employment for the women who run the store.

We continue to distribute food hampers, blankets and other essential items, addressing the immediate needs of the community. These distributions have been essential in providing relief to families facing hardship, ensuring they have access to basic necessities.

We have also continued with supporting the long-term needs of communities with a focus on education, housing and skills development. The Ashrafal Aid Vocational Training Centre in Sianliurfa, Turkey continues to provide skills to displaced Syrians living in Turkey to enable them to earn an income. Our latest housing project is in the final stages of handover, with 43 houses scheduled to be handed over this Ramadan. And our latest educational projects supported by Ashrafal Aid Zambia includes the establishment and support of two new madressah projects supporting over 100 students.

As we look to the future, Ashrafal Aid remains committed to sustaining and expanding its efforts in Syria. We will continue to provide essential services like those offered by the Humanitarian Pharmacy and Syrian Bakery, and sustain the projects already established. With many refugees already having spent over 10 years displaced in tents, our main goal is to try to create more stable long-term solutions including housing, education and income earning opportunities for displaced Syrian refugees. Strengthening these initiatives and identifying further needs within the community will be crucial in our ongoing mission to offer hope and tangible support to those in dire need.



PALESTINE

Ashrafal Aid has been providing assistance to refugees and displaced communities in Palestine for a number of years through the provision of water, food, blankets and other assistance. However, the war in Gaza has pushed the needs of Palestinians in Gaza to the forefront since October 2023 where we have been at the forefront of addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Despite facing severe restrictions on the entry of humanitarian goods, we have worked tirelessly, in partnership with local suppliers and in alignment with the Egyptian Red Crescent, to procure and prepare vital supplies. These include food, blankets, and hygiene items. Our first truck, symbolizing a journey of hope, embarked, overcoming complex logistics and stringent border procedures to safely deliver aid to those in need in Gaza, with two more trucks already deployed, in addition to ongoing assistance within Gaza where possible



The path has been fraught with challenges. We have navigated the intricacies of obtaining necessary permissions, adhered to precise procurement specifications, and managed the logistical maze of border crossings and inspections. The limited capacity of the Rafah border, coupled with the logistical complexities of offloading and tracking in a region with limited storage facilities has further complicated our efforts. Despite these hurdles, our dedicated team, along with our partners on the ground, have maintained an unwavering focus on ensuring that aid reaches those in desperate need.

As we reflect on this journey and plan for future humanitarian missions, our commitment to the people of Gaza remains unshakable. The invaluable lessons we've learned guide our strategies in strengthening diplomatic engagements, improving coordination with various organizations, and enhancing our tracking and monitoring mechanisms. Our aim is not just to continue but to expand our aid efforts by adapting to the evolving landscape and maximizing the impact of our humanitarian assistance.

In addition to these broader efforts, we have also engaged in direct aid activities. We successfully distributed hot meals and vegetable boxes, along with potable water, to the displaced people in Gaza.

At Ashrafal Aid, our resolve is fortified by the spirit of cooperation and the shared goal of alleviating suffering.

BURUNDI

Poverty in Burundi presents a dire and pervasive challenge, with over 70% of the population living below the poverty line according to the World Bank. The nation's struggle with profound inequality and political instability has further entrenched these high rates of poverty. In response to this critical situation, Ashraf Aid, has been actively engaged in providing essential relief and support to the vulnerable populations affected by these harsh conditions.



Over the past year, Ashraf Aid distributed of thousands of meals to families grappling with food insecurity. Recognizing the fundamental role of education in breaking the cycle of poverty, we also extended substantial support to local schools. through provision of clean water and sanitation facilities, aiding teachers, and furnishing schools with necessary educational materials.

Burundi remains a key country for our ongoing humanitarian efforts. We aim to continue providing assistance with food, education and water, as well as selected infrastructure projects where possible.

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan's decades-long conflict and instability have wrought profound suffering and deprivation, affecting millions, especially the poor and vulnerable. The World Bank highlights the stark reality, with over 35% of the population living below the poverty line, grappling with inadequate access to fundamental necessities such as food, water, and shelter. The plight is particularly acute for the displaced populations and orphans, whose lives have been upended by the relentless strife. In response to this critical humanitarian crisis, Ashraful Aid has established programmes to provide ongoing assistance in Afghanistan.



Ashraful Aid's intervention in Afghanistan is multifaceted, offering not only immediate relief through the provision of food and essential supplies but also focusing on sustainable development initiatives. Over the past year we have provided support to over 100 orphans, provided food and other basic necessities such as blankets and wood fired stoves to over 200 families and provided cash support and support to start small livestock businesses.

Following our recent visit to Afghanistan, it is clear that economic development remains a priority in addition to the ongoing support for the day to day needs of Afghani families. To support this, we aim to establish a small business project targeted primarily at widows and orphan families, with an aim to expanding this programme substantially over the next few years.

YEMEN

Yemen remains a country deeply affected by the effects of war, with a large part of the population including internally displaced people unable to meet basic needs. Particularly vulnerable are the communities in the highlands, where from November to February, they face a period of severe cold. Ashrafal Aid has been assisting with humanitarian needs in Yemen for a number of years, and over the past year we have continued our support providing basic necessities impacting the lives of thousands of Yemenis.



Our recent winter warmth programme, delivered vital assistance to those most at risk. This initiative provided winter blankets to help shield the vulnerable populations from the biting cold. This endeavor goes beyond offering physical comfort; it's a gesture of hope and solidarity, assuring the people of Yemen that they are not forgotten during these trying winter months.



Our commitment to Yemen extends beyond the Winter Warmth programme. Ashrafal Aid also runs a monthly food hamper distribution, supporting the people of Yemen by ensuring their access to food security and essential supplies. These hampers, containing items such as flour, sugar, rice, dates, and oil, are a lifeline for internally displaced refugees within Yemen.



Ashrafal Aid also providing clean drinking water to communities in need. Through our dedicated efforts, we have successfully distributed approximately 300,000 liters of water to date, a crucial part of our broader humanitarian mission in Yemen.

LEBANON

In Lebanon, a nation hosting over 1 million refugees and grappling with an economic crisis, the need for humanitarian assistance has increased substantially over the past two years. Over the past year, we have hosted two volunteer trips to Lebanon, getting a first hand understanding of the plight of refugees in Lebanon. We have distributed hundreds of food parcels and provided cash assistance to hundreds more across 6 refugee camps located in Beqaa, Beirut, Saida, and Tyre, including Syrian and Palestinian refugees. We also provided water tanks to families affected by fire and other damage in Palestinian refugee camps and supported the continuity of education, a crucial element for future empowerment, through the distribution of 100 stationery packs to orphaned children and uplifting over 30 teachers, widows, and families through critical cash assistance.



Our engagement went beyond distribution, as we immersed ourselves in local communities by visiting schools, a medical centre, an orphanage, and a sewing centre dedicated to empowering women. Our time spent with families, listening and understanding their unique stories, has not only provided insight into their lives but has also instilled a renewed sense of hope and determination. This approach has helped us develop a deep understanding of the type of assistance required and allowed us to assist with individual needs where possible.

We will provide ongoing assistance to refugee families in Lebanon by providing support for basic necessities as well as livelihood support projects and orphan support projects. With many orphans unable to participate in the joys of eid, our eid orphan project aims to provide a fun day of eid with 300 orphans and eid clothes for 120 orphan children. We hope this project will become an annual project, bringing a smile to hundreds of children.

ZAKAAT

Over the last year, Ashraful Aid's dedicated efforts have led to the distribution of over R20 million in Zakaat, reaching and uplifting over 100,000 individuals across more than 15 countries. Your generous contributions have been instrumental in feeding families, educating children, empowering widows, and providing crucial emergency relief to vulnerable communities. Beyond immediate aid, your Zakaat has supported orphans, facilitated housing for refugees, and fostered economic independence through entrepreneurship and skills development initiatives. In 2023 alone, the impact of your Zakaat was further amplified with the distribution of over 40,000 Zakaah hampers, each one a testament to the life-changing power of your contributions. Your Zakaat is more than a charitable act - it's a transformative force in the lives of those who need it most.

**YOUR
ZAKAAT
HELPS**

FEED FAMILIES

EMPOWER WIDOWS

SUPPORT ORPHANS

REFUGEE HOUSING

EDUCATE CHILDREN

PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF

ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVES

WAQF

ENDOWMENT

Ashrafal Aid's Waqf donation program is deeply entrenched in the Islamic principle of Waqf, emphasizing the allocation of a portion of one's wealth or assets for philanthropic causes. This initiative enables individuals to contribute funds, property, or other resources to bolster charitable endeavors overseen by Ashrafal Aid. Such contributions play a pivotal role in financing diverse humanitarian projects, including the provision of essential resources like food, clean water, education, healthcare, and emergency relief to marginalized communities globally.

By participating in Ashrafal Aid's Waqf donation program, individuals are not only fulfilling a religious obligation but also actively engaging in acts of kindness and compassion towards those in need. The impact of these donations reverberates far and wide, reaching individuals and families who are struggling to access basic necessities for a dignified life.

Through this program, donors have the opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of others by supporting sustainable projects that uplift communities and empower individuals to thrive. The collective efforts of generous contributors pave the way for positive change and bring hope to those facing adversity.

As Ashrafal Aid continues its mission to serve humanity with dedication and integrity, each donation received is a testament to the generosity and goodwill of individuals coming together to make the world a better place for all. Together, we can create a brighter future and spread compassion to every corner of the world.

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