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Ramadhan Relief Fund

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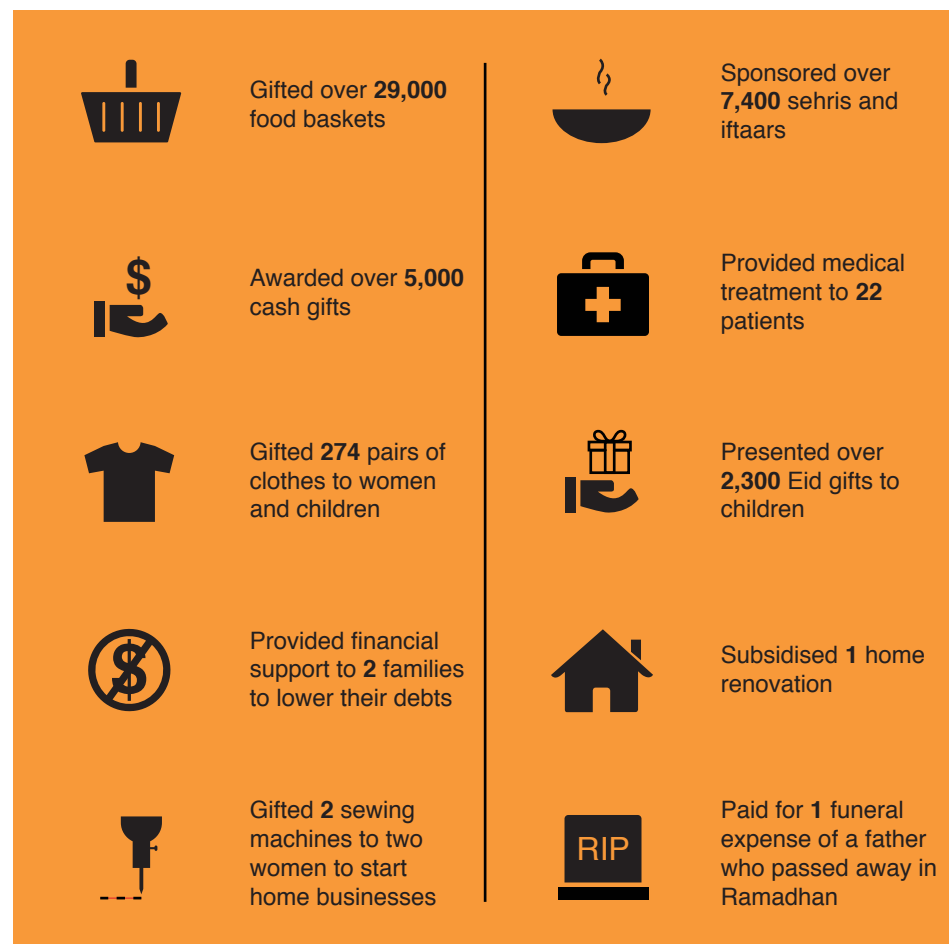


## OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

The Ramadhan Relief Fund is The World Federation's primary campaign that brings respite to individuals and families who are affected by poverty, natural disasters or war to make the month of Ramadhan a little easier so that they too can enjoy and partake in the spirituality and blessings of this month.

The enthusiastic support from committed donors like you has helped us grow the Ramadhan Relief Fund, where this year we were able to significantly expand our level of aid and support to many more families.

### This Ramadhan, The World Federation...



All in all, we touched the lives of over **180,000** people.

**Thank you** for bringing light to the darkest and coldest corners of our world.

## A WORLD OF THANKS

This report provides an overview of The World Federation's Ramadhan Relief Fund for the year 2014 (1435 AH). In just about every corner of the world, we see families who deal with poverty. Whether this circumstance is short-lived or ongoing, the Ramadhan Relief Fund plays a supportive role in people's economic survival as well as to their spiritual growth for the Holy month of Ramadhan. Throughout this report, you will read the heart-felt testimonials we received from beneficiaries and volunteers alike.

This year was a breakthrough year for the Ramadhan Relief Fund where we raised and distributed just over \$1.6 million USD in aid across 22 countries – this is our biggest year yet! Whilst we celebrate this achievement as a global community, we cannot forget the scores of men, women and children living in Iraq, Palestine and Syria who spent their days and nights living under the constant threat of fear and violence. We cannot forget the flood victims in Sri Lanka who lost their belongings and were displaced for weeks until flood waters receded from their homes.

We take this opportunity to thank our donors for your most generous support – you proved that every bit of help can add up to an enormous amount.

We thank all of our partnering agencies and the countless volunteers on the ground who sacrificed so much to organise and deliver aid so that others could benefit from the community's kindness.

Finally, we thank our Regional Federations - Africa Federation, The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ), NASIMCO, Federation of Kutch, Pakistan Federation, Muhammadi Welfare Association of Australia, Panjtan Society of Victoria and SI Jamaat of Aden for their incredible support in bringing awareness of the Ramadhan Relief Fund in their geographical areas and for supporting this fund that thousands of deserving families depend on each year during the month of Ramadhan.

May the Almighty return your kindness.

Salāms and du'ās



**Shan-E-Abbas Hassam**  
Secretary General  
The World Federation of KSIMC





# Afghanistan

Kabul  
Mazar-e-Sharif



“ We met a widow in Mazar-e-Sharif who was living with her small children in a house made of mud. When we entered their home, the woman and her children were very hungry and were longing for a piece of bread to eat. We gave them some food rations (flour, oil, rice and sugar) and this brought immense joy to their hearts. They told us that they hadn't had any decent food for several months now. Hearing this and seeing their dire living conditions brought tears to our eyes. There are lots of poor and needy people in Afghanistan who are worse off than this family we met. ”

500

Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 2,000 people



# Bangladesh

Dhaka  
Chittagong  
Khalishpur  
Khulna  
Old Dhaka  
Rangpur  
Saidpur

“ People waited eagerly to receive aid this year from the Ramadhan Relief Fund. Cash gifts and food baskets are a source of joy for the people who live in extreme poverty here in Bangladesh. The recipients expressed their gratitude to The World Federation upon receiving their gifts. ”



596

Cash  
Gifts



205

Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 2,934 people



# Bosnia

Ljesevo  
Visoko

“ We gifted a single mother of 6 children with a food basket this month of Ramadhan. As the only breadwinner in the family, she works as a cleaning lady in people’s houses. She was very happy to receive food rations so that her children could have proper meals. ”



7  
Cash  
Gifts  
\$

13  
Community  
Iftārs  
🍲

20  
Food  
Baskets  
🛒

1  
Home  
Renovation  
🏠

Total Beneficiaries = 225 people



# Burundi

Bujumbura



“ Thanks to donors from around the world, food baskets were distributed to deserving families in the city of Bujumbura. Each food parcel contained flour, rice, sugar, cooking oil, salt, tea and milk. ”



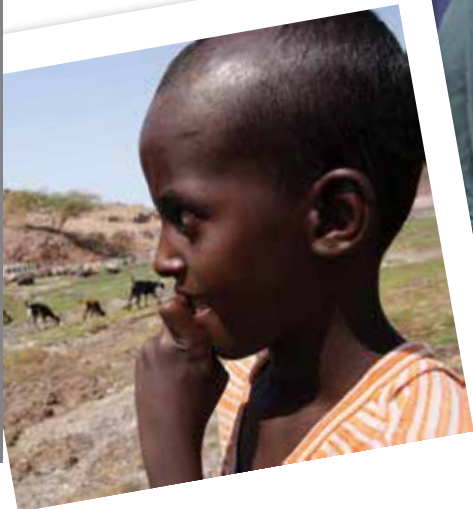
125  
Food  
Baskets  
🛒

14  
Cash  
Gifts  
\$

Total Beneficiaries = 542 people

# Republic of Djibouti

Djibouti



“ After 6 years of consecutive drought, Djibouti faces severe food insecurity. Food production from both crops and livestock remains extremely poor. Many rural households have migrated within their region or moved into the capital and other towns looking for work. At least 20 per cent of the capital remains in a state of food crisis. (The World Food Programme) ”

80

Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 320 people



# Haiti

Artibonite  
Carrefour  
Cap Haitien  
Cite Soleil  
Croix des Bouquets  
Delmas  
La Plaine  
Miragoanne  
Petit Goave  
Solino

“ Ahmad is a young unemployed man who lives with his parents and siblings. Although they are not Muslims themselves, they do not support his choice of faith. He spent the entire month of Ramadhan at the centre because his family would not provide iftaar for him. The Ramadhan Relief Fund helped Ahmad and gave him peace of mind as he fasted the entire month. ”



330

Community  
Iftārs



Total Beneficiaries = 425 people





# India

“ A food basket filled with dry rations was delivered to a widow in Mysore. Her husband died in 2013 and she is left alone to care for her two handicapped children. She was so very thankful for the support she received this Ramadhan. ”



Alipur	Jogeshwari		
Bangalore	Junnar		
Bhuj	Kareempur		
Bidar	Kera		
Bihar	Kolkata		
Chittoor	Kurla		
Dharwad	Lucknow	Mundra	Shimoga
Doddabalapur	Machilipatnam	Murshidabad	Sulibele
Dongri	Madavi	Mysore	Thane
Ghataprabha	Madhya Pradesh	Nagapur	Tumkur
Harihar Davangere	Metiabruz	North 24 Parganas	Uttarakhand
Holenarsipur	Mira Road	Palghar	Uttar Pradesh
Hyderabad	Mumbai	Potenhalli	Vasai
Jammu Kashmir	Mumbra	Rajasthan	West Bengal



# Iraq

Karbala  
Najaf



“ We assisted 1,225 displaced families who arrived from Talafar, Sinjar, Mosul and other various Northern cities where rebel groups terrorised and drove away hundreds of thousands of people. These families are housed in mawkibs (tents) on the road from Najaf to Karbala. Yunus is an elderly person who is one of these displaced victims. He has three daughters who were fired at by insurgents in Talafar. His eldest daughter passed away, his second daughter had both of her legs amputated and his youngest has fractured one leg and injured the second. This family now lives in the mawkib and were given dry food rations for the month of Ramadhan. ”





# Kenya



“ My name is Shāban and on behalf of my entire community I take this opportunity to thank all the donors for providing iftaar for the month of Ramadhan. I also thank you personally and pray to God to bless you. Ahsantum. ”

25  
Cash  
Gifts



45  
Community  
Iftārs



1,670  
Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 6,534 people



# Madagascar

“ This year, thanks to the increased generosity of donors, we were able to distribute 27% more food baskets to families in Madagascar. Moreover, we were able to increase the quantity and the diversity of each food parcel to include rice, sugar, oil, tea, flour, sweetened milk, tomato paste, spaghetti and cheese. ”



Ambovombe  
Antananarivo  
Antsirabe  
Antsiranana,  
Antsohihy  
Belo  
Farafangana  
Fort Dauphin  
Maevatanana  
Mahajanga  
Manakara  
Mananjary  
Morombe  
Morondava

Nosy Be  
Sainte Marie  
Tamatave  
Toliara  
Tulear  
Vohipeno

75  
Cash  
Gifts



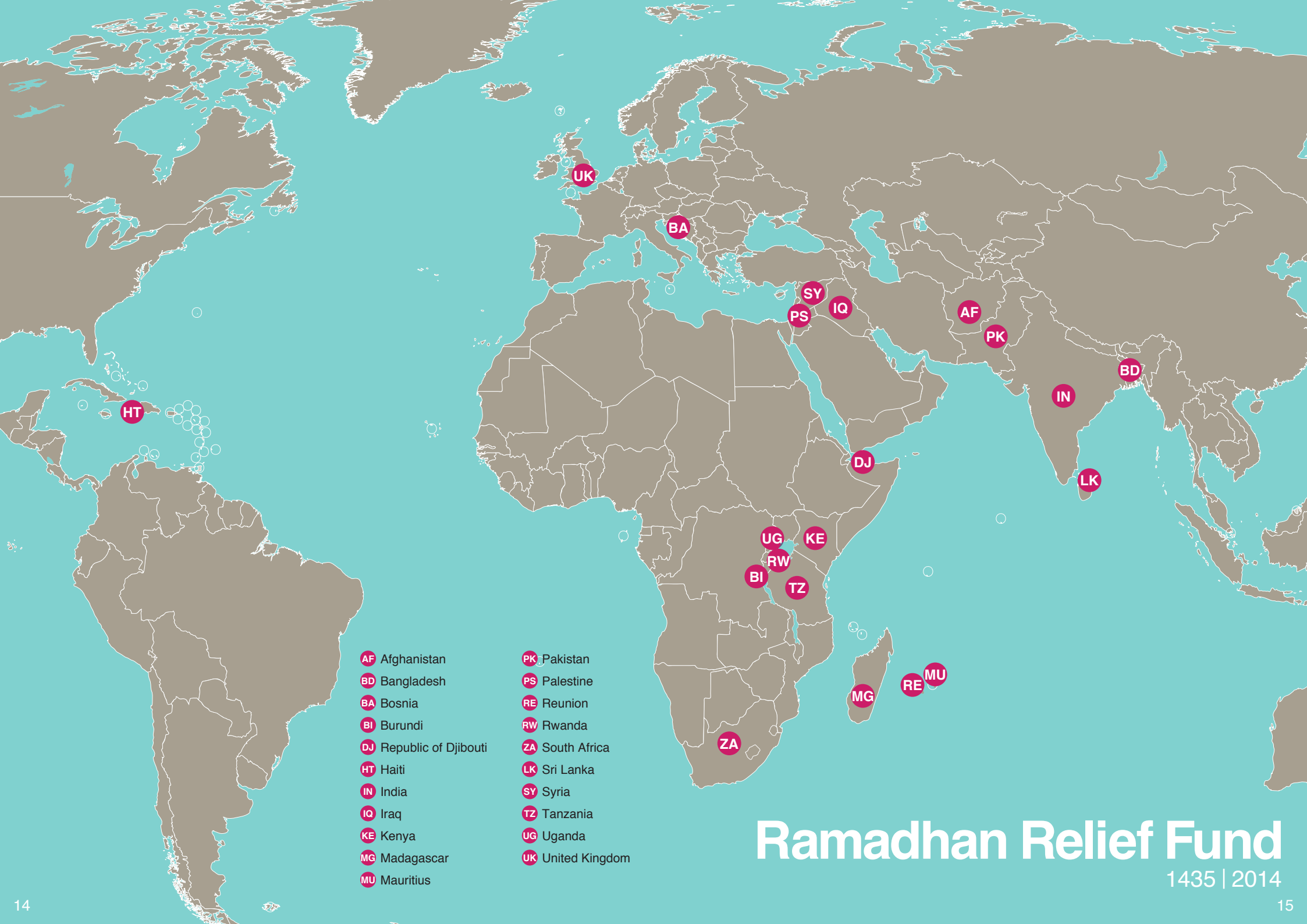
34  
Community  
Iftārs



372  
Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 10,138 people



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|----|----------------------|----|----------------|
| AF | Afghanistan          | PK | Pakistan       |
| BD | Bangladesh           | PS | Palestine      |
| BA | Bosnia               | RE | Reunion        |
| BI | Burundi              | RW | Rwanda         |
| DJ | Republic of Djibouti | ZA | South Africa   |
| HT | Haiti                | LK | Sri Lanka      |
| IN | India                | SY | Syria          |
| IQ | Iraq                 | TZ | Tanzania       |
| KE | Kenya                | UG | Uganda         |
| MG | Madagascar           | UK | United Kingdom |
| MU | Mauritius            |    |                |

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# Mauritius

Port Louis  
Vacoas  
Phoenix



“ In the context of the African continent, the island nation of Mauritius stands out as a social, economic and development success story. Although severe poverty is rare in Mauritius compared to other parts of Africa, the country contains a minority of very poor households, most of which are located in rural areas. In the wake of the country’s exposure to increased global competition and a consequent decline in production of sugar and textiles for export, rural poverty is on the rise. Unemployment is increasing and those who are already disadvantaged are sinking into deeper poverty. (Rural Poverty Portal) ”



Total Beneficiaries = 312 people



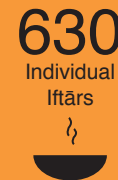
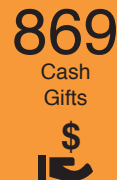
# Pakistan

Atifabad  
Baluchistan  
Chakwal  
Chiniot  
DI Khan  
Gilgit  
Hangu  
Hyderabad  
Islamabad  
Karachi  
Kashmir  
Khagan Valley  
Kohat  
Latifabad

“ Whilst our volunteers were distributing food baskets in Mansehra, a mother with her two sons (ages 5 and 7) were sitting in the corner of a building. Both of the children were crying and their mother was unable to console them. At the end of the day, one of our volunteers approached her with a food basket. The mother began crying out loudly and told the volunteer that two months ago her husband was killed in a targetted bomb blast in Karachi. He was the only breadwinner in the family. Since his death, both of her sons were psychologically traumatized and spend their days gazing at the door waiting for their father to come home. She told the volunteer that she was helpless and had no source of income. She continued to weep and became unconscious. Our volunteers quickly arranged for first aid and took her and her children home. As they departed her home, the lady prayed for all of them - ‘may God bless you all’. ”



Mansehra  
Mianwali  
Muzaffarbad  
Parachinar  
Punjab  
Raheem Yar Khan  
Sindh  
Skardu  
Taank



Total Beneficiaries = 42,799 people



# Palestine

“ Salah is the head of an eight-person family. He and his wife have four daughters and two sons who range from 2 to 17 years old. They live in a small home which comprises one room, a small bathroom and a kitchen. Salah is unable to work, because of a 60 per cent disability in one hand. His daughter suffers from a gland disease and needs treatment abroad. The Ramadhan Relief Fund supports an emergency food assistance program in the Gaza Strip and this year we were able to touch the lives of 11,165 more families. ”



Gaza



1,165  
Sacks of  
Rice



Total Beneficiaries = 13,398 people



# Reunion

Saint Andre  
Saint Denis  
Saint Paul  
Saint Pierre



“ Families welcomed the Ramadhan Relief Fund in the small island of Reunion this year. The cash gifts were a big help for the month of Ramadhan. We send our sincere thanks for this contribution. ”

25  
Cash  
Gifts



Total Beneficiaries = 100 people



# Rwanda

Kigali Town



“ We thank The World Federation for their support this month of Ramadhan. We were able to provide iftaars for the entire month to community members. At least they could be assured that if they came to our centre in the evenings, they would not leave hungry. Our menu included items that most of our guest would otherwise not eat at home including fish, meat and chicken. It was amazing to see people coming together to enjoy iftaar with their children. ”



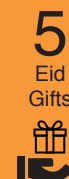
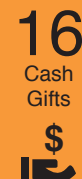
Total Beneficiaries = 2,600 people



# South Africa

Cape Town  
Durban  
Johannesburg  
Klarksdrop  
Kroonstad  
Kwandebele  
Kwathema  
Limpopo  
Nige  
North West Province  
Pretoria  
Port Elizabeth

“ Akbar and his family of 8 live in a two-room shack. The roof of this dwelling is damaged and when it rains, they are forced to sleep elsewhere because their beds are wet from the rainwater. Three of his children attend school; however, due to poverty, their immune systems remain weak and they are often ill. The Ramadhan Relief Fund gifted Akbar and his family with food rations for the entire month. ”



Total Beneficiaries = 2,311 people





# Sri Lanka

Ampara, Columbo  
Nuwara Eliya  
Wattala

“ At the start of the month of Ramadhan, heavy rains devastated many parts of Sri Lanka. Countless families were displaced and found shelter in mosques, schools and other government buildings. The government provided food to the flood victims and other NGOs provided clothing and other basic essentials. Thanks to the generous donation from The World Federation, we were able to distribute hampers which included food rations, mats, pillows and bed sheets to the victim families. ”



Total Beneficiaries = 1,800 people



# Syria

Damascus



“ To everyone who donated to the Ramadhan Relief Fund this year, we never forgot your great kindness and you are always in our prayers at the Holy Shrine of Sayyida Zaynab (s.a.). ”



Total Beneficiaries = 16,640 people



# Tanzania



Arusha  
Bagamoyo  
Bukoba  
Dar es Salaam  
Dimba  
Dodoma  
Ikweni  
Kibaha  
Kigoma  
Kondowa  
Lushoto  
Mboga  
Morogoro  
Moshi

Msata  
Mwanza  
Newala  
Tanga  
Zanzibar

“ When she was only 17, Husna suffered from gangrene and her toes were amputated. Presently, her two daughters have the same medical condition and urgently needed treatment. Through the Ramadhan Relief Fund we were able to provide the surgeries and treatment for the two sisters. Their toes were amputated to stop the spread of the illness and save their legs. They are still in hospital recovering.”

339

Cash  
Gifts



88

Community  
Sehirs & Iftars



3,707

Food  
Baskets



1,968

Individual  
Iftars



13

Medical  
Treatments



Total Beneficiaries = 22,772 people



# Uganda

“ Food baskets were distributed to needy families across 12 centres in Uganda. Each parcel contained maize flour, sugar, cooking oil and rice.”



Buwama  
Entebbe  
Igana  
Jinja  
Kampala  
Kasese  
Kigoma  
Mayuge  
Nansana

18

Cash  
Gifts



60

Community  
Iftars



1,055

Food  
Baskets



Total Beneficiaries = 5,274 people



“ Sometimes we overlook the fact that families living in the West also undergo economic hardships and they too deserve respite in difficult times. The Ramadhan Relief Fund reaches out to assist men, women and children all across the globe, be it in the East or in the West. ”



*Thank You!*