

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Protecting Life and Dignity



Islamic Relief Kenya

About Islamic Relief Kenya:-

Islamic Relief (IR) is an International NGO established in Birmingham, UK in 1984. Islamic Relief Kenya (IRK) first began its work through a one-to-one Orphan Sponsorship Programme in Mandera County, North-Eastern Kenya in 1993, then working through a local implementing partner organization. Since then, IRK has established a full-fledged country office in Nairobi with five field offices in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Kilifi and Marsabit Counties. IRK is locally registered with the Kenya NGO Board (Reg. No. 218/051/204/0374/3386) and is governed by a Board of Directors comprising Kenyan and international members. IRK projects span emergency and longer term development support for the most vulnerable and

marginalized communities across Kenya. While Islamic Relief's work is faith inspired, IR is not a religious organization; rather an independent, non-political humanitarian organization that does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, ethnicity or gender. This commitment is also enshrined in global accords and partnerships – IR is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; adheres to the Core Humanitarian Standards, the Sphere Standards for Humanitarian Action and the Humanitarian Accountability Standards; IRK is also a member of the START Network and the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC).



We envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others.



Mission

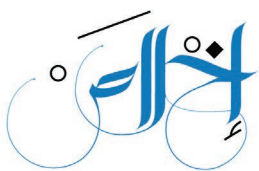
Exemplifying our Islamic values we will mobilize resources, build partnerships and develop local capacity as we work to:

- Enable communities to mitigate the effect of disasters, prepare for their occurrence and respond by providing relief, protection and recovery.
- Promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods. Support the marginalized and vulnerable to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty.
- We allocate these resources regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief, and without expecting anything in return.



Values

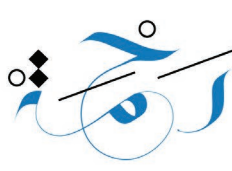
We are guided by the timeless values and teachings of our faith, which recognize that people with wealth have a duty towards those who are less fortunate. [Our values are:](#)



Ikhlâas
Sincerity



Adl
Social Justice



Rahma
Mercy



Amanah
Custodianship



Ihsan
Excellence

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Areas of Operation



TIMELINE

1993	MANDERA
2006	NAIROBI, MANDERA
2010	WAJIR
2011	GARISSA/DADAAB
2017	KILIFI
2018	MARSABIT, KAJIADO

Message from the Country Director

I am pleased to present the Islamic Relief Kenya 2018 Annual Report. At Islamic Relief Kenya, we have a commitment to meet the needs of those we work with, providing lasting, sustainable change. This report shares Islamic Relief Kenya's progress and a summary of collective achievements towards realising our 2018 Annual Business Plan. It also provides knowledge on our work with the vulnerable people living in poverty through our emergency response, recovery and development programmes. We strive to always protect life and dignity.

The external environment continued to be very dynamic. Income inequalities and development marginalization is very high in Kenya, especially in arid and semi-arid lands and in rural areas. Recurrent disasters including drought and flash floods, threaten food security, over 3 million people were in need as of September 2018. These challenges only strengthened our drive to support those in dire need.

In 2018, we achieved significant progress against our goals. We were able to reach over 200, 000 people with support, skills and tools.

We responded to the drought and floods disaster by providing immediate emergency food, essential non-food items and clean water through rehabilitation and construction of water facilities. We also continued with our development projects in Mandera, Garissa, Kilifi, Marsabit and Kajiado Counties, providing healthcare, a means to make a living, clean water and an opportunity for the communities to voice their concerns to the local leadership and demand for services.

We are humbled by the trust on us to deliver impactful programmes that empower those that we exist to serve. We would like to pass on our sincerest gratitude to the Board of Directors, Regional Office, Islamic Relief partners, governmental partners, local partners and staff. With continued support and commitment from our donors, we hope that even more progress can be achieved.



IRK Strategic Priorities



Disaster and Humanitarian Response

1. Integrated Emergency Response
2. Seasonal Programmes



Sustainable Community Empowerment

1. Resilient Livelihoods and Food Security
2. Youth and Women Empowerment
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
4. Peace Building and Conflict Sensitivity
5. Micro-Finance



Education and Child Development

1. Child Welfare and Protection
2. Education



2018 Milestones at a Glance:-



Total Right
Holders
Reached

216,058

2018 Programme Achievements:-

Reducing the impact of conflicts and natural disasters



Disaster and Humanitarian Response

Natural and man-made disasters cause devastation and chaos whenever they occur. These emergencies can cause communities to sink further into poverty. Islamic Relief has been working with vulnerable communities affected by disasters by providing for people's immediate and long-term needs. 2018 was also marked by many natural disasters including drought and flash floods. Islamic Relief Kenya emergency response efforts supported over 48,000 right holders by providing basic emergency supplies of nutritious food, essential non-food items such as water containers, sanitary towels, livestock vaccination and

the rehabilitation of water sources for improved access to clean water and sanitation facilities for communities in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Kilifi Counties of Kenya.

Beneficiary selection was carried out using a participatory approach involving community leaders, religious leaders and the community at large. Jointly, the most vulnerable households were identified with a focus on supporting those highly affected by the disasters, including children under 5 years, the elderly and the sick; and the pregnant and lactating mothers.

Male	20,967	Female	27,411	PLWD	227	Children	23,000	Total Right Holders	48,378
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2018 in Brief:- Community based disaster risk reduction committees formed to lead in the identification and profiling of disasters.





Seasonal Programmes:

Twice a year during the Islamic festivals of Eid, Islamic Relief Kenya distributes food to people who regularly suffer from food shortages.

Ramadan

During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset as a way of empathizing with those who regularly go without food and water. In 2018, Islamic Relief Kenya delivered food parcels to benefit 44,825 right holders in Mandera, Wajir and Garissa Counties.

Each 18 kg food pack contained basic foodstuff for a family of 6 including 9 kg rice, 4 kg wheat flour, 2 kg beans, 2 kg sugar, and 1 litre of vegetable oil.

Male	20,023	Female	24,802	PLWD	607
Children	25,320	Total Right Holders		44,825	



Qurbani

Performed during the festival of Eid-al-Adha, Muslims around the world sacrifice an animal and distribute the meat to those who ordinarily cannot afford to buy meat. In 2018, our donors gave generously at this time of the year, allowing Islamic Relief Kenya to distribute fresh Qurbani meat parcels benefiting over 60,000 people on their behalf. Each household benefited from an average of 5 kg of meat in 2018.

Male	26,954	Female	35,734	PLWD	1,313	Children	28,302	Total Right Holders	62,688
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Empowering Communities to get out of Poverty and Chronic Vulnerability



Food Security and Livelihoods

Climate change has resulted in erratic weather conditions and recurrent drought, challenging the pastoralism lifestyle due to water and pasture stress in the Arid and Semi-arid areas. More and more people are seeking alternative livelihood options; however, rain-fed agriculture is also proving to be difficult under current climatic conditions.

In Kenya, we have geared our efforts towards irrigated farming and innovations in Arid and semi-Arid areas for improved food security, environmental conservation, income generation to build resilience, reduce vulnerability, economic strengthening and improved livelihoods of vulnerable communities in Mandera and Kilifi Counties.

A combination of solar power to pump water and precision irrigation supports small-holder farmers to overcome the harsh conditions and chronic lack of rainfall. Solar energy is used to pump water from a

shallow well, and the water is then dripped sparingly and precisely onto each individual plant through drip irrigation.

The farmers are using 80% less water, incurring 75% lower running costs than traditional diesel-run irrigation systems while achieving higher yields of up to 70%.

Over 2000 farmers have been mobilized into Group Savings and Loans Associations (GSLAs) and have saved over 2 million Kenyan Shillings through their regular savings. The savings have made it possible for them to access credit facilities from the Islamic Relief Kenya Micro-Finance unit for the procurement of the Agro Solar Irrigation Kit technology. Over 20 GSLAs have so far acquired the technology for their farms, enabling them to produce all through the year.

Male	23,93	Female	3,647
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Total Right Holders	6,040
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2018 in Brief:-

01

Increased savings among beneficiary groups: **youth and farmer GSLAs** mobilized **£25,000** and **£24,500** in savings

02

Reduced cost of **water access** by **70%** for hybrid solar pumping system and **90%** for pure solar pumping system

03

1 km irrigation pipeline constructed in Kilifi County with capacity to support 100 acres of farm land

04

Small-plot agriculture supplements right holders diet while boosting income and savings

05

Improved disease control through disease surveillance and timely vaccination

06

Functional Climate Change Advocacy working group at Mandera County level

07

Introduction of climate change advocacy sermons in mosques

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Water, Hygiene and Sanitation



Clean Water Supply Using Green Energy

Increasing access to potable clean water for both domestic and livestock use

Water shortages and inadequate sanitation facilities not only leads to poor health but also affects the productivity of communities as people cannot grow crops and women are forced to spend hours every day fetching and carrying water for their families' needs. As part of Islamic Relief Kenya's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, we are implementing projects that provide the vulnerable communities with access to safe water and sanitation.

In 2018, we supported communities in Kilifi, Garissa and Wajir Counties with construction and rehabilitation of over 15 community water points including 5 boreholes, 9 shallow wells and 1 water spring. To improve on the access to water in the target communities, water pipelines were extended to schools, health facilities and water collection points. Islamic Relief Kenya is committed to including climate-smart initiatives in our programming. To minimize the pollution, heavy labour and costs of the facilities using motorized power sources or manual lifting pumps, we have adopted the use of solar energy by installing solar powered water lifting systems or hybrid systems (motorized/Solar).

2018 in Brief:-

01

15 community water points constructed including **5 boreholes, 9 shallow wells**, 1 water spring

02

Water pipeline extension to schools, health facilities and community water collection points

03

Provision of clean potable water to over **35,000** right holders

04

Reduced cost of water access by **70%** for hybrid solar pumping system and 90% for pure solar pumping system

05

Distance to water points reduced to within **1 km**

06

Water points sustainably managed by established and trained Water Users Associations (WUAs)

07

Reduced human-wildlife conflict as the community in Dale no longer fetch water from Tana River

08

Change from hand pumps to solar-powered pumps reduced pump breakdown



Improved Social and Economic Opportunities for the Youth

60% of the youth in Mandera are either unemployed or underemployed. Islamic Relief Kenya seeks to address the marginalisation of the youth. Islamic Relief Kenya is building on the existing platforms to improve the social and economic opportunities for the youth in Mandera County, Kenya. In 2018, Islamic Relief Kenya built the capacity of the youth by organising them into formal and informal savings groups as well as Agribusiness Clusters (ABCs).

Islamic Relief Kenya bridged the gap between the youth and the local government by conducting dialogue forums between to bring the youth closer to opportunities offered by the government. Building the capacity of the youth enables them to have a diversified source of income, equipped with financial safety nets to protect against unforeseen shocks.

Male	724	Female	471	Total Right Holders	1,195
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2018 in Brief:-

01

Islamic Relief Kenya influenced the Mandera County Government to allocate **£250,000** in fiscal year 2018/19 for Tertiary and Vocational Education Training Centres (TVETs)

02

IRK contributed to improved quality of training delivery to graduates in **5 TVETs** through provision of improved equipment and capacity building of trainers.

03

Increase of enrolment in TVETs from **236 to 592 candidates 214 Male, 378 Female**



Promoting Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment

Northern Kenya is prone to climatic shocks and stress leading to communities suffering from challenges associated with precarious droughts and flash floods, further exacerbating existing vulnerabilities including poverty and food insecurity. Women are more affected due to the underlying gender inequalities experienced in the community. Women are denied ownership of property and access to knowledge and skills. Women often lack decision making power and are relegated to the gender role of child bearing and caring for the household members. They have less or no say on issues directly affecting them such healthcare, schooling, public participation and governance. Women's lack of bargaining power has exposed them to oppressive situations such as Gender-Based Violence (GBV) which continues to be predominant in these communities. Women continue to be often excluded from economic opportunities due to stigmatisation and cultural misconceptions (i.e. women are seen as not fit to work in certain sectors due to their gender).

Islamic Relief Kenya seeks to empower women socially and economically for the realisation of their rights, to benefit and control resources available to them. In the reporting period of 2018, we engaged with women on various activities aimed at building their socio-economic wellbeing, through capacity building sessions and provision of inputs for the various business activities that they carried out. Women engaged in political dialogue forums with the county government, sensitised on environmental conservation, alternative energy sources and climate smart practices, provision of life-skills to mother-to-mother support groups, entrepreneurship training adapted from the International Labour Organization (ILO) business modules, Group Savings and Loan Associations (GSLAs) modules and provision of inputs for their business ventures

Micro-Finance

Majority of the financial institutions in Kenya are not pro-poor nor do they offer sharia compliant products. The vulnerable communities are thereby unable to secure credit collateral for investment. During the period under review, IRK continued with the provision of the Micro-Finance facility while extending the services to Kajiado County, Kenya. The programme provides access to financial services for sustained economic growth and improved food security, through the provision of Sharia-compliant micro-finance facilities for the promotion of income-generating activities. Access to loans led to improved food security and reduced economic vulnerability of communities. The micro-credit clients were trained on various enterprise management and development skills as well as leadership and credit management. Currently, the beneficiaries can afford to feed their families through the established Income Generating Activities (IGA), the level of income for the clients has also improved as indicated by the increased purchasing power, expanded business, access to basic needs such as cloth, shelter and food.

Total portfolio – 1987 right holders; Improved income for an additional 620 right holders in 2018;

Total Right Holders

1987



Peace Building and Conflict Sensitivity

Youth unemployment and inadequate political and civic engagement contributes to conflict and radicalisation of youth. With funding support of SIDA, through Islamic Relief Sweden, Islamic Relief Kenya is implementing resilience and peace building interventions in Mandera County, Kenya. During the reporting period of 2018, Islamic Relief Kenya sought to strengthen the livelihoods, resilience and ability to prevent conflicts of communities living in Mandera County. Thereby transitioning the communities from humanitarian assistance and embark on a journey of self-driven and sustainable community development.

In 2018, Islamic Relief Kenya developed and managed critical partnerships towards peace and development. We are now a member of the Mandera Peace Actors Forum, a coordination strategy for peace building initiatives. Islamic Relief Kenya facilitated a community peace dialogue forum in Takaba sub-County, Mandera

County to resolve the Garre and Leysans tension. The forum was led by the community based structures of leadership including faith leaders, council of elders and peace committees with the support of the Mandera Deputy County Commissioner and Mandera County Deputy Director for Cohesion, Integration and Conflict Management.

Capitalising on the important role women play in community level peace building and conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution, 28 youth and women peace councils formed in Rhamu, Takaba, Lafey and Elwak sub-Counties. The groups were trained on the 'DO NO HARM' principle and conflict sensitivity. 3 groups including 67 participants were also trained on the faith-based approaches of conflict resolution and management to champion for peace.

Total Right Holders

655





Education and Child Development

To improve access to quality basic education and protection of vulnerable children

Children who have lost their parents a result of conflict, natural disaster or poverty often face extremely difficult lives. As well as coping with the loss of their parents, they may also face a lack of education, healthcare and adequate living conditions. Surviving relatives may not be able to provide adequately for their basic needs.

With the support of our donors, Islamic Relief Kenya has been supporting orphans and vulnerable children since 1993. To date, Islamic Relief Kenya is supporting over 4,800 orphans. Currently, 3,209 orphans are in active sponsorship and receive quarterly financial support in Mandera, Wajir and Garissa Counties. In 2018, Islamic Relief Kenya ensured that every sponsored child has enough food and clothing, attends school, has access to healthcare and is living in suitable conditions.



2018 in Brief:-

Secured sponsorship of 302 children living in harsh and difficult living conditions

302

1032 sponsored families received a 5 kg Qurbani meat pack to celebrate Eid-al-Adha

1032

98%

98% of sponsored children are attending school

1300

1300 families benefited from provisions of school bags, uniforms and sanitary towels

4 students linked to national bursaries for their secondary school education

4

Conducted home visits for 6,200 sponsored children to monitor their living conditions and sensitise families on children's rights and their protection

6200

800

800 sponsored families received an 18 kg Ramadan food pack



Celebrated the Day of the African Child and the Universal Children's Day in 2018 to sensitise staff and right holders on emerging Child Protection issues and the channels of reporting such concerns

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