MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD

RAMADAN 2024

IMPACT REPORT



Ramadan AT MATW

A SACRED MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Beyond the physical act of fasting, Ramadan encompasses increased prayer, reflection, and acts of charity.

Ramadan is our biggest month in the field at MATW. Not only is it a time of profound significance and spiritual devotion, it's also the time that we strive to be the vessel of Allah's Mercy for our Ummah. As we reach the home stretch, we are immensely grateful for all the care and generous support our donors have showed during this time - especially with all that is happening in the world. Every donation made has helped fill someone's heart with happiness.

We've seen so much pain already this year and far too many tragedies, from natural disasters to conflict and violence. Our priority has been to attend to those most in need – especially our brothers and sisters in Palestine who are currently on the brink of famine. We strive for excellence in all that we do and pray that Allah continues to make us a means for those in need.



CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

MATW's Ramadan projects are driven by compassion and inclusivity as we aim to address the critical needs of impoverished and vulnerable communities, with a particular focus on serving those who are most vulnerable including women, the elderly, children, orphans and individuals with disabilities.

At the heart of our implementation is the delivery of our donors' Zakat which enables us to provide groundbreaking solutions to alleviating poverty in addition to the provision of urgent food supplies and meals - a vital lifeline for those facing hunger during the holy month of Ramadan.

For many who struggle and experience multidimensional poverty, our projects become a source of happiness and dignity, bringing a sense of belonging and hope. As the community comes together, opportunities for social cohesion and community-led initiatives arise fostering empowerment, growth, and resilience. With a shared vision of brighter futures, MATW's Ramadan implementation not only addresses urgent needs but also nurtures a spirit of togetherness and solidarity that resonates long after the holy month has passed.



Theory OF CHANGE

Guided by compassion, inclusivity and faith, MATW's Ramadan project aims to alleviate immediate hunger in impoverished and vulnerable communities and create meaningful and joyous Eid celebrations that have a lasting positive impact on all beneficiaries.

The provision of food packs, iftar and hot meals contribute to tackling immediate food insecurity in communities experiencing multidimensional poverty where individuals are struggling to procure food amidst rising global food prices. Individuals are susceptible to severe health conditions without sufficient nutritious food, including anaemia, vitamin deficiencies, and stunted growth. Children in particular are affected by food insecurity and subsequent illnesses which hinder their ability to attend school and limit their access to educational and livelihood opportunities. As a result, malnutrition significantly impacts life expectancy and impedes individuals from improving their overall outcomes. By addressing this pressing issue through food assistance, we can make meaningful contributions to promoting the well-being and resilience of those in need.

Furthermore, through the provision of Eid celebrations, the project extends its impact beyond immediate relief to ensure that communities are able to celebrate Eid in a joyous, dignified, and communal manner. The celebrations play a vital role in bringing the community together, creating a platform for future community-led initiatives, and fostering a profound sense of cohesion, togetherness, and unity. The spirit of togetherness and solidarity continues to resonate long after the holy month has passed, leaving a lasting legacy of empowerment within the community.



MESSAGE FROM A RECEIPIENT

Eight year old Ahmed in Palestine tells us:

"My family and I had been surviving on grass soup and whatever we could get our hands on for days. Without these meals and food box we would starve. There is nothing around. I see people sleeping due to their hunger and fading away."

MATW is serving families just like Ahmed's in Palestine and all over the world. Our Food Pack and iftar/hotmeals program provides a sense of security that is much needed during a time of uncertainty - especially during the month of Ramadan. The delivery of these packs not only provides a source of sustenance but a chance to observe the holy month with dignity.

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- The impact of global inflation is likely to be a major challenge in carrying out MATW's Ramadan project as price increases in basic commodities put a strain on our ability to provide aid to all those who desperately require it.
- We expect to encounter challenges related to logistics, especially in areas that are difficult to access due to conflicts or political instability. These regions often host a large number of people suffering from food insecurity, disrupted livelihoods, and multidimensional poverty, including refugees and internally displaced peoples. Providing aid and assistance to these communities is vital, however, will require careful coordination and delivery methods.
- Despite these anticipated challenges, MATW remains unwavering in its commitment to serving vulnerable communities during Ramadan and ensuring that everyone has access to food and the opportunity to celebrate this holy month.

LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

Food Packs	3,397,472
Rice Bags	3,000,000
Iftar	112,119
Orphan Iftar	32,717
Eid Gifts	8,283
Zakat Al-Mal	25,475
Zakat Al-Fitr	571,428

LEGACY PROJECTS

Masjids	63
Orphan Houses	8
Orphans Fed	42,025
Sadaqah Sacrifices	1,087
Water Wells	1,359

TOTAL IMPACTS IN RAMADAN 2023

7,147,494

RAMADAN 2024 IMPACT

15TH FEB TO 10TH APRIL

19,142,706

TOTAL IMPACT



Rice

45 TONNES



Masjid Iftar

6,134



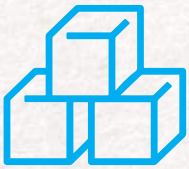
Orphan Iftar

15,813



Blankets

2,000



Sugar

55 TONNES



Water

4.2 Million L



Flour Bags

8,050



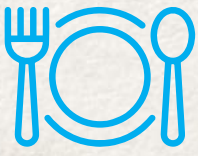
Litres of Oil

8,500



Food Packs

35,091



Iftar Meals

94,870

SNAPSHOT

Our social media is a window to what we do in the field. We don't sugarcoat reality. We strive to provide a raw look at the daily struggles people are facing alongside the impact donors are making, no matter what that looks like.




Lebanon


Egypt (Palestinian refugees)


Jordan


Pakistan


Egypt (Palestinian refugees)


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Palestine


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A SPOTLIGHT ON PALESTINE

A WORD FROM OUR CEO, MAHMOUD ISMAIL, ON PALESTINE

The situation in Palestine is a source of pain for our Ummah. When one part hurts, we all feel it. When the conflict began on October 7, we knew we had to mobilize a response as quickly as possible and have had team members hard at work, round the clock day in and day out. Ensuring the needs of our brothers and sisters who continue to suffer in dire conditions is of the utmost importance to us. Our 100% donation policy enables us to maximise every opportunity for impact in our delivery.

DEVELOPMENT ON MATW RESPONSE



In collaboration with The Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation, The Egyptian Red Crescent and Egyptian Youth Council, MATW has sent a total of 93 trucks into Palestine - 53 through Egypt and 40 through Jordan.



Our most recent truck delivery on the 31st March included 5 trucks with a total of 45 tonnes of rice.



Since October 7, MATW has delivered a total of 133,507 Food Packs serving over 6 million meals.



In combating the looming famine, our donors have helped us deliver more than 1,046,140 Hotmeals.

MATW's latest project implementation includes resettling Palestinian refugee families who have fled with nothing and aim to start a new life in Egypt. This project provides monthly financial support to help with rent, essentials, education, health and more. It also covers the initial setup of a home by providing all necessary home appliances (including bedding, furniture and electricals.) To date, MATW has helped resettle 35 families.

MATW's Medical response to date has included the delivery of urgent medication, equipment, medical kits and medical beds. Through the provision of these essentials, our donors have helped deliver medical aid to tens of thousands.





This year, we plan to **grow the impact** even further.
Insha Allah!

HOW FAR WE SPREAD YOUR DONATIONS THIS RAMADAN



TURKIYE
LEBANON
PALESTINE
JORDAN
MOROCCO
EGYPT
LIBYA
MALI
TOGO



SOMALIA
UGANDA
KENYA
YEMEN



AFGHANISTAN
PAKISTAN
BANGLADESH
INDIA





INDONESIA
MALAYSIA

REGION 1

- Yemen
- Lebanon
- Syria
- Palestine
- Jordan
- Turkey
- Egypt

REGION 2

- Pakistan
- Bangladesh
- India
- Afghanistan

REGION 3

- Togo
- Kenya
- Somalia
- Mali
- Uganda
- Libya
- Morocco

REGION 4

- Indonesia
- Malaysia

KEY FACTS BY COUNTRY

REGION 1

LEBANON

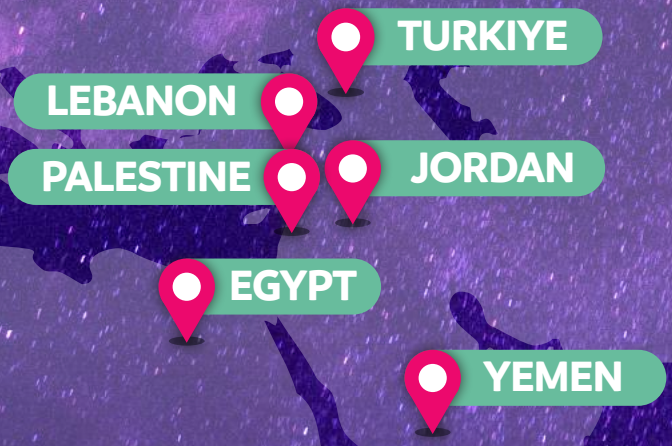
Faced with severe economic, political and social crisis, as well as a large Syrian refugee population, millions of Lebanese have experienced deteriorating living conditions and today, nearly half of Lebanon's population is hungry. Around 2 million people in Lebanon, including 1.29 million Lebanese and 700,000 Syrian refugees are suffering from some form of food insecurity.

TURKEY

148 million suffer from undernourishment and insufficient food consumption in Turkey. The recent earthquake greatly impacted access to food and malnutrition rates are expected to have increased significantly.

JORDAN

Jordan is a resource-poor, food-deficit country with limited agricultural land. However it hosts the second highest share of refugees per capita with over 750,000 mostly Syrian refugees, registered as of July 2021. 50% of Jordanians are susceptible to food insecurity and 60% of refugees.



PALESTINE

In Palestine 1.84 million people are food insecure and 63% of people in the Gaza strip are food insecure. Its protracted humanitarian crisis has resulted in high levels of poverty posing major challenges to improving food and nutrition security.

EGYPT

In Egypt, 32.5% of the population live below the income poverty line and the country continues to suffer from development challenges including poverty, food insecurity, malnutrition, and inequalities. 13% of children are stunted and 4% of children under the age of 5 are underweight.

YEMEN

Acute hunger has reached unprecedented levels in Yemen and an estimated 17.4 million people are now in need of food assistance. Acute malnutrition is also on the rise in Yemen; 2.2 million children are estimated to be acutely malnourished while more than half a million face severe acute malnutrition.

REGION 2

PAKISTAN

Recurring disasters, chronic poverty and political and economic volatility are key drivers of undernutrition and food insecurity in some regions of Pakistan. As a result, more than 20% of the population is undernourished and 45% of children under the age of 5 are stunted.

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is one of the world's most populous countries and has some of the highest rates of undernutrition. Millions of children are suffering from life-threatening hunger and over 30% of Bangladeshi children under five suffer from malnutrition.

ROHINGYA

Rohingya refugees in camps in Cox Bazar are facing hunger as rations have been cut due to reduced donor funding. Rations are the same for every person regardless of age and many families are struggling to get by. There are fears of the threat of crime and violence, particularly violence towards women and children if communities continue to receive insufficient aid.



INDIA

Hunger in India is widespread despite agricultural self-sufficiency and rapid economic growth. 224.3 million people or 16% of India's population are undernourished and more than 17.3% of children suffer from child wasting. Poverty continues to be the leading cause of rising hunger in India.

AFGHANISTAN

An estimated 2.8 million Afghans face emergency-level food insecurity and a further 15.3 million are not consuming enough food. Acute malnutrition is above emergency thresholds in 25 out of 34 provinces. Figures are expected to rise further over the winter months and humanitarian aid is desperately needed.

REGION 3

TOGO

Food insecurity and malnutrition have been increasing in Togo over the past years as a result of climate change, political insecurity in the North and low productivity in the agricultural sector. Today, around 500,000 people are food insecure and a further 1,440,000 at risk of food insecurity.

KENYA

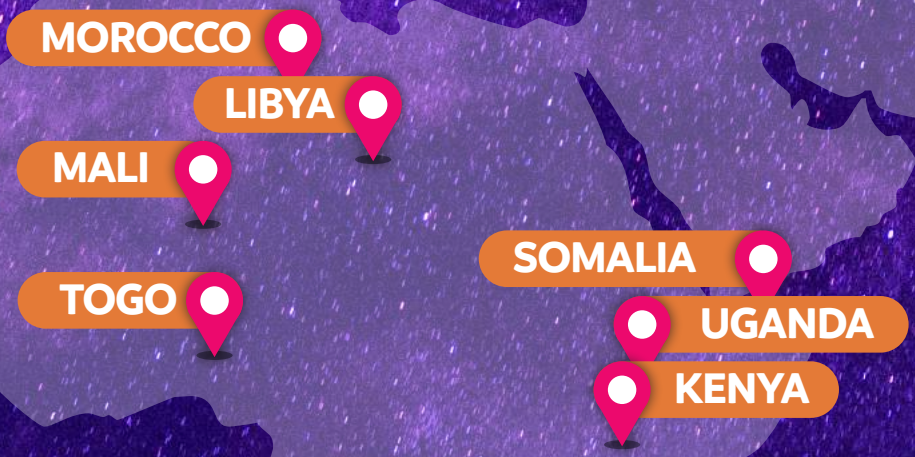
Consecutive droughts in Kenya have resulted in the death of over 3 million livestock and significantly reduced harvest. 4.4 million people are now in need of urgent food assistance and nearly 1 million children aged 6-59 months are acutely malnourished and in need of life-saving treatment.

SOMALIA

Climate change, conflict and global politics have significant increased food insecurity in Somalia and approximately 6.6 million people are likely to be experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity. In rural areas and displacement camps the situation in particular dire and urgent humanitarian assistance is needed.

MOROCCO

Morocco was recently hit by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake affecting at least 380,000 people and destroying or damaging over 70% of homes in the village of Outghal close to the epicentre of the earthquake. Thousands are still in need of vital aid and support, particularly as the cold winter months approach.



MALI

In Mali 30.4% of children under 5 are stunted and 4.3 million people require humanitarian assistance. Frequent drought, armed violence and widespread insecurity continue to drive poverty and food insecurity. Female-headed households in particular are affected and more likely to experience multidimensional poverty.

UGANDA

Food insecurity continues to be driven by drought, rising global food prices and the lingering socio-economic impacts of Covid-19 in Uganda. More than 91,000 children are suffering from acute malnutrition in Karamoja, one of Uganda's poorest regions, and acute food insecurity is more prevalent in refugee-hosting districts.

LIBYA

Having suffered from recent severe flooding Libya faces an urgent need for food supplies and other basic necessities. This is in addition to the already 1.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance before the floods due to the complex and fragile political crisis facing the country.

REGION 4

MALAYSIA

Malaysia is a middle-income country and yet child hunger remains a major issue that should be taken seriously. 23% of children aged 4 are stunted, with 22% underweight and 32% wasted. Poverty continues to be a driving factor of hunger and malnutrition.

INDONESIA

Approximately 22.9 million people are unable to meet their dietary requirements in Indonesia despite significant improvements in socio-economic development and poverty reduction in recent years. Limited food access, malnutrition, and climate change continue to pose challenges and almost 31% of children under the age of five suffer from stunted growth due to malnutrition. In the slums and amongst rural subsistence communities the prevalence of malnutrition is even more acute.



RAMADAN PRODUCTS EXPLAINED

FOOD PACKS



The food packs will include essential food supplies aimed to alleviate hunger and food insecurity in impoverished and vulnerable communities. The goal is to provide immediate relief, improve nutritional stability, and contribute to overall health and well-being. The food packs will include a diverse range of food items, and meals will be designed to meet dietary needs and cultural preference of the target beneficiaries.

Throughout the distribution of the food packs and Iftar meals, MATW has the necessary mechanisms in place to monitor the impact of the provisions and ensure that the most vulnerable are receiving the support that they need.

IFTAR MEALS



Iftar meals are the evening meals that Muslims eat to break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan. During this month, Muslims fast from dawn (suhoor) until sunset (iftar).

Iftar meals are a significant part of Ramadan, and they are typically started with the eating of dates and drinking water, following the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad. After the initial dates and water, Muslims usually engage in a prayer called Maghrib before proceeding with a more substantial meal.

ZAKAT AL-FITR



Zakat al-Fitr is a charitable giving that Muslims are required to give before the end of the holy month of Ramadan. It is considered obligatory (wajib) for those who can afford it and is separate from the annual Zakat, which is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Zakat al-Fitr serves as a means of purification for those who fast during Ramadan, as well as a way to assist the less fortunate so that they can also partake in the festivities of Eid al- Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan.

ZAKAT AL-MAL



Zakat al-Mal, often simply referred to as “Zakat, “ is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is a form of obligatory charity or almsgiving. It is a significant financial obligation for eligible Muslims and plays a vital role in Islamic finance and social justice. Zakat al-Mal is distinct from Zakat al-Fitr, which is the charitable giving associated with the end of Ramadan.

EID GIFTS AND CELEBRATIONS



Gift-giving during Eid holds significance as it expresses generosity, gratitude, and love among Muslims. It strengthens familial and social bonds, allows for the sharing of blessings, follows the recommended Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, and promotes unity within communities. While not the central focus of the holiday, gift-giving enhances the spiritual and communal aspects of Eid, emphasizing values like generosity, togetherness, and compassion.

FIDYA

If a Muslim is unable to fast during the month of Ramadan due to valid reasons such as illness, pregnancy, breastfeeding, travel, or advanced age, they are required to offer fidya as compensation. Instead of fasting, they can provide a specific amount of food or monetary value to feed the needy.



KAFFARAH

In Islamic jurisprudence, Kaffarah (or Kaffara) refers to a form of expiation or atonement that a Muslim must undertake as a means of making up for a specific wrongdoing or violation of religious law (Sharia). Kaffarah is typically prescribed for certain acts or omissions that are considered sinful or prohibited in Islam. The purpose of Kaffarah is to seek forgiveness from Allah and to purify oneself from the spiritual consequences of the transgression.

Kaffarah may involve providing a certain quantity of food to the needy, equivalent to what the person would have consumed if they had not committed the offense. This food is typically distributed among the less fortunate as an act of charity.



FEED AN ORPHAN

Providing nutritious meals to orphans during the month of Ramadan.





FAQS

What is Ramadan and why is it important?

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide. It is a sacred month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and charity. Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset during this month to strengthen their spirituality and empathy for those less fortunate.

What is the significance of giving during Ramadan?

Giving during Ramadan holds special significance in Islam. It is not only a means of fulfilling the pillar of charity (Zakat), but is also a way to multiply one's rewards. Muslims believe that their good deeds are amplified during this sacred month, making it a time for acts of charity and kindness.

How can I get involved with MATW's Ramadan projects?

You can get involved by donating to our Ramadan campaigns, volunteering your time, or spreading awareness about our initiatives. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need during Ramadan.

In which countries does MATW operate during Ramadan?

We operate in various countries across the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. We aim to reach vulnerable communities in these regions to provide essential support during Ramadan.

What types of projects are run during Ramadan?

We offer a range of Ramadan projects, including Iftar meal distribution, food packs, daily meals for those in need, and Eid gift distribution and celebrations. These initiatives are designed to provide different aspects of support during this holy month.

How do you ensure transparency and accountability in your charity projects?

We are committed to transparency and accountability at MATW. We provide regular updates on the progress of our projects through our website, and social media channels to keep you up-to-date on how your donation is being used and making a difference in the lives of impoverished and underserved communities. We also work with local partners and organisations to ensure accountability at the grassroots level.

Can I choose which project my donation goes toward?

Yes, we offer the flexibility to donate to specific projects. You can choose the project that resonates with you the most, and your donation will be directed accordingly.

How can I stay updated on your Ramadan Projects' progress?

You can stay updated by visiting our website or following us on social media. We regularly share stories, photos, and updates on the impact of our Ramadan initiatives.

What impact can be donation make during Ramadan?

Your donation can provide essential assistance, nourishment, support and joy to individuals and families in need during Ramadan. It can help ensure that they have access to Iftar meals, food, daily sustenance and even celebrate Eid with dignity and happiness. Every contribution counts and makes a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

How do you select the beneficiaries of your Ramadan Projects?

Beneficiaries are selected through a careful assessment process that considers their needs and vulnerabilities. We work closely with community leaders, local NGOs, and social workers to identify and assist regions and communities who require support the most.

How do you ensure that aid reaches those in remote or conflict-affected areas?

We collaborate with local partners who have in-depth knowledge of the regions we serve. These partners have experience navigating challenges, including remote or conflict-affected areas. We work together to ensure that aid reaches the intended recipients safely and efficiently.

What is the impact of my donation beyond Ramadan?

Your donation's impact extends far beyond Ramadan. We aim to create sustainable solutions that uplift communities even after the holy month ends. Your support helps improve education, healthcare, community cohesion, and overall well-being in the regions in which we operate.



The best charity is that given in Ramadan

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

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