



2022 - 2023 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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WHO WE ARE

Ashrafal Aid is a non-profit organisation based in Marlboro Gardens, South Africa. 'Ashrafal' meaning honourable - shapes and directs all that we do in our various activities. The organisation is involved with various local and international projects and has constantly strived to support the needs of communities for over 25 years.

OUR PROJECTS

At Ashrafal Aid, we are committed to helping the most vulnerable. With an estimated 274 million people needing humanitarian aid over the past year, this is not an easy task. Our work has therefore focused on assisting specifically women, children, elderly and refugees through five main programmes:

FOOD RELIEF

Grocery hampers, Hot Meals, Subsistence farming

WATER RELIEF

Water Wells, Boreholes, Emergency Drinking Water, Water Tanks

EDUCATION

Learner support, School Support, Bursaries and Fee Assistance, Vocational Skills Training, Job Readiness

DIASTER RELIEF

Emergency Relief Packs (Food, Mattresses, Tents, Blankets, Hygiene Packs), Daily Meals, Trauma Support, Rebuilding

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Welfare Assistance, Refugee Housing, School and Madrassah Infrastructure Projects, Entrepreneurship Development, Community Assistance Projects

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

ML. SUHAIL WADEE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is my pleasure to present the annual report of Ashrafal Aid.

As we all know, the year 2022/2023 has seen a significant increase in natural disasters, and our organization had to respond to some of the most devastating global events, including the KwaZulu Natal floods, Pakistan floods, and the Türkiye earthquake. Our teams worked tirelessly to reach the most vulnerable and to assist those in need. By improving our disaster response times, capacity and disaster preparedness program, we have established ourselves as one of the leading first responders to natural crises and disasters in South Africa.

Despite the challenges, we have grown significantly and have become one of the largest food security and Zakaah distribution footprints in South Africa, reaching communities in the most rural areas. We have also expanded our global footprint by opening offices in Zambia and Canada, with even greater international expansion plans envisaged for 2023.

We are committed to maintaining high levels of governance and transparency in all our operations to ensure effective implementation of our programs. This year, we have placed a stronger focus on governance and transparency, which we believe will help us to better serve our beneficiaries and stakeholders.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and staff for their dedicated support in ensuring that the lives of the most vulnerable are supported. We could not have achieved any of our goals without your unwavering support and commitment.

In conclusion, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the year 2023 will bring. We are confident that with your continued support, we will be able to make a significant impact in the lives of those who need it the most. InshaAllâh

Sincerely,
Suhail Wadee
Director of Ashrafal Aid



OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

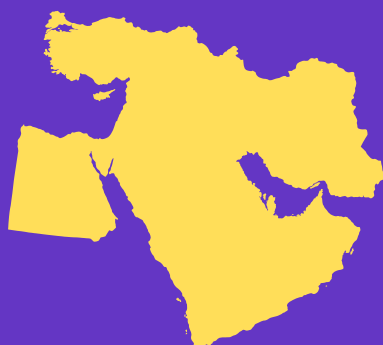
To date, Ashraful Aid has conducted activities in 26 countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East, and North America. Over the past year we have opened offices in Canada, Zambia and Malawi, and have conducted programmes in 21 countries.

AFRICA



South Africa (HO)
Zimbabwe
Malawi (RO)
Zambia (RO)
Kenya
Somaliland
Mozambique
Uganda
Madagascar
Burundi
Sudan

MIDDLE EAST



Palestine
Jordan
Lebanon
Syria
Yemen

ASIA



Türkiye
Pakistan
Afghanistan
Thailand
Kashmir
Sri Lanka
Philippines

NORTH AMERICA



Canada (RO)
Haiti

HO = Head Office
RO -= Regional Office

FOOD RELIEF

Our food relief programme aims to provide food security through food distribution programs. These programs provide individuals and families with the food they need to meet their daily nutritional requirements. This can include everything from staple foods like rice and beans to fresh fruit, vegetables and hot meals. Beneficiaries of our food relief programme include families in need, university students, schools and other learning institutions, hospitals, old age homes and other community organisations.

During the past year, over 30,000 food hampers have been distributed. In South Africa food relief was provided across all 9 provinces in South Africa, reaching rural communities as far as Northern KZN, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape. Food hampers have also been distributed in Somaliland, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Palestine, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

We established a dedicated kitchen in 2022 in Marlboro, Johannesburg, which has the capacity to prepare up to 3,000 meals a day. Ashrafal Aid was selected as the partner to provide meals for the Wits University students. We also established a Madressah feeding programme and a halal meal programme for Johannesburg-based hospitals with meals prepared by the Ashrafal Aid kitchen as well as by volunteers and partner organisations. In addition to the over 100,000 meals prepared by our kitchen, we also provided bread, grocery hampers, soup and other items to support Madressah and community feeding programmes.

Our iftar feeding programme in 2022 provided over 50,000 meals last year in South Africa, and various other countries in Africa, Middle East and Asia. This included the distribution of date packs and water to masjids in South Africa.

A highlight for the year was the establishment of the Ashrafal Aid bakery in Azaz, Syria. As the only bulk supply bakery in the area, it provides bread for hundreds of thousands of refugees in the region. With a capacity of 60,000 bread a day, the bakery has already supplied over 4 million bread since establishment



**+30 000
food
hampers
distributed**

**Over
200,000 hot
meals
provided**

**Madressah
feeding
scheme
established**

**+4 million
bread
supplied by
Syria bakery**

FOOD RELIEF - LOOKING FORWARD

During 2023, we expect our food relief programme to expand further as the long-term effects of declining economic conditions, droughts, natural disasters and conflict continue to take their toll on the most vulnerable. This includes the provision of more food hamper support across South Africa and internationally, as well as expanding our Madressah and orphan feeding programmes. We also aim to distribute over 40,000 packs of dates and water, as well as provide another 80,000 iftar meals as part of our 2023 iftaar meal programme.

One of our key areas of focus for the coming year will be to look at ways to develop a sustainable, self-sufficient and affordable community food initiative to support Madressahs, schools and other community-based food initiatives. This will include piloting agricultural food programmes and community-based charity stores in the most vulnerable communities to provide cost-effective food supply to those who need it most.



WATER RELIEF

Despite access to water being a basic human right, access to clean water remains a problem in many areas across Africa, Asia and refugee communities, and increasingly in South Africa. Our water programme aims to improve access to clean water by providing short-term water relief with water tankers and bottled water, and long-term water relief by providing wells and boreholes. By ensuring that people have access to clean water, we also help to prevent waterborne illnesses and improve overall health and wellbeing.

Over the past year we have seen an increased need for water relief in South Africa and we expect the water crisis in the country to grow over the next few years. We provided almost half a million litres of emergency water relief to various areas of the country, and continue to respond to requests for water relief on a regular basis. With some areas being left without a regular water supply for months at a time (especially following the floods in KZN), we also drilled six boreholes to supply schools, mosques and local communities in the affected area with a regular water supply. Our borehole projects undergo an extensive assessment process to ensure that its use is maximised and that it provides a cost effective and lasting solution for the affected community.

**500,000
litres of
water
distributed**

**99 wells
and 6
boreholes
completed**

**Over 50,000
people given
access to
water**



Our well programme continues to bring access to water closer to communities. Over the past year, 99 wells were completed with a further 12 in progress. This will provide local access to water for a further 5,000 families. With an average turnaround time of between 2 and 3 months to complete a water well, we are able to provide clean water within a relatively short period of time.

WATER RELIEF - LOOKING FORWARD

During 2023, we hope to grow our well programme as this is a quick and cost effective way to provide regular access to vital water resources to many communities (usually rural) that either don't currently have water, or have to travel long distances to collect water. We also aim to increase our borehole projects and to explore options for cost effective filtration systems where these may be necessary, as well as to increase our capacity to respond to emergency water relief situations with water tankers and/or flow bins.



EDUCATION

Our Education programme is committed to supporting disadvantaged people with the resources they need to succeed. Our learner support programme provides support with school and Madressah fees, stationery supplies, uniforms, and other materials needed by learners as well as provides tertiary education bursaries to enable learners to further their studies and increase their earning potential. Our school support programme supports schools and teachers with training, management and infrastructure support to ensure that they are able to provide a good education to their students. We also support Hifz students locally and internationally and provide skills training to enable refugees and widows so that they can earn an income.

Over the past year, over 5000 learners have benefited from our educational support programmes. This included providing support with school fees for underprivileged learners, provision of bags and stationery packs to learners across the country, hygiene packs for girls, teacher training and support programmes as well as building of classrooms, toilets and repair of school infrastructure where needed.

Over 100 women and refugees benefited from our adult skills training programme over the past year. The AshrafuL Aid vocational training centre in Sianliurfa, Turkey has thus far provided skills training to over 1000 Syrian refugees since inception – AshrafuL Aid has been providing funding support for this centre for the past two years.

Our Hifz support programme provided support with living and other expenses for Hifz students in Palestine, Burundi as well as to local Hifz students. We also initiated and expanded our Madressah feeding programme during the past year.

**Over 5000
learners
supported**

**Over 100
adults
given skills
training**

**Hifz
students
supported in
3 countries**



EDUCATION - LOOKING FORWARD

Based on the success of the vocational training centre model, we aim to expand our adult skills training programme in South Africa to ensure that more people are able to become self sufficient and reduce their reliance on aid. This includes establishment of a sewing centre to provide skills and empowerment to ladies, as well as supporting on-the-job training programmes to assist job-seekers to gain experience in order to improve their chances of employment.

We also aim to expand our Madressah support programme locally and internationally, our Madressah feeding programme as well as our tertiary bursary education programme.



DISASTER RELIEF

Our Disaster Relief programme aims to provide assistance to people affected by natural disasters and other crisis situations around the world including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, conflict situations, fires and other natural disasters. This includes small-scale, localised community based disaster events as well as large scale provincial and country-wide disaster situations.

In the aftermath of a disaster, Ashrafal Aid is able to respond within 24 to 48 hours to provide immediate relief to those who have been affected. This can include providing shelter, food, water, and other essential supplies to help people survive the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

Over the past year, we responded to 10 large scale disaster events including the 2022 floods and riots in Kwazulu-Natal, floods in Pakistan, drought in Somaliland, Earthquake in Turkiye and Syria, poverty in Afghanistan, conflict in Palestine, floods in Malawi, fire in the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh as well as national flooding in South Africa. We also responded to 110 localised disaster incidents in South Africa including localised flooding, shack fires, as well as water shortages.

Some of our disaster relief interventions included provision of hot meals, food packs, blankets, mattresses, and bottled drinking water to victims of floods in South Africa, Pakistan, and Malawi; tents, sleeping bags, blankets heaters, food parcels, clothing, hot meals and support for trauma counseling for victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and food parcels for victims of the fires in the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh.

In total, over 100,000 people have been assisted through our disaster relief efforts.

**Over
100,000
people
assisted**

**Responded
to 120
disaster
events**

**Assistance
provided in
9 countries**



DISASTER RELIEF - LOOKING FOWARD

With the increased number of disaster situations we are required to respond to, our aim in 2023 is to increase our capacity to provide water relief and search and rescue efforts, as well as expand our co-ordination with national and provincial disaster management teams across South Africa as well as national government and embassies to enable more effective response to international disasters



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Social Development programme focuses on development projects to assist individuals and/or communities. This includes welfare assistance, housing and community centre projects for refugees, infrastructure projects for learning institutions, community assistance projects as well as entrepreneurship development. The aim of these projects will be to help people improve their lives and build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Over the past year, Ashrafal Aid has supported hundreds of individuals affected by unforeseen circumstances to get back on their feet through our welfare programme. We also built 2 bedroom houses for Syrian refugees enabling hundreds of people to start to rebuild their lives, some after a decade of living in tents.

As part of our learning institution infrastructure projects, we provided assistance to a school to build toilets for their students in South Africa, built classrooms in Uganda and provided water solutions to several schools affected by water shortages enabling their education to continue.

Our community assistance programme supported the building of a bakery in Syria that now employs 9 people and provides bread to several refugee camps on a daily basis, and completed a partially built mosque in Northern Burundi that was desperately needed to cater for a growing rural community of villages.

As part of our orphan support programme, urgent maintenance was conducted on the Ashrafal Aid children's home in Marlboro, Johannesburg. This home has been providing complete support for up to 20 boys including accommodation, education, clothing, meals and other needs for over 25 years. We also continue to provide ongoing assistance for an orphanage in Afghanistan which cares for up to 80 children.

A key focus of our social development programme is on entrepreneurship and creating income earning opportunities specifically for women. In addition to our skills development and job-readiness initiatives as part of our education programme, we also piloted a programme with 15 women, enabling them to sell clothing and other items to earn an income.

**Provided
houses for
Syrian
refugees**

**Enabled 18
women to
earn an
income**

**Provided
ongoing
support for
100 orphans**

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT LOOKING FORWARD

Over the next few years, our focus will be on expanding our entrepreneurship programmes as this provides a route to sustainable income for those currently relying on aid. We aim to expand our women's entrepreneurship programme following a successful pilot programme last year. We also aim to connect our skills development programme with entrepreneurship opportunities to provide a more holistic programme and increase the chances of success for those who acquire newly learnt skills. This includes creating market places, providing mentorship, and assisting with micro-financing.



YOUR ZAKAAT CHANGES LIVES

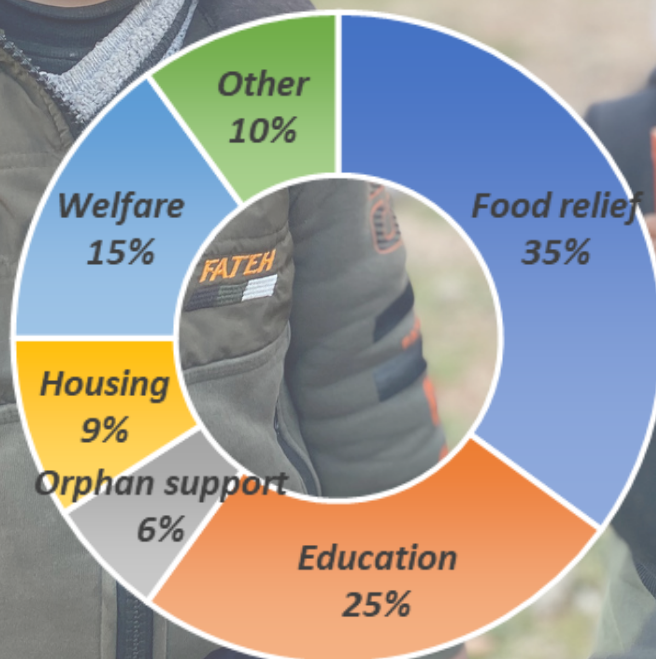
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Over the past year, Ashraful Aid has distributed over R20 million in zakaat, positively impacting the lives of over 100,000 people in the process. Your zakaat feeds hungry families in over 15 countries, educates children, empowers widows, provides emergency relief to the most vulnerable, supports orphans, provides housing for refugees, and creates earning opportunities through entrepreneurship and skills development. Your zakaat changes lives.

Over
100,000
people
impacted

Over R20m
in zakaat
dispensed

Over 25,000
food
parcels
distributed



A YEAR IN PICTURES

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BRANCH: LUSAKA BUSINESS CENTRE
SORT CODE: 020016
SWIFT CODE: BARCZMLX
REFERENCE: YOUR NAME + PROJECT

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ACCOUNT NAME: ASHRAFUL AID ZAMBIA
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