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ISLAMIC RELIEF KENYA

# Impact Report 2024



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# VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

## OUR VISION

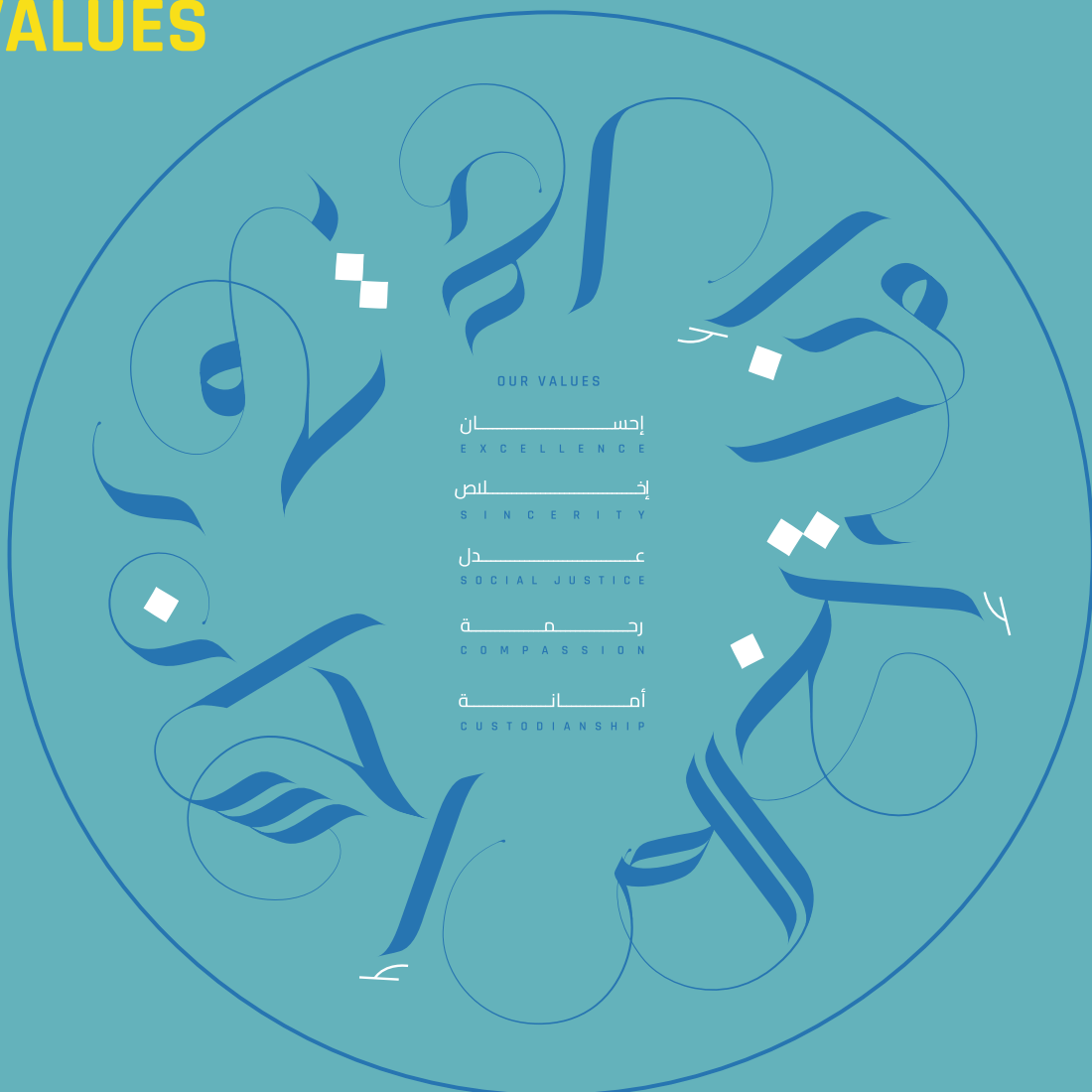
Inspired by the Islamic faith and guided by our values, we envisage a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled, and people respond as one to the suffering of others. We provide lasting routes out of poverty, empowering people to transform their lives.

## OUR MISSION

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

- enable communities to mitigate the effects of disasters and prepare for future occurrences while we respond by providing relief, protection and recovery
- promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods
- support the marginalised and vulnerable in the communities we serve to voice their needs and address root causes of poverty
- provide lasting routes out of poverty, empowering people to transform their lives and serving all communities without prejudice.

## OUR VALUES



# Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees



**Sumayya Hassan**

Chair of the Board of Trustees  
Islamic Relief Kenya

The year 2024 marked a significant chapter in Islamic Relief Kenya's journey. It was a year of resilience, growth, and tangible impact for vulnerable communities across the country. I am honoured to share a reflection on the progress made and the path ahead.

Driven by our mission to serve the most vulnerable, we made significant strides in reaching those most in need and advancing their wellbeing. We delivered a wide range of programmes for community empowerment across sustainable development, education, water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH), child protection and orphan care, health and nutrition, disaster preparedness and emergency response. These interventions directly reached over 650,000 people, including 50,000 children and 600,000 adults, with nearly 1 million more reached indirectly through advocacy and policy engagement, helping to elevate local voices and influence public discourse in favour of equitable development.

From our beginnings in 1993 responding to drought in Mandera, focusing primarily on orphaned children and their caregivers, Islamic Relief Kenya has evolved into a nationwide humanitarian and development actor operating in eight counties. Our Orphan Sponsorship Programme is supporting more than 3,000 orphaned children, while our broader development efforts continue to empower families and communities to build lasting resilience.

Guided by our 2023–2027 Strategic Plan and the theme of 2024: **'Empowering Communities and Changing Lives'**, the Board of Trustees has remained focused on strengthening governance and ensuring strategic oversight. We continued to prioritise communities affected by climate change, insecurity, and chronic poverty, and worked alongside our dedicated staff, partners, supporters and donors to uphold our shared mission.

A significant development in Kenya's civil society landscape was the operationalisation of the Public Benefits Organisation (PBO) Act in May 2024, replacing the long-standing NGO

Coordination Act of 1990. Islamic Relief Kenya has embraced this transition, aligning our operations to the new framework as part of our commitment to accountability, transparency, and collaboration with the government.

This past year, we witnessed powerful testimonials of resilience and transformation from communities that have benefitted from our interventions. From families overcoming hunger to young people gaining new skills and livelihoods, these testimonies are a reminder of the lasting impact of our work, made possible by our passionate team, visionary leadership, and the generosity of our donors and partners.

Looking ahead, our focus remains clear. As we enter the second year of our strategic cycle, Islamic Relief Kenya is focused on deepening our engagement and impact, strengthening institutional capacity, and advancing justice, dignity and development for the marginalised members of our society. While we celebrate our achievements, we are equally mindful of the significant challenges that lie ahead. These include natural disasters such as floods and outbreaks of disease, economic constraints impacting our financial resources, and security risks in some operational areas. Yet, through our faith and collective resilience, we press on with hope and determination.

On behalf of the Board, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our donors and supporters, whose generosity makes our work possible. I also extend my appreciation to my fellow Board members for their dedication, to the management and staff for their relentless commitment, and the volunteers who give of themselves selflessly. Your unwavering belief in our mission and values is the cornerstone of everything we have achieved.

As we reflect on the past year and look to the future, may we continue to work hand in hand to uplift the lives of the less fortunate, and together, build a more compassionate and just society while bringing hope where it is needed most.

May God bless you all richly.

# Message from the Country Director



**Hassan Abdille**

Country Director  
Islamic Relief Kenya

The 2024 Annual Report reflects the depth of our engagement with the people we serve and our steady progress toward sustainable humanitarian and development outcomes. It offers insight into the remarkable strides made by Islamic Relief Kenya towards delivering on our 2023–2027 Strategy by expanding access to essential services, empowering communities, and responding to emerging challenges with compassion.

2024 was a year defined by innovation, strengthened partnerships, and meaningful, community-driven impact. In the past year, through robust advocacy, enhanced communications, strategic donor and external engagement, we have built momentum across our programmes. High-level field visits provided a deeper appreciation of the impact we are making to the communities we serve. We were honoured to host partners and donors from across the globe in 2024. These included our longstanding allies from the US, UK, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, Sweden and Belgium who continued to invest in our shared mission and supported initiatives such as the Inspire Programme and domestic fundraising in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide's Global Family Development division.

Our impact can be seen in the communities we support every day. Our collaborative efforts have ensured children are learning in safer, more inclusive environments. Families can access clean water closer to home. Livelihoods are being rebuilt with dignity. From emergency response to drought and floods in arid areas to our current comprehensive long-term programmes reaching thousands, our work is rooted in compassion and driven by the resilience, strength, and hope of the communities we serve.

We're leveraging technology, strengthening local partnerships, and listening closely to the communities we serve to develop lasting solutions to the challenges they face. Our programmes in WASH, education, health, and livelihoods are designed to be catalytic, building agency and creating space for communities to define their own futures. Whether it's a girl in Tana River who now attends school with confidence, a farmer in Kilifi sustaining his family with new skills and support, or the thousands of mothers in Mandera who no longer walk hours for water, these stories reflect what is possible when we work together.

The Islamic Relief Kenya 2023–2027 Strategy continues to guide our mission, with a focus on livelihoods, food security, WASH, education, and health. Yet, we are equally mindful of the challenging operational context that is marked by climate-induced disasters, insecurity, economic volatility, and disease outbreaks. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to delivering high-quality, accountable, impactful programming that meets both the immediate and long-term needs of Kenya's vulnerable communities.

Last year's progress would not be possible without the trust and commitment of our supporters that include our donors, orphan sponsors, faith leaders, partners, governments, communities, board members, staff and volunteers. To each of you we say, asante. Your support and trust fuel our purpose.

As we look ahead, we do so with renewed determination to deepen impact, amplify community voices, and help build a future defined not by crisis, but by opportunity and hope.

Thank you most sincerely for walking this journey with us. Together, we are making a difference.



# ISLAMIC RELIEF KENYA STRATEGIC THEMATIC AREAS 2023 - 2027



## AREAS OF OPERATION

### Current operating areas

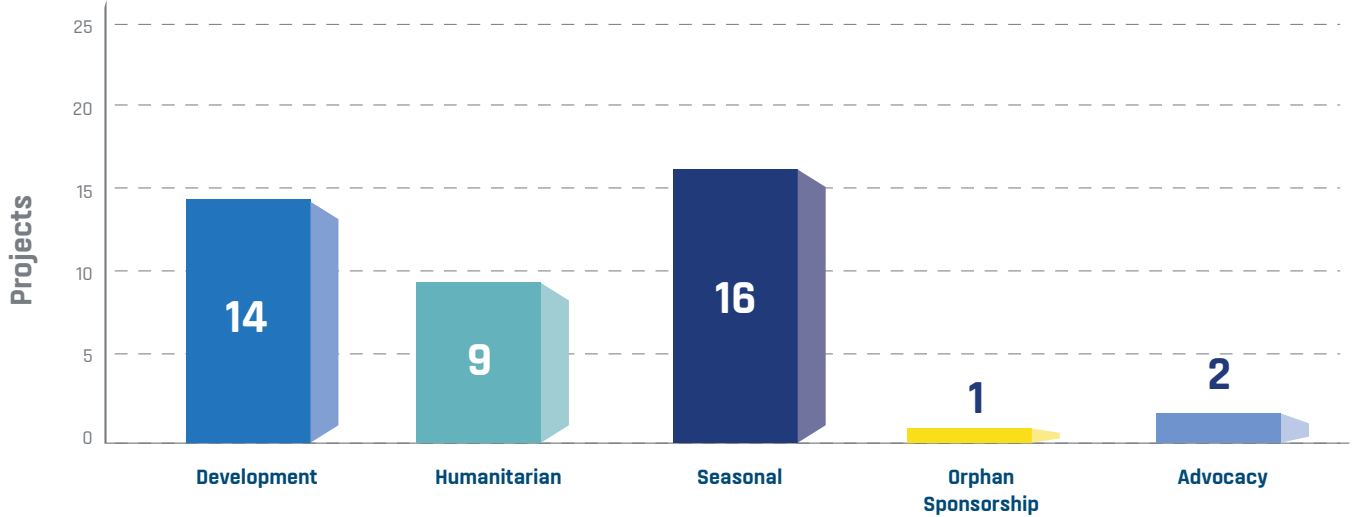
Counties that we have activities in: Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, Kilifi, Lamu and Nairobi.



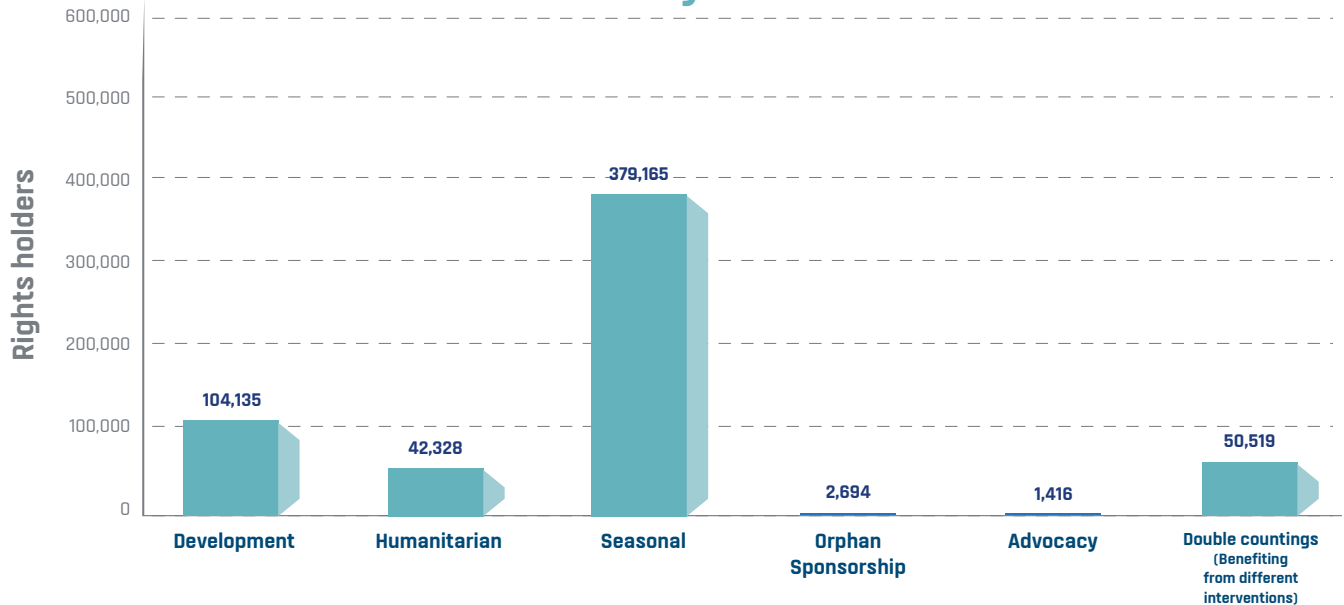


# 2024 IN NUMBERS

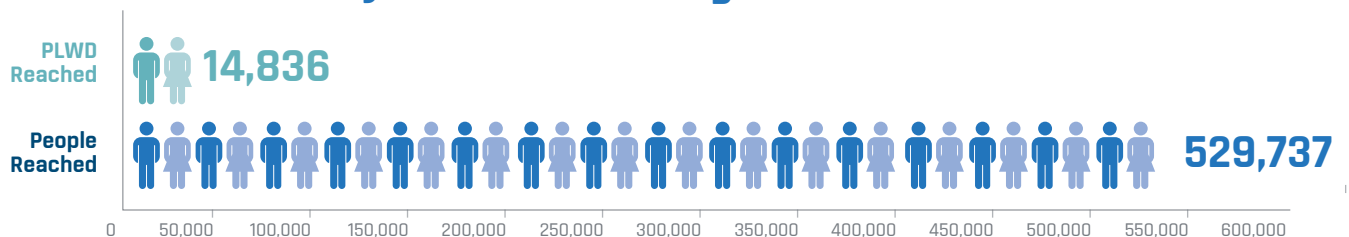
## Projects implemented in 2024



## Individuals directly reached in 2024



## Analysis of reached rightsholders in 2024



# MILESTONES REALISED

## Empowering communities and changing lives

### Food security and sustainable livelihoods

Dignified and empowered communities with sustainable food security



Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 2, Islamic Relief Kenya continued to strengthen food security and improve household incomes among vulnerable communities. In 2024, our efforts focused on ensuring consistent access to safe and nutritious food, while building community resilience through climate-smart agriculture and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

To guide these interventions, Islamic Relief Kenya conducted detailed needs assessments to gain a deeper understanding of local challenges and priorities. These assessments informed the design of targeted, context-specific solutions aimed at ensuring year-round food security for the most at-risk populations.

#### Cultivating resilience through agricultural innovation

To address persistent food insecurity, Islamic Relief Kenya supported smallholder farmers to overcome the effects of climate change. In 2024, we invested in sustainable agriculture solutions, expanding arable land, rehabilitating irrigation infrastructure, and building local capacity to grow food sustainably. Some key aspects included:

- **27.5 hectares** of previously uncultivated land that were brought under irrigation, transforming arid zones into productive farmland and increasing local food production
- an additional **7.5 hectares** that benefited from the rehabilitation and upgrade of existing irrigation systems, including with sprinkler, drip, and laser technologies that enhanced efficient water use and led to higher crop yields.

#### Building knowledge, skills, and networks

To ensure these improvements were sustainable, Islamic Relief Kenya also focused on training farmers and

strengthening local agricultural systems. **400 households** received hands-on training in climate-resilient modern farming techniques and sustainable land management, and post-harvest handling, empowering them to increase production.

To amplify their collective strength, **four farmer cooperatives** were formed to promote collaboration, improve access to markets, and increase farmers' bargaining power.

#### Supporting farmers with seeds and tools

Access to quality inputs remained critical to boosting production and resilience. **150 farmers** received drought-resistant seeds, helping to reduce risks of crop failure, while **60 farmers** were equipped with essential farming equipment to enhance productivity.

These targeted interventions not only increased household food availability but also supported long-term recovery and self-reliance in communities vulnerable to climate shocks.



# Case study:

## Strengthening livelihoods by improving agricultural production and diversifying incomes



In the arid landscape of Garissa County, where livestock remains the backbone of family economies, diversifying income through agriculture is key to community resilience. With support from Islamic Relief USA, Islamic Relief Kenya is helping families strengthen food security by training farmers, providing them with tools and seeds, and connecting them to agricultural experts.

Zeinab, a farmer with 15 years of experience, lost her farm to flooding in 2022. Her determination to rebuild led her to join a training programme in small-plot horticulture. In 2024, Zeinab was among the 400 farmers to receive hands-on training at demonstration farms run by Islamic Relief. The sessions focused on agricultural practices and soil management.

“Since the training, I use organic fertiliser in my nursery and teach my neighbours how to reduce seed loss in their nurseries,” Zeinab says. “We were even taught how to set up kitchen gardens at home for nutritious foods like spinach and tomatoes.”

Zeinab and 60 other farmers also received drought-tolerant fodder seeds and tools to help sustain their livestock through dry seasons.

“Fodder production gives us pasture for our livestock during drought and a way to earn an income. The seeds we received were of high quality, they grow fast and high. I have also changed my planting technique from random sowing to planting in rows to conserve water,” Zeinab explains. “Planting and storing grass will help my livestock during dry seasons, which means more milk for our children, even in hard times.”

Beyond providing tools and seeds, the project also connected farmers with local agricultural officers, and local input providers to ensure farmers have ongoing support and can sustain their agricultural activities and access to markets.

By learning new skills and diversifying their income through farming and fodder production, families in Garissa are building stronger livelihoods. These practical efforts help ensure long-term stability for the community.

### Project Spotlight: Strengthening Community Resilience and Economic Empowerment Programme (SHEEP), 2023-2026, funded by Islamic Relief USA

The project is a three-year resilience building and economic strengthening programme that is working directly with over 8,000 households comprising of smallholder farmers (pastoralists and agropastoral), traders, young people, and women in two sub-counties of Garissa County, Kenya. The project has four main areas of focus:

1. Providing access to clean and safe water for domestic, agricultural and livestock consumption.
2. Capacity building on modern agricultural practices and providing access to innovative and climate-smart technologies and market linkages, helping to ensure that improved capacity translates into higher productivity and incomes.
3. Creating awareness on disaster preparedness and response among communities and governments.
4. Providing climate-smart sources of energy for households, institutions and water facilities.

#### Key project achievements included:

- reduced morbidity and mortality of humans and livestock during droughts
- increased income and better access to a wider range of food among the target population
- households equipped with diversified alternative livelihood skills and knowledge
- more sustainable livelihoods for smallholder farmers and young people, including value adding activities in the agriculture supply chain
- access to innovative, climate-smart energy technologies for households, institutions, and smallholder farmers
- increased access to markets for smallholder farmers

**IN 2024, THE PROJECT REACHED 14,595 INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY THROUGH ITS DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS.**



# NURTURING LIVELIHOODS THROUGH LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES INITIATIVES

Islamic Relief Kenya's approach to food security and income generation goes beyond farming. In 2024, we supported a range of diversified livelihoods, harnessing the unique opportunities in livestock, fisheries, poultry, and beekeeping to build resilience, improve nutrition, and expand economic opportunities.



## Supporting pastoralist communities

In northern Kenya, livestock plays a central role in survival and identity. To revitalise pastoral livelihoods, Islamic Relief Kenya supported livestock restocking for **450 households**. Each household received **10 Galla goats**, a hardy, drought-tolerant breed well suited to arid environments.

To promote better animal health and management, we supported the **construction of three animal crushes** (pens) and facilitated **six livestock vaccination enrolment drives**, enhancing access to veterinary services and encouraging improved community-led herd management.

## Expanding opportunities in fisheries and apiculture

**Ten fish farmer groups** were established and trained on modern ocean-based aquaculture techniques, creating new sources of income generation and diversified protein sources.

To harness the value of beekeeping, **20 beekeeper groups** were established and trained in modern apiculture practices, while **300 beehives** were distributed to 10 of these groups to kickstart local honey production and strengthen rural economies through sustainable livelihoods.

## Strengthening poultry farming

As a low-cost, high-impact enterprise, poultry farming remains vital to food security and household income. **One hundred and fifty farmers** were trained in poultry farming and supplied with **4,000 eight-week-old chicks**, enabling families to access nutritious food and generate reliable incomes within a short production cycle.

These investments in livestock and fisheries are not only improving household nutrition and income but are also strengthening resilience across vulnerable communities facing climate-related and economic pressures.



# FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL SAFETY NETS

Islamic Relief Kenya recognises that sustainable development goes beyond food security. It includes creating pathways for sustainable economic empowerment and protecting the most vulnerable through targeted safety nets.

## Strengthening women's economic participation

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya equipped communities with the training and seed capital to drive their own development. We supported 12 women's groups by delivering a series of structured trainings based on the International Labour Organisation's **(Start, Improve, and Expand Your Business (SYB, IYB, EYB))** modules. The rigorous curriculum equipped the women with vital entrepreneurial skills to develop viable business plans.

In Wajir County, two groups were provided with training and **KES 2.57 million (USD19,890)** in seed capital to kick-start income-generating businesses. These investments are already fostering local enterprise and enabling women to take greater control of their financial futures.

## Case study:

### Microfinance transforms the lives of mothers in Wajir

In Wajir's busy livestock market, Maryan, a 42-year-old widow and mother of five, trades goats and sheep. Previously the operator of a small vegetable stall, Maryan now co-manages a livestock business valued over KES 1.8 million (USD 13,000).



Maryan is part of Ikhlas Women Group, one of two women-led groups supported by Islamic Relief Kenya's 2024 microfinance initiative, funded by Islamic Relief USA. Both Ikhlas and Hormud Women Groups received KES 1,278,671 (approx. USD 9,800) each in seed capital. Alongside 30 other women, all of whom are the guardians of orphaned children, Maryan also received training in business planning, bookkeeping, and savings management.

"Before, I sold vegetables, [I was] barely making enough," says Maryan. "Now I've borrowed money from my group and expanded my business. I can pay school fees, buy food, and cover hospital bills. I feel financially stable."

The women have shifted from informal trades such as selling firewood, charcoal and milk, to running a profitable livestock enterprise, purchasing over 150 goats and sheep for markets in Wajir and Nairobi.

"Microfinance training changed our mindset. We now keep records to inform our business decisions. We are grateful for the injection of capital to our group business," Maryan adds. "We're now businesswomen with plans to grow."

"This is about restoring dignity and opportunity," says Abdirashid Yussuf, Programme Manager at Islamic Relief Kenya. "When women thrive, entire communities become stronger."

# SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN

Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 16, Target 16.2 to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence against children, Islamic Relief Kenya remained steadfast in strengthening child protection systems across the communities we serve.



To support households caring for orphaned children, Islamic Relief Kenya continued to implement crucial safety nets through a targeted cash transfer programme as part of our commitment to dignity and inclusion. **Three thousand, three hundred and ninety-two households with orphaned children received four cycles of quarterly cash transfers in 2024.** This regular and reliable support helped families meet their basic needs, especially food, healthcare, and education, and build a foundation for a brighter future.

## Promoting child protection and safeguarding

In 2024, we also focused on raising community awareness around child abuse, shifting harmful social norms and promoting positive parenting practices. Our interventions included training **500 participants** on safeguarding and accountability, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to identify risks, respond appropriately, and advocate for the safety and rights of children.

These efforts are helping to foster safer, more inclusive environments where children can grow, thrive, and be protected from harm.



# EXPANDING ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE AND QUALITY EDUCATION

**Guided by Sustainable Development Goal 4 of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, Islamic Relief Kenya is committed to ensuring every child has the right to learn in a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment, regardless of gender, disability, or background.**

## Enhancing educational infrastructure

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya made significant strides in transforming physical learning environments to make education more inclusive, safe, and supportive for all learners. Recognising the critical role infrastructure plays in educational outcomes, Islamic Relief Kenya focused on upgrading school facilities to ensure every child could learn in dignity and comfort. We also focused efforts on encouraging school enrolment and retention and strengthening the capacity of both learners and educators to ensure sustained and meaningful access to education in underserved communities.

Key achievements included:

- constructing **35** disability-friendly classrooms, reducing overcrowding and expanding inclusive access for learners with special needs
- rehabilitating **14** existing classrooms, restoring them to be safe and functional learning spaces
- constructing **26 two-door VIP toilets**, improving hygiene and supporting school retention, particularly for girls
- distributing **655 child-friendly desks**, reducing overcrowding and enhancing classroom organisation
- rehabilitating and equipped **one school library** with modern ICT equipment, expanding digital learning opportunities and promoting a culture of reading and exploration.

## Empowering girls by supporting their dignity in school

Menstrual hygiene remains a barrier to consistent school attendance for many adolescent girls, especially in remote areas. Islamic Relief Kenya distributed **783 dignity kits** to adolescent girls in hard-to-reach areas. These kits fostered their confidence, supported school attendance and reduce dropout rates.

## Investing in educators and leadership

A strong education system depends on well-supported teachers and school leaders. In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya deepened its investment in the people and systems that sustain quality education. We supported refresher trainings, school enrolment drives and strengthened school governance by training schools' management boards. These efforts included:

- training **36 teachers** (including 16 women), equipping them with updated knowledge and tools to effectively implement the **Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC)**, ensuring they deliver dynamic, learner-centred teaching
- conducting **three school enrolment drives** in Mandera, resulting in **over 120 out-of-school children** returning to class
- training **30 schools' Board of Management members** (13 female) in governance, resource mobilisation, and leadership to strengthen school oversight and planning.

These interventions reflect our commitment to building a future where no child is left behind. By improving infrastructure, empowering teachers, and addressing the specific challenges faced by girls and marginalised learners, Islamic Relief Kenya is increasing access to education and helping communities to build a stronger, more equitable system for generations to come.

# Case study:

## Mapimo schoolchildren enjoy comfortable learning environment

At Mapimo Comprehensive School in Kilifi County, learning was once a daily struggle. With a student population of over **2,460**, the school faced severe infrastructure challenges. Classrooms were overcrowded, dilapidated and some were too unsafe for use, leaving of children to study under trees, exposed to the elements. Limited toilet facilities forced many pupils to go home during recess rather than face waiting in long queues, interrupting learning. A shortage of desks made the already strained teaching environment even more difficult.



Recognising the urgent need, Islamic Relief Kenya, with the support of Islamic Relief USA, stepped in to make improvements. The project constructed three new classrooms and three VIP latrines, rehabilitated two classrooms and provided 200 desks to ease congestion and restore dignity in learning.

“The two renovated classrooms now host 85 pupils each,” explains Charo Abaya, the deputy headteacher. “Two of the new classrooms accommodate 78 pupils each, while the third has been set aside for Islamic religious education. The new toilets have reduced queues significantly, allowing students to stay in school and maximise their learning time.”

The improvements have had a measurable impact. School enrolment increased by 200 pupils, reaching **2,660** in total. Learning is more structured, sanitation has improved, and children no longer have to learn outdoors or leave school to use the bathroom.

Islamic Relief Kenya remains committed to improving learning environments to ensure that no school, and no child, is left behind.

### Project Spotlight: Strengthening Economic Prospects of Under Privileged Populations in Kilifi and Tana River Counties of Kenya (STEP UP), 2023-2025, funded by Islamic Relief USA

This two-year project aims to improve the education, food security, livelihoods, water and sanitation situation for communities in the Kilifi and Tana River Counties of Kenya. The project has three main areas of focus:

1. Improving infrastructure facilities for basic education by constructing or rehabilitating school infrastructure.
2. Improving food security and livelihoods through capacity building around modern agricultural and fishing practices, providing access to innovative and climate-smart technologies and market linkages to ensure that improved capacity translates into higher productivity and incomes.
3. Operationalising and provision of climate-smart energy to new and existing water facilities.

Key project achievements included:

- increase access to education for school going children in marginalised communities
- women and young people equipped with diversified livelihood skills such as fishing and crop farming. The knowledge has led to increased incomes and better access to a wider range of food among the target population
- improved access to safe and clean water for domestic and agricultural use.

**IN 2024, THE PROJECT DIRECTLY REACHED 1,352 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH ITS DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS.**



## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH TECHNICAL SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**Promote technical and vocational education and training (TVET) as a tool for economic empowerment and appropriate market-oriented technical skills among marginalised communities.**

Equipping young with relevant technical skills is a powerful pathway to economic independence and long-term community development. In 2024, our vocational training interventions focused on unlocking opportunities for marginalised young people by providing them with practical, market-aligned skills and the resources to turn those skills into sustainable livelihoods. The key achievements included:

### **Empowering young people through marketable skills**

Through tailored TVET programming, **50 young people**, including **28 women**, received specialised training in trades that reflect current market demand. These included motorcycle repair, tile fixing, CCTV installation, electrical and solar wiring, as well as skills from creative industries like tailoring and beauty therapy. The selection of trades was informed by a local needs assessment, ensuring that graduates were not only job-ready but also well-positioned to pursue self-employment.

### **Taking entrepreneurship from training to thriving businesses**

To support the transition from training to income generation, each graduate received a grant of Kes 100,000 (USD 774) and a start-up kit tailored to their specific trade, enabling them a solid foundation to launch or grow their businesses. This support has enabled young people not just to find work, but to create work for others, boosting economic resilience in their communities.

By combining skills development with access to tools, funding, and mentorship, Islamic Relief Kenya is helping to build a generation of self-reliant, skilled professionals who are shaping a more inclusive and prosperous future.

## Case study:

### Empowering young people through skills, cash grants and equipment

In Wajir County, where youth unemployment remains high and opportunities limited, Islamic Relief Kenya is equipping young people with the tools they need to build their own livelihoods. In 2024, 50 young people received training in areas such as electrical engineering, CCTV installation, beauty therapy, tailoring, and mobile phone repair. Each participant also received a Kes 100,000 (USD 774) start-up grant to support their journey.

Mahad, from Barwaqo, lost his father while in primary school and has struggled ever since to support his family through menial jobs. Islamic Relief's support made it possible for Mahad to pursue vocational training after he missed out on university due to financial constraints.

"I'm an orphan, and life has not been easy. I couldn't further my education because of financial challenges at home. I was doing menial jobs when I was sponsored by Islamic Relief Kenya for training. I chose to study electrical [engineering] and CCTV installation because the world is digital," Mahad says. "I want to support my family, and I know my mother will be proud of me."

Farhia, 26, used the support to open a salon after receiving training in beauty therapy. She combined her grant with a loan to start her business, which now offers henna and body make-up services.

"I'm proud of my work. I now support my mother and help pay school fees for my siblings," Farhia says. "This business has changed our lives."

The youth empowerment initiative, supported by Islamic Relief USA, is part of a broader effort to link technical training with entrepreneurship, offering young people practical skills, seed capital, and confidence to pursue dignified work. In areas where prospects are often limited, these investments are opening new doors — and changing the direction of young lives.

### **Project Spotlight: Youth Empowerment Project in Wajir (YEP), 2023-2024, funded by Islamic Relief Belgium**

This one-year economic strengthening programme worked directly with **50 young people (28 female, 22 male)** from Wajir County to develop technical skills applicable in their local context.

The project had two main areas of focus:

1. Technical skills acquisition for young people.
2. Entrepreneurship and employability skills acquisition.

Key project achievements included:

- increased incomes and better living standards for young people

**IN 2024, THE PROJECT DIRECTLY REACHED TO 50 YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ITS DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS.**

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Potable and sufficient water for domestic and agricultural use, ensuring improved access to dignified sanitation facilities, a clean environment, and improved community hygiene practices.

Guided by the belief that access to clean and potable water and dignified sanitation are fundamental human rights, Islamic Relief Kenya continued to strengthen WASH systems across vulnerable communities. In 2024, our interventions were aimed at enhancing water security, promoting sustainable water resource management, and improving hygiene practices to contribute directly to healthier, more resilient livelihoods.

Key achievements included water resource development

- Drilling and equipping **11 new boreholes**, providing reliable access to clean water in water-scarce communities.
- Rehabilitating **21 non-functional boreholes**, restoring essential infrastructure and reducing the burden of water collection.
- Constructing **two new earth dams** and **desilting seven existing earth dams**, enhancing rainwater harvesting and increasing storage capacity for both domestic and agricultural use.
- Building **one masonry water tank** in a school, supporting safe water storage and access for students and staff.
- Distributing **300-litre water storage tanks** to **20 households**, enabling safe and convenient domestic water storage.

## Empowering communities through sustainable water management

We trained **36 Water Users Associations (WUAs)** on the management and maintenance of community water systems. These trainings equipped local leaders and community members with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate, maintain, and safeguard their water points, ensuring the longevity and equitable distribution of this precious resource for generations to come.

These efforts reflect our continued commitment to improving health, reducing waterborne diseases, and fostering sustainable water use through community ownership and capacity-building.

## Project Spotlight: Livelihood Diversification Project (LDP), 2023-2025, funded by Islamic Relief Germany

This 18-month resilience-building-integrated-development project aimed to uplift the livelihoods and purchasing power of the target communities in Kilifi County through a combination of sustainable agricultural practices, enhanced water access, and diversified income sources.

The project main areas of focus:

1. Providing access to clean and safe water to communities.
2. Providing access to innovative, climate-smart technologies, financial services and markets to help ensure that improved capacity translates into higher productivity and incomes.

Key project achievements included:

- increased access to water for domestic, agriculture, livestock, and community social amenities
- improved food security and incomes for targeted vulnerable households.

**IN 2024, THE PROJECT DIRECTLY REACHED TO 3,984 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS.**





## Case study:

### From dry taps to overflowing clean water: WASH interventions bring dignity and comfort

Under the heat of a mid-morning sun in Gandini-A village, women gather at a newly constructed water kiosk, singing as they fill their jerrycans. The community had been reliant on unsafe seasonal rivers and a broken-down borehole, forcing women and children to walk over six kilometres every day to gather water. Even then, the water was drawn from a source shared with livestock. The toll of this daily chore was heavy as families endured missed school for children busy collecting water, long days, and a rising threat of waterborne diseases.

“The borehole was drilled in 1951, but with years of drought and overuse, it broke down. Life had become harder since 2016,” Gabriel, a 68-year-old community elder, said.

In 2024, a Livelihood Diversification Project funded by Islamic Relief Germany built on earlier efforts by Islamic Relief Kenya to support over 3,000 families through a combination of water infrastructure, agriculture and income-generating activities. The project rehabilitated and solarised two boreholes, laid a water pipeline to two villages and two schools, and installed water storage tanks, kiosks, and livestock troughs to deliver safe, clean water to over 3,650 households.



“We now have clean water in our neighbourhood. What used to take hours now takes 20 minutes,” says Gabriel. “Health issues have reduced, and our women have more time for their homes and animals.”

The impact of the borehole rehabilitation has also reached Gandini Primary and Junior Secondary School, which now has a steady water supply and has recorded improved attendance and hygiene for its 938 pupils.

“Our children no longer trek for water. The school is clean, and learning is uninterrupted,” said Ann Kazungu, Member of County Assembly for Kayafungo Ward.

Alongside water infrastructure rehabilitation, 40 community groups have received goats, beehives, improved poultry breeds, certified seeds, vertical garden bags and hands-on training to diversify livelihoods to build a foundation of resilience against future climate shocks.

By combining practical support with training and community participation, Islamic Relief Kenya is helping families build livelihoods that are productive, diverse and more resilient to future shocks.

#### Project Spotlight: Integrated Community Support Project (ICSP), 2023-2025, funded by Islamic Relief Worldwide (Global Family Development)

This 24-month project aimed to empower vulnerable communities in Mandera County through the provision of integrated community support interventions with components on education, livelihoods and WASH. The project had three main areas of focus:

- Improvement of infrastructure facilities for basic education by constructing or rehabilitating school infrastructure.
- Provision of drought tolerant agricultural and livestock inputs and capacity building of farmers on modern agricultural practices.

- Operationalisation and provision of climate-smart energy for new and existing water facilities.

Key project achievements included:

- ☐ increased access to education for school-going children
- ☐ improved productivity and incomes for pastoral and agropastoral communities
- ☐ enhanced access to clean and safe water for domestic, agricultural and livestock use.

**IN 2024, THE PROJECT DIRECTLY REACHED TO 48,962 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS.**



# PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR ALL



## Advocate for the healthy lives and wellbeing of all, particularly through delivering training on how to end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS and neglected tropical diseases

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya strengthened our commitment to public health by delivering targeted interventions across disease prevention, health education, nutrition, and access to essential healthcare. With a special focus on pastoral and underserved communities, our efforts centred on increasing knowledge around HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence (GBV) among communities, including adolescent girls and boys, with the goal of significantly reducing new HIV infections in the arid and semi-arid counties.

Key achievements included:

### Strengthening HIV/AIDS awareness and community response

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya trained **600 community leaders (323 male, 277 female)**, including 2,072 young people (**1,367 boys and 705 girls**), and faith leaders, on HIV/AIDS prevention, transmission, access to essential healthcare and stigma reduction. These sessions promoted informed health choices and responsible behaviour.

Hosted **five radio talk shows** on HIV/AIDS and GBV awareness, using local language broadcasting to engage a wider audience with messages on prevention, testing, and treatment support.

## Supporting community health through outreach and nutrition

Islamic Relief Kenya facilitated **two nutrition outreach sessions** in Wajir East sub-county. Communities living far from health facilities were able to easily access healthcare services, including immunisation and nutrition supplements during the outreaches. Households were also equipped with knowledge on balanced diets, food hygiene, and preventive health practices.

These sessions helped improve awareness on maternal and child nutrition, contributing to better health outcomes at the household level.

### Restoring sight and dignity through cataract surgeries

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya played a vital role in restoring sight for the visually impaired in Nairobi and its environs. **Four hundred life-changing cataract surgeries** were conducted helped restore vision and improve quality of life for individuals previously living with avoidable blindness.

This intervention was particularly impactful for elderly patients, enabling greater independence and reintegration into family and community life.

Through these diverse, yet interconnected, health initiatives, Islamic Relief Kenya is actively contributing to **healthier, more resilient communities**. It is a key part of our work, aligning firmly with that global aspiration of wellbeing for all.



# Case study:

## Restoring sight and livelihoods

For Mzee, a driver from Garissa, good eyesight meant everything. After four decades behind the wheel supporting humanitarian missions, he began losing vision in his right eye, threatening his ability to work. “When I heard Islamic Relief was sponsoring a free eye surgery camp in Nairobi, I knew I had to try,” he recalls.

After a screening, Hassan was diagnosed with cataracts. “The doctors reassured me [and] five days after the surgery, Alhamdulillah, I could see clearly again!”. With his sight restored, Hassan is now back on the road and grateful for a second chance.

In Nyeri County, 52-year-old coffee farmer Gary faced a similar struggle after a pesticide accident left him blind in one eye. “I couldn’t afford surgery, so I gave up hope until a friend told me about the Islamic Relief eye camp,” he says.

“The surgery meant everything to me. I can now see clearly and continue working on my farm. This gift has changed my life.”

Islamic Relief Kenya’s eye care initiative restored vision to 400 patients in 2024, empowering them to regain independence, dignity, and income.





# EMERGENCY LIFESAVING AND RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN CRISES



## Relevant and timely response to humanitarian crises provided.

In the last quarter of 2023, Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) were hit by back-to-back climate shocks, transitioning from prolonged drought conditions to widespread El Niño-induced flooding at the onset of 2024. This period tested the resilience of communities already grappling with scarce resources and fragile livelihoods.

The year began with a dry spell that affected counties such as Turkana, Garissa, Wajir, Tana River, Lamu, Kajiado, and Mandera. Prolonged drought led to acute water and food shortages, decimating crops and livestock, and pushing malnutrition, especially among children, to alarming levels.

Between March and May, heavy El Niño rains triggered catastrophic floods. The impact was devastating, with over 174 lives lost, more than 500,000 people displaced, 17,000 acres of farmland destroyed, and approximately 13,500 livestock swept away. The floods also damaged critical WASH infrastructure, heightening the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks in already vulnerable areas.

By December 2024, light rainfall had helped stabilise conditions in many arid and semi-arid counties, but pockets of drought persisted in counties such as Wajir, Mandera, and Kilifi. These events reinforced the urgent need for stronger climate adaptation strategies to protect lives and livelihoods.

In response, Islamic Relief Kenya mounted a rapid and targeted humanitarian response, reaching the most vulnerable households with life-saving assistance. Interventions prioritised flexibility and dignity, allowing affected families to choose what to buy to meet their most pressing needs. Through unconditional cash transfers (UCT), multi-purpose cash transfers (MPCT), and the provision of food and essential non-food items, Islamic Relief Kenya supported thousands of households to cope with crisis, restore dignity, and rebuild.

## Cash transfers restore dignity through choice

In the wake of drought and floods, Islamic Relief Kenya provided cash assistance to empower affected households with the flexibility to meet their most urgent needs. A total of **8,716 households** received UCTs delivered in two targeted phases.

- **4,000 households** received **KES 12,000 (USD 93) for one month**, providing immediate relief at the height of the emergency.
- **4,717 households** received **KES 12,000 (USD 93) per month for three months**, supporting longer-term recovery and stability in areas severely impacted by repeated climate shocks.

This cash-based approach enabled families to prioritise their needs, whether for food, medication, or other essentials, with dignity, while also supporting local markets in crisis-affected areas. The multi-month assistance was pivotal in helping families rebuild their shattered livelihoods and regain a sense of normality.

## Emergency food support for flood-affected families

To address acute food insecurity triggered by flood damage to farms and markets, in 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya provided **food parcels to 6,318 households** for one month. These nutritious food packs helped cushion families from hunger during displacement and protected vulnerable groups, including children and the elderly, from the risks of malnutrition.

## Non-food items for displaced households

In 2024, floods destroyed homes and swept away basic household items, leaving families exposed and unprepared. Islamic Relief Kenya responded by supplying **860 households** with essential non-food items for two months. These included hygiene items, shelter materials, cooking utensils, and blankets that restored comfort, safety, and a sense of normality during the most difficult days of displacement.

Through these rapid and responsive interventions, Islamic Relief Kenya helped communities navigate the immediate aftermath of disaster while laying foundations for recovery. These efforts reflect our commitment to delivering timely, dignified humanitarian support when it is needed most.



## Case study:

### Raising awareness on GBV in Garissa's flood-affected communities



In 2024, widespread floods displaced thousands across Kenya, with over 400,000 people affected in some way by the disaster. In Garissa County, Islamic Relief Kenya provided urgent support to **1,200 families** whose homes and livelihoods had been destroyed. With funding from the Scottish Government through Islamic Relief UK, **7,200 people** received unconditional cash assistance, enabling them to meet their immediate needs—food, clean water, medication, and shelter materials.

For families like Cusubo's, the cash brought critical relief:

"I had nothing left after the floods swept away our farm. It helped me buy food and medicine for my children and support my small business," she says.

Recognising the increased vulnerability of women and girls during emergencies, Islamic Relief Kenya also integrated GBV awareness raising into our humanitarian response. Displacement placed many women at greater risk of violence, exploitation, and early marriage.

To counter this, **200 community-based protection champions and community members** were trained to identify, prevent, and respond to GBV.

"The training helped me understand that GBV isn't just physical. It's fear and power imbalance. Now I know what to look for and how to act when someone is in danger," said Hawa, a participant, who also received cash assistance.

Community leaders committed to sustained awareness and began challenging harmful norms and promoting safety and dignity.

"It's not just about helping victims, it's about prevention," says Sahan, who also received cash assistance and GBV training.

Islamic Relief Kenya remains committed to helping communities recover with dignity while advancing long-term protection and equality in crisis-affected areas.

#### **Reducing the humanitarian impact of conflict and natural disasters through community resilience**

To strengthen community resilience and preparedness in the face of conflict and climate-induced disasters in 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya focused on building local capacities and promote peaceful co-existence. As part of these efforts, **three peace dialogue sessions** were conducted in the Mandera County, directly engaging **300 participants** from conflict-prone communities. These sessions fostered open dialogue, trust-building, and conflict resolution, which are key to reducing tensions and enhancing collaboration across borders and clans. By equipping communities with tools for peaceful conflict management, Islamic Relief Kenya continues to support a long-term vision of stability and resilience in fragile regions.



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND CONFLICT NEXUS

## Supporting communities to adapt to climate change through access to sustainable energy

Guided by our commitment to climate action and aligned with global sustainability goals, Islamic Relief Kenya continued to support communities to adapt to the climate crisis by expanding access to affordable, reliable, and environmentally friendly energy solutions. In 2024, our interventions focused on reducing the effects of climate change while improving livelihoods and resilience through renewable energy, particularly solar power.

### □ Scaling up solarisation for sustainable impact

In 2024, Islamic Relief Kenya significantly advanced our solar energy programming, delivering clean, reliable power to households, schools, and critical water infrastructure across drought- and flood-affected regions.

- **1,500 households** were equipped with solar kits, enhancing energy access for thousands of individuals. The transition from kerosene lamps to clean solar lighting has improved household safety, enabled children to study after dark, and reduced reliance on harmful fuels.
- **Eight schools** were solarised, creating a more consistent and tech-enabled learning environment, especially in remote areas. Access to electricity has improved classroom lighting, enhanced security, and enabled the use of digital learning resources.
- **24 boreholes** were solarised to power water pumps, significantly reducing operational costs and carbon emissions. By replacing diesel generators, these communities now access water more sustainably, with minimal environmental impact.
- **Two earth dams' reticulation systems** were also solar powered, enabling efficient water distribution for domestic and agricultural use while reducing carbon footprints.

These solar initiatives are not only transforming energy access but are also integral to our wider strategy of climate resilience. By investing in renewable energy, Islamic Relief Kenya is supporting communities to thrive in a changing climate, thereby reducing vulnerability, protecting the environment, and powering a greener future.





# ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AND LOCAL ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY, HUMANITARIAN AND CLIMATE CRISES

## Advocacy and awareness creation around the root causes of poverty, humanitarian, and climate crises

**Increase grassroots awareness and advocacy on root causes of poverty, humanitarian, and climate change crisis.**

The increasing generational debt burden is a root cause of poverty in Kenya and other low-and-middle income countries in Africa. In response, Islamic Relief Kenya implemented our Reducing Debt Burden in Africa project, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and led by Jubilee USA Network. The project aimed to strengthen the capacity of faith-based institutions and religious leaders across Sub-Saharan Africa to advocate for debt relief and sustainable financing.

Through strategic trainings and advocacy efforts, over **353 faith leaders and representatives of civil society organisations (222 male, 130 female)** were engaged in **multiple regional workshops and strategy meetings in Kenya, Rwanda**. The gatherings addressed debt dynamics, Special Drawing Rights, and governance. Key activities included policy dialogues with decision-makers, **three major policy engagements, two advocacy letters, three media campaigns**, and the development of interfaith advocacy strategies. The project mobilised communities via radio talk shows, sensitisation campaigns, and interfaith statements, successfully enhancing grassroots influence on national and international debt policies, particularly targeting G7/G20 decision-makers and institutions like the International Monetary Fund (MF).

### Connecting to the individuals and communities we serve

Islamic Relief Kenya has user-friendly complaint and feedback mechanisms. These have been adopted by our country and field offices. Community members can offer feedback and make complaints through multiple channels, including telephone, email, complaint boxes, help desks. Dedicated training sessions on complaints and response mechanisms reached 800 people among those we support, and we ensured all banners and signage at activity sites contained information on our Complaints and Response Mechanism to boost its visibility. In 2024, we received, acknowledged and responded to over 200 pieces of feedback and complaints to the satisfaction of the callers.

**Strengthening organisational capability to deliver our mandate and purpose**

### Strengthening Staff capacity and motivation

Islamic Relief Kenya recognises that the effectiveness of its programmes is directly linked to the commitment and capability of its staff. In 2024, efforts focused on improving staff welfare, enhancing technical competencies, and promoting a supportive working environment.

### Staff welfare and recognition

To improve morale and retain skilled staff, Islamic Relief Kenya implemented a five per cent salary adjustment across the organisation in 2024. This measure was part of broader staff welfare efforts aimed at aligning compensation with rising living costs and acknowledging the contribution of staff in the delivery of humanitarian and development outcomes.

### Capacity building and technical training

In 2024, continuous professional development remained a priority. Staff participated in structured training initiatives both locally and internationally. Key training areas included programme management, safeguarding, results-based monitoring and evaluation, climate change adaptation, humanitarian principles, and finance and compliance procedures.

These capacity-building activities were delivered through a combination of in-person workshops, online modules, and participation in global peer-learning forums. Staff were equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to adapt to evolving sectoral demands and improved programme quality.

By strengthening internal capacity and investing in its workforce, Islamic Relief Kenya is enhancing our organisational effectiveness and ensuring continued delivery of timely, high-quality services to communities in need.

# 2024 ISLAMIC RELIEF KENYA FINANCIAL REPORT

## The balance sheet

| Year ended 31 December        | 2024               | 2024             | 2023               | 2023             | Variance           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Kshs               | GBP              | Kshs               | GBP              | Kshs               |
| <b>Assets:</b>                |                    |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Property and equipment        | 40,433,463         | 245,946          | 32,660,446         | 167,921          | 7,773,017          |
| Current assets                | 749,505,771        | 4,559,041        | 294,824,617        | 1,515,817        | 454,681,154        |
| <b>Total assets</b>           | <b>789,939,234</b> | <b>4,804,987</b> | <b>327,485,063</b> | <b>1,683,738</b> | <b>462,454,171</b> |
| <b>Liabilities and funds:</b> |                    |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Current liabilities           | 744,277,796        | 4,527,241        | 289,595,879        | 1,488,934        | 454,681,917        |
| Accumulated reserve           | 5,227,975          | 31,800           | 5,228,738          | 26,883           | 763                |
| Deferred capital grant        | 40,433,463         | 245,946          | 32,660,446         | 167,921          | 7,773,017          |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>       | <b>789,939,234</b> | <b>4,804,987</b> | <b>327,485,063</b> | <b>1,683,738</b> | <b>462,454,171</b> |



# THANK YOU

We could not have achieved all we did in 2024 without the dedication and support of thousands of people, partners, and institutions that generously donate the funds needed to support our vital work.

From the staff and volunteers in Kenya who tirelessly share their time and skills, to the partners who work with us to ensure we can reach to the hard-to-reach areas of this country. Their support is being felt by thousands of people in Kenya.

Together, we're working towards a fairer world for everyone.

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