



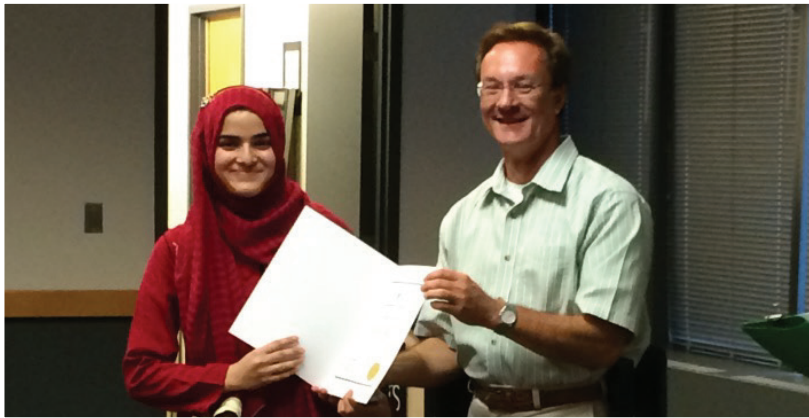
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# SERVING HUMANITY

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



SSALAMU `ALAIKUM WA  
RAHMATULLAH (PEACE BE WITH  
YOU AND THE MERCY OF GOD):

ICNA RELIEF CANADA IS A DEPARTMENT  
OF ICNA CANADA, WHOSE VISION  
IS TO BUILD AN EXEMPLARY MUSLIM  
COMMUNITY – A COMMUNITY FOCUSED  
ON ACHIEVING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE IN  
FAITH, WORSHIP AND MORALITY, WHICH  
CONTRIBUTES TO THE MORAL, SOCIAL  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF  
CANADIAN SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

In keeping with our vision, ICNA Relief Canada is dedicated to empowering people in need, both at home and abroad. We believe that our humble efforts can truly strengthen the bonds of humanity, particularly at a time when individuals and communities the world over find themselves faced with unprecedented social and economic challenges.

ICNA Relief Canada sees its mission to be a movement that brings hope and positive change to the lives of disadvantaged people around the world, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, class, location, religion, color, cultural background, and political affiliation or social status.

In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada served more people than ever before, spending in excess of 5 million dollars on 70 projects in more than 15 countries. These projects ranged from building water wells and filtration plants

in drought-stricken areas, to the construction and operational funding of educational institutions and healthcare projects in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Kenya and Somalia; from Emergency and Disaster Relief projects in Syria, Burma, Gaza and the Philippines, to Zabiha/Udhiya meat distribution in over 14 countries worldwide, including parts of Myanmar and the Central African Republic, from sponsoring 3,000 orphans across the globe to local Canadian projects such as food banks, family counselling, seniors' support, funeral support, free matrimonial services, women's shelters and youth development. These are but

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a few examples of how ICNA Relief Canada has always been there to help people in need and empower them towards better lives.

This year we worked very hard to improve our project monitoring and audit processes, to ensure that donors' funds are spent accountably, transparently and effectively. Therefore, we revamped our website and social media presence to ensure that donors and the public receive regular updates about how and where ICNA Relief Canada spends the money they've entrusted to us.

Thank you everyone for your volunteerism and generous contributions. We look forward to your continuing support.

Sincerely,

*Muhammad Yahya Mansoori*

Board Chair  
ICNA Relief Canada



SSALAMU `ALAIKUM (PEACE BE WITH YOU):

As in previous years, 2014 brought its share of challenges and opportunities related to Relief and Community Development, both at home and around the world.

A series of natural disasters, such as the devastating floods and landslides in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kashmir, India and Bangladesh, combined with continuing civil unrest in the Central African Republic, Somalia, Syria, Palestine and Myanmar (Burma), were among many tragedies affecting millions of lives and causing countless people to become homeless and dependent on more-

fortunate others, like us, for their basic survival. These difficult circumstances served to compound the poverty and strife that already afflicts the majority of those living in the developing world.

But even amid all these natural and human crises, we believe there is still hope for our world as long as there exist noble people committed to helping less-fortunate members of our global human family, regardless of who they are or where they live.

Since our inception in 1997, ICNA Relief Canada has always considered it our moral and religious responsibility to embody this group of people who endeavor to make massive positive differences in the lives of others, even with the most modest resources.

Alhamdulillah, with this vision, with inspiration from our faith, and with the generous support of donors like you, during 2014 ICNA Relief Canada successfully assisted hundreds of thousands of needy people worldwide

through 17 program categories in more than 15 countries. Our programs strive to meet basic human needs by providing destitute people with food, water, health care, education and income support, thus giving them a chance to build better lives.

It has been both humbling and reassuring for our ICNA Relief Canada team to see how generously thousands of new and existing donors all across Canada have responded and contributed to our domestic and international appeals whenever we asked you for help. For this, we are honored and grateful.

At the same time, we are also constantly aware of our mandate to discharge this trust through professionally, responsibly and transparently delivering relief whenever and wherever it is most needed.

In closing, we hope that the following pages of our 2014 Annual Report will bear witness to our humble efforts

and your generous contributions, which together made it possible for our many programs to successfully continue helping the needy, here in Canada and around the world.

I ask you to please remember us in your sincerest thoughts and prayers. As always, we look forward to your constructive feedback, suggestions and support for the rest of 2015 and beyond.

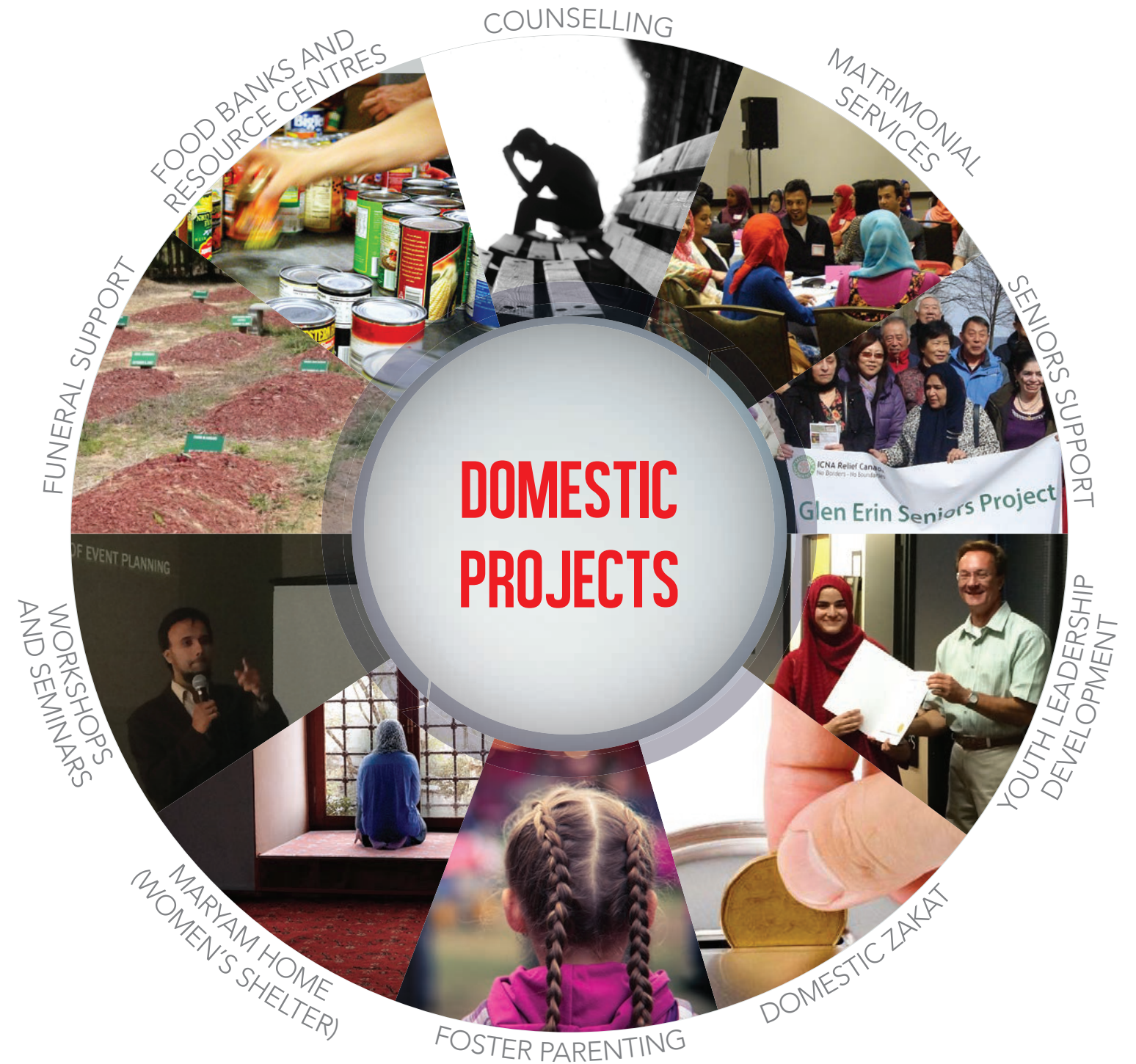
Thank you!

*Shaukat Hussain*

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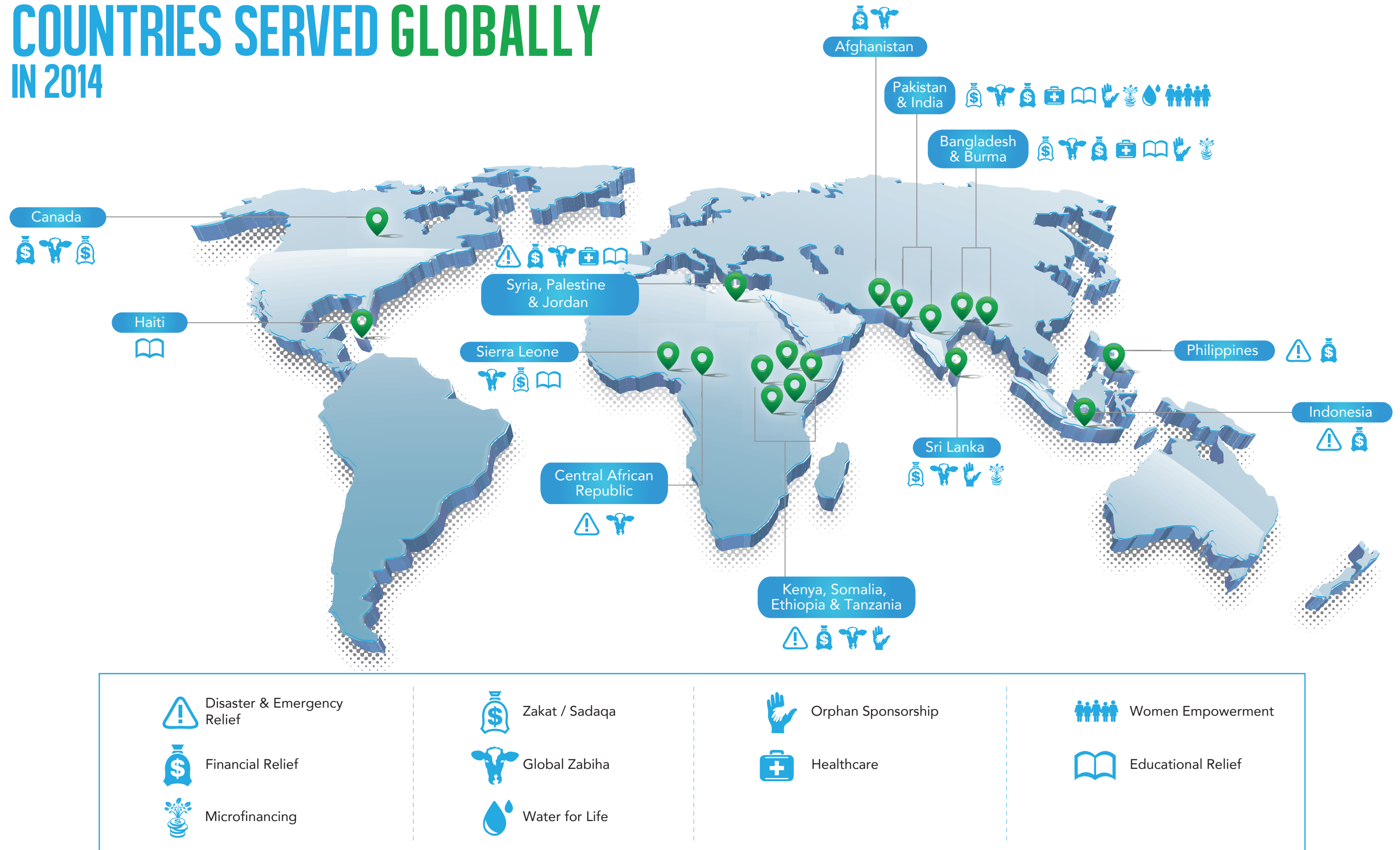


# OUR INITIATIVES





# COUNTRIES SERVED GLOBALLY IN 2014





# PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	COUNTRY	AMOUNT (\$)
Educational Support & Scholarship	Bangladesh	69,612
	India	131,631
	Pakistan	174,000
	Somalia	8,000
Disaster & Emergency Relief	Afghanistan	10,000
	Bangladesh	10,535
	Bosnia	17,305
	Jammu & Kashmir	40,000
	Kenya	8,368
	Myanmar (Burma)	33,724
	Pakistan	100,111
	Palestine (Gaza)	300,000
Healthcare	Philippines	33,000
	Bangladesh	57,758
	India	129,073
	Pakistan	507,379
	Syria	454,726
Orphan Sponsorship	Bangladesh	64,800
	India	60,588
	Indonesia	21,000
	Iraq	9,000
	Jammu & Kashmir	48,600
	Kenya	57,600
	Pakistan	424,670
	Palestine	54,000
	Sierra Leone	18,331
	Sri Lanka	48,600
Orphanage Construction	Syria	12,240
	India	18,000
	Pakistan	296,000
Ramadan (Zakat ul Fitr)	Bangladesh	10,000
	India	20,000
	Kenya	10,000
	Myanmar (Burma)	10,000
	Pakistan	60,000
	Somalia	10,000
	Sri Lanka	5,000

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	COUNTRY	AMOUNT (\$)
Sadaqa & Aqeeqa	Bangladesh	510
	India	7,040
	Kenya	200
	Pakistan	6,090
	Syria	1,675
Water for Life	Azad Kashmir	3,250
	India	5,800
	Pakistan	50,728
Zabiha 2014	Afghanistan	13,460
	Bangladesh	23,035
	Bosnia	2,400
	Central African Republic	8,500
	India	68,400
	Kenya	14,510
	Myanmar (Burma)	16,770
	Pakistan	186,855
	Palestine (Gaza)	28,919
	Somalia	27,130
	Sri Lanka	7,575
	Syria	28,620
	Tanzania	8,400
Zakat Eligible (Health & Education)	Azad Kashmir	4,150
	Bangladesh	19,800
	Pakistan	40,445

**Total International Project Disbursements \$ 3,869,368**

DOMESTIC PROJECTS CANADA	AMOUNT (\$)	LOCATIONS
ICNA Relief Canada’s Resource Centres & Food Banks	483,050	Surrey, Edmonton, Calgary, Milton, Mississauga, Thorncliffe, Scarborough, Ottawa, Montreal and Hamilton-Brantford
In-Kind Disbursements (Food Banks)	780,440	

**Total Domestic Project Disbursements \$ 1,263,490**

**TOTAL PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS \$ 5,132,858**

\*financial details are subject to audit.

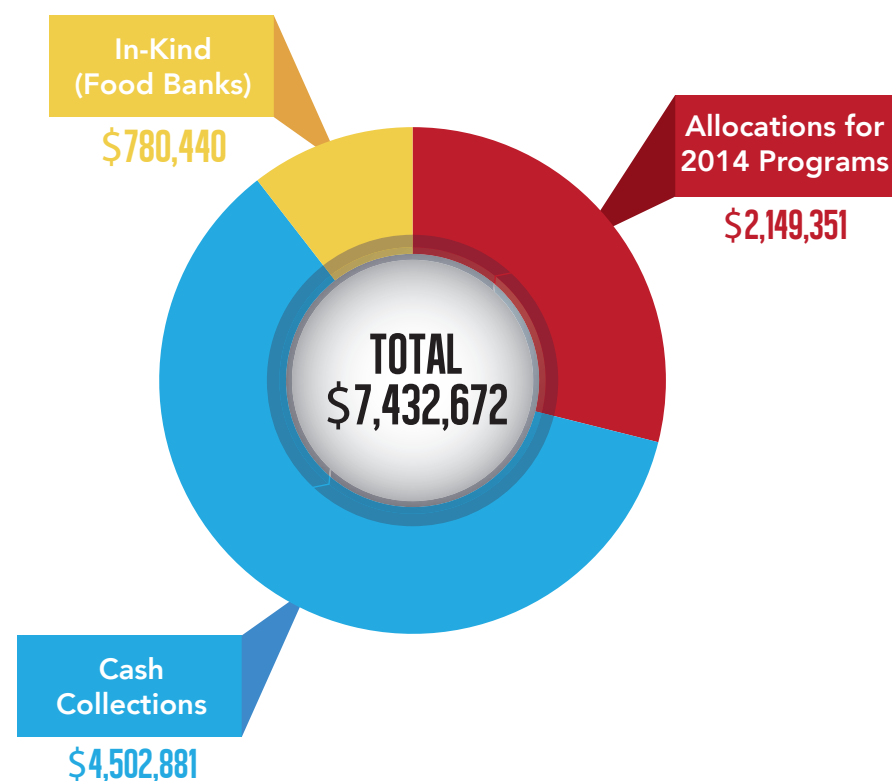


# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

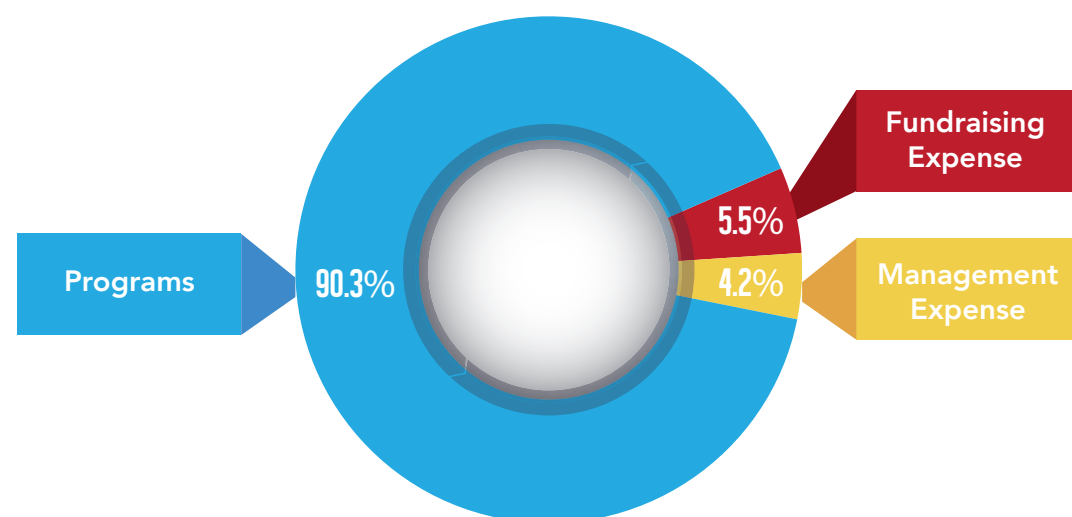
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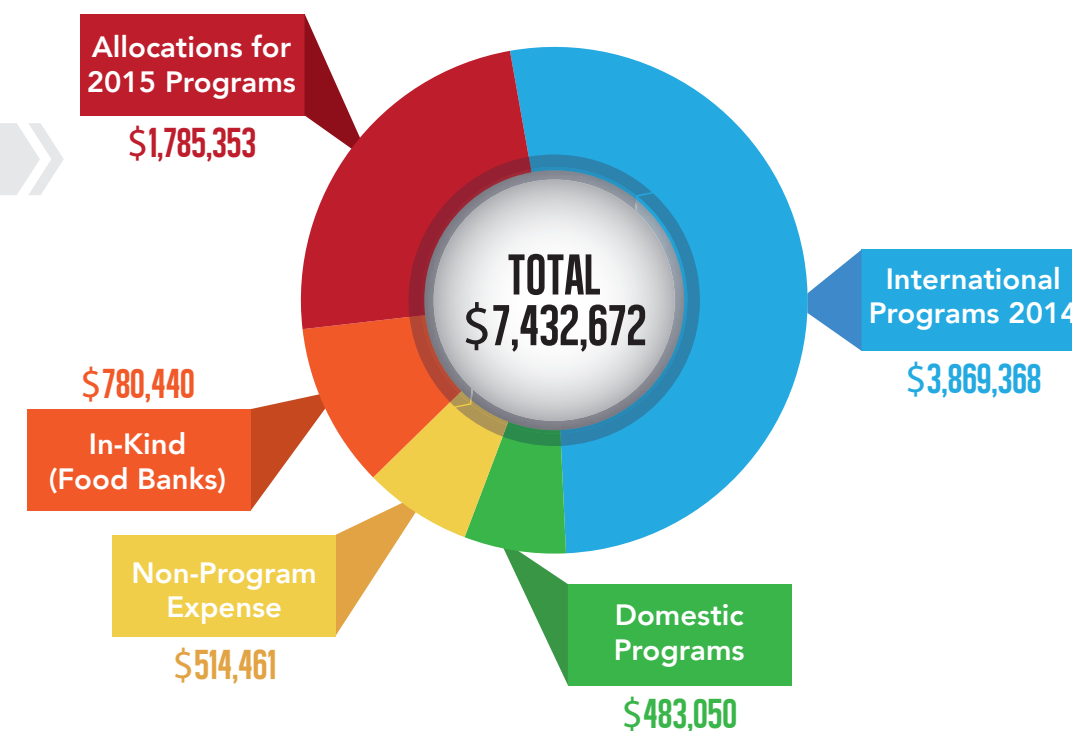
## REVENUE



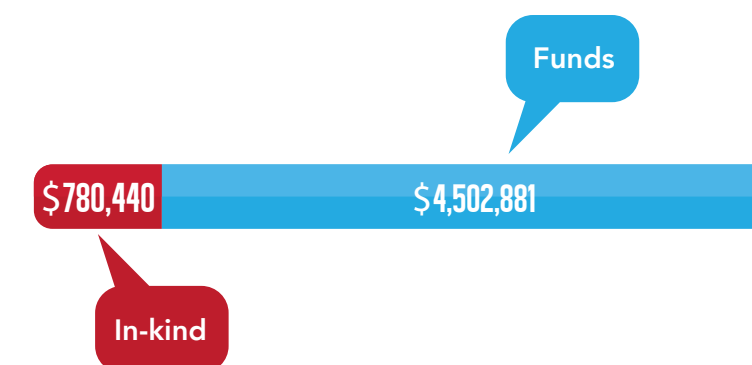
## % OF NON-PROGRAM EXPENSES



## DISBURSEMENTS



## FUNDS COLLECTED







# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



## EDUCATION

Everyone would agree that a good education system is paramount to a nation's success. With this in mind, ICNA Relief Canada continually invests in education and in school facility improvement projects throughout the developing world. In 2014, we spent more than \$380,000 for several crucial educational support and relief initiatives, mainly in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh. Projects included the renovation and/or expansion of primary schools, post-secondary education scholarships, skill enhancement programs, provision of school supplies such as desks, uniforms, etc. and other financial support for schools serving the poorest children and adults from rural and slum areas; many of the

most destitute people benefitting from our projects live in regions and countries devastated by war or natural disasters.

Note: The above are in addition to the educational programs and activities ICNA Relief Canada supports for children who are part of our Orphan Sponsorship Program in 11 countries.

### Disbursements on Educational Relief Projects in 2014:

\$69,612	Bangladesh
\$131,631	India
\$174,000	Pakistan
\$8,000	Somalia

## WATER FOR LIFE



ICNA Relief Canada realizes the importance of clean water in helping to build and maintain healthy, prosperous communities in the developing world. And so in 2014, we invested more than \$62,000 in 3 new water projects (one in India, two in Pakistan). They included the drilling and construction of 20 hand-operated water pumping stations in the Thar Desert of Pakistan, where severe famine and drought have caused a serious shortage of potable water, leading to an increase in disease. Another very successful clean water project helped provide thousands of primary school students and staff with safe and abundant drinking water facilities at 22 READ Foundation schools in rural AJK, Pakistan. Visit [www.icnareliefcanda.ca/water-for-life](http://www.icnareliefcanda.ca/water-for-life) to learn more about "the silent emergency" of water scarcity and watch a brief video on how this project proved very significant in improving the lives of entire communities.

### Disbursements on Water for Life Program in 2014:

\$3,250	Azad Kashmir
\$5,800	India
\$50,728	Pakistan







## DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada conducted awareness/fund-raising campaigns for several international disasters and helped support more than \$550,000 in Disaster and Emergency Relief projects, including:

- Violence in Central African Republic.
- Floods in Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- North Waziristan IDPs, Pakistan.
- Landslides in Badakshan Province, Afghanistan.
- Drought & Famine in Thar, Pakistan.
- Crisis in Gaza.
- South Asian Floods (Pakistan, Kashmir, India & Bangladesh).
- Civil Strife in Syria.



## SUPPORTED OVER \$550,000 IN DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECTS IN OVER 9 COUNTRIES

Of the \$550,000 spent on Disaster and Emergency Relief, ICNA Relief Canada invested more than \$100,000 to deliver emergency food aid and supplies to flood-affected populations of South Asia, and \$200,000 (plus \$100,000 for Fitra) to provide emergency food and non-food items in response to the ongoing crisis in Gaza.

About \$17,000 was also spent in providing emergency relief response to devastating floods in Bosnia-Herzegovina which inundated more than half the country during 2014. These funds were used to build 5 sizable greenhouses, and purchase 5 Rototillers for needy farmers that enabled them to cultivate food for personal and commercial use.





## HEALTHCARE



**INVESTED OVER \$1.15 MILLION ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT HEALTHCARE PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN, INDIA, BANGLADESH AND SYRIA**

### Disbursements on Healthcare Projects in 2014:

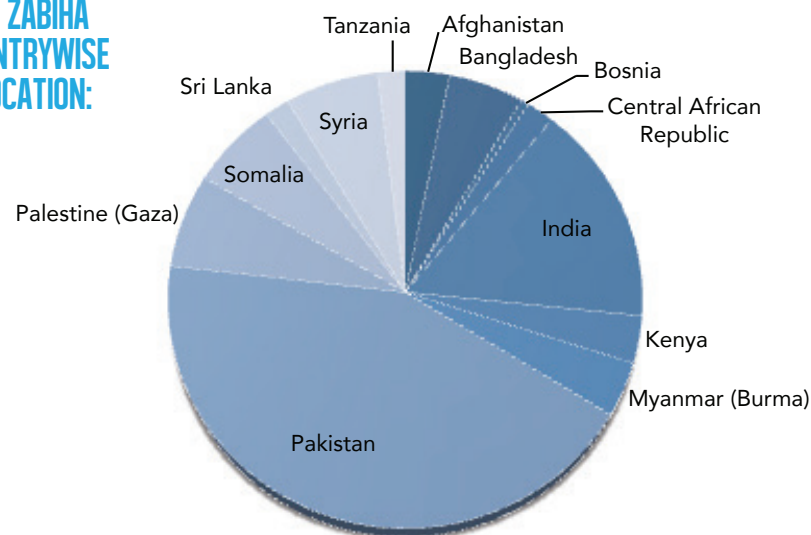
\$57,758	Bangladesh
\$129,073	India
\$507,379	Pakistan
\$454,726	Syria

In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada spent approximately \$10,000 to construct a Diagnostic Lab and Collection Centre in Tharparkar, Pakistan, where several years of failed rains have caused severe drought and famine, contributing to the spread of preventable, but often fatal diseases, such as pneumonia and diarrhea.

ICNA Relief Canada also invested more than \$1.15 million on several major health care projects in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Syria. These included funding for the construction and operation of full-fledged hospitals, clinics, mobile clinics, medical camps, diagnostic labs and ambulances in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, plus the purchase and distribution of urgently needed medical supplies to charitable hospitals operating inside Syria.

## GLOBAL ZABIHA

### 2014 ZABIHA COUNTRYWISE ALLOCATION:



In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada successfully arranged nearly 5,000 Goat and/or Cow share orders totaling more than \$464,000 – an initiative that benefitted an estimated 500,000 needy people across 15 countries.

We also partnered via UNRWA USA to implement Zabiha / Udhiya / Qurbani for Palestinian Refugees in Gaza and Syria.

## ZAKAT-UL-FITR (FITRA)

ICNA Relief Canada also spent \$131,346 on Ramadan Food and Eid Gift Distribution for the needy in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Burma, and Kenya (including the Dadaab Somali Refugee Camp), as well as in Canada. An additional \$100,000 was contributed via UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) USA for the purchase of essential food items in response to the crisis in Gaza.

### SADAQAH & AQEEQA (GOAT/SHEEP SACRIFICE)

Each year, ICNA Relief Canada arranges to perform Sadaqa and Aqeeqa Goat and Sheep Sacrifices in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kenya, Syria, and the Refugee Camp in Lebanon. These projects provide an important and convenient service to Canadian benefactors who wish that the sacrificial meat be of benefit to the poor and needy, instead of consuming it themselves.







## ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

Our largest and most popular initiative, the Orphan Sponsorship Program saw an investment of more than **\$847,000** in 11 different countries for the support of 2,300 orphan children in 2014. The details of 2014 fund disbursements are on the following page

### Orphan Sponsorship Program Disbursements in 2014:

Country	Disbursement Amount (\$)	# of Orphans Sponsored	Partner Name
Afghanistan	\$29,210	90	Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan
Bangladesh	\$42,120	120	Islamic Aid Bangladesh
	\$22,680	70	Help & Knowledge (IAB)
	\$4,000 (Canada)		Little Sadaqa Project
India	\$34,668	107	FEED Hyderabad
	\$31,318	80	Hilal Welfare Trust
	\$48,600	150	Help Foundation, J & Kashmir
Indonesia	\$21,000	35	PKPU, Jakarta, Indonesia
Iraq	\$9,000	15	Life USA
Kenya	\$57,707	120	The Islamic Foundation
Pakistan	\$178,200	550	Alkhidmat Foundation
	\$97,300	300	Help In Need
	\$27,590	85	Hope Foundation
	\$32,400	100	Ghazali Foundation
	\$27,570	85	READ Foundation
	\$32,400	100	Green Crescent Trust
Palestine	\$54,017	90	Life USA
Sierra Leone	\$18,331	56	Fourah Bay Community Foundation
Sri Lanka	\$48,600	150	Serendib Foundation Relief & Dev.
Syria	\$12,240	17	Human Concern International

Learn more about and help support ICNA Relief Canada's Domestic and International Programs at <https://icnareliefcanda.ca/domestic> and <https://icnareliefcanda.ca/international>







## INTERNATIONAL VISITS

*The United Village Schools in Hyderabad, India*

The ICNA Relief Canada team periodically visits our international project sites in order to monitor the progress of ongoing activities and share constructive feedback with our partners.

During 2014 and the first quarter of 2015, several members of our Management team, Board, and donor community travelled from Canada to visit various areas of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh and reported their findings.

## PAKISTAN

In March 2015, Br. Abid R. Mir who is Manager of our Orphan Sponsorship Program, visited some of our main partners in the capital city of Islamabad, Pakistan, to assess the program's current performance and future needs.

Also earlier this year, Br. M. Arif Jahangiri, Secretary General of ICNA Canada, visited some of our partners in Karachi, Pakistan; he was very pleased to see the positive impact that our health project partnerships are having in the lives of under-privileged people there.

During February and March 2015, Br. Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor, a long-time donor and recently appointed ICNA Relief Canada Ambassador, took time from his personal vacation in Pakistan to tour several of our partner project sites in and around the Punjab and Azad Kashmir regions. He returned to Canada in early April and was elated to brief the entire ICNA Relief Canada team at head office about his very satisfying and reassuring visits with our partners.

During his trip, Br. Ghafoor attended several ICNA Relief Canada-funded institutions and participated in events organized by some of our Pakistan partners, including READ Foundation, Al-Khidmat Foundation, and Helping Hand for Relief and Development. He was especially pleased to see the professionalism, vision, diversity and inclusiveness which were apparent in all of the partners, programs and projects he visited, especially the inclusive nature of our

Al-Falah Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Program, which is helping some 250 aspiring but impoverished Pakistani students of all faith backgrounds realize their dreams for a higher education.

## BANGLADESH

Br. Amir Uz Zaman, MGA and a former Board Member of ICNA Relief Canada, visited parts of Bangladesh early in 2015. During his personal visit there, he reported on projects that ICNA Relief Canada is helping to support via the Help and Knowledge Institute, Bangladesh, and also arranged for video clips and pictures of our activities there.

## OTHER COUNTRIES

Despite several attempts by ICNA Relief Canada's management and Board to organize visits into Gaza, Syria and Myanmar during 2014 to assess the current situation and monitor the impact of our recent contributions there, travels to these places could not be arranged, primarily due to logistical and security issues. ICNA Relief Canada continues to explore other possible avenues for safely visiting these countries during the remainder of 2015. As they become available, updates will be shared via our website and social media.

*READ Foundation, Educational Supplies for Orphans, Pakistan*



## INDIA

Br. Syed M. Agha, who oversees our projects in Canada & India, visited our Partner project sites in India in January 2014 and again in February 2015. He visited the Al-Shifa Multi-specialty Hospital in New Delhi, the Ehsas Clinic in Old Delhi, the Hyderabad Institute of Excellence in Hyderabad, the United Village Schools in Hyderabad, and several other projects in cities such as Chennai, Mysore and Kolkata, India.

In 2014, Br. Agha was joined by Sr. Nafees Khan (now an ICNA Relief Canada Board member); Sr. Nafees Khan is a popular children's book author and an active GTA community leader.

*Al-Shifa Multispecialty Hospital in New Delhi, India*





Alhamdulillah, and with help from brothers and sisters of our community, ICNA Relief Canada continues to improve in reporting from and monitoring our partners, as well as exploring further opportunities to assist needy and destitute people throughout the many countries in which we operate.

If you would like to become an ICNA Relief Canada Volunteer Ambassador for one of our domestic or international programs, or to help us in any way, we would love to hear from you at [volunteer@icnareliefcanda.ca](mailto:volunteer@icnareliefcanda.ca)



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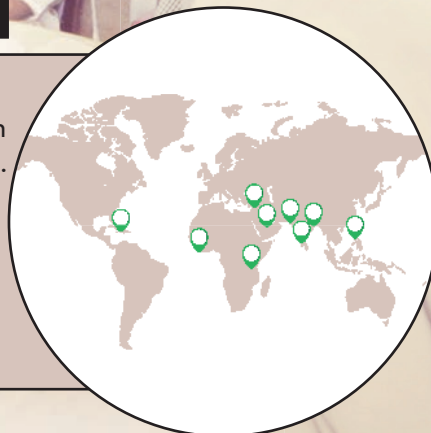
YOU EDUCATE A MAN;  
YOU EDUCATE A MAN.  
YOU EDUCATE A **WOMAN**;  
YOU EDUCATE A **GENERATION**.

-Brigham Young

## EDUCATIONAL RELIEF & SUPPORT

In 2014 ICNA Relief Canada funded 19 Educational Relief & Support Projects in 9 countries and invested over \$400,000.

Help support our initiatives to educate our daughters, mothers and sisters by donating at [www.icnareliefcanda.ca/donate](http://www.icnareliefcanda.ca/donate)



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# DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

## RESOURCE CENTRES/FOOD BANKS

ICNA Relief Canada (IRC) operates Resource Centres / Food Banks in the following 10 Canadian cities - Brantford ON, Calgary AB, Edmonton AB, Milton ON, Mississauga ON, Montreal QC, Ottawa ON, Scarborough ON, Surrey BC, and Thorncliffe ON.

In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada added two new Resource Centre / Food Bank locations (Brantford and Montreal). Together, our 10 Food Banks served more than 36,000 individuals (or 9,900 families). With God's Mercy, this was made possible through generous support provided by the local communities (both financial and in-kind donations) and the tireless hard work of our Resource Centre staff/people and volunteers. Our Food Bank program operated on a combined budget of more than \$800,000, with our Ottawa and Thorncliffe locations topping the list for highest activity and greatest number of clients served. In addition to serving as Food Banks, ICNA Relief Canada's 10 Resource Centres also provided other much-needed services, including Individual and Family Counselling, Information Sessions, and Workshops on various topics such as Health and Wellness, and Parenting. ICNA Relief Centres also helped connect the community with our other domestic programs.

## MUSLIM FAMILY SERVICES:

Our Muslim Family Services department strives to preserve and strengthen Canadian Muslim families and their values. Initiatives from previous years were continued in 2014 with increased efforts focused on better organizing, documenting and enhancing the quality of services provided.

## 1. COUNSELLING SERVICES

Counselling Services were provided to more than 100 individuals and/or families across Canada and included the following major areas:

- Marital and Family
- Religious/ Spiritual care
- New Immigrants and Refugees
- Crisis Intervention
- Referrals to other Agencies and Resources
- Finding Employment / Jobs

## 2. SENIORS' SUPPORT

Aging can create many challenges for our seniors, some of which increase their susceptibility to depression and other illnesses. Lack of attention and access to opportunities for healthy socialization can worsen many adverse situations for the elderly. The Seniors' Support program of ICNA Relief Canada aims to engage seniors in culturally inviting and inclusive environments. Programs held during 2014 included educational and entertainment get-togethers in Mississauga, Milton, Scarborough, Thorncliffe (all in Ontario) and Edmonton AB. Events such as 'Eid gatherings,



an annual picnic, a museum visit, computer training classes, and interactive intergenerational sessions for youth to connect and share experiences with valued elders were also organized. As before, we thank the ICNA Canada Sisters wing, whose members play an important role in arranging these programs.

In late 2014, ICNA Relief Canada's Mississauga location launched the new "Glen Erin Seniors" project, generously funded by the Ontario Seniors Secretariat. This initiative focuses on engaging and empowering local seniors through opportunities to serve as volunteers and mentors.

## 3. MATRIMONIAL SERVICES

Finding suitable marriage partners for Muslim youth in the West has become a major need and challenge for many immigrant families.

To alleviate this problem, ICNA Relief Canada's free matrimonial service works to make the matching process easier and less intimidating. Launched in July 2012, this initiative has been welcomed with great enthusiasm and is constantly evolving.

Prospective candidates and/or their families are invited to register on the ICNA Relief Canada website and consult with our matrimonial services team.

In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada organized several sold-out social events and educational seminars on marriage, where individuals and families learned more about the Islamic perspective on marriage and were able to make positive connections. Around 300 new families registered for our Matrimonial Service and 4 marital matches were made.

## 4. FUNERAL SUPPORT FUND

Today, the cost of purchasing a grave plot, and even the most modest funeral arrangements for a departed loved one, can often reach into thousands of dollars. For many, these expenses are simply unaffordable and they are forced to rely on friends, family, and community members for financial help. To alleviate this problem, ICNA Relief Canada has established a Funeral (Janaza) Support Fund to assist needy families in covering some of the costs related to funerals for deceased loved ones. In 2014, ICNA Relief Canada collected \$9,783 and disbursed \$9,974 to assist 8 needy families locally.

## 5. HEALTH AND EDUCATION

In partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, a major CPR and AED awareness event was organized at ICNA Canada's Al-Falah Islamic Centre and Mosque in Oakville ON. It drew a crowd of approximately 250, mostly South Asian men, women and children from the Mississauga, Oakville and Milton areas. Participants received important heart-health information as well as instruction in CPR/AED skills.

Other seminars and workshops organized by ICNA Relief Canada featured the following topics:

Islamic Perspectives on Marriage, Marriage and Family Relationships, the need for more Muslim Foster Parents, Health and Wellness, Heart Health and Chronic Diseases Management.

## 6. FOSTER PARENTING

Foster Parenting is a model whereby trained foster parents provide care to children in safe, nurturing, and healthy family environments when the children's own families are unable to do so for various reasons. ICNA Relief Canada's foster parenting initiative connects people interested in becoming foster parents with their local Children's Aid Society (CAS), as well as collaborating by organizing seminars and presentations to raise awareness and provide guidance on how to become a foster parent, especially within the Muslim community.

Of the 7 prospects referred to CAS in 2014, one has approached the final stage. She has been through the interview, assessment and training phases and is now in the home study phase.

## DOMESTIC ZAKAT PROGRAM

Even in affluent times there are many who face great economic hardships and struggle to make ends meet. Each year, ICNA Relief Canada receives and carefully assesses countless applications for financial assistance and tries to provide a small, one-time amount of monetary relief (from our General Zakat Fund) aimed at alleviating a family's financial burden during dire situations. During 2014, ICNA Relief Canada provided financial assistance to 54 families within Canada, totaling about \$48,000 from our Zakat Fund.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Each summer, our YLDP program helps impart valuable skills to high school students through a creative "learning while doing" approach. The program consists of seminars and exciting field projects in the areas of Personal Development, Organization, Communication, Community Activism and Social Development. During July and August of 2014, YLDP programs were held in the cities of Mississauga and Thorncliffe ON, as well as in Calgary AB. 108 high school and 17 university students participated in this successful annual event. Registration is limited and costs a mere \$25 per person. For Ontario high school students, YLDP experience also counts toward fulfilling part of the 40 volunteer hours required towards completing their secondary school diploma.

Online registrations for summer 2015 will open soon on our website – [www.icnareliefcanada.ca/yl dp](http://www.icnareliefcanada.ca/yl dp)





## MARYAM HOME (WOMEN'S SHELTER)

Maryam Home is to be a temporary safe shelter for women experiencing abuse and is the newest major local program initiative by ICNA Relief Canada. ICNA Relief Canada recently purchased the property in a stable and secure Mississauga middle-class neighborhood to create this place for women fleeing abusive relationships and who need a safe living environment. Maryam Home will welcome all women needing shelter but will seek primarily to help single Muslim women from the GTA who find themselves in abusive and/or threatening situations. This temporary residence will serve halal food and provide its female residents with a variety of culturally compatible counselling and wellness services. Qualified caregivers and staff will help them return to living normal, respected and dignified lives.

ICNA Relief Canada purchased the Mississauga property for Maryam Home at a cost of approximately \$777,000 and urgently requires your help to renovate, furnish, and staff the facility so that we can begin providing services before mid-2015.

Learn more and donate at: [www.maryamhome.ca](http://www.maryamhome.ca) | [www.icnareliefcanda.ca/maryam-home](http://www.icnareliefcanda.ca/maryam-home)



# MARYAM HOME

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SAFE  
SHELTER



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PERSONAL  
WELLNESS



COUNSELLING



HALAL  
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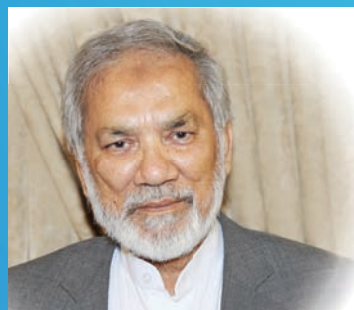
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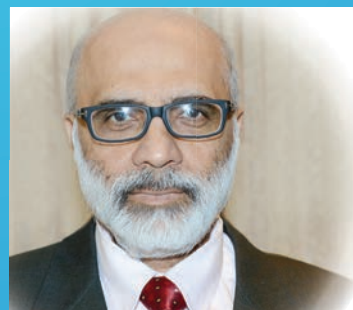
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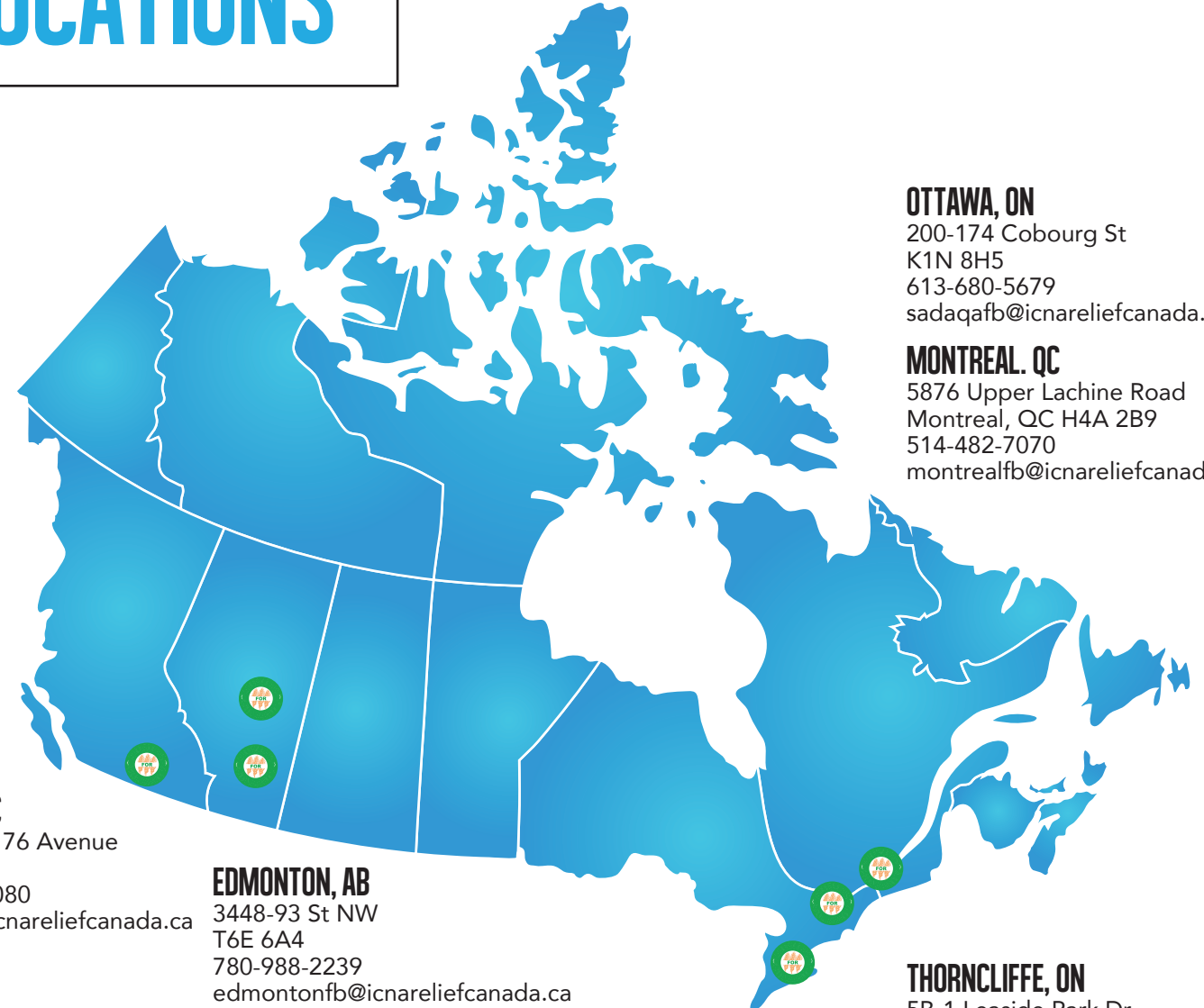
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