REPORT 2021

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ABOUT US



ICNA Relief Canada is a part of global humanitarian relief and development efforts responding to human suffering in emergency and disaster situations around the world. In addition to our emergency relief efforts, resulting from natural or human-caused catastrophes, we also maintain long term aid and development programs.

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OUR VISION

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to providing leadership in the empowerment of lives, the creation of meaningful opportunities, and strengthening the bonds that link all of humanity.

OUR MISSION

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to human service through the effective integration of resources to help people in need. We strive to provide immediate response in times of disaster and to implement programs that alleviate human suffering.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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ICNA Relief Canada is committed to giving hope and bringing 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.



Assalamu `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 – contributing to the moral, social and economic development of Canadian society as a whole. In keeping with this vision, ICNA Relief Canada is dedicated to empowering people in need, both locally and globally. We believe that our humble efforts can truly strengthen the bonds of humanity, particularly at a time when many communities are facing unprecedented social and economic challenges.

ICNA Relief Canada is committed to giving hope and bringing 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. Thus, our motto is "No Borders, No Boundaries." We are dedicated to bringing a smile to people's faces by improving their quality of lives, ensuring we provide quality services with dignity.

In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada served more people and communities than ever before, spending in excess of over 9 million dollars. Many community development projects have been initiated. We work through our international partners who are capable of delivering effectively the relief work to reach out to millions of underprivileged people around the world, without any discrimination. This partnership model made us operate ICNA Relief Canada just under 4% management expense in 2021. Our slogan "No Borders, No Boundaries" is reflective of our mission. Our commitment is to bring positive change in everyone's life wherever we could.

ICNA Relief Canada's domestic programs include: Support our Hospitals, Settlement & Refugee Sponsorship, Youth Development, Family Counselling, Seniors' Support, Funeral Support and many more. Our food banks have been an important contribution towards our efforts of serving our fellow Canadians in need. We aim to continue building domestic projects in coming years to serve the communities locally.

We are striving to increase our services-based partnerships nationwide with Masjids and local communities. We are also working on redefining the ICNA Relief Canada organization structure and domestic programs in an effort to serve the local communities more effectively with more diverse programs and services that are needed in our communities across Canada.

All our projects are being monitored and audited by the team of dedicated members/directors to ensure the good governance at ICNA Relief Canada. The processes, procedures and policies are in place and are continuously reviewed to guarantee that the guidelines are being met correctly. ICNA Relief Canada is a community trust and we believe in answerability and transparency while disbursing the donated funds in the prescribed manner.

We always look forward to your continued support to sustain our relief projects. Please keep up the good work by contributing to our great causes to serve humanity.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support!

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mazher Tatif



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The year 2021 has been a continuation of our success story, Alhamdulillah. We are grateful to our generous donors, committed supporters and passionate volunteers.

Assalam o Alaikum wrwb (Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you),

The year 2021 has been a continuation of our success story, Alhamdulillah. We are grateful to our generous donors, committed supporters and passionate volunteers. We would not have achieved milestones in delivering relief to many parts of the world and empowering vulnerable communities by building sustainable projects in the form of relief, education, healthcare, and clean drinking water resources without the support of our committed donors.

ICNA Relief Canada has been able to help millions of destitute people around the world by providing relief in disaster & emergency, education, orphan sponsorship, global zabiha, widow and women support, healthcare, and water for life. Through our orphan sponsorship program, over 6000 orphans have been supported in 2021.

We continued building purpose-designed educational institutes in Pakistan. Our 'water for life' cause has been a great interest and we have built hundreds of water projects including solar wells.

Locally, we continued to achieve success by serving fellow Canadians through our network of 11 food banks and resource centres across Canada. We continued supporting our hospitals by providing funds as well in-kind donations. Our 'Settlement and Refugee Sponsorship' (SRS) project has been effective in bringing vulnerable refugee families to Canada.

A few glimpses of our humble efforts and your generous contributions for many successful projects have been reflected in Annual Report 2021.

We are grateful to Allah Almighty for granting us the ability to continue serving humanity with our endeavours and we are thankful to our wonderful donors who are the 'real stakeholders' of our charity.

We look forward to having your continued support for the international and domestic initiatives of ICNA Relief Canada.

Shaukat Hussain

OUR INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Educational Relief

Spent about \$500,000 ensuring quality education for tens of thousands of children



Healthcare

Spent \$160,000 for projects in India and Syria



Zakatul Fitr

Close to \$500,000 distributed in 14 countries before Eid-ul-Fitr



Sadaqa & Aqeeqa

Disbursed over \$131,000 and served over 400,000 people with fresh meat



Disaster & Emergency Relief

Spent over \$1.25 Million in response to disaster and emergency relief



Orphan Sponsorship Program

Over 6000 orphan children received support of about \$2.5 Million in 13 countries



Water for Life

Invested over \$500,000 to ensure easy access to clean water for around 1.5 Million people in Pakistan, India, and Nepal



Global Zabiha

Spent about \$1 Million to provide fresh sacrificial meat to over 5 Million needy people in 23 countries

OUR INITIATIVES

DOMESTIC PROGRAMS



Feed the Hungry

Served over 5000 hot meals to the homeless through different shelters



Matrimonial Support

families to find their match for marriage



Maryam Home (Women's Shelter)

A temporary safe shelter for women experiencing abuse



Settlement and Refugee Sponsorship

Settled 90 refugee families in Canada since 2016- 2 families in 2021.



Muslim Family Services

152 people received professional counselling services by our professional counsellors



Helped 174



Resource Centres and **Food Banks**

Served over 44,250 individuals (11,241 families) by spending over \$833,500 through our 11 food banks across Canada



Domestic Zakat & Fitra

Provided over \$84.000 in financial assistance to needy families in Canada



Seniors' Support

Engaged seniors in culturally welcoming and inclusive environments



Funeral Support

Provided funeral & burial support to two families



Youth Leadership Development Program

A program that helps our youth to enhance their leadership qualities



Foster Parenting

Raised awareness and guidance on how to become a foster parent



Healthcare

Donated over Quarter Million dollars to 3 hospitals in Brantford, Mississauga, and Scarborough

COUNTRY-WISE DISBURSEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS TOTAL \$6,524,537

DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF	TOTAL \$1,286,429
Palestine	\$587,102
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ORPHAN	TOTAL
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SPONSORSHIP	\$2,453,720
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WATER	TOTAL
FOR LIFE	\$517,515
Pakistan	\$369,015
India	\$135,000
Nepal	\$13,000
GLOBAL	TOTAL
ZABIHA	\$997,030
Pakistan	\$194,335
Yemen	\$167,174
India	\$106,360
Rohingya	\$92,200
Palestine	\$85,275
Syria	\$42,800
Somalia	\$41,000
Bangladesh	\$38,982
Sri Lanka	\$29,830
Uyghur	\$25,900
Jammu & Kashmir	\$24,610
Burma	\$21,700
Ethiopia	\$18,000
Nepal	\$15,800
Afghanistan	\$14,850
Lebanon	\$13,890
Kenya	\$12,800
Tanzania	\$12,290
Canada	\$10,755
Azad Kashmir	\$8,600
Indonesia	\$6,555
Sierra Leone	\$5,724
Uganda	\$4,800
Bosnia	\$2,800
FITRA/FIDYA	TOTAL
/KAFFARA	\$469,740
Pakistan	\$100,000
Canada	\$64,740
Syria	\$60,000
Rohingya	\$50,000
India	\$45,000
Bangladesh	\$25,000
Yemen	\$25,000
Somalia	\$20,000
Jammu & Kashmir	\$15,000
Kenya	\$15,000
Nepal	\$15,000
Sri Lanka	\$15,000
Sierra Leone	\$10,000
Uganda	\$10,000



FUNDS total \$877,500

IN-KIND total \$1,606,010

RELIEF	\$160,000
India	\$90,000
Syria	\$70,000
WOMEN	TOTAL
SUPPORT	\$11,835
India	\$11,835
WIDOW	TOTAL
SUPPORT	\$7,000
Sri Lanka	\$7,000
RAMADAN FOOD	TOTAL
BASKETS	\$9,865

\$9,865

Pakistan

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC)

TOTAL \$9,008,047

*Financial Details are Subject to Audit.

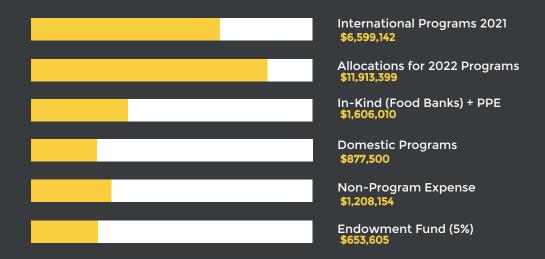
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL REVENUE **\$22,793,070**





DISBURSEMENTS **\$22,857,810**



EXPENSES

PERCENTAGE OF NON-PROGRAM

<u>& PROGRAM EXPENSES</u>





WATER PROJECT

water is scarce for 1 billion people

"THE BEST FORM OF CHARITY IS GIVING WATER TO DRINK"

Muhammad





INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF

ICNA Relief Canada endeavours to respond as quickly and effectively as possible to major international emergency and disaster situations by providing humanitarian aid in essentials such as: food, clean drinking water, shelters, medical assistance, and educational resources. Over the years, ICNA Relief Canada has developed a reliable and growing network of local and regional NGOs (independent nongovernmental organizations) who assist us in the delivery of our programs.

In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada spent over 1.25 million dollars for emergency relief. Our reliable local partners provided emergency relief for the Uyghur and Rohingya people,

as well as people from Bangladesh, India, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, and Yemen.

Cause	Country	Disbursement
Palestine Relief	Palestine	\$587,102
Uyghur Relief	Turkey	\$166,091
Syria Relief	Turkey	\$100,000
COVID-19 Relief	Pakistan	\$100,000
Yemen Relief	Yemen	\$100,000
Lebanon Relief	Lebanon	\$60,000
Indonesia Relief	Indonesia	\$48,402
India Relief	India	\$40,000
Rohingya Relief	Bangladesh	\$25,000
Bangladesh Relief	Bangladesh	\$20,559
Pakistan Relief	Pakistan	\$20,000
Nepal Relief	Nepal	\$19,075
Total		\$ 1,286,429



SUPPORT

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

WE ARE PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

- HospitalsMobile Clinics
- Health CampsFree Medications
 - Free Services

Donate Online www.icnareliefcanada.ca/healthcare



EDUCATIONAL RELIEF

A good educational system is paramount to a nation's success. ICNA Relief Canada continued investing in education, school building, and infrastructure improvement to ensure sustainable community development.

This is in addition to educational programs that ICNA Relief Canada supports for orphan children under our Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP) in over 10 countries. In 2020, ICNA Relief Canada spent about half a million dollars for educational support and relief initiatives in Pakistan, India and for the Rohingya children. The projects included construction, renovation and/or expansion of primary schools, post-secondary education scholarships, skill enhancement programs, provision of school supplies such as desks, uniforms, and other financial support for schools. Many of the most destitute people benefitting from our educational projects live in regions and countries suffering from abject poverty, war, or natural disasters. We run three childcare homes for Rohingya children in

Bangladesh providing quality education, midday meals, and all necessary school supplies as well as school uniforms.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$375,591
Uyghur	\$70,294
India	\$32,010
Sierra Leone	\$2,230
Total	\$480,125

HEALTHCARE

ICNA Relief Canada provides many healthcare facilities and services worldwide. We help build hospitals, sponsor hospital operations, help set up emergency medical clinics in disaster zones, and more. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada invested \$160,000 in healthcare support in India and Syria.

Country	Disbursement
India	\$90,000
Syria	\$70,000
Total	\$160,000



SPONSOR AN ORPHAN

For as low as \$1/day

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 140 MILLION CHILDREN WORLDWIDE ARE ORPHANS

Currently Sponsoring Over 6500 Orphans

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ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

ICNA Relief Canada's largest and most popular initiative, the Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP), invested about 2.5 million dollars in 13 different countries for the support of over 6000 orphans in 2021.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$996,430
Bangladesh	\$415,130
India	\$314,651
Syria	\$264,000
Palestine	\$132,058
Uyghur	\$104,400
Sri Lanka	\$59,000
Kenya	\$57,600
Sierra Leone	\$50,660
Yemen	\$33,050
Uganda	\$13,440
Lebanon	\$6,701
Iraq	\$6,601
Total	\$2,453,720

WATER FOR LIFE

ICNA Relief Canada realizes the importance of clean and safe water in helping to build and maintain healthy and prosperous communities in the developing world. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada invested over \$500,000 on various water projects in Pakistan, India, and Nepal that help over 1.5 million people to access clean water and healthy sanitation facilities every day.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$369,015
India	\$135,000
Nepal	\$13,000
Total	\$517,515

GLOBAL ZABIHA / UDHIYA /



GIVE ON YOUR BEHALF, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED

Donate Online www.icnareliefcanada.ca/donate-Qurbani

QURBANI

We provide a vital and very convenient service to Canadian donors who wish that their sacrificial meat be of benefit to the less privileged. On behalf of those donors, ICNA Relief Canada arranges animal sacrifices in different countries through its Global Zabiha Program and Sadaqa & Aqeeqa project. We make sure that our local partners distribute the sacrificial fresh meat to those who rarely have the opportunity to get meat or protein in their daily meals. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada spent close to 1 million dollars for Global Zabiha, an initiative that benefitted over 5 million needy people in 24 countries with the enjoyment of fresh meat on Eid-ul-Adha.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$194,335
Yemen	\$167,174
India	\$106,360
Rohingya	\$92,200
Palestine	\$85,275
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Canada	\$10,755
Azad Kashmir	\$8,600
Indonesia	\$6,555
Sierra Leone	\$5,724
Uganda	\$4,800
Bosnia	\$2,800
Total	\$997,030

Additionally, ICNA Relief Canada spent over \$130,000 for Sadaqa & Aqeeqa that benefitted an estimated 400,000 needy people in 2021.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$58,890
Rohingya	\$21,465
Kenya	\$17,415
Bangladesh	\$15,525
India	\$11,545
Afghanistan	\$6,240
Total	\$131,080

ZAKAT-UL-FITR (FITRA)

We pay Zakat-ul-Fitr at the end of Ramadan as a token of thankfulness to Allah for having enabled us to observe fasts and help the poor and needy, so that everyone can happily celebrate Eid together. ICNA Relief Canada's Zakat-ul-Fitr project ensures that your Zakat-ul-Fitr reaches the deserving people before the Eid prayer. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada disbursed \$469,740 for Zakat-ul-Fitr in 14 countries.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$100,000
Canada	\$64,740
Syria	\$60,000
Rohingya	\$50,000
India	\$45,000
Bangladesh	\$25,000
Yemen	\$25,000
Somalia	\$20,000
Jammu and Kashmir	\$15,000
Kenya	\$15,000
Nepal	\$15,000
Sri Lanka	\$15,000
Sierra Leone	\$10,000
Uganda	\$10,000
Total	\$ 469,740

SADAQA & AQEEQA

DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

Settlement

and Refugee

Sponsorship

ICNA Relief Canada operates resource centres in 12 cities across Canada:

Brantford, ON Ottawa, ON

Calgary, AB Scarborough, ON

Edmonton, AB Surrey, BC

Milton, ON Thorncliffe, ON Mississauga, ON Winnipeg, MB

Montreal, QC St.Johns', NL

Each resource centre aims to provide the following 13 programs:





FOOD BANK

The food bank is the main component of all of ICNA Relief Canada's twelve resource centers that are; always inclusive, open to all, ensure quality services, maintain recipients' dignity, and provide halal food hampers along with other basic supplies to the families in need every month. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada's twelve food banks served 38,560 individuals (10,268 families) across Canada by providing them monthly halal food hampers, basic supplies, winter clothes, back to school hampers, and special Ramadan and Eid hampers. Over \$1,000,000 was spent for the food banks in 2021.

ICNA Relief Canada's food banks collaborate with the mainstream food banks by running food drives for them and receiving food supplies from them regularly, as needed. ICNA Relief Canada's food bank in Mississauga is supported by the Mississauga Food Bank, the Thorncliffe Food Bank is supported by The Daily Bread, and the Sadaqa Food Bank, Ottawa is supported by the Ottawa Food Bank. Our food bank in Brantford supports local food banks and shelters such as the Six Nations Food Bank and Brantford Food Banks. Additionally, our food banks are regularly supported by many corporations and community organizations.



MUSLIM FAMILY (COUNSELLING) SERVICES

In 2021, 160 people have received free counseling services by the professional counsellors under this initiative for their emotional and psychological wellbeing as well as for their family and youth issues.

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. ICNA Relief Canada's seniors' support program aims to engage seniors in culturally inviting and inclusive environments. Virtual and in-person sessions such as social networking, tours, computer classes, skill programs, monthly

info sessions, exercise, and games were organized in 2021 by our resource centres for the seniors in partnership with different agencies.

MATRIMONIAL SERVICES

Finding suitable marriage partners for Muslims in Canada has become a major need and challenge for many families. To alleviate some of the challenges of this regard, ICNA Relief Canada launched a free, fully functional matrimonial service in July 2012. Since its inception, this initiative has been welcomed with great enthusiasm and is constantly evolving. Prospective candidates and their families are invited to register on the ICNA Relief Canada website and consult with our matrimonial services team. In 2021, over 289 families registered for ICNA Relief Canada's matrimonial service. Additionally, many people received pre-marital counselling services to better prepare for marriage.



FUNERAL SUPPORT FUND

Today, the cost of purchasing a grave plot and even the most modest funeral arrangements for a departed loved one may often reach into thousands of dollars. For many, these expenses are simply unaffordable and cause individuals dealing with grief to turn to others for financial aid. To alleviate this challenge, ICNA Relief Canada has established a funeral support fund to assist the extremely needy families in covering the needed costs related to funerals in addition to available government and community support. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada collected \$15,494 for this project and disbursed \$20,570 to assist five families for burial.

FOSTER PARENTING

Foster parenting is a model whereby trained foster parents provide temporary 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 families interested in becoming foster parents with their local Children's Aid Society (CAS). ICNA Relief Canada also organizes seminars, workshops, khutbahs, and

presentations in raising awareness and provides guidance on how to become a foster parent, especially within the Muslim community. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada provided necessary information to the community on a regular basis and organized awareness seminars in different cities as part of this project and collected \$6,087.

DOMESTIC ZAKAT PROGRAM

Each year, ICNA Relief Canada receives countless applications for financial assistance from needy Muslim Canadians. After a careful assessment, ICNA Relief Canada provides a reasonable and dignified one-time amount of monetary relief from its Zakat fund to the applicants with greatest need to alleviate their financial burden. In 2021, Alhamdulillah, fifty-four deserving Canadian Muslim families received \$54,310 in financial assistance from ICNA Relief Canada's Domestic Zakat Fund.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP): Each summer, the YLDP 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 personal development, organization, communication, community activism, and social skills. Due to COVID-19, all programs of the YLDP were postponed since 2020.

WOMENS' SHELTER (MARYAM HOME)

In 2015, ICNA Relief Canada purchased a property in a stable and secure Mississauga middle-class neighborhood to create a space for women fleeing abusive relationships and looking for a safe living environment. Maryam Home aims to welcome all women needing shelter and seeks to primarily help single Muslim women from the Greater Toronto Area 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 spiritual wellness services. Qualified caregivers and staff will help them return to living normal, respected, and dignified lives. Due to zoning issues, ICNA Relief Canada is in the process of relocating Maryam Home. Until then, Maryam Home is hosting different programs for women, youth and seniors to continue to empower them in a safe space.

SETTLEMENT AND REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (SRS) PROGRAM

In October 2015, ICNA Relief Canada launched its "Settlement & Refugee Sponsorship" program, also known as SRS, aiming to bring one hundred refugee families to Canada. Alhamdulillah, 90 refugee families (281 individuals) from 3 different ethnic backgrounds (Syrians, Iraqi and Rohingya) have safely arrived in Canada in the last six years (2016-2021) through this initiative. In 2021, two families came to Canada and settled in Windsor, ON.



INTERNATIONAL VISITS

Members of the ICNA Relief Canada team periodically visit international projects to ensure service quality, accountability, transparency, progress, and share constructive feedback with partners. Additionally, this serves the purpose of identifying potential projects and programs that ICNA Relief Canada may initiate or support in the future. In 2021, ICNA Relief Canada's teams travelled to Pakistan and Turkey to visit ongoing projects, meet local partners, and gather the information presented for our esteemed donors.

PAKISTAN

In October, ICNA Relief Canada's Chair Mazher Latif visited our college at Bhimber, checking on the quality of education offered to our students, 34 of which are students supported by our projects and are among the top 20 percent of students who showed excellent performance in their final examinations.

In November, ICNA Relief Canada's President, Mohammad Ijaz, and Executive Director, Shaukat Hussain, visited various schools and healthcare facilities supported through our projects to learn more about the progress of these projects and ensure the best services are continuing to be provided to those who use these services.

TURKEY

In November, ICNA Relief Canada's President, Mohammad Ijaz, and Executive Director, Shaukat Hussain, visited the Oasis of Urfa, our orphanage for Syrian refugee girls, to inaugurate the orphanage in Sanliurfa, Turkey. This orphanage provides over 100 Syrian refugee girls with the necessities of life and opportunities to improve their education in order to achieve a much brighter future.



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