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ANNUAL REPORT

2021



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- ➔ Qurbani/Udhiya
- ➔ Food and Water



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Introduction

About Us

ICNA Relief Canada is a humanitarian organization actively engaged in global relief and development efforts, responding to the needs of vulnerable populations affected by emergencies and disasters across the world. While addressing urgent humanitarian crises, we also invest in long-term development initiatives designed to foster stability, self-reliance, and sustainable community growth.

OUR VISION

ICNA Relief Canada aspires to be a leader in empowering individuals, expanding opportunities, and strengthening the universal bonds of compassion and solidarity that connect humanity.

OUR MISSION

ICNA Relief Canada is dedicated to serving humanity through the strategic and efficient use of resources to assist those in need. We focus on delivering rapid humanitarian response during crises while advancing programs that reduce suffering, restore dignity, and create pathways toward long-term recovery and resilience.



COO Message

Raees Ahmed

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

As we reflect on 2023, we do so with deep gratitude and humility. Alhamdulillah, amid growing humanitarian needs and global uncertainty, ICNA Relief Canada remained steadfast in its mission to serve humanity with compassion, integrity, and excellence. The continued trust and generosity of our donors, volunteers, and partners made this work possible.

Through a comprehensive approach encompassing emergency response, orphan sponsorship, education, healthcare, women and widow support, global zabiha, and access to clean water, ICNA Relief Canada worked to restore dignity and promote long-term self-reliance worldwide. Alongside our international efforts, our domestic programs across Canada remained a vital pillar, addressing food insecurity, supporting newcomers and refugees, and strengthening community resilience through food banks and resource centres.

Internationally, 2023 saw the expansion of key programs, including our Orphan Sponsorship Program and Water for Life initiatives, with additional sustainable

water projects implemented in vulnerable regions. We also responded to humanitarian crises and disasters in Syria, Türkiye, Libya, and Morocco, delivering critical relief to communities affected by conflict and natural disasters.

A defining focus of the year was the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza. ICNA Relief Canada worked with trusted partners to deliver emergency food assistance, medical aid, and essential relief under extremely challenging conditions. The compassion and solidarity shown by our donors enabled us to respond with urgency and care.

The impact of these efforts and the lives touched throughout the year are reflected in our Annual Report 2023. We thank Allah Almighty for granting us the opportunity to serve and for surrounding us with a community committed to compassion and justice. Together, we remain resolute in our mission to ease suffering and build a better future for all.

With sincere appreciation,

Raees Ahmed
Chief Operating Officer
ICNA Canada



Letter from our Chair Kamal Khan

Assalamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh
(Peace be with you and the Mercy of God):

It is with gratitude and a strong sense of responsibility that I reflect on ICNA Relief Canada's progress during 2023. Guided by the vision of ICNA Canada, our organization remained committed to empowering vulnerable communities and serving humanity with dignity and compassion.

Throughout the year, ICNA Relief Canada responded to growing needs both internationally and within Canada. Globally, escalating humanitarian crises—particularly in Gaza—required urgent action, and we worked closely with trusted partners to deliver emergency relief and essential aid under challenging conditions. Alongside Gaza, our international programs continued to support underprivileged communities through relief and development initiatives.

Domestically, ICNA Relief Canada strengthened its food banks, settlement and refugee support, youth and senior programs, family assistance, and emergency relief efforts, helping individuals and families facing economic hardship across the country. We also continued to build partnerships with

masjids and local community organizations to better serve our communities.

In 2023, we further reinforced governance, accountability, and oversight to ensure responsible stewardship of donated funds and the highest standards of transparency. None of this work would have been possible without the continued support of our donors, volunteers, partners, and community members. Your generosity and trust enable ICNA Relief Canada to remain a source of hope for those in need.









Sincerely,

Kamal Khan

Chair

ICNA Relief Canada Committee

International Programs













 EDUCATIONAL RELIEF	Spent about \$1,517,376 ensuring quality education for tens of thousands of children
 HEALTHCARE	Spent about \$6,551 for projects in Syria
 SADAQA & AQEEQA	Disbursed over \$30,780 to projects in Bangladesh
 ZAKAT/FIDYA/ FITRA/KAFFARA	Close to \$515,300 distributed in 11 countries before Eid-ul-Fitr
 DISASTER & EMERGENCY RELIEF	Spent almost \$2.8 Million in response to disaster and emergency relief
 WATER FOR LIFE	Invested \$129,014 to ensure easy access to clean water in Pakistan.
 ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM	Over 7200 orphan children received support over \$2 Million in 17 countries
 GLOBAL ZABIHA	Spent over \$641,736 to provide fresh sacrificial meat to over 1 Million needy people in 17 countries





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Domestic Programs

	FEED THE HUNGRY	Served hot meals to the homeless through different shelters
	MARYAM HOME <i>(Women's Shelter)</i>	A temporary safe shelter for women experiencing abuse
	SETTLEMENT AND REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP	Settled 93 Refugee families between 2016 and 2023
	MUSLIM FAMILY SERVICES	Provided professional counselling services to 92 individuals.
	MATRIMONIAL SUPPORT	Helped 174 families to find their match for marriage
	RESOURCE CENTRES AND FOOD BANKS	Served over 72,101 individuals (16,476 families) through our 11 food banks across Canada
	DOMESTIC ZAKAT & FITRA	Provided 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	Supported local hospitals to improve their services and patients care

Country-Wise Disbursements



Domestic Programs

TOTAL \$1,122,194



**Total Disbursements
(International and Domestic)**

TOTAL \$10,855,799

*Financial Details are Subject to Audit.

International Programs

TOTAL \$9,733,606

Disaster & Emergency Relief

	TOTAL
Iran	\$150
Kenya	\$31,160
Libya	\$80,000
Morocco	\$60,000
Nepal	\$5,000
Pakistan	\$1,230,000
Palestine	\$550,362
Syria	\$29,856
Turkey	\$845,885
Uyghurs	\$50,000

Educational Relief

	TOTAL
Pakistan	1,071,764.00
Rohingya	280,612.07
Uyghurs	165,000.00

Orphan Sponsorship

	TOTAL
Bangladesh	\$79,830
Bosnia	\$33,700
Burkino Faso	\$32,400
India	\$15,540
Iran	\$34,800
Iraq	\$17,400
Kenya	\$15,480
Lebanon	\$39,150
Pakistan	\$1,154,000
Palestine	\$130,500
Rohingya	\$52,920
Sierra Leone	\$41,580
Somalia	\$10,500
Syria	\$177,480
Uganda	\$33,600
Uyghurs	\$135,600
Yemen	\$65,250

Sadaqa/Aqeeqa

	TOTAL
Bangladesh	\$30,780

Healthcare Relief

	TOTAL
Syria	\$6,551

Water for Life

	TOTAL
Pakistan	\$129,014

Global Zabiha

	TOTAL
Canada	\$1,350
Bangladesh	\$27,825
Bosnia	\$3,460
Iraq	\$3,250
Kenya	\$17,570
Lebanon	\$6,125
Nepal	\$6,000
Pakistan	\$220,150
Palestine	\$37,695
Rohingya	\$57,270
Sierra Leone	\$3,966
Somalia	\$51,125
Syria	\$49,500
Turkey	\$28,500
Uganda	\$4,500
Uyghurs	\$22,800
Yemen	\$100,650

Zakat/Fidya/Fitra/Kaffara

	TOTAL
Bangladesh	\$5,000
Kenya	\$10,000
Nepal	\$10,000
Rohingya	\$90,000
Sierra Leone	\$10,000
Syria	\$50,100
Uganda	\$5,000
Yemen	\$30,000
Bukino Faso	\$5,000
Pakistan	\$50,000
Zakat	\$250,200

Widow Support

	TOTAL
Bangladesh	\$10,000
Turkey	\$40,612
Uyghurs	\$76,382

Women Empowerment

	TOTAL
Uyghurs	\$1,676,712

Family Support

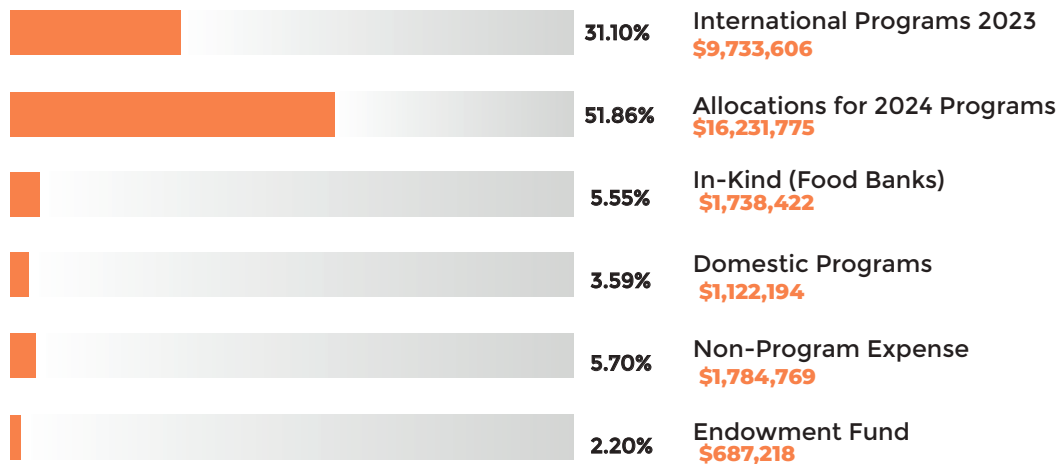
	TOTAL
Bangladesh	\$20,000
Uyghurs	\$117,000

Financial Summary

Total Revenue
\$31,297,983



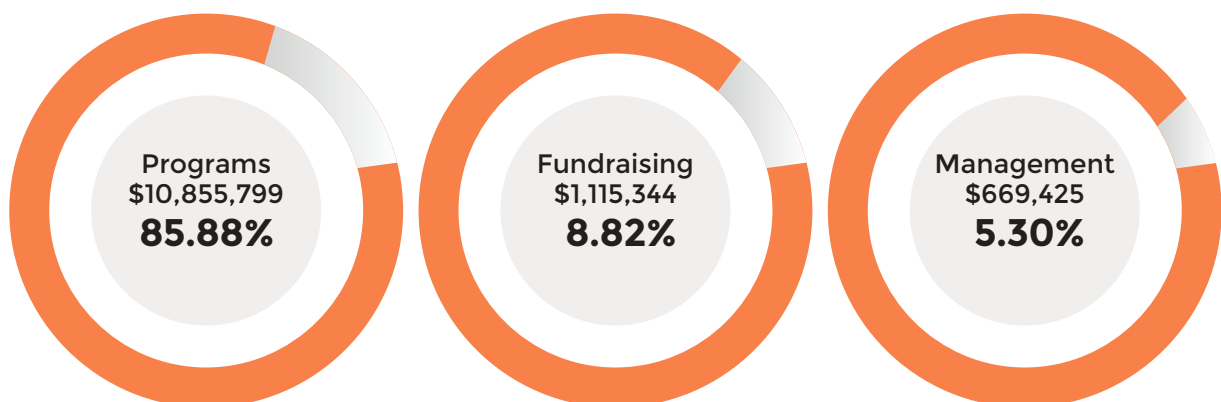
Disbursements
\$31,297,983



Actual Collections \$16,302,740



Percentage of Non-program & Program Expenses





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 assistance in essential areas such as food, clean drinking water, emergency shelter, medical aid, and educational resources. Over the years, ICNA Relief Canada has established a reliable and expanding network of local and regional non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that support the effective delivery of our emergency response programs.

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada spent over \$2.8 million on emergency relief initiatives. Through trusted local partners, humanitarian assistance was delivered to vulnerable populations affected by conflict, displacement, and natural disasters across

the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, and neighbouring regions. These efforts supported families impacted by ongoing crises, including those affected by conflict in Gaza and Syria, as well as displaced and underserved communities in multiple high-need countries.

Country	Disbursement
Iran	\$150
Kenya	\$31,160
Libya	\$80,000
Morocco	\$60,000
Nepal	\$5,000
Pakistan	\$1,230,000
Palestine	\$550,362
Syria	\$29,856
Turkey	\$845,885
Uyghur	\$50,000
Total \$2,882,413	



Educational Relief

A strong and inclusive education system is fundamental to the long-term progress of any society. In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada continued to prioritize investments in education through school construction, infrastructure upgrades, and learning-focused initiatives that support sustainable community development.

In addition, ICNA Relief Canada maintained educational programming for orphaned children through the Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP) across more than ten countries. During the year, ICNA Relief Canada spent over \$1.5 million on educational support and relief initiatives in Pakistan and Sierra Leone, as well as for Uyghur refugee communities. These efforts included the construction, renovation, and expansion of primary schools, post-secondary education scholarships, skills development programs, and the provision of essential school supplies such as

desks, uniforms, and learning materials.

Our programs continue to serve children and adults from underserved rural and informal settlements. Many beneficiaries reside in regions affected by extreme poverty, conflict, or natural disasters. In Bangladesh, ICNA Relief Canada continued operating three childcare homes for Rohingya children, providing quality education, daily meals, school supplies, and school uniforms in a safe and nurturing environment.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$1,071,764
Rohingya	\$280,612
Uyghur	\$165,000
Total	\$1,517,376

Healthcare

ICNA Relief Canada supports the delivery of essential healthcare services to vulnerable communities around the world. Our healthcare initiatives include supporting hospital operations, establishing medical facilities, and deploying emergency medical clinics in areas affected by crisis and conflict.

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada focused its healthcare response exclusively in Syria, investing over \$6000 to support critical medical services for affected populations. These efforts contributed to strengthening healthcare access for families impacted by ongoing conflict and humanitarian need.

Country	Disbursement
Syria	\$6,551
Total	\$6,551

Water for Life

ICNA Relief Canada recognizes the critical role that clean and safe water plays in building and sustaining healthy communities in the developing world. In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada invested over \$120,000 in water and sanitation projects in Pakistan, helping 10,000 people gain access to clean drinking water and improved sanitation facilities.

Country	Disbursement
Pakistan	\$129,014
Total	\$129,014

Orphan Sponsorship Program

ICNA Relief Canada's largest and most widely supported initiative, the Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP), invested over \$2 million across 17 countries in 2023, providing support to 5,842 orphaned children.

Country	Disbursement
Bangladesh	\$79,830
Bosnia	\$33,700
Burkino Faso	\$32,400
India	\$15,540
Iran	\$34,800
Iraq	\$17,400
Kenya	\$15,480
Lebanon	\$39,150
Pakistan	\$1,154,000
Palestine	\$130,500
Rohingya	\$52,920
Sierra Leone	\$41,580
Somalia	\$10,500
Syria	\$177,480
Uganda	\$33,600
Uyghur	\$135,600
Yemen	\$65,250
Total	\$2,069,730





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water to drink.”

– Prophet Muhammad ﷺ



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Global Zabiha / Udhiya / Qurbani

ICNA Relief Canada provides a vital and convenient service for Canadian donors who wish their sacrificial meat to benefit those in need. Through the Global Zabiha Program and Sadaqa & Aqeeqa initiatives, ICNA Relief Canada arranges animal sacrifices in multiple countries on behalf of donors and works with local partners to ensure the fresh meat is distributed to underserved communities. In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada spent over \$640,000 on Global Zabiha initiatives, benefiting more than 255,000 individuals across 16 countries by providing access to fresh meat during Eid-ul-Adha.

Country	Disbursement
Canada	\$1,350
Bangladesh	\$27,825
Bosnia	\$3,460
Iraq	\$3,250
Kenya	\$17,570
Lebanon	\$6,125
Nepal	\$6,000
Pakistan	\$220,150
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Uganda	\$4,500
Uyghur	\$22,800
Yemen	\$100,650
Total	\$641,736

Widow Support

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada expanded its Widow Support programming to assist vulnerable widows affected by conflict, displacement, and loss of primary caregivers. Support was provided to

Uyghur widows in Turkey, with a focus on economic empowerment, skills training, and educational assistance for their children.

During the year, the program supported 19 widows.

Country	Disbursement
Bangladesh	\$10,000
Turkey	\$40,612
Uyghur	\$76,382
Total	\$126,994

Zakat/Fidya/Fitra/Kaffara

Through its Zakat, Fitra, Fidya, and Kafara programs, ICNA Relief Canada distributed over \$515,000 in 10 countries in 2023, ensuring timely and Shariah-compliant assistance. Funds were utilized to support vulnerable families, meet urgent food needs, and ensure that Zakat-ul-Fitr reached beneficiaries prior to Eid, fostering dignity and relief during Ramadan.

Country	Disbursement
Bangladesh	\$5,000
Kenya	\$10,000
Nepal	\$10,000
Rohingya	\$90,000
Sierra Leone	\$10,000
Syria	\$50,100
Uganda	\$5,000
Yemen	\$30,000
Bukino Faso	\$5,000
Pakistan	\$50,000
Zakat	\$250,200
Total	\$515,300



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**ICNA Relief Canada
operates resource
centres in 11 cities
across Canada**

Domestic Programs



Each resource centre aims to provide the following 13 programs:

Food Bank	Maryam Home (Women's Shelter)	Feed the Hungry
Muslim Family Services	Youth Program	Healthcare
Seniors' Support	Domestic Zakat Program	Settlement and Refugee Sponsorship
Matrimonial Services	Foster Parenting	
Funeral Support	Emergency Relief	

Food Bank

The Food Bank program remains a cornerstone of ICNA Relief Canada's domestic services and operates through our eleven Resource Centres across Canada. Our food banks are inclusive and open to all, uphold the dignity of recipients, and provide monthly halal food hampers along with other essential supplies to families experiencing food insecurity.

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada's food banks served over 72,101 individuals (16,476 families) nationwide. Support included monthly halal food hampers, essential household items, winter

clothing, back-to-school supplies, and special Ramadan and Eid food distributions. During the year, more than \$1.7 million was received in support of food bank operations.

ICNA Relief Canada's food banks continue to collaborate with mainstream food banks through food drives and shared resources. Key partnerships include support from the Mississauga Food Bank, Daily Bread Food Bank, Ottawa Food Bank, and local food banks and shelters in Brantford and surrounding communities. Our food banks are also regularly supported by corporate partners and community organizations.



Muslim Family (Counselling) Services

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada continued to provide free counselling services through the Muslim Family Services initiative, supporting the emotional and psychological well-being of individuals, families, and youth. During the year, over 92 individuals received professional counselling services addressing mental health, family, and youth-related concerns.

Seniors' Support

Ageing often presents challenges that can increase the risk of isolation, depression, and other health concerns among seniors. Limited social interaction and reduced access to supportive programs can further intensify these challenges. ICNA Relief Canada's Seniors' Support program is designed to foster culturally inclusive and welcoming environments that promote social connection and well-being.

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada's Resource Centres organized a range of virtual and in-person activities for seniors in collaboration with community partners. These included social gatherings, educational workshops, computer and skill-building sessions, informational seminars, light exercise programs, recreational activities, and group outings.

Foster Parenting

Foster parenting provides temporary care for children in safe, nurturing, and supportive family environments when their own families are unable to do so. ICNA Relief Canada's Foster Parenting initiative supports families interested in becoming foster parents by connecting them with their local Children's Aid Society (CAS).

In 2023, ICNA Relief Canada continued to raise awareness within the community by organizing seminars, workshops, khutbahs, and informational sessions focused on foster care. These efforts aimed to educate and guide families—particularly within the Muslim community—on the foster parenting process. Throughout the year, ICNA Relief Canada provided ongoing information and community outreach as part of this initiative.

Domestic Zakat Program

Each year, ICNA Relief Canada receives numerous applications for financial assistance from Muslim Canadians facing financial hardship. Following a thorough and confidential assessment process, ICNA Relief Canada provides dignified, one-time financial support from its Zakat fund to eligible applicants most in need, helping to ease immediate financial pressures.



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Youth Programs

Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP): The YLDP continues to support high school students by building essential leadership and life skills through a dynamic “learning by doing” approach. The program includes seminars and hands-on field projects focused on personal growth, communication, organization, community engagement, and social responsibility.

Womens’ Shelter (Maryam Home)

In 2015, ICNA Relief Canada acquired a property in a safe and stable residential area of Mississauga to establish Maryam Home—a supportive space for women escaping abusive or unsafe living situations. Maryam Home is intended to serve all women in need of shelter, with a primary focus on supporting single Muslim women from the Greater Toronto Area facing abuse or threats to their safety.

The temporary residence is designed to provide halal meals along with culturally sensitive counselling and spiritual wellness services. With the support of trained caregivers and staff, residents are guided toward regaining stability, dignity, and independence. Due to zoning considerations, ICNA Relief Canada continued efforts toward relocating Maryam Home in 2023. During this period, the facility hosted various empowerment programs for women, youth, and seniors, ensuring the space remained actively engaged in community support.

Settlement and Refugee Sponsorship (SRS) Program

ICNA Relief Canada launched the Settlement and Refugee Sponsorship (SRS) Program in October 2015 with the objective of supporting the resettlement of refugee families in Canada. Alhamdulillah, between 2016 and 2023, the program facilitated the safe arrival of 93 refugee families from multiple ethnic backgrounds, including Syrian, Iraqi, and Rohingya communities.

As a national initiative, the SRS Program supported families settling in 16 cities across Canada. ICNA Relief Canada recognizes that this achievement would not have been possible without the continued generosity, trust, and dedication of sponsoring groups, group leaders, donors, and volunteers. With the support of committed local sponsoring teams, ICNA Relief Canada provided full settlement services and financial assistance to each family for a minimum of one year from their date of arrival.

Healthcare

Through this program, ICNA Relief Canada continued to support community-led initiatives aimed at strengthening Canadian hospitals and improving access to essential healthcare services.

Feed the Hungry

In addition to operating eleven food banks that provide essential food support to those in need, ICNA Relief Canada continued its Feed the Hungry program by delivering healthy, hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness through partnerships with shelters and community organizations.





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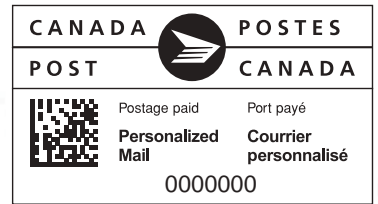
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