



# Annual Report 2024











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# Our Mission, Vision & Values

## Our Mission

The Zahra Trust is dedicated to alleviating hardships endured by those affected by war, poverty, and famine. Our mission is to provide essential help, empowering individuals to not just survive but thrive on their own, reducing their reliance on aid.

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## Our Vision

A global community where every individual enjoys unrestricted access to life's basic necessities, living self sufficiently and growing spiritually.

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## Our Values

Guided by the teachings of the holy household (as), The Zahra Trust aims to support people through our religious principles.

Since its founding in 2008, The Zahra Trust has delivered relief and development aid to millions of people across hundreds of communities worldwide. Guided by the principles of Islam and inspired by the Holy Household (as), our mission is to alleviate suffering, poverty, and disadvantage caused by conflict, natural disasters, and discrimination.

We focus on providing aid that creates lasting impact, empowering individuals and communities to achieve self-sufficiency so they no longer need external support.

With expert teams on the ground year-round, we are always ready to respond swiftly to urgent needs in the regions we serve.







# Summary of Activities: 2024 in Review

In 2024, The Zahra Trust significantly expanded its efforts, making a meaningful impact on vulnerable communities worldwide. Our activities, rooted in compassion and sustainability, focused on addressing immediate needs, empowering individuals, and fostering long-term resilience.



## Supporting Vulnerable Communities

**Economic Empowerment:** We introduced micro finance projects and vocational training programs to empower vulnerable women and individuals, helping them achieve financial independence and economic stability.

**Education Initiatives:** Recognising education as a tool to break the cycle of poverty, we supported formal and spiritual education by providing resources such as school fees, uniforms, and learning materials for under served communities.

**Healthcare Access:** This year, we strengthened efforts to reduce mortality rates among women and improve healthcare for mothers and children through medical aid, camps, and maternal health programs.



## Emergency Relief and Seasonal Aid

**Conflict Response:** During the crises in Gaza and Lebanon, we funded life-saving aid, including food, water, shelter, and medical support, to displaced families and those affected by conflict.

**Winter Aid:** We delivered essential supplies such as warm clothing, blankets, and food to remote and hard-to-reach areas, ensuring families were protected during the harsh winter months.

**Ramadan Support:** Under the theme "For a Sustainable Future," we provided daily iftar meals, food baskets, and launched development projects like olive tree planting, food gardens, and solar-powered water wells.

**Muharram and Safar Campaigns:** We supported vulnerable communities through water aid, food distribution, and spiritual development efforts, including







## Sustainability and Development

**Water Solutions:** We constructed solar-powered water wells and desalination systems, providing clean water to communities facing scarcity.

**Agricultural Projects:** Initiatives such as food gardens and olive tree planting promoted food security and income generation for struggling families.

**Housing Support:** We rebuilt homes for disaster victims in Afghanistan and supported displaced families with secure housing solutions.



## Bridging Opportunity Gaps

**Welfare Services:** We alleviated intergenerational poverty by supporting families with welfare services and financial assistance, enabling self-reliance.

**Seasonal Aid:** During periods like Ramadan and Eid, we provided food, financial assistance, and community support, fostering a sense of unity and dignity.

**Community Engagement:** Through education and skills training, we nurtured well-rounded individuals and resilient communities.

In 2024, The Zahra Trust reaffirmed its commitment to creating a world where every individual feels valued, cared for, and empowered to move past their suffering. Our achievements this year were made possible by the collective efforts of our donors, volunteers, and partners. Together, we are building a brighter, more compassionate future.



# A message from the team



As we reflect on 2024, we are humbled and inspired by the incredible strides we've made together, thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and partners. This year has been a testament to the power of compassion, collaboration, and a shared vision to uplift vulnerable communities worldwide.

In 2024, we deepened our commitment to sustainable development, expanding projects that empower individuals and foster long-term resilience. From constructing solar-powered water wells and launching food gardens to planting olive trees and introducing microfinance initiatives, we have been working tirelessly to create opportunities for self-sufficiency and hope. These efforts not only address immediate needs but also lay the foundation for lasting change.

Our humanitarian work extended to some of the world's most pressing crises. In Gaza, with our partners we provided life-saving aid to displaced families and those struggling with food and water insecurity. Similarly, in Lebanon, we supported families displaced by ongoing conflict, ensuring they received the essentials to navigate their hardships with dignity. We also responded swiftly to natural disasters and crises across our operational regions, including aiding victims of violence in Afghanistan, and flood victims in Yemen by providing critical relief.

This year, we also placed a renewed emphasis on education projects, recognising their transformative potential to break the cycle of poverty. By improving access to education, we aim to empower the next generation with the tools they need to build brighter futures. Furthermore, we are working on addressing health disparities by attempting to reduce mortality rates among women and improving overall healthcare for vulnerable women and children. These efforts will focus on providing critical resources, enhancing maternal care, and providing long-term health outcomes in communities where these services are most needed.

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to scaling our economic development initiatives to empower vulnerable women and individuals. By focusing on skills training, microfinance, and sustainable projects, we aim to create pathways for financial independence and long-term resilience. This aligns with our broader vision of promoting sustainable development, tackling food and water insecurity, and promoting dignity and hope in the communities we serve.

At The Zahra Trust, our mission goes beyond immediate relief. We strive to improve the mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of our beneficiaries, guided by our belief in a world where no one feels forgotten, and everyone is valued and cared for.

None of this would be possible without your generosity and belief in our mission. Your donations, advocacy, and prayers have made an indelible impact on the lives of those we serve. Together, we are building a brighter, more compassionate future, one act of kindness at a time.

Thank you for being an integral part of The Zahra Trust family.



With gratitude,

**The Zahra Trust Team (Globally)**







# Humanitarian

The Zahra Trust is dedicated to providing comprehensive humanitarian aid to vulnerable communities across the globe. Our efforts span a range of critical areas, including the provision of food and water supplies, medical support, and emergency relief. We respond swiftly to crises, whether caused by natural disasters or community attacks, ensuring that those affected receive the help they need to survive and rebuild. Our commitment extends to long-term support through sustainable initiatives, empowering individuals and families to regain their independence and dignity. By addressing these essential needs, we strive to bring hope and relief to those facing hardship.







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# Orphans, Widows and Vulnerable

At The Zahra Trust, caring for vulnerable children, widows, and at-risk individuals is at the core of our mission. Through targeted initiatives, we ensure that these groups are not only supported in their immediate needs but are also empowered to thrive and build brighter futures.

## Empowering Vulnerable Children

For vulnerable children, our priority is to provide life's essentials, from nutritious meals to access to education. We strive to ensure that financial barriers do not hinder their ability to pursue learning by providing school essentials and covering school fees. Beyond the classroom, we offer extracurricular activities and skills training to help children build confidence, develop talents, and create opportunities for their futures.

During times of celebration, such as Eid, we ensure these children are included in the joy by distributing gifts that foster a sense of belonging and happiness. These efforts not only address their material needs but also nurture their emotional well-being and sense of inclusion.

In 2024, 4,132 children benefitted from educational support, including remedial courses, school supplies, and access to extracurricular activities.

## Empowering Widows

This year, we expanded our efforts to support widows through a range of initiatives designed to provide financial independence and a renewed sense of purpose. Our skills-based training programs include:

- **Healthcare and Nursing Courses:** Preparing widows for stable and rewarding careers.
- **Horticultural and Beauty Training:** Equipping them with skills to pursue opportunities in diverse industries.
- **Small Business Support:** Helping widows set up businesses, such as kiosks, to generate sustainable incomes and support their families.

Through these initiatives, **774 widows** gained the tools and resources to become self-sufficient, enabling them to care for their loved ones with dignity and confidence.





### Providing Shelter and Support

Housing plays a crucial role in promoting stability and well-being. In 2024, we provided housing support to **79 beneficiaries**, ensuring vulnerable families and widows had access to safe and secure homes.

### Building Community and Connection

To combat isolation and foster a sense of belonging, we regularly organise events for widows, creating opportunities for them to connect with like-minded individuals and form supportive networks. These gatherings play a crucial role in strengthening emotional well-being and building resilience.

### Looking Ahead

Our commitment to vulnerable children and widows remains steadfast. In the coming year, we aim to expand our programs further, focusing on providing additional educational support, enhancing skills training, and creating more opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. By empowering these individuals with resources, skills, and community support, we are paving the way for a future where they can thrive independently and contribute to their communities.

Through our comprehensive approach, The Zahra Trust is transforming lives, ensuring that vulnerable children and widows have the support they need to overcome challenges, embrace opportunities, and build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves and their families.

General Support

**338**

Beneficiaries

Skills Training

**774**

Beneficiaries

Educational Support

**4,132**

Beneficiaries

Winter Aid

**20,162**

Beneficiaries

Housing Support

**79**

Beneficiaries

Food

**4,960**

Beneficiaries

Total of **30,445** beneficiaries in 2024

### Seasonal Aid and Food Security

Our winter aid campaign reached **20,162 beneficiaries**, providing winter essentials such as blankets, clothing, and heaters to displaced and impoverished families. Additionally, our food aid initiatives delivered essential supplies to **4,960 individuals**, ensuring that vulnerable families had access to nutritious meals during challenging times.





# How Winter Clothing Changed Kazim's Life in Skardu

Kazim, a young boy from Skardu, faced terrible loss in his life two years ago when he lost his father. His mother, now the sole provider, struggled to meet even the most basic needs for Kazim and his siblings. Food insecurity, inadequate shelter, and the lack of warm clothing during Skardu's biting winters loomed over their lives. With little assistance from relatives and limited support from local aid offices, their days were marked by hardship and uncertainty.

Winter added another layer of difficulty. Kazim often walked to his Quran classes in the early morning, braving the freezing cold with nothing more than a thin jacket, his small hands tucked under his arms for warmth. His mother's inability to afford proper winter clothing filled her with guilt and sorrow, as she watched her child shiver through the mornings.

A lifeline came through The Zahra Trust. The winter clothing program aimed to provide essential warmth to vulnerable families. When Kazim's mother found out about our initiative, she felt a wave of relief. "I couldn't afford warm clothing for Kazim this winter and felt ashamed," she shared. "When I learned about the program, I was overwhelmed with happiness."

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*He eagerly waited for the day to come so he could collect his jacket and trousers. He even told me how he would proudly show his new clothes to his friends. This assistance not only met his immediate need but also gave us renewed hope and strength to face our challenges.*

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- Kazim's Mother





The impact of this small yet significant intervention rippled through the family's life. Kazim could now focus on his studies without the distraction of freezing temperatures. The family experienced a revitalised sense of hope, strengthened by the support provided by the Trust. His mother's words echoed this transformation: "Kazim no longer worries about the cold. He can focus on learning with confidence and comfort."

Kazim's story is a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by orphans and vulnerable families in Afghanistan's harsh winters. It also highlights the profound difference that timely and thoughtful assistance can make.





# Food & Water Aid

The Zahra Trust is committed to ensuring that vulnerable communities have access to essential food and clean water resources year-round. By addressing immediate needs and providing sustainable solutions, we empower individuals and families to overcome challenges with dignity and resilience.

## Food Aid: Empowering Families

One of our primary initiatives is the distribution of food staples, such as rice, flour, lentils, and oil, often provided as monthly supplies. These essentials give beneficiaries the autonomy to prepare meals according to their own preferences and cultural traditions, fostering a sense of independence during difficult times.

In addition to staples, we provide warm, nutritious meals to communities in need, particularly during seasonal periods like Ramadan and winter. Families are welcomed into safe and supportive environments to enjoy three-course meals that nourish both body and spirit, creating a sense of community and dignity.



## Clean Water Solutions: A Lifeline for Communities

Access to clean water is fundamental to health and survival. In the Haidariya area of Iraq, we have established a clean water filtration system that provides safe drinking water to the surrounding neighbourhoods and supports female-led households in our orphan village.

Beyond Iraq, our clean water initiatives include filtration systems, water wells, and sustainable desalination solutions, ensuring life-saving water access for vulnerable communities.

### 2024 Achievements

- **Food Aid:** Delivered meals and food staples to feed **1,881,330 Individuals** throughout the year, supporting families to meet their nutritional needs.
- **Water Aid:** Provided clean water solutions to over **1,415,413 beneficiaries** throughout the year, supporting families to access clean water.
- Addressing the need for safe drinking water and improving overall quality of life.





## Looking Ahead

As we move forward, The Zahra Trust is committed to expanding our food and water aid programs, focusing on:

- Increasing the reach of clean water solutions, particularly in regions with severe water scarcity
- Strengthening food distribution efforts to ensure that vulnerable families have consistent access to nourishment
- Implementing sustainable water and food security projects that foster long-term community support

Through your continued support, we are addressing the essential needs of vulnerable communities, offering hope, and helping families build a foundation for a better future. Together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.



# Nidhal's story:

## One of unwavering resilience

Nidhal's story is one of unwavering resilience in the face of overwhelming challenges. At 60 years old, this widow from Najaf, Iraq, has endured profound losses. First, she lost her husband, then her son and daughter-in-law in tragic succession, leaving her as the sole caregiver for her seven daughters and a grandson. Two of her daughters endure serious medical challenges—one battling a brain tumor and the other dealing with a brain artery issue—adding to the difficulties she confronts each day. Food insecurity became a constant source of stress, as Nidhal worked tirelessly to provide for her family with very limited resources.

Life seemed insurmountable, but hope arrived in the form of The Zahra Trust. Recognising the dire circumstances of Nidhal and her family, the Trust began providing food aid, delivering parcels of essential items to ease her burden. These food parcels became a lifeline, ensuring that Nidhal could put nutritious meals on the table for her family.

Distributed regularly, particularly during the holy month of Ramadan, the parcels not only alleviated hunger but also offered Nidhal a sense of relief and support during her most difficult moments.

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*I truly appreciate your support. You never hesitated to help me in my time of need. My struggles are many. Please keep me in your prayers. My heartfelt thanks to The Zahra Trust for providing these essential parcels and for always reaching out to ensure I'm aware of the available services.*

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- Nidhal Hussain





The impact of this assistance was profound. With her family's basic nutritional needs met, Nidhal could redirect her energy toward caring for her daughters and attending to their medical needs. The support also brought emotional comfort, giving her a sense of stability amid life's uncertainties.

Through The Zahra Trust's ongoing aid, Nidhal has been able to face her challenges with renewed strength. Each food parcel represents more than sustenance; it symbolises compassion, dignity, and the assurance that she and her family are not alone. The Trust's commitment to her well-being, through both consistent aid and regular check-ins, has helped Nidhal find a measure of peace in an otherwise turbulent life.

Nidhal's journey illustrates the transformative power of food aid. It is a reminder of how providing for a family's basic needs can create ripples of hope, stability, and resilience. Her story stands as a testament to the impact of compassion in turning despair into determination, offering a brighter path forward for those who need it most.





# Health & Medical Aid

At The Zahra Trust, we are dedicated to providing critical health and medical aid to vulnerable individuals facing serious challenges. Throughout the year, we assess individual cases carefully, offering support for life-saving and life-changing surgeries and treatments that would otherwise be unattainable due to financial hardship. Our commitment ensures that those in need receive the care they desperately require, alleviating suffering and transforming lives.

## Comprehensive Medical Support

This year, we saw a significant increase in one-off medical cases requiring urgent intervention. From life-saving surgeries to essential medical treatments, we provided tailored support to individuals who had no other means of accessing the care they needed. We also provided urgent medical care to victims of violence resulting from attacks on communities, supporting those injured with life-saving treatments, recovery assistance, and ongoing medical support to help them rebuild their lives.

Additionally, following the emergency in Lebanon, we extended our medical aid to focus on the mental health of children affected by the crisis. Many children suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) received psychological support and treatment, helping them to begin the process of healing and recovery. These efforts underscore our holistic approach to health, addressing both physical and mental well-being.



## 2024 Achievements

In 2024, The Zahra Trust provided critical medical aid to **22,600 beneficiaries**, addressing urgent health needs through:

- **Medical Assistance - General:** Reaching **19,405 beneficiaries** with essential medical care.
- **Cancer Treatment & Assistance:** Supporting **729+ individuals** in their fight against cancer.
- **Pharmacy Support:** Providing **2,950 beneficiaries** with access to vital medication.
- **Specialised Surgeries:** Facilitating **4 life-saving surgeries** for those in urgent need.
- **Aid for Injured Individuals & Families:** Supporting **91 individuals** with medical care and recovery assistance.





## Looking Ahead

As part of our ongoing mission, The Zahra Trust aims to expand its health programs, increasing access to specialised treatments and further supporting individuals in urgent need. We will continue to focus on providing tailored care for children and families affected by crises, prioritising both physical and mental health.

Through your support, we can ensure that no one is left behind in their time of need. Together, we are saving lives, healing trauma, and creating a lasting impact on vulnerable communities.



# Saving Fatemeh: The power of timely support

The impact of compassion and quality medical assistance has changed the lives of 17-year-old Fatemeh and her family. Previously weighed down by a heartbreaking diagnosis and significant financial struggles, they now find themselves filled with hope and resilience, all due to the timely support from The Zahra Trust.

Fatemeh's journey began in February 2024 when she was diagnosed with a large malignant tumor in her pelvis and left ovary weighing approximately five kilograms. Surgery was swiftly scheduled, and even before it, fluid was drained from her lungs to relieve pressure caused by the illness. Subsequent tests confirmed the malignancy, and another tumor was discovered in her lung. This news might have crushed a family already on the brink, but it marked the start of a remarkable journey of resilience.

The illness quickly escalated, requiring urgent surgery and intensive chemotherapy. Without medical insurance and struggling to make ends meet, her family faced mounting debts, with her father selling his modest street vending business to cover initial costs. Despite these hardships, the Safdari family found hope.

The Zahra Trust stepped in with critical medical aid and financial support that not only alleviated their immediate burdens but also transformed Fatemeh's chances of recovery.

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*I sincerely thank everyone who helped me and my family, especially the donors and staff of the trust. Your support has changed my life.*  
”

- Fatemeh





The trust's assistance comprised assistance with the family's debts, funding Fatemeh's chemotherapy sessions, and provided essential support for transportation, nutrition, and follow-up care. Each chemotherapy round, was fully sponsored, ensuring uninterrupted treatment. By May 2024, tests showed significant improvement in her lung functionality and continued progress in fighting the disease, giving her family renewed optimism.

Beyond financial relief, the charity's ongoing engagement—through personal visits and regular follow-ups—provided the Safdari family with emotional strength and stability. Fatemeh's father shared, "We were overwhelmed, but the charity gave us hope and a path forward. Fatemeh is improving, and we now believe in a brighter future."

Fatemeh's journey to recovery highlights the profound effects of medical assistance. As her treatments continue to succeed, she is steadily regaining her strength, and her family's optimism is revitalised. Their experience emphasises that timely and compassionate care can not only save lives but also restore dignity and hope for those who require it.





# Emergency Aid

As conflict and natural disasters continue to devastate lives across the globe, The Zahra Trust remains unwavering in its mission to provide life-saving support to those in desperate need. Often the first—and sometimes the only—Shia charity on the ground, our dedicated teams deliver critical aid to vulnerable communities who are often overlooked by larger relief efforts.

Our trained field teams respond swiftly to emergencies, ensuring that essential resources such as food, water, medical supplies, and shelter reach affected families as quickly as possible. This rapid response capability has allowed us to be a lifeline for communities facing unimaginable hardships.

## Responding to Global Crises

In the past year, we have extended critical support to regions experiencing profound crises:

### Gaza:

Through trusted implementation partners, we have delivered aid to children and families, focusing on clean water, medical supplies, and food aid. These efforts address the basic needs of a population enduring immense hardship under prolonged conflict and blockade.

### Yemen:

During the recent floods, we provided emergency relief, including food supplies, potable water, tents, mattresses, and blankets. Throughout the year, our work in Yemen continues, offering life-saving assistance to families facing famine, conflict, and displacement.

### Afghanistan and Pakistan:

Marginalised Shia communities affected by sectarian violence received vital support, including financial aid for families of martyrs, urgent care for the wounded, and other essential assistance. These efforts help individuals rebuild their lives and bring much-needed relief to those left vulnerable by ongoing violence.

### Lebanon:

Initially supporting refugees displaced by conflict, we are now helping families who have returned to find their homes destroyed. Our efforts include aiding reconstruction, providing shelter, and ensuring families can regain stability.





## Tangible Impact

Thanks to your generous contributions, The Zahra Trust has delivered vital aid to countless individuals this year. Our efforts have provided relief to those most vulnerable to the effects of conflict and disaster, helping them survive and rebuild.

### Key Achievements

#### Lebanon

**382,250**

meals distributed

**10,000**

hygiene kits distributed

**2,250**

individuals provided with financial aid

**260,825**

loaves of bread provided

**5,300**

mattresses and blankets distributed

**500+**

stoves 30,000 litres of fuel distributed

**63**

shelters offering safety and warmth

**77,900**

beneficiaries registered for long-term support

#### Afghanistan and Pakistan

- Financial support provided to families of martyrs
- Urgent care, including medical aid, offered to the wounded
- Ongoing assistance to those affected by sectarian violence

#### Yemen

**12,500** beneficiaries supported during flood relief efforts with essential supplies, including mattresses, blankets, tents, food, and potable water. Ongoing aid efforts continue throughout the year to provide critical support to struggling families.

### Looking Ahead

As crises continue to emerge globally, The Zahra Trust is committed to scaling our emergency response capabilities and increasing our presence in hard-hit regions. In the coming year, we aim to enhance our impact through:

- Establishing more efficient logistics networks to deliver aid faster
- Expanding clean water initiatives in regions like Gaza and Yemen
- Strengthening partnerships to provide sustainable shelter solutions for displaced families

Your ongoing support empowers us to act swiftly and effectively, helping us towards a world where no community is left behind. Together, we can continue to bring hope, relief, and dignity to those affected by tragedy.



# A Shelter of Hope: Abdul Rahman's Refuge at The Khaldeh Relief Center

In the face of displacement and hardship, Abdul Rahman and his family found not only refuge but a pathway to hope and renewal. Forced to flee their home in Nabatiyeh, Southern Lebanon, due to escalating aggression, Abdul Rahman, his wife Layal, and their three children—18-year-old Ibrahim, 16-year-old Aya, and 12-year-old Zeinab—arrived at the The Zahra Trust Khaldeh Relief Center with little more than their determination to survive.

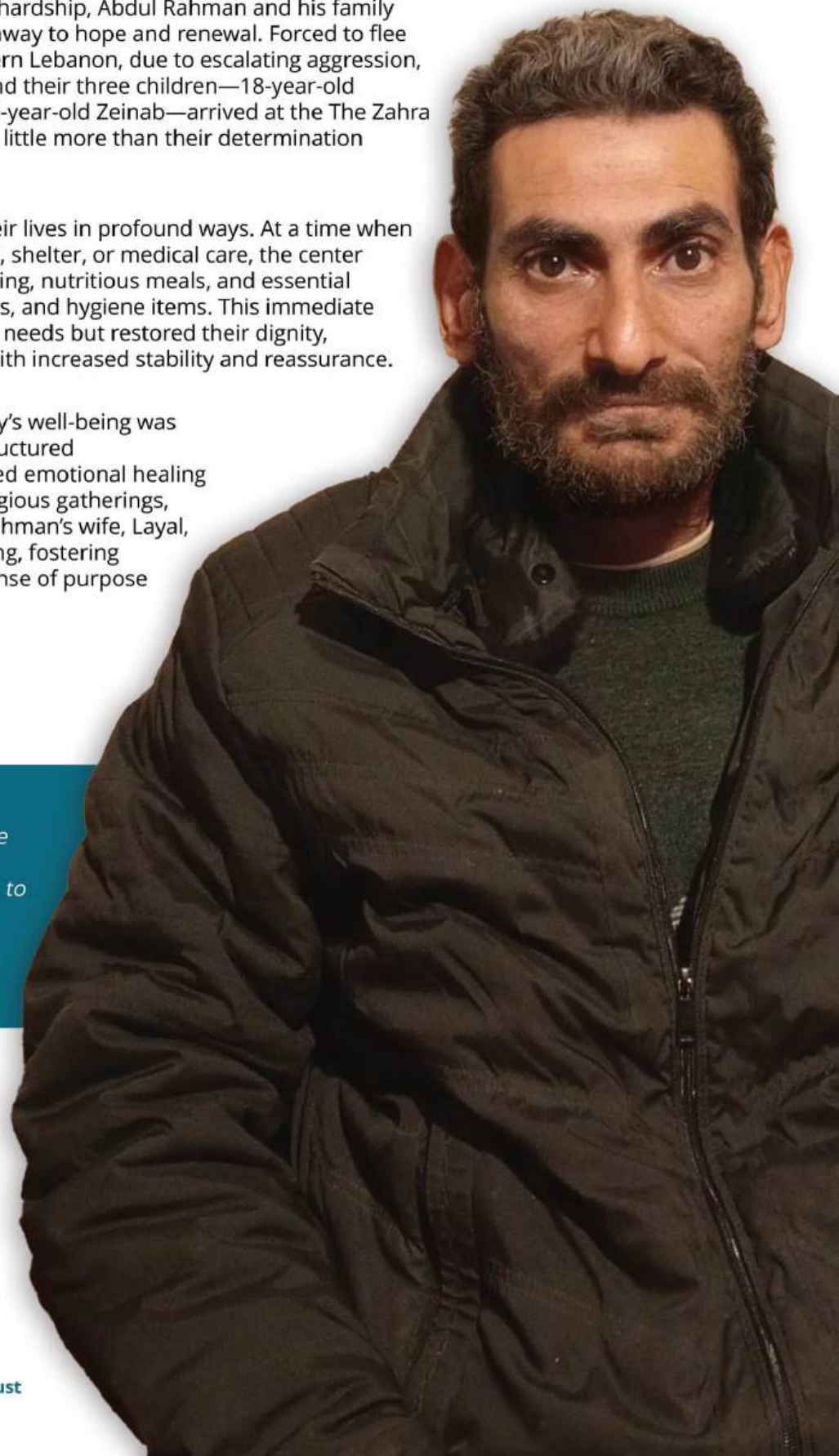
The Zahra Trust transformed their lives in profound ways. At a time when the family had no access to food, shelter, or medical care, the center provided them with secure housing, nutritious meals, and essential supplies like mattresses, blankets, and hygiene items. This immediate support not only met their basic needs but restored their dignity, replacing fear and uncertainty with increased stability and reassurance.

The positive impact on the family's well-being was evident. For the children, the structured environment of the center offered emotional healing through organised activities, religious gatherings, and a sense of routine. Abdul Rahman's wife, Layal, participated in communal cooking, fostering independence and building a sense of purpose within the shelter community.

*The Zahra Trust gave us hope  
when we had none.  
Their kindness and attention to  
every detail brought us back  
from despair.*

”

- Abdul Rehman





The family spent 58 days at the center, their lives transformed by the safety, care, and compassion they received. Abdul Rahman, deeply moved by the humanitarian support, has since committed to giving back. He now volunteers in cleanup efforts in his war-torn city and plans to continue contributing to his community's recovery.

The relief extended to Abdul Rahman's family went beyond survival; it empowered them to rebuild. With his children safe and cared for, Abdul Rahman now dreams of securing work for his eldest son and re-enrolling his daughters in school, determined to give them a brighter future.

The tale of Abdul Rahman and his family beautifully illustrates the transformative power of compassionate intervention. The Khaldeh Relief Center went beyond mere assistance; it reinstated dignity, fostered resilience, and equipped the family with the strength to overcome their challenges. Their story serves as a powerful reminder of the profound and enduring effects of timely, considerate support, turning a moment of crisis into a foundation for hope and rejuvenation.





# Marginalised Communities

The Zahra Trust stands unwavering in its commitment to supporting communities affected by targeted violence and tragedy. In the face of unimaginable hardship, we respond with compassion and urgency, delivering life-saving aid and standing in solidarity with marginalised groups who are often targeted because of their identity. Through emergency relief and long-term rehabilitation, we work tirelessly to restore hope and dignity to those in need.

## Tragedies and Our Response in 2024

### 30th April 2024: Herat, Afghanistan

A brutal attack on a Shia mosque in Herat claimed the lives of six people, including the Imam and a three-year-old child, while injuring many others. The mosque, a sanctuary for worship and peace, was left devastated, plunging the community into grief.

**500**  
beneficiaries  
served with food and financial aid

### 24th July 2024: Parachinar, Pakistan

Ongoing violence in Parachinar has resulted in the deaths of **42 individuals**, with over **164 injured**. Families in the area face relentless attacks and dire conditions, requiring urgent relief.

Treatment expenses  
covered for

**15 injured**

individuals

Financial support  
provided to

**58**

families of martyr's

Food packages  
distributed to

**600**

beside families





## 17th September 2024: Lebanon Emergency Response

Following widespread conflict and displacement, The Zahra Trust launched an emergency relief campaign to support families in Lebanon.

### 11th August 2024: Dasht-e-Barchi, Kabul, Afghanistan

A magnetic bomb targeted a public vehicle in the Dasht-e-Barchi area, injuring 13 people and claiming one life. The majority of victims were from the Shia community, highlighting the continued vulnerability of marginalised groups in the region.

Aid provided to  
**330 individuals**

### November 2024: Parachinar, Pakistan

Renewed attacks in Parachinar resulted in further loss of life and widespread injuries. Families affected by this violence were provided with critical support as they worked to recover.

Financial assistance and food aid distributed to  
**impacted families**

## Our Commitment

The Zahra Trust remains steadfast in its mission to provide urgent relief to those affected by community attacks. With your continued support, we can deliver life-saving aid and offer hope to those who face unimaginable suffering.

## Looking Ahead

Our work in 2024 is a reminder of the immense challenges faced by marginalised communities. Moving forward, The Zahra Trust will continue to prioritise emergency response efforts, endeavouring to ensure that no family is left behind during times of crisis. Together, we can stand with the oppressed and restore hope and dignity to their lives.













# Areas of Operation

The Zahra Trust works tirelessly to reach hard-to-access areas and support marginalised communities with unwavering dedication. We aim to improve the quality of life for vulnerable families and individuals by providing continuous care throughout the year.

We are committed to adapting our response to the evolving needs of the communities we serve, conducting regular needs assessments to ensure our aid is timely, fair, and well-distributed. Our teams on the ground perform thorough checks to verify that aid reaches those who truly need it, maintaining meticulous records to uphold transparency and fairness.

As our organisation grows each year, so does our capacity to serve more communities effectively. The expansion of our resources and reach allows us to provide even greater support to those in need, ensuring that we can address the diverse and changing needs of the populations we assist. Through our dedicated efforts, we strive to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we support, building resilience and improving overall well-being in some of the most challenging environments.





### **Pakistan**

- Gilit-Baltistan
- Islamabad
- Parachinar
- Peshawar
- Punjab
- Sindh



### **Yemen**

- Hadhramaut
- Hodeidah
- Hollow
- Marib
- Sanaa
- Taiz



### **Iraq**

- Dewaniya
- Haidariya
- Karbala
- Najaf



### **Kenya**

- Makueni
- Msambweni
- Mombasa
- Samburu



### **Lebanon**

- Beirut
- Nabatiya



### **India**

- Lucknow
- Sultanpur



### **Tanzania**

- Dar es Salaam
- Zanzibar



### **Afghanistan**

- Bamyan
- Herat
- Kabul



**\*Countries our global teams and partners work in**



# Development

At The Zahra Trust, our commitment to development work is focused on building stronger, more resilient communities through sustainable solutions. We strive to address the root causes of poverty by providing essential services and infrastructure. Our initiatives include installing clean water solutions, such as electric and solar-powered water wells, to ensure reliable access to safe drinking water. We also work on reconstructing and improving homes for vulnerable families, creating safer and more secure living conditions.

Education and skills training are central to our approach, offering a form of sadaqa jariya to help break the cycle of poverty. By equipping children and adults with the knowledge and skills they need, we promote financial independence and sustainability. Our microfinance project, which provides rickshaws to individuals, gives them a sense of ownership and responsibility over their livelihoods, as they contribute to the cost of the rickshaws and repay the investment.

Additionally, we have launched sustainable projects such as food gardens and olive tree planting, which contribute to long-term food security and economic stability. Through these comprehensive efforts, The Zahra Trust is dedicated to creating lasting positive change and empowering communities to thrive independently.









# Water Solutions

At The Zahra Trust, access to clean water is a cornerstone of our mission to improve the health, education, and economic stability of vulnerable communities. Over the last **10 years**, The Zahra Trust has supplied clean and safe water to more than **1,826,200 beneficiaries**, addressing one of the most critical challenges faced by vulnerable populations.

In **2024 alone**, we expanded our efforts, constructing **153 water wells in Pakistan**, and **21 Water Wells in Afghanistan** ensuring that families and communities in underserved areas have access to reliable and sustainable water sources.



## Comprehensive Water Initiatives:

Our work encompasses a wide range of water provision projects designed to address immediate needs and create long-term solutions:

### Water Wells:

We construct and maintain electric and solar-powered water wells, ensuring reliable access to clean water for remote communities. These wells not only provide a steady supply of water but also alleviate the burden on women and children who often spend hours fetching water from distant sources.

### Water Filtration Plants:

Our filtration plants purify contaminated water, ensuring it is safe for consumption and significantly reducing the risk of waterborne diseases.

### Desalination Plants:

In areas where fresh water is scarce, we are investing in desalination plants to convert seawater into potable water, expanding access to clean water in coastal regions.



## Impact on Health and Well-Being

Access to clean water directly impacts community health, reducing the prevalence of waterborne diseases by up to 80%, as noted by the World Health Organisation. By improving water quality, we are also addressing child mortality rates and enabling better educational and economic opportunities for families.

## Empowering Communities

Our water initiatives extend beyond infrastructure; they empower communities by fostering resilience and independence. Reliable access to clean water ensures families can focus on education, work, and personal development without the constant struggle to secure this vital resource.



## Looking Ahead

The Zahra Trust remains committed to expanding our water and sanitation projects to reach even more vulnerable communities. Future initiatives include:

- Increasing the number of solar-powered water wells to provide sustainable access in underserved areas.
- Scaling up desalination plants in coastal regions to address water scarcity.
- Strengthening partnerships to ensure the maintenance and longevity of water systems.

Through these efforts, we are transforming lives, one drop at a time. Together, we can ensure that no one is left without access to this basic human right, creating healthier, more resilient communities for generations to come.



# Nasir's Village: From scarcity to sustainability

For Nasir, a 32-year-old resident of Baltistan, the daily struggle for water was a constant reminder of the hardships his community faced. For over a decade, he and his neighbors endured severe water scarcity, relying on a single tap shared by 60 households. Long queues, exhausting walks to the riverbank, and an endless fight for clean drinking water defined their lives. This relentless struggle drained their time, energy, and well-being.

The Zahra Trust brought a much-needed change in November 2024. Over ten days, the Trust installed a water well equipped with modern water motors, pipes, and infrastructure to ensure every resident had round-the-clock access to clean and safe water. This initiative didn't just provide water, it transformed lives.

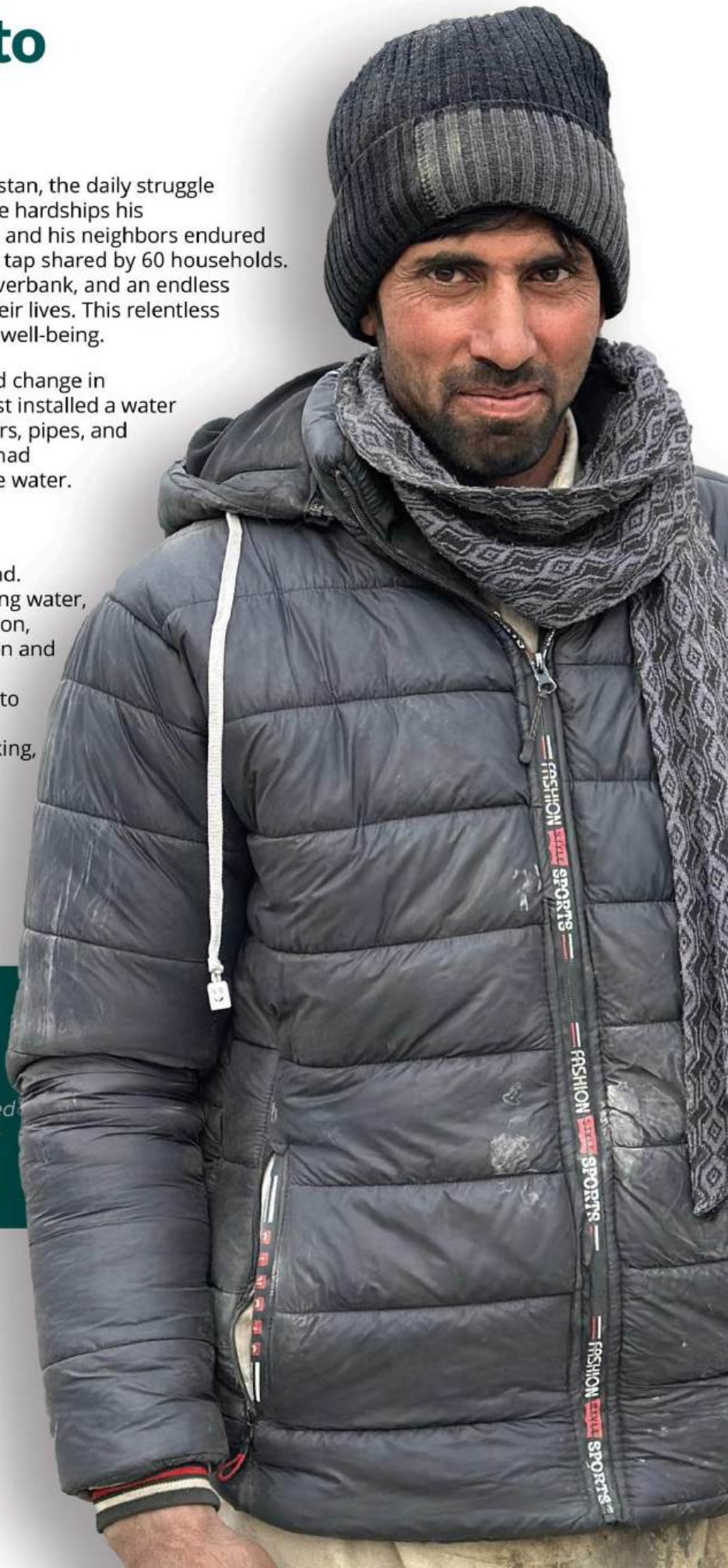
The impact was immediate and profound. Children, who once spent hours collecting water, now have time to focus on their education, play, and personal development. Women and elders, freed from the grueling task of fetching water, can devote their energy to household and community activities. With improved access to water for drinking, bathing, and cleaning, the entire village has seen an enhancement in hygiene and health.

“

*This water well has changed our lives. Our children can dream of brighter futures, and our community feels rejuvenated. The well has reduced waterborne illnesses and elevated the overall quality of life in the village.*

”

- Nasir





This initiative also inspired neighbouring communities, who now aspire to similar solutions, highlighting the ripple effect of sustainable water aid. Residents of Taqi Chowk, grateful for the transformation, have expressed a desire for further innovations, such as solarizing the system to overcome electricity challenges.

The Zahra Trust's efforts in Taqi Chowk go beyond just providing water; they exemplify the strength of compassion and sustainable solutions. By tackling a basic necessity, this program has enabled a village to flourish, transforming a persistent challenge into a chance for growth and harmony.

This is not just a story about water; it's about the new chapter it has written for the people of Baltistan—a chapter of health, opportunity, and hope.









# Housing and Shelter

The Zahra Trust is committed to enhancing housing and shelter for vulnerable communities across our areas of operation. Safe and secure housing is a fundamental human need, playing a critical role in promoting stability, health, and well-being. Throughout 2024, we intensified our efforts to address this essential need, ensuring that affected families could rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.

## Our Impact

### Flood Relief in Yemen:

In response to the devastating floods, we constructed durable, weather-resistant homes for families who lost everything, helping them recover and rebuild.

### Shelter Support in Lebanon:

During our emergency campaign for Lebanon, we secured 63 shelters to accommodate displaced families, providing them with safety and stability in the aftermath of conflict.

### Comprehensive Housing Initiatives:

Across Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Yemen, we continued to build and improve homes for the most at-risk populations, ensuring they had a secure place to live.

### Temporary Accommodation:

We offered temporary housing solutions to displaced individuals affected by conflict, ensuring they had a safe refuge during times of crisis.

## Why Housing Matters

According to the United Nations, inadequate housing can lead to increased health risks, including respiratory and infectious diseases, and negatively impact educational and economic opportunities. By providing safe and secure homes, we not only address immediate needs but also contribute to long-term sustainability and development.

## Looking Ahead

As we move forward, The Zahra Trust is dedicated to expanding our housing and shelter initiatives to reach more vulnerable communities. Our future plans include:

- Constructing additional weather-resistant homes in flood-affected and conflict-prone regions.
- Enhancing temporary shelter infrastructure to provide immediate relief during emergencies.
- Partnering with local organisations to strengthen sustainable housing solutions and ensure long-term community resilience.

Through these efforts, we aim to create a future where every family has a safe place to call home. Together, we can provide the stability and dignity that vulnerable communities need to thrive.



# Siham's New Home:

## A story of strength and support

In the heart of Najaf, Iraq, Siham, a 56-year-old widow, faced a dire reality. For years, she and her daughter lived in a house that was on the verge of collapse. Its crumbling walls and unsafe structure posed a constant threat to their safety and well-being. Financial hardship compounded her struggles, leaving her with little hope of improving their living conditions. Yet, amidst these challenges, Siham's determination and the support of compassionate individuals brought her dream of a safe home to life.

Siham's journey started with a heartfelt request for assistance. After the loss of her husband, she depended on the generosity of compassionate individuals to help her through tough times. One of these supporters was The Zahra Trust, which played a crucial role in helping her realise her dream of reconstructing her home.

The transformation was truly life-altering. The renovation of her home provided Siham and her daughter with a fresh start, swapping the persistent anxiety of potential collapse for the assurance of a secure and solid shelter.

The positive impact extended beyond physical safety. Living in a stable environment greatly improved Siham's mental and emotional well-being. The new home became a source of peace and comfort, marking the end of years of stress and uncertainty. For Siham, it wasn't just about having a house—it was about reclaiming her dignity and finding hope in a difficult journey.

“

Thank you, for your continuous support. I hope you never stop honoring our requests, as we have faith and hope in your help during times of need.

- Siham



Her story also highlights the power of community and collective action. Contributions from various supporters played a pivotal role in bringing her dream to fruition. This collaborative effort demonstrated how meaningful change can occur when individuals and organizations come together to uplift those in need.

Siham's journey reminds us that even the most daunting challenges can be overcome when hope is met with action. For Siham and her daughter, the walls of their new home symbolize not only safety but also the strength of a global community that refused to let them face their struggles alone.





# Education & Skills Training

Education and skills training are pivotal in breaking the cycle of poverty, especially for vulnerable populations like children and widows. At The Zahra Trust, we prioritise equipping these groups with the tools they need to thrive and contribute to their communities. In 2024, we made significant strides in advancing education and vocational training, empowering **10,771 individuals** to build sustainable futures.

## Key Achievements in 2024

### Expanding Educational Access:

Continued with the construction of schools within our areas of operation to enhance access to quality education for underserved communities.

### Empowering Vulnerable Populations:

Delivered specialised educational and vocational programs for displaced children, orphans, and students with autism and Down syndrome, addressing their unique needs.

### Skills Training for Widows:

Implemented vocational programs in healthcare, tailoring, horticulture, and beauty, enabling widows to achieve financial independence and support their families.

### Promoting Traditional Crafts:

Supported training in carpet weaving and other handicrafts, preserving cultural heritage while creating income-generating opportunities.

### Enhancing Learning Resources:

Provided educational sponsorships, tuition assistance, school supplies, and solar-powered solutions to create a sustainable and inclusive learning environment.





## Transforming Lives Through Education

For children, access to quality education provides the foundation for critical thinking and future economic opportunities, empowering them to break free from generational poverty. By ensuring that vulnerable students receive essential support such as school supplies, tuition assistance, and access to equipped facilities, The Zahra Trust is paving the way for brighter futures.

For widows, vocational training offers a lifeline to financial independence. Our programs in nursing, tailoring, and beauty empower women to establish careers or businesses, restoring dignity and creating sustainable livelihoods. The ripple effect of these efforts strengthens not only families but entire communities.



## Looking Ahead

Building on the success of 2024, we plan to:

- Expand school construction projects and introduce advanced infrastructure to increase access to quality education.
- Launch enhanced vocational training programs tailored to job placement, ensuring participants gain meaningful employment.
- Strengthen educational support for displaced and underserved populations, with a particular focus on young women and girls.

At **The Zahra Trust**, we believe education and skills training are the keys to unlocking potential, breaking cycles of poverty, and promoting a future of dignity and opportunity. Together, we can continue transforming lives and empowering



# Ayat's new chapter for a bright future

In the sacred city of Karbala, where stories of sacrifice and resilience inspire millions, a young girl named Ayat has emerged as a beacon of hope. At just ten years old, Ayat's life has been shaped by challenges that would test anyone's strength. Orphaned at the tender age of three, she faced the realities of poverty, illiteracy within her family, and an education system strained by overcrowded classrooms and limited resources.

Ayat's days were once filled with difficulties. The long walks to school left her exhausted, her performance suffered, and she began to lose faith in her ability to succeed. Her mother, though determined to support her children, struggled to provide the guidance and resources Ayat needed. Yet, even in the face of these adversities, Ayat's spirit remained unbroken.

Her story began to change when The Zahra Trust intervened with a comprehensive plan to transform her life. The foundation provided Ayat with clothing, books, stationery, and daily transportation to Al-Munji Primary School. They didn't stop there—by ensuring she had access to a nourishing breakfast and personalised attention from teachers, the Trust reignited Ayat's enthusiasm for learning.

The impact of The Zahra Trust's support extended beyond Ayat. Her success lightened the burden on her family and brought hope to her community. Ayat's transformation was not just academic; it was a restoration of childhood joy, a rekindling of dreams, and a reflection of what compassion and opportunity can achieve.

Today, Ayat stands as a shining example of resilience and the power of support. Her laughter, confidence, and ambition embody the potential that can be unlocked through thoughtful intervention. Her story, rooted in the heart of Karbala, reminds us all that no matter how great the challenges, hope can flourish when nurtured by kindness.

“

*I have been given the chance to continue my education and receive the care I needed.*

”

- Ayat









# Microfinancing

Microfinancing is a powerful tool in breaking the cycle of poverty, enabling vulnerable individuals to build sustainable livelihoods and achieve financial independence. At The Zahra Trust, our **Rickshaw Microfinancing Scheme** exemplifies this approach, offering a pathway for those in need to establish their own businesses and secure a stable source of income.

Through this initiative, interest-free loans are provided to individuals to purchase rickshaws, empowering them to generate a consistent and reliable revenue stream by transporting passengers and goods. For many, this opportunity represents a lifeline, enabling them to take control of their futures and work toward self-sufficiency.

## Restoring Dignity and Autonomy

In the last year, and with the generosity of our donors, The Zahra Trust was able to deliver **17 rickshaws** to vulnerable individuals. The impact of the Rickshaw Microfinancing Scheme goes far beyond financial assistance. It restores autonomy, dignity, and a sense of pride to those who participate. For individuals who once considered owning a business unattainable, this initiative provides the tools to build their own livelihoods. No longer reliant on handouts or charity, they can work to support themselves and their families, fostering personal confidence and self-worth.

## Ripple Effects on Communities

The benefits of the scheme extend beyond individual participants, creating a ripple effect that uplifts entire communities. By enabling more people to join the workforce and establish businesses, the initiative stimulates local economies and contributes to community growth. Each rickshaw on the road represents not only a transformed life but also an investment in the broader economic health of the region.

## Looking Ahead

Building on the success of the Rickshaw Microfinancing Scheme, The Zahra Trust is committed to expanding its microfinance initiatives to empower even more individuals. Future plans include vocational training and diversified microfinancing opportunities to ensure participants have the skills and resources needed to thrive.

The success of the Rickshaw Microfinancing Scheme underscores the transformative potential of microfinance. By equipping vulnerable individuals with the tools to regain control of their economic futures, we are not just addressing immediate needs—we are fostering resilience, independence, and sustainable progress for individuals and communities alike.







# A path to purpose – Fatima's story

In the face of the hardships that come with being a widow and the sole provider, Fatima's journey stands out as a remarkable tale of transformation and hope. After the passing of her husband, she took on the responsibility of caring for her family while confronting significant challenges, including financial instability, housing insecurity, and restricted access to healthcare. However, with her unwavering resilience and the assistance of The Zahra Trust, Fatima not only transformed her own life but also emerged as a driving force for positive change in her community.

The turning point came when Fatima joined The Zahra Trust's healthcare skills training program in 2024. Over several weeks, she learned vital skills in personal hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention, and maternal care. These lessons empowered her to take charge of her family's health and contribute to the well-being of her neighbours. The transformation was immediate: illnesses in her household decreased, and Fatima began educating others, becoming a trusted community health assistant.

The impact of Fatima's work rippled across her neighborhood. By supporting pregnant women during childbirth and conducting health education sessions, she promoted a healthier, more informed community. Children and families benefited from her guidance, and her efforts strengthened the bonds of solidarity among her neighbors.

“  
Your support has changed  
my life, giving me a new  
renewed hope and  
confidence.  
”

- Fatemah





Fatima's journey is a testament to the power of education and empowerment. From a widow struggling to provide for her family, she became a source of strength and inspiration, proving that with the right support, one person's resilience can uplift an entire community. Today, she stands as a symbol of hope and the profound difference that compassion and opportunity can create.





# Sustainable Development

At The Zahra Trust, we are committed to driving long-term, sustainable solutions that create lasting impacts for vulnerable communities. While emergency aid remains a vital component of our work, we prioritise initiatives that go beyond immediate relief—empowering individuals and communities to rebuild and sustain themselves independently. By focusing on sustainable development, we aim to break cycles of dependency and foster resilience, growth, and self-sufficiency.



## Sustainable Projects Initiative

This year, we expanded our commitment to sustainable development through our Sustainable Projects Initiative, highlighting forward-thinking solutions to address both immediate and long-term needs. Key projects include:

### Food Gardens and Olive Tree Planting:

Tackling food insecurity by creating lasting sources of nourishment and income for families.

### Skills Training for Women:

Providing widows and vulnerable individuals with tools and training, such as handicrafts, to achieve financial independence and support their households.

### Solar-Powered Water Wells:

Delivering clean water to underserved communities while minimising environmental impact and reliance on external resources.

### Housing and Shelter Development:

Building homes for vulnerable families to provide security and stability.

### Microfinance Projects:

Empowering individuals with small loans to start businesses and stimulate local economies.





## Transformative Impact

The long-term effects of these sustainable initiatives are transformative:

**Empowered Families:** Launching vocational training programs with a clear path to employment, empowering vulnerable individuals to secure sustainable jobs.

**Women as Leaders:** Women are empowered to become breadwinners and leaders within their communities, driving generational change.

**Uplifted Communities:** Local economies are strengthened, self-sufficiency is promoted, and communities gain access to essential services through infrastructure development.

## Looking Ahead

As we continue to build on the success of our sustainable projects, we are focusing on:

- **Economic Development:** Launching vocational training programs with a clear path to employment, empowering vulnerable individuals to secure sustainable jobs.
- **Investment in Education:** Increasing access to quality education through the construction of schools and learning facilities, ensuring that children and young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need for brighter futures.
- **Enhanced Infrastructure:** Expanding our efforts to build schools, hospitals, and community centres, creating spaces that foster learning, health, and community resilience.

Our vision for the future is rooted in empowerment, dignity, and opportunity. By continuing to invest in sustainable solutions, we aim to create lasting progress and build a legacy of resilience and hope for the vulnerable communities we serve. Together, we can drive transformative change that empowers individuals, uplifts families, and strengthens entire communities.



# Um Fatima's Journey: How we helped a widow build stability

Um Fatima's story is one of strength and empowerment, showing perseverance in the face of unimaginable hardship. After losing her husband, she was left to care for her four daughters with no stable source of income.

Coming from a poor family and having little formal education, her only means of survival was selling paper tissues and popular foods on the streets. Each day was a struggle, but her determination never wavered as she worked tirelessly to ensure her daughters had the bare essentials. Still, the constant weight of poverty and uncertainty loomed, leaving her to wonder if stability would ever be within reach.

Um Fatima's business took a meaningful turn when The Zahra Trust stepped in with an initiative designed to empower widows and foster financial independence. Recognising Um Fatima's tenacity and resourcefulness, the Trust proposed a plan to provide her with the tools she needed to transform her livelihood. They collaborated with community members to establish a permanent, metal kiosk outfitted with shelves—a space where Um Fatima could safely sell her goods without the challenges of street vending. With the trust's supervision, Um Fatima received the support and tools she needed to transition from a struggling street vendor to a small business owner.

“

*Your support has changed  
our lives, giving us new  
hope and confidence.*

”

- Fatima





Today, her kiosk is thriving, offering a steady source of income that has allowed her to meet her daughters' needs consistently. With her newfound stability, Um Fatima can focus on more than survival; she can plan for a better future. Her daughters now have access to essentials they once lacked, including education and a safe, nurturing home environment.





# Project 470

Nestled behind our **mowkeb at Pole 470**, in the Haidariya area between Najaf and Karbala, our orphan village is more than just a building—it is a sanctuary of care, empowerment, and hope. For years, this comprehensive facility has been at the heart of our efforts to support orphans, widows, and vulnerable children, offering a safe haven and life-changing opportunities.

## Year-Round Support for Vulnerable Communities

The orphan village provides essential services that go beyond immediate relief, focusing on long-term development and empowerment:



- **Housing and Nourishment:**

A secure and nurturing environment where vulnerable families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

- **Education and Skills Training:**

Empowering orphans and widows with tools to achieve self-reliance and brighter futures.

- **Aid Distribution:**

Functioning as a year-round hub to deliver food, clothing, and essential supplies to vulnerable populations.

This facility serves as a cornerstone of our mission, addressing the diverse needs of those in hardship while fostering dignity, resilience, and growth.

## Supporting Pilgrims During Arbaeen

During the Arbaeen pilgrimage, the orphan village transforms into a centre of hospitality, serving pilgrims travelling between Najaf and Karbala. We provide:

- **Nutritious Meals:**

This year we provided full-day food services, including 253,570 drinks, 91,000 meals, and 43,000 snacks.

- **Comfort Facilities:**

Spaces for sleeping, air-conditioned rooms, and western toilet facilities.

- **Holistic Support:**

Medical aid, massage guns, free books, and spaces for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth.

Our goal is to create a welcoming environment for pilgrims, supporting their spiritual journey with care and comfort.



## Looking Ahead

As we continue to develop the orphan village, our vision remains focused on enhancing its capacity and expanding its services. With ongoing initiatives and future projects, the facility will serve as a vital resource for vulnerable communities, ensuring that our mission of fostering positive change and development remains steadfast.

The orphan village stands as a testament to our commitment to creating lasting impact—transforming lives, building resilience, and offering hope to those who need it most.



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# Campaigns

The Zahra Trust, fundraising is a year-round effort, but our flagship campaigns are strategically aligned with key periods when our beneficiaries need the most support. During Ramadan, Dhul Hijjah, Muharram & Safar, Back to School, and the Winter Appeal, we focus on providing vital aid tailored to the seasonal challenges faced by vulnerable communities. For instance, in Ramadan, we distribute food baskets to struggling families, ensuring they have enough to eat during the holy month. The Winter Appeal focuses on providing warm clothing, blankets, and shelter to help families survive freezing conditions. In our Back to School campaign, we provide educational supplies and fees to support children returning to classrooms. These campaigns are critical to meeting heightened demands, with thousands of beneficiaries relying on timely interventions across Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and beyond.





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# 2024 in Numbers

## Educational Support

Children benefitted through educational courses, school supplies, and extracurricular activities.

**4,132**  
children

## Food Aid

Meals and food staples delivered to individuals.

**1,881,330**  
individuals

## Water Aid

Clean water solutions provided.

**1,415,413**  
beneficiaries

## Emergency Aid

Includes Lebanon and Yemen emergency response beneficiaries

**693,825**  
beneficiaries

## Water Wells

Total water wells constructed in 2024.

**174**  
(153 in Pakistan,  
21 in Afghanistan)

## Marginalised Communities

Total beneficiaries across Herat, Parachinar and Kabul.

**1,503**  
beneficiaries

## Medical Assistance

General medical care  
**19,405**  
beneficiaries

Cancer treatment and assistance  
**729**  
beneficiaries

Pharmacy Support  
**2,950**  
beneficiaries

Specialised surgeries facilitated  
**4**  
surgeries

Aid for injured individuals and families  
**91**  
individuals

Total no. of beneficiaries  
**23,179**









Aid delivered through Campaigns (2024)

Ramadan

Meals Distributed  
**896,593**  
meals

Financial Aid Recipients  
**15,472**  
individuals

Garments Provided  
**1,367**  
garments

Medical Case Supported  
**62**  
cases

Kaffara Beneficiaries  
**73,792**  
individuals

Water wells constructed  
**19**  
wells

Olive trees awarded  
**114**  
for 11 families

Orphans & widows supported  
**100,000**  
beneficiaries

Project 470

**253,570**  
drinks served

**91,000**  
meals provided

**43,000**  
snacks distributed

Dhul Hijjah Campaign (DHC)

Recipient of qurbani

**64,136**  
individuals

Medical and financial aid beneficiaries.

**3,174**  
individuals

Back to School Campaign

**3,462**  
beneficiaries

General aid, classroom support, tuition, uniforms, and widows' training

Muharram & Safar Campaign

**359,644**  
beneficiaries

Healthcare, education, food aid, and long-term infrastructure projects.

Winter Aid Campaign (WAC)

**621**  
clothing beneficiaries

**15,620**  
food aid beneficiaries

**73**  
heating aid beneficiaries

**17,460**  
blanket distribution

Grand Total Winter Aid Beneficiaries

**33,774**



# The Holy Month of Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan is a time for reflection, generosity, and community. Across the world, Muslims dedicate this month to fasting, prayer, and giving to the less fortunate. At The Zahra Trust, Ramadan represents an opportunity to amplify our efforts, ensuring no one is left behind in the spirit of compassion and solidarity. This year, we reached an incredible **987,224 beneficiaries**, delivering life-changing support across our regions of operation.

Prophet Muhammad (saww) said,

“

The best act of charity is carried out in the month of **Ramadan**.

”

(Kanz al-Ummal no. 16362)

## Daily Feeding and Empowering Communities

During Ramadan, we expanded our activities ensure the fasting poor and individuals had access to daily sustenance. Our initiatives included:

### Daily Iftar Opportunities:

Providing ready-to-eat meals to those in need, offering dignity and relief to thousands.

### Monthly Food Baskets:

Distributing essential food supplies, allowing families the autonomy to prepare their own meals during this sacred month.

These efforts helped ensure that families could observe Ramadan with dignity, hope, and the assurance of daily nourishment.





## Our Impact

This Ramadan, The Zahra Trust delivered:

### Daily Iftar Opportunities:

Providing ready-to-eat meals to those in need, offering nutrition and relief to thousands.

### Financial Aid:

Supported **15,472** individuals with essential financial assistance.

### Kaffara Support:

**73,792** individuals benefitted from kaffara donations

### Water Wells:

Constructed **19** water wells, ensuring access to clean water for communities

### Olive Tree Planting:

Awarded **114** olive trees to **11** farmers and their families, promoting sustainable agriculture.

### Clothing:

Provided **1,367** garments to those in need.

### Medical Cases:

Facilitated life-saving care for **62** medical cases, addressing urgent health needs.

### Small Business Support:

Continued empowering widows and vulnerable individuals through microfinancing and self-sufficiency initiatives, such as food gardens, rickshaws, and sewing programs.

### Orphans and Widows:

Supported **100,000 orphans and widows**, addressing their immediate and longer-term needs.







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## Flagship Development Projects: For a Sustainable Future

This year, our Ramadan campaign focused on sustainable solutions under the theme **"For a Sustainable Future."** In addition to meeting immediate needs, we prioritised long-term development projects that empower communities and foster independence. Key initiatives included:

- **Water Wells:**  
Constructing solar-powered water wells to provide lasting health and well-being solutions for underserved communities.
- **Microfinancing:**  
Supporting vulnerable individuals to start businesses and achieve financial independence.
- **Olive Tree Planting and Food Gardens:**  
Promoting agricultural projects to enhance food security and create sustainable income sources.
- **Solar-Powered Solutions**  
Introducing energy-efficient water wells to reduce costs and promote environmental sustainability.

### For Mama Campaign

The Zahra Trust proudly partnered with the For Mama Campaign, a global initiative dedicated to improving maternal and newborn health. Through the collaboration of Muslim charities worldwide, the campaign raised an incredible \$10,702,120.49, providing lifesaving care and medical supplies to mothers and babies in need.

As a partner, we contributed to this remarkable effort, ensuring that vulnerable mothers and their newborns received the support they need to thrive.

## Looking Ahead

As we reflect on the impact of Ramadan, The Zahra Trust remains committed to sustaining and expanding these critical efforts. In the coming year, we aim to:

- Scale up our feeding programs to reach even more vulnerable communities.
- Expand sustainable development projects, including food gardens, rickshaws, and vocational training.
- Strengthen our support for orphans and widows, ensuring long-term empowerment and self-reliance.

Ramadan is more than a month of fasting; it is a time to build bridges, foster hope, and lay the foundations for a brighter, more sustainable future. Together, we are making that vision a reality.



# Dhul Hijjah

Dhul Hijjah is a sacred month for Muslims worldwide, marked by the significant celebrations of **Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Ghadeer**. This holy period is a time of reflection, gratitude, and generosity, and at The Zahra Trust, we channel this spirit of giving to support the most vulnerable in our communities.

## Campaign Focus: Waste Less, Give More

This year, our Dhul Hijjah campaign centred around the theme "Waste Less, Give More", raising awareness of the global issue of food waste while promoting the values of thoughtful giving. Through this initiative, we encouraged donors to contribute in ways that maximised impact, ensuring their generosity addressed not only hunger but also the broader challenges of waste and sustainability.

By aligning our campaign with this important message, we inspired donors to be mindful of their actions, emphasising that every contribution could make a positive difference in tackling food waste and hunger simultaneously.



## The Significance of Qurbani

Eid al-Adha commemorates the profound act of devotion and sacrifice by Prophet Ibrahim (AS), a reminder of the importance of selflessness and compassion. For Muslims, offering qurbani (sacrificial meat) is an essential practice during this time, symbolising unity and the sharing of blessings.

Through our Dhul Hijjah campaign, we facilitated qurbani donations, ensuring that this meaningful tradition benefited those who need it most.

By distributing qurbani meat to vulnerable families—many of whom rarely have access to meat—we upheld the principles of food equality, providing nutrition and dignity to those facing hunger.



## A Time for Giving

The festive atmosphere of Dhul Hijjah inspires generosity, and this period sees a surge in charitable donations. At The Zahra Trust, we channel these contributions into impactful aid, extending the blessings of this sacred month to beneficiaries in need. From nutritious meals to essential supplies, the gifts of our donors brought hope and relief to communities facing hardship.

## Our Impact

This year, the Dhul Hijjah campaign enabled us to reach countless individuals and families with:

- **Qurbani Meat Distribution:**  
We delivered fresh, halal meat to **64,136 individuals** who would otherwise have limited or no access to it.
- **Support for Vulnerable Communities:**  
Our team distributed medical and financial aid to **3,174 beneficiaries** facing displacement, poverty, and social inequities.

## Promoting Food Justice and Sustainability

By incorporating the "Waste Less, Give More" ethos, we empowered our donors to contribute to a global conversation on food waste. This campaign highlighted the importance of thoughtful giving, ensuring that every resource was used effectively to maximise its impact on the lives of those in need.

### Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this year's successes, The Zahra Trust remains committed to addressing food insecurity and promoting equality through sustainable and impactful initiatives. With the continued support of our donors and partners, we aim to expand the reach of our Dhul Hijjah campaign, fostering a world where dignity, equity, and generosity prevail.

Together, we can turn the spirit of Dhul Hijjah into meaningful change, sharing blessings and tackling the challenges of hunger and waste for a brighter future.





# Muharram & Safar

The months of Muharram and Safar hold profound significance in Islamic history, commemorating the timeless principles of justice, sacrifice, and humanity epitomised by Hussain ibn Ali (as). At The Zahra Trust, we draw inspiration from these values to deliver impactful humanitarian aid during this sacred period, addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable communities while fostering spiritual growth worldwide.

## Our Impact

Through the Muharram and Safar Campaign, **359,644 beneficiaries** were served, reflecting the scale and depth of our efforts to address critical needs:

**Water Aid:** Providing access to clean, safe drinking water in areas facing acute scarcity.

**Humanitarian Assistance:** Addressing hunger and food insecurity through the distribution of nutritious meals, essential supplies, and financial support to uplift those in vulnerable circumstances.

**Education and Skills Development:** Offering remedial courses, religious education, and school supplies for vulnerable students. Vocational training programs, including nursing, horticulture, and beauty courses for widows, along with construction and equipping schools with resources like smartboards and snacks for students.

**Healthcare and Medical Aid:** Supporting treatments for cancer, cataract surgeries, and medical debt, as well as specialised care for burns, leukemia, and post-accident surgeries. Medical clinics and pharmacies were also established.

**Basic Needs and Livelihood Support:** Distributing food aid, flour, and setting up a bakery to foster self-sustainability. Housing assistance was provided through home construction and rent aid for orphaned families and widows, alongside small business support via kiosks and sewing machines.

**Emergency and Seasonal Aid:** Assisting disaster-affected regions like Yemen and Afghanistan and supporting Arbaeen and Ashra Zeinabiyya activities, including public benefit structures.

**Infrastructure and Long-Term Impact:** Constructing housing units and multi-service buildings in regions like Sar-e-Pol and Karbala, as well as establishing a desalination system in Gaza and a medical clinic in Kabul.

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These efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to upholding the values of compassion and equality that resonate deeply during these sacred months.





## Project 470: A Testament to Legacy and Service

A cornerstone of our campaign is Project 470 (read more on page 58 & 59), which serves as a source of hope for orphans, widows, and vulnerable families year-round. During Muharram and Safar, Project 470 plays a pivotal role in providing support and resources to those most in need, aligning with the ethos of the commemorations.

## Supporting Pilgrims of Hussain ibn Ali (AS)

In the month of Safar, millions of pilgrims journey to Karbala to honour Hussain ibn Ali (as) and his stand for justice. Through our mowkeb initiatives, we supported this spiritual journey by distributing food, water, and other essentials to pilgrims. Our efforts not only provided for their physical needs but also contributed to their spiritual growth, reflecting the universal values of unity and service.



## A Global Call for Justice and Humanity

The Muharram and Safar Campaign is more than a time of remembrance—it is a call to action. By addressing hunger, water scarcity, and vulnerability, we strive to uphold the principles of justice and compassion that Hussain ibn Ali (as) championed.

## Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this year's campaign, we are reminded of the resilience and generosity of our supporters, whose contributions enable us to make a tangible difference. Moving forward, we are committed to expanding our programs, strengthening our impact, and continuing to honour the legacy of Hussain ibn Ali (as) through acts of compassion, service, and justice.

Together, we can transform the values of Muharram and Safar into meaningful action, supporting the vulnerable and fostering spiritual development worldwide.



# Back to School

Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and building brighter futures. At The Zahra Trust, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn and thrive, regardless of their circumstances. Our annual Back to School Campaign exemplifies this commitment by providing comprehensive support to vulnerable children and families as they prepare for the school year.

## Scaling Our Efforts

This year marked a significant milestone for our Back to School Campaign, as we expanded our support tenfold compared to the previous year. In 2024, we reached 3,462 beneficiaries, offering tailored assistance to meet their diverse educational needs.

## Our Impact

The campaign provided a range of essential aid, ensuring that children and families were equipped to start the school year with dignity and hope. Our support included:

**General Aid:** Supplying basic necessities to families, enabling children to focus on their studies without the burden of unmet needs.

**Classroom Support:** Enhancing learning environments with resources and materials to foster a positive educational experience.

**School Fees:** Covering tuition costs to alleviate financial strain on families and ensure uninterrupted access to education.

**Uniforms:** Providing proper school attire to instill confidence and a sense of belonging among students.

**Widows' Skill Training:** Offering skills training to widowed mothers, empowering them with the means to support their children's education sustainably.

**Other Assistance:** Addressing specific needs tailored to the unique challenges faced by each family and community.

**Emergency and Seasonal Aid:** Assisting disaster-affected regions like Yemen and Afghanistan and supporting Arbreen and Ashra Zeinabiyya activities, including public benefit structures.

**Infrastructure and Long-Term Impact:** Constructing housing units and multi-service buildings in regions like Sar-e-Pol and Karbala, as well as establishing a desalination system in Gaza and a medical clinic in Kabul.

## A Shared Achievement

The success of this year's campaign was made possible by the dedication of our supporters, partners, and on-the-ground teams. Together, we ensured that thousands of children could return to school equipped, confident, and ready to learn.

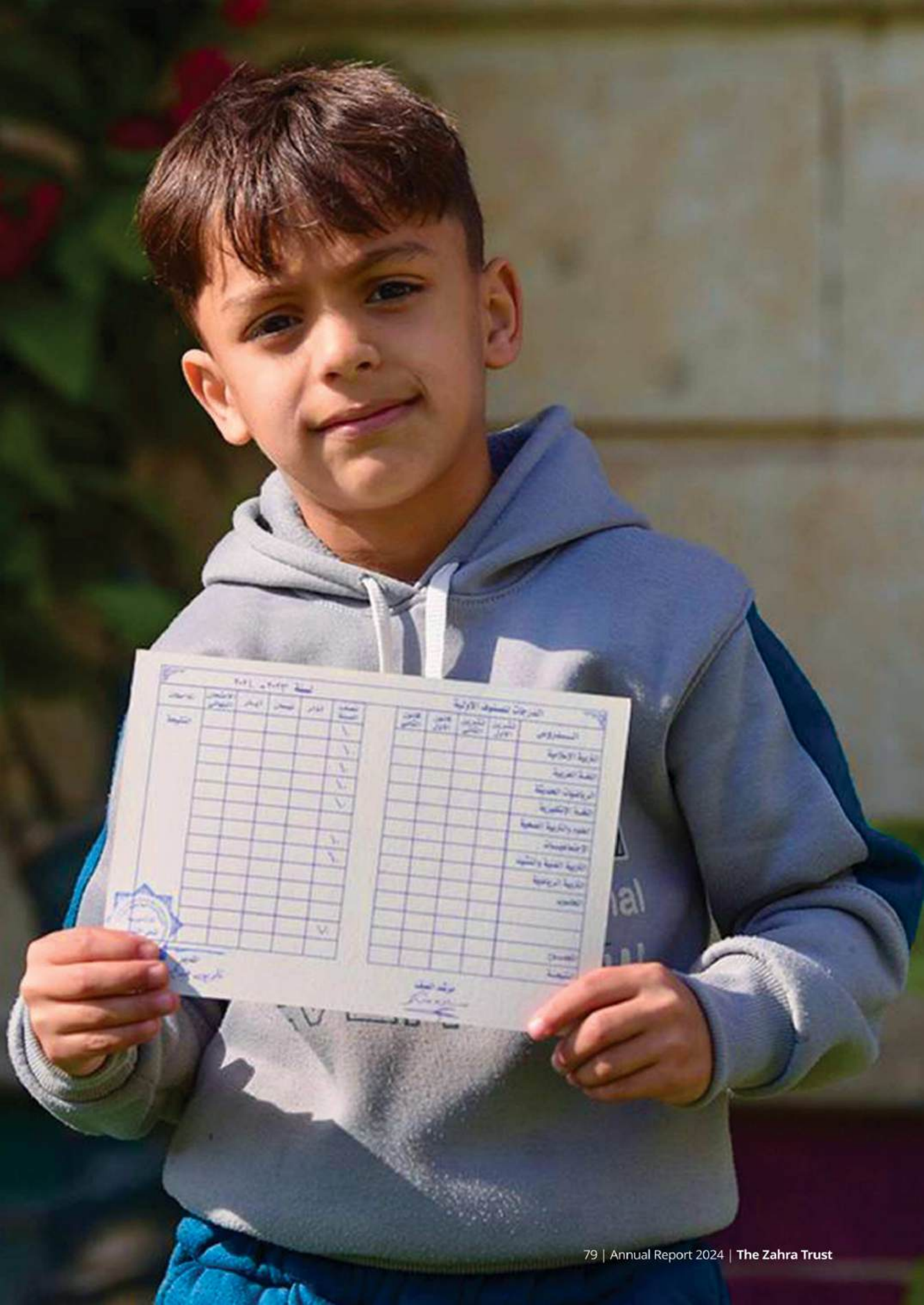
## Looking to the Future

The Zahra Trust remains committed to expanding access to education and removing barriers for vulnerable children. By building on this year's achievements, we aim to support even more students in the coming years, empowering them to unlock their potential and contribute to their communities.

Through the Back to School Campaign, we are not just sending children to school—we are investing in their futures and building the foundations for lasting change. Thank you for being part of this transformative journey.









# Winter Appeal Campaign

Each winter, thousands of vulnerable families in our operational regions face the harsh reality of freezing temperatures, compounded by poverty, displacement, and conflict. At The Zahra Trust, we understand the urgency of delivering life-saving aid to those in remote and hard-to-reach areas during these critical months.

## Reaching the Most Vulnerable

Through our Winter Aid Campaign, we provided essential support to families struggling to endure the cold. Our aid reached remote regions where communities often face significant barriers to accessing basic necessities. We also prioritised displaced families, particularly in Lebanon, who were forced to flee their homes due to ongoing conflict, and extended critical support to regions such as Afghanistan, Yemen, Pakistan.

## Comprehensive Winter Support

Beneficiaries that received food:

**15,620**

Beneficiaries that received new clothing:

**621**

Beneficiaries that received heating:

**73**

Beneficiaries that received:

**17,460**

Number of beneficiaries from our winter aid campaign:

**33,774**









# Development Aid 2024



## Water Wells:

Total water wells constructed  
in 2024

**174**

153 in Pakistan, 21 in Afghanistan



## Housing and Shelter:

Shelters secured for displaced families  
during Lebanon emergency campaign

**63**

shelters



## Education and Skills Training :

Individuals empowered through education  
and vocational training in 2024

**10,771**

individuals



## Microfinancing:

Initiatives aimed at supporting financial  
independence through small  
business opportunities.

**17**








# Why make The Zahra Trust the charity of your choice?




## Proven Expertise

With over a decade of impactful service, The Zahra Trust has consistently expanded its reach and operations. In 2024 alone, we launched significant development projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, including constructing homes for families displaced by conflict and installing solar-powered water wells in drought-affected regions.




## Global Reach and Effectiveness

This year, we provided emergency aid in Gaza, partnering with Save the Children and UNWRA to deliver lifesaving food, water, and medical supplies to tens of thousands of displaced families. In Lebanon, our own teams were on the ground, directly supporting displaced families with essential resources and shelter.



## Specialised Teams

Our expert teams, with deep local knowledge and humanitarian expertise, focus on marginalised communities, ensuring swift and effective responses. In 2024, these teams spearheaded emergency relief efforts in Afghanistan and responded rapidly to areas affected by severe flooding in Yemen.




## Accountability and Transparency

We provide detailed information to our donors about where their contributions are directed and how they reach those in need. This commitment to transparency ensures that donors see the impact of their support.



## Reaching the Unreachable

The Zahra Trust continues to operate in remote and hard-to-reach areas, delivering essential aid to underserved and marginalised communities. In 2024, this included distributing winter survival kits and other vital support to families in isolated regions.



## Impactful Food Initiatives

In 2024, we delivered over 1.8 million meals throughout the year, addressing hunger and malnutrition among vulnerable populations globally.





We expanded sustainability efforts in 2024, including initiating food gardens in Kenya, planting olive trees in Lebanon, and launching income-generating projects for widows. These holistic approaches aim to combat chronic poverty and provide long-term self-reliance.



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Through initiatives such as skills training programs for widows in Afghanistan and Iraq, we empower individuals to rebuild their lives, fostering independence and resilience.



All our 2024 projects were tailored to the unique cultural and social contexts of the communities we served, ensuring respect for local traditions and practices in every initiative.



Our rigorous needs assessments in 2024 allowed us to prioritise aid delivery to those most in need, addressing the greatest challenges faced by vulnerable populations effectively.



As an NGO with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2017, we continue to gain international recognition. In 2024, we partnered with esteemed organisations such as UNWRA, UNHCR, and Save the Children to deliver aid in some of the world's most challenging regions.

By supporting The Zahra Trust, you play a vital role in making a meaningful, lasting impact on the lives of those most in need. Together, we can continue to save lives and provide hope for a better future.



# Religious Dues & Services: Supporting your Spiritual Journey

At The Zahra Trust, we are honoured to assist individuals in fulfilling their religious obligations with authenticity, ease, and adherence to Islamic principles. Our dedicated services ensure that religious dues such as Khums, Zakat, Fidyah, Kaffarah, and Fitra are collected and distributed with utmost integrity and in strict accordance with Islamic jurisprudence.

## A Trusted Partner in Religious Obligations

Our credibility is built on the trust of esteemed scholars and maraje', who have granted us written authorisation (ijazah) to collect and distribute religious dues. This ensures that your contributions reach those who are most in need, making a profound impact on the lives of vulnerable individuals and families.

Our services go beyond facilitation, providing guidance to help individuals navigate their obligations confidently and effectively. Through a foundation of trust and dedication, we aim to ensure that the process of fulfilling religious responsibilities is simple and impactful.

## Khums Calculator

Our Khums Calculator is a user-friendly and efficient tool designed to help individuals accurately calculate their Khums obligations according to Islamic principles. The calculator simplifies the often complex process, ensuring transparency and adherence to religious requirements.

With its intuitive interface and comprehensive features, the Khums Calculator enables users to:

Whether for personal use or to assist others in the community, this tool reflects our commitment to supporting accessibility and spiritual well-being.

The screenshot displays the 'CALCULATE YOUR KHUMS' interface. It features a list of input fields with the following labels: 'Savings end of the year', 'Annual business profits & assets', 'Unused gifts (in a full year)', 'Unused items (in a full year)', 'Any other income', and 'Remainder on last years savings on which khums was already paid'. Each field has a pound symbol icon and the text 'Enter Amount'. At the bottom, there is a 'Total Profit' field showing '£ 0'. The app header includes a back arrow and 'The Zahra Trust' logo.

Fulfil their obligations with confidence and ease.

Quickly determine their Khums dues.

Promote financial responsibility in line with Islamic teachings.





## Our Commitment to Service

At The Zahra Trust, we consider it a privilege to serve as a trusted partner in matters of faith and obligation. We remain dedicated to ensuring that religious dues are distributed to those most in need, aligning with Islamic principles and the values of compassion, justice, and equity.

By choosing The Zahra Trust, you join a network of individuals committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others, while fulfilling your spiritual and religious responsibilities with sincerity and confidence.

For more information on our religious services or to access the Khums Calculator, visit our website. Together, we can turn spiritual devotion into impactful action for those who need it most.



# Volunteer Opportunities

At The Zahra Trust, we value the incredible impact our volunteers make in bringing hope and support to vulnerable communities worldwide. Volunteering with us is more than just offering your time; it's about becoming part of a movement to create lasting change, inspiring personal growth, and connect with diverse communities and cultures.

## Why Volunteer with The Zahra Trust?

### By joining our volunteer network, you will:

**Contribute to Vital Support:** Your efforts directly provide essential resources and aid to communities facing immense hardship.

**Grow Professionally:** Gain new skills, expand your network, and enhance your career prospects through meaningful, hands-on experiences.

**Engage with Diversity:** Work alongside individuals from various backgrounds and immerse yourself in diverse communities and cultures.

**Find Personal Fulfilment:** Be part of impactful initiatives that leave a lasting mark on the lives of others.

## Ways You Can Volunteer

There are many ways you can get involved with The Zahra Trust:

**Centre Collections:** Assist with collecting donations and raising awareness in your local community centres.

**Merchandise Sales:** Help sell our branded merchandise to support our fundraising efforts.

**Event Representation:** Represent The Zahra Trust at events and help engage the public with our mission.

**In-Office Support:** Contribute your skills to administrative, marketing, or project-based work within our offices.

**Tube Collections:** Volunteer in major city centres to raise funds through tube or station collections.





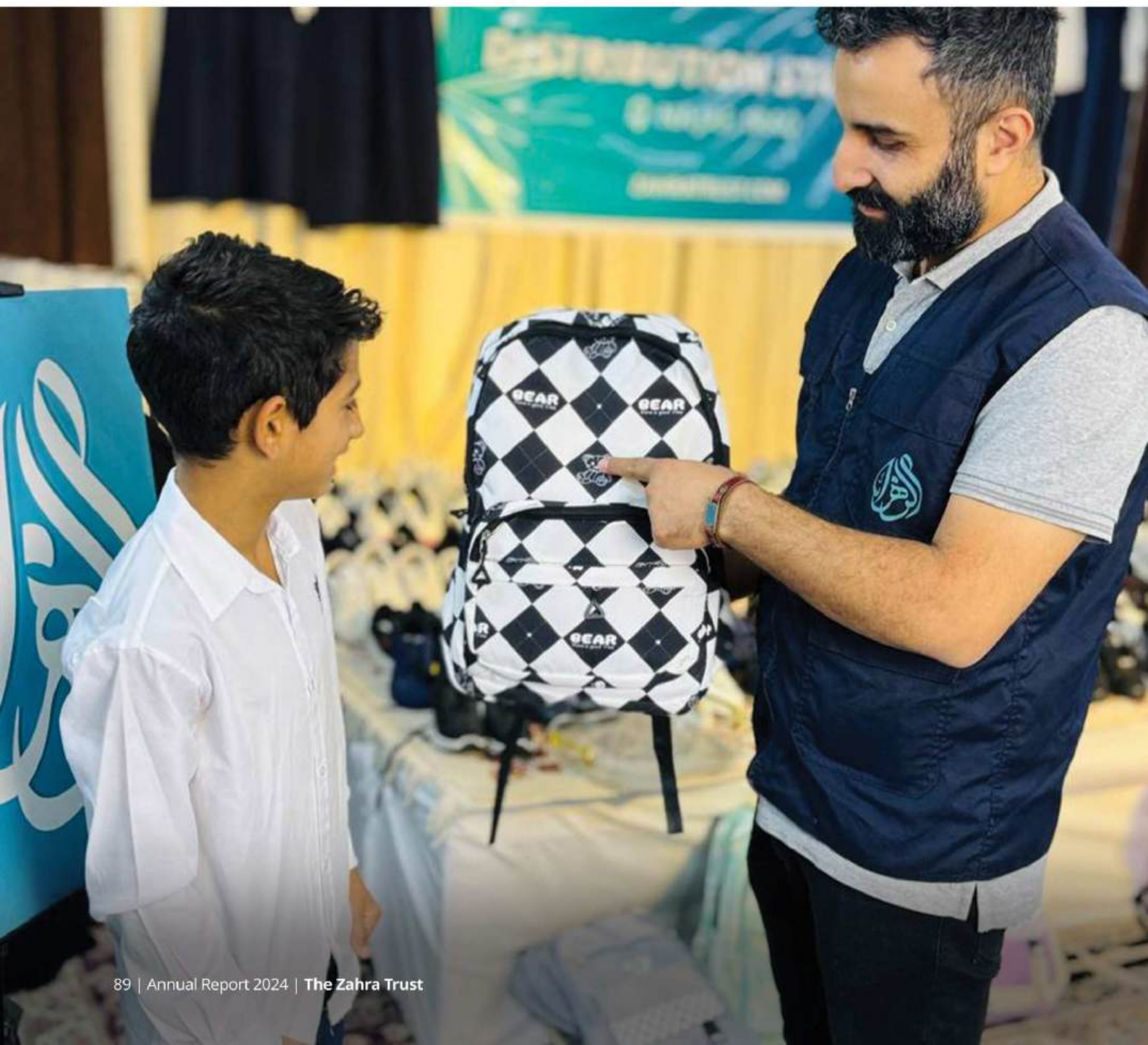
## On-the-Ground Volunteering

For those seeking a hands-on experience, we also offer opportunities to travel to our areas of operation. Work directly with our team to provide aid, distribute resources, and support development projects for our beneficiaries in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and beyond.

## Join Us in Making a Difference

Volunteering with The Zahra Trust is a journey of compassion, growth, and community. Whether you choose to support us locally or internationally, your efforts will leave a lasting impact on those in need—and on yourself.

Ready to get involved? Visit [zahratrust.com/volunteering](https://zahratrust.com/volunteering) to explore opportunities and take the first step towards making a difference today.





# Ways to Donate

## Bank Transfer

Account Name: **THE ZAHRA(S) TRUST CANADA**

Transit Number: **10452**

Inst. Number: **004**

Account Number: **5029904**

## Website

[www.zahratrust.ca/donate](http://www.zahratrust.ca/donate)

## Via our App

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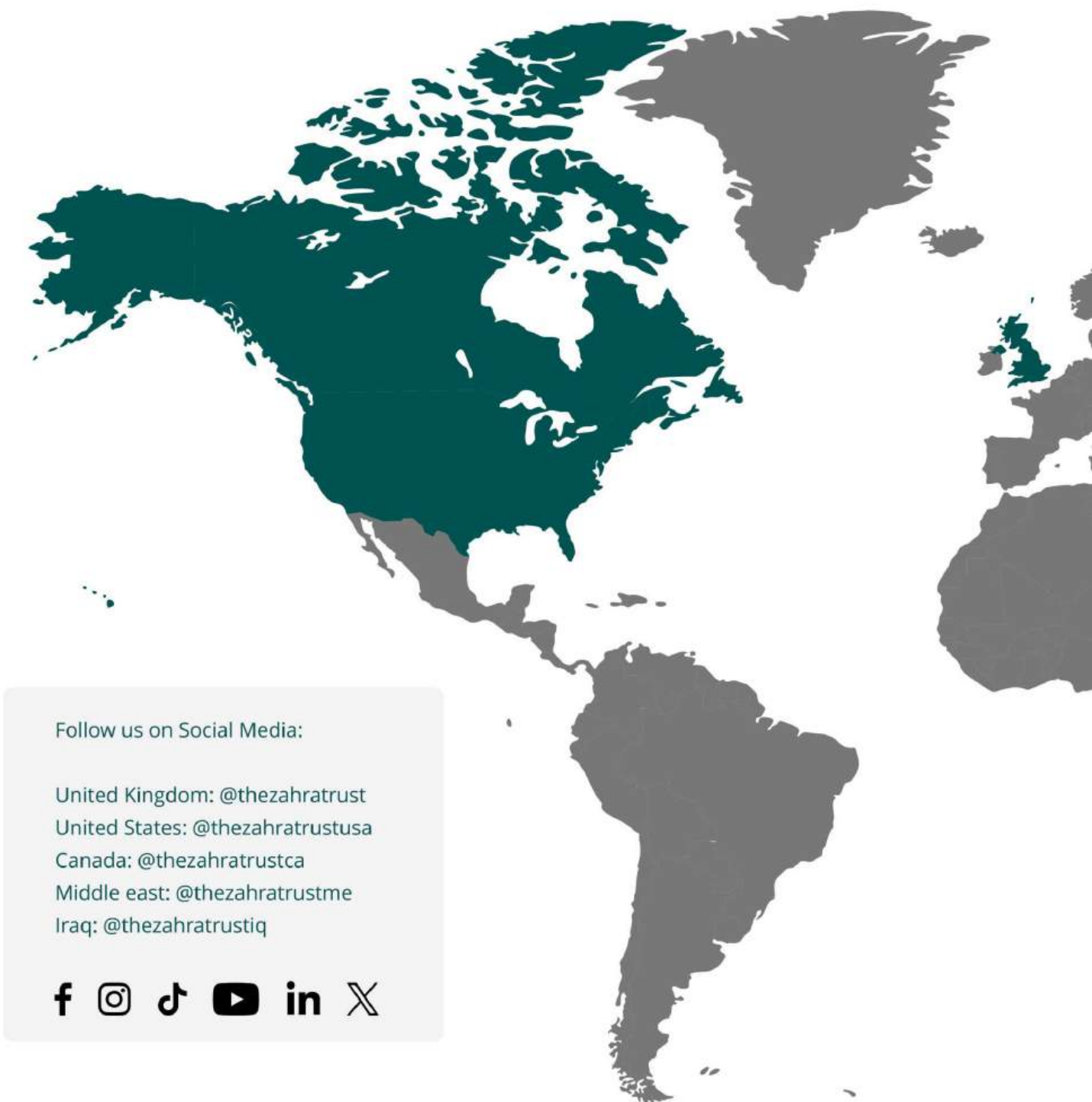
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We are currently operating from 4 regional offices around the world. Get in touch with your nearest office to find out how you can volunteer, donate, and make a difference.

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