



# **Life for Relief & Development**

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Report



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# Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Donor,

We have been through exceptional times together. The COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to be a major trial and tribulation for all of us across the globe. However, it is through trials, adversity and tribulations that we purify ourselves, reflect on our condition and work towards success. Despite all the challenges we have grown with your support.

The COVID-19 pandemic added hardship unto hardship for the poor and needy. But you were there. You were there to support the refugees of Syria. You were there to support the orphans of Iraq. You were there to support the widows and needy of Afghanistan. You were there to support the starving people in Yemen. You were there to support the destitute Rohingya peoples. You were there to support the people of Lebanon in their time of crisis and after being rocked by the Beirut Blast of August 2020.

Equally as important to the work on the ground that must be done is to ensure that LIFE operates with transparency, integrity and honesty. We have made further strides in improving our own operations and procedures

We have also successfully transitioned our operations to be completely online. This has helped reduce our operational costs, enhance our online presence, and further streamline our activities. We have doubled our efforts in improving our social media presence and providing quality multimedia material to our supporters. We have added a project coordinator to our team based in Edmonton to help us support the many projects we strategically are involved with.

Your generosity rose to meet the challenges of the pandemic. It has humbled us at LIFE. Words cannot express our deepest thanks and gratitude for your donations to LIFE. We at LIFE are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of everyone who answers the call to give repeatedly. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Protect yourself from hell-fire, even by giving a piece of a date as charity."

It is our hope that this note of appreciation will express our very big thanks for your generosity. We look forward to a continuing partnership with all our donors, stakeholders and partners. May God bless you all.

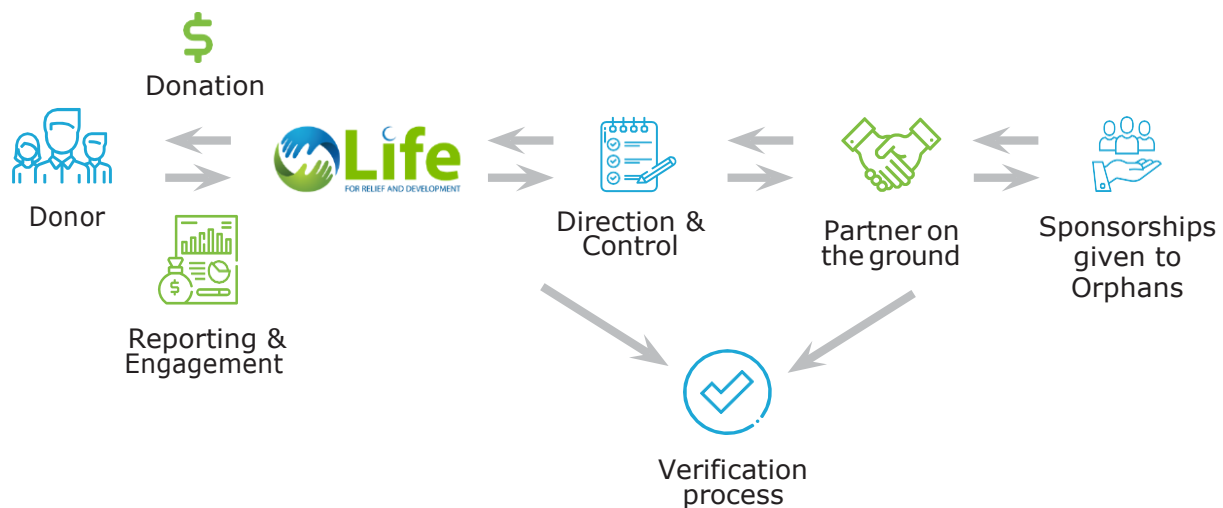
LIFE Board of Directors

# Orphan Sponsorship

Following a rigorous authentication process, we deliver your donations to orphans in need and verify the entire process



## Orphans Support Iraq 2020-1441



More than 750 Orphans sponsored in these countries through Orphan Sponsorship and Zakat programs.







## Water Wells

During the period of 2020-2021, your donations to our water development program has benefited thousands of people in Afghanistan, Malawi, and Gaza.



More than 20 Wells  
in Afghanistan



3 Wells in Malawi



Our largest well and desalination  
plant in Gaza benefiting more  
than 5000 people.



Project media link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jr0rsyY7Qk>



## Dairy Goats and Cows

During 2020-2021, we were fortunate to be able to deliver 71 Rams, 181 ewes, and 5 dairy cows to the people of Yemen to help them sustain themselves through the production of dairy products.

Project media link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYafV\\_PGA7E&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYafV_PGA7E&t=5s)



## Eid Clothing

On Eid Al Adha we try to bring joy to orphans by allowing them to purchase new Eid clothes. With your donations we were able to clothe more than 300 orphans on Eid last year.

Project media link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOx0tm\\_6Ms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOx0tm_6Ms)

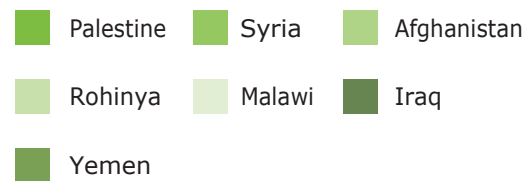
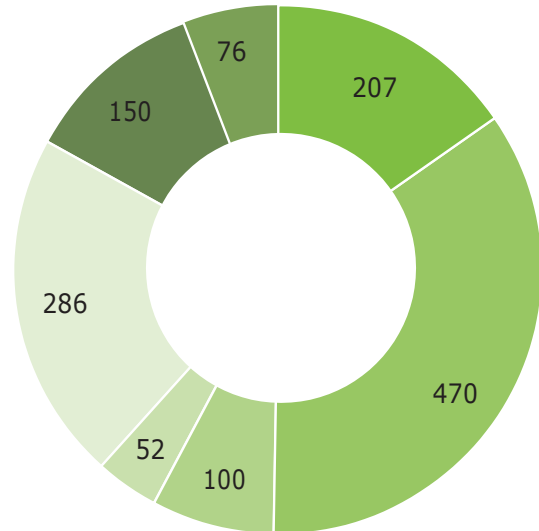


# Food Baskets

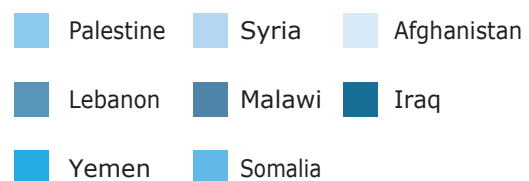
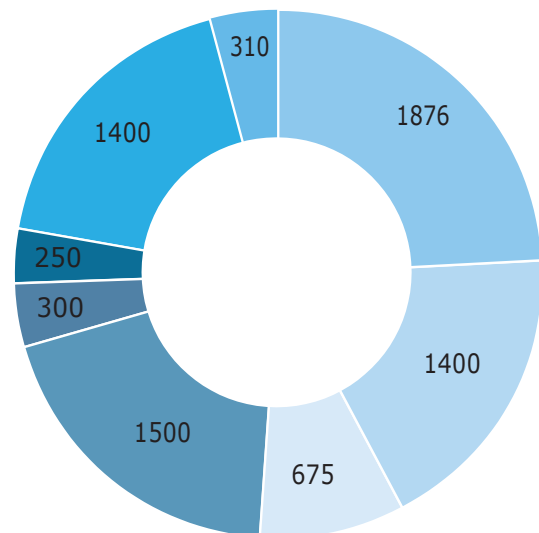
During 2020-2021,  
more than 9000 Food  
Baskets were  
distributed



Food Basket Distribution  
Ramadan 2020



Food Basket Distribution  
Ramadan 2021





## Special Thank You

We would like to send a special thank you to the Ramadan Food Basket team in Edmonton for their support in the Ramadan 2021 Food Basket program. We are grateful to all the volunteers. The difference in the number of food baskets collected and delivered in 2021 vs. 2020 reflects the hard work and dedication of their team.



## UDHIYA (Qurbani) Program







During the month of Thul-Hijjah in 2020 we were able to fulfil more than 200 udhiya/qurbani orders



## Zakat Al Fitr

One of our key food programs is the distribution of Zakat Al Fitr. We ensure that your Zakat Al Fitr is distributed as food before Eid prayer to the needy which is why we highly urge you to donate your Zakat Al Fitr *before the 27th of Ramadan* to ensure enough time for distribution on the ground. Life For Relief & Development (Canada) takes no fees in the distribution of your Zakat Al Fitr.

- In Ramadan 2020 \$16,000 CAD of Zakat Al Fitr was distributed in Iraq
- In Ramadan 2021 \$34,500 CAD of Zakat Al Fitr was distributed in Lebanon and Gaza

Project media link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C4NDIfM328>

# Lebanon Emergency Relief



After the large explosion in the Beirut harbour and the destruction of the grain silos, Life for Relief & Development (Canada) was able to deliver two containers of flour to the needy people in Lebanon.

Project media link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxx5dumaW-M>



## Winter Relief

Last winter was a very tough one for refugees. That is why we work hard to provide refugees with winter clothing as well as firewood for cooking and heating.

Project media Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2wWSVRQ0ys>

## Gaza Medical Relief

Gaza has been under sanctions for many years. This has made access to medication and essential medical equipment exceedingly difficult. We have been able to purchase medication from the private sector inside Gaza and donate it to the public sector where it is heavily needed. We are also currently working on the delivery of an ambulance to the Gaza Strip.

Media Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cM8Fp9IZpJo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjBBE8-DYDY>

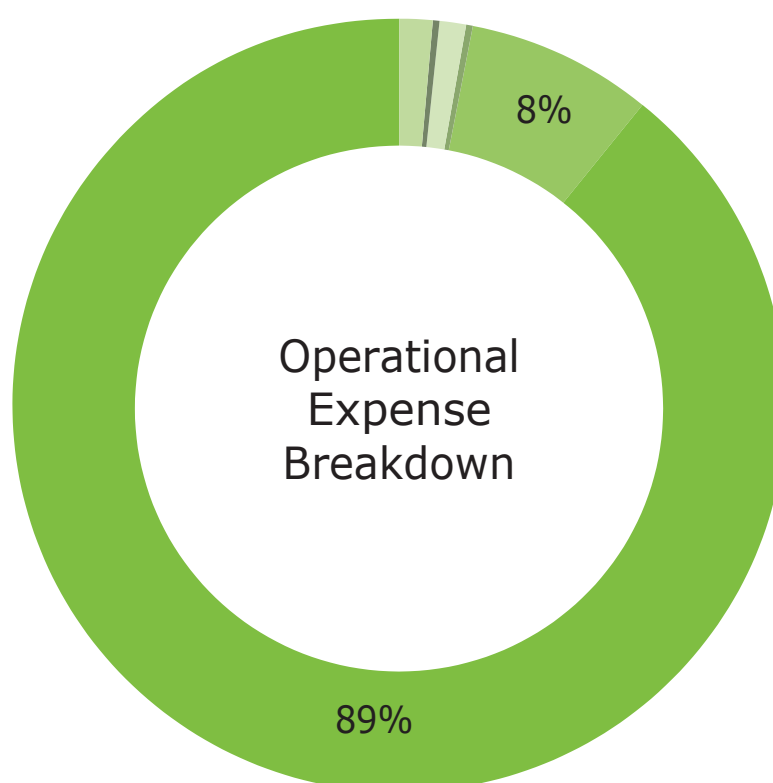
# Financials

Total Revenue of **CAD \$849,166** in 2020.

Our operating fees amount to **10.8%** of our revenue (in 2020).

Total Operational Expenses \$91,618

- Advertising \$717
- Bank and transaction fees \$11,786
- Office \$182
- Professional fees \$2,830
- Rent \$8,190
- Subscriptions \$3,722
- Telephone and utilities \$262
- Wages and benefits \$63,884
- Relief and Development \$747,999





## How can you help?

We encourage all our donors to help as much as possible. Getting more volunteer help will lower our operational costs, which means that more of your money can reach those in need. Volunteering comes in all shapes and sizes, such as graphic design, media support, fundraising, social media, marketing, accounting and more.

- Spread the word about Life for Relief & Development (Canada) and the work we do.
- Follow us on social media at the links below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUoalFyd2p4JUXZLvHjYhw>  
<https://www.instagram.com/life4reliefca/?hl=en>  
<https://www.facebook.com/LifeforRelief/>
- Continue your generous donations by visiting our website:  
[www.liferelief.ca](http://www.liferelief.ca)
- Be proactive. We are more than happy to hear from you.

Thank you for your continuous support!