

OIC Implements Ramadan Activities in some Member States in Partnership with Humanitarian Organizations

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In the framework of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's efforts in the holy month each year, its humanitarian offices carried out at the beginning of Ramadan humanitarian activities in a number of Member States, in partnership with several humanitarian organizations, especially in Palestine, Somalia and Central Africa and (for the Syrian refugees) in Turkey. These activities and projects are aimed at helping the neediest families in an attempt to provide the basic necessities and to alleviate their suffering during the month of Ramadan, in light of the bitter situation experienced by several countries in the Muslim world.

The OIC Office for the Coordination Of Humanitarian Work in the Gaza Strip received a delegation of Turkiye Diyanet Foundation where 1200 food packages were distributed, in addition to organizing Iftar meals for 1000 orphans and 4 Iftars for 500 people in different areas of the Gaza Strip. The Organization also distributed 1400 food parcels funded by the World Islamic Relief Organization of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The OIC hopes to implement other projects in cooperation with Alkhir Foundation in Britain, the Malaysian Consultative Council (MAPIM), and the Saudi campaign for the Relief of the Palestinian people.

As for the humanitarian efforts for Syrian refugees in Turkey, the OIC distributed three thousand food baskets to the Syrian and Palestinian refugees and 30,000 packets of milk for children in partnership with the Turkish Hayat Yolu Association. In addition, four Iftars were organized for Syrian students. 1500 food baskets were distributed in partnership with Deniz Feneri Association. Moreover, on the occasion of the orphan day in the Islamic world (on 15 Ramadan), the OIC plans to organize Iftar in cooperation with Turkish civil society organizations through its office in Turkey.

In Somalia, the OIC Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Work held a meeting for all civil society organizations- members of the OIC Humanitarian Coalition- to discuss the best ways for coordinating humanitarian efforts activities and projects relating to Iftar distribution. In this context, the Saudi National Campaign prepared a plan for the distribution of Ramadan Iftars for 45,000 families. The Office is also preparing for observing the orphan day on 15 Ramadan.

With regards the humanitarian situation in Central Africa, the OIC coordinates currently with a number of humanitarian organizations to provide food assistance to the Central African Republic during the month of Ramadan.

On the other hand, OIC humanitarian funds launched humanitarian programs in a number of Member States. The Chairman of the OIC Humanitarian Funds Board of Trustees, Sheikh Abdul Aziz al-Thani, said that on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, a project aimed at organizing Iftar for residents of Al-Quds Al-Shareef and neighboring areas was launched, as well as a project to combat poverty will be implemented through humanitarian offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan by executing programs and projects for economic empowerment.

