

Strategic Goal

Secure sustainable livelihood opportunities for the most marginalised & poorest communities

Key Sustainable Development Goals

- **No Poverty:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- **Decent Work and Economic Growth:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Programme Approach

In most of the countries where Muslim Aid is working, millions of people are living in extreme poverty. Muslim Aid implements programmes to improve the livelihoods of poor and marginalised communities, enabling them to live with dignity through restoring livelihood opportunities, improving agriculture productivity, enabling access to microfinance, improving skills and the creation of new enterprises through appropriate training and logistical support.



22,399

new people supported into employment or business.

74.5%

of people provided access to livelihood activities were women

55,649

new people provided with vocational skills training.

2,021

new people supported through the microfinance programme.

Muslim Aid implemented 39 livelihood projects in seven countries such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka and Bosnia.

Muslim Aid's Outreach in 2020

20,555

clients given access to sources of funding.

20,811

households with increased levels of disposable income.

Snapshot of Projects



PALESTINE

Restoring the Livelihoods of Marginalised Farmers in Southern Gaza

Accounting for 4.5% of the Gaza Strip's GDP and employing 5.8% of its workforce, agriculture remains a key sector of the Gazan economy that could contribute to reducing high unemployment and food insecurity. Muslim Aid is boosting the potential of this sector through a range of measures to improve the competitiveness of Gazan produce in the West Bank and international markets. This one project is supporting the rehabilitation of agricultural properties of 160 farmers which will increase productivity and help to link them to the market system in Gaza. It includes the rehabilitation of greenhouses and the replanting of crops over a phased 3-year period. In addition, Cash for Work is giving 110 unemployed labourers the opportunity to learn skills and earn an income.



BANGLADESH

Technical and Vocational Skills Training for Young People Living in Urban Slums

In Bangladesh, Muslim Aid is an experienced and expert provider of Technical & Vocational Education & Training (TVET). We continuously run TVET centres that serve the cities including Dhaka, Jashore, Rangpur & Chattogram under the umbrella of Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT). In 2020, we started a 5-year livelihoods programme that will provide 22,100 young people living in urban slums in Dhaka and Saidpur with technical and vocational skills to sustainably improve their livelihoods. 22,100 people are being trained in 9 key trade areas that are providing viable occupational and income generating opportunities for their households. Trainings is in line with the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) and participants will be certified. Participants will be supported with identification of wage employment and business start-up, guidance and counselling, networking, and market engagement activities. Standard training and orientation with the engagement of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence and experts of the relevant field will be provided to 1,000 youth.

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