

GMPFC Fact Sheet update

THE GLOBAL MUSLIM PHILANTHROPY FUND FOR CHILDREN

"Muslim Philanthropy will be at the forefront in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Now, more than ever, Muslim philanthropists around the world need to act collectively and think strategically to maximise their impact. The partnership between the Islamic Development Bank and UNICEF to create the Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children offers a vital new platform to achieve this goal. It is my fervent hope that Muslim philanthropists will look at this opportunity as an amanah, a trust that Allah SWT has bestowed upon us to fulfil."

- Tun Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad

OVERVIEW

The Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children (GMPFC) is a joint initiative established by UNICEF and the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB) to unlock the global potential of strategic Muslim philanthropy, and to form a collaborative community of the world's leading Muslim philanthropic donors.

The fund is specifically designed to harness the true potential of Islamic Giving by financing life-saving humanitarian aid and responding to the child-related Sustainable Development Goals in the 57 Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

With IsDB serving as Trustee, the fund is administered in a Shariah-compliant manner with the highest global standards of governance and accountability. The fund helps Islamic philanthropists to make Sadaqah contributions and fulfil their annual Zakat obligations to help lift people out of poverty and live with dignity.

The fund can collate proceeds from private and public foundations, Zakat agencies, corporations, institutions and individuals and will deliver the greatest strategic impact for children and young people.

KEY BENEFITS

Reach & Experience: Collectively UNICEF and IsDB group deploy more than 120 years of on-the-ground experience in OIC member states.

Scale: The ability to pool resources and effective governance and accountability maximise efficiency and impact.

Sharia Compliant: Funding is managed by a globally respected Islamic institution and directed to selected programmes suitable for Sadaqah and Zakat giving.

Strategic Impact: Rigorous selection of funded projects by qualified Programme Committee of experts.

High Visibility: The partners work collectively to offer a global platform of recognition and visibility for contributions and partnerships, including through the Governing Council of the fund.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

The IsDB President and UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore signed the GMPFC Charter at a high-level launch event during the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 26 September 2019.

The Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund from the United Arab Emirates, and the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre from Saudi Arabia (KS Relief) have joined UNICEF and IsDB as two founding partners in the Governing Council of the fund, with total seed funding commitments of US\$20 million.

PROGRAMMES

After rigorous research and evaluation, the GMPFC is already supporting three initial projects:

- In Pakistan, US\$5 million contributed by KS Relief will support immunization coverage and health services for children under the age of 5 to reduce the 250,000 deaths each year.
- In Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, KS Relief will provide US\$4.2 million towards life-saving health care for Rohingya refugees and host populations, including nutrition support for children under 5, and pregnant and nursing mothers.
- In Jordan, US\$2.9 million from the Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund will be used to support vulnerable Syrian refugee children and young people (12–24 years old) to improve learning and well-being, and particularly to support their positive transition to adulthood.

There is an established pipeline of high-impact future projects, and priority will be given to programmes supporting OIC countries to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address regional and global crises.



Photo : Makani Azraq Camp. Children at a UNICEF-supported Makani Centre in Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan, take part in a vocabulary learning session.
UNICEF Jordan/Marco Carraro, 2021.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Fund announced during the United Nations General Assembly week in New York, 2019
- The Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund and KS Relief joined the fund as first donors and founding partners with total seed funding of US\$20 million.
- First Governing Council meeting consisting of founding members convened and US\$12.1 million worth of funding allocated to projects
- Programme Committee appointed with leading experts from both UNICEF and IsDB and fund governance and accountability procedures established.
- Pipeline of major projects identified with immediate eligibility for Sadaqah contributions and Zakat Funding.
- Outreach to leading Muslim philanthropists around the world continues.



A young mother receives counselling on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) at a UNICEF-supported integrated nutrition centre in the Rohingya refugee camps.
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OUR CALL TO ACTION

“The GMPFC is a unique vehicle which ensures that Muslim Philanthropy is at the forefront of fighting poverty and disease and achieving the SDGs. We call on all Muslim Philanthropists around the world to join our growing coalition of global Muslim leaders, so that together we can strategically respond to humanitarian needs and save lives.”

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