Islam and Charity

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Aims

- Citizenship
- Purification
- Selflessness

"By no means shall you attain righteousness, unless you give of that which you love." (Chapter 3: verse 92)
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Mechanisms

- Zakat
- Sadaqah
- Qard Hasanah
- Waqf
- good deeds

"...to perform the worship and pay the zakah..." ..."

(chapter 2: verse 43)
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Islam teaches that all wealth and possessions are gifts from Allah and should be used in ways that will please Him.

In Islam, individuals have a social responsibility towards the rest of society, especially towards those who are living in poverty.
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‘Even a smile is charity.’

Saying of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.

He who sleeps on a full stomach whilst his neighbour goes hungry is not one of us.”

(Saying of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him)
The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

‘Every act of goodness is charity’

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "And your smiling in the face of your brother is charity; your removing of stones and thorns from people's paths is charity, (to avoid potential threat from their way) and your guiding a man gone astray in the world is charity for you".
The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

- When a person dies, all his actions come to an end except three matters which he leaves behind: 
  - continuous charity;
  - knowledge from which benefit could be derived;
  - righteous offspring who pray for him."

(Saying of Prophet Muhammad*, narrated by Muslim)
How do Muslims give charity

Past
  Bait-ul-maal

Present
  Islamic Relief aid agencies play role of distributing zakat/sadaqah
This study is based on 685 Muslim run charities operating nationally and 23 Muslim run charities operating internationally. Data, to prepare this chart was taken from the Register of Charities of Charity Commission, http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/registeredcharities/first.asp
Islamic Relief’s work is focused on the following areas:

**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Education and Training
- Health and Nutrition
- Orphans Support
- Water Sanitation
- Emergency Relief and Disaster Preparedness

**SEASONAL CAMPAIGNS**
- Ramadan
- Qurbani

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- Orphans Welfare Programme
What do we do?

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Root causes of poverty

Islamic Relief campaigns to alongside others to change root causes, attitudes and subsequent policies

- unfair trade
- global warming
- corruption, war, disease
- poorly planned aid

Islamic Relief have joined Jubilee Debt Campaign, Stop Climate Chaos and support Fair Trade and offer Muslim perspectives on these issues.
Islamic Relief is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements and NGOs in Disaster Relief.

Islamic Relief is a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Islamic Relief has consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council.

Islamic Relief is regulated by the UK government’s Charity Commission – Registered Charity no. 328158.

Islamic Relief is a member of BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development).

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Islamic Relief is part of the global Make Poverty History coalition which is campaigning to end extreme poverty.
Why Islamic Relief does it’s work?

Islamic Relief is a British NGO dedicated to alleviating the poverty and suffering of the world’s poorest people.

Our approach to our work is inspired by the Islamic spirit of humanitarianism and charitable giving.

"Whoever saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind"
*Qur'an* - 5:32

Islamic Relief, through its seasonal programmes provides for its donors, the opportunity to fulfil their religious obligations.

Our approach to our work is based on the Islamic principles of charitable giving and helping those who need it most.
We at Islamic Relief are committed to harnessing our outputs and outcomes to achieve the UN’s Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s) towards improving the lives of the world's poorest people and ending world poverty.
In groups brainstorm ‘active citizenship’: Imagine being part or leaders of a youth group / club: what can we in the UK do to alleviate poverty and suffering of our neighbours across the world? Give

Each group flip chart paper and marker pen. (8 minutes)

Plenary...each group presents action plan (7 minutes)