



**ANNUAL
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2024

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wa Barakatuhu,**

I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude for the incredible compassion you've shown over the past year. Thanks to your generosity, in 2024, we were able to **support 13,237 individuals** across Canada, **distributing over \$5 million** in Zakat and Sadaqah. But these numbers only tell part of the story.

What truly moves me are the stories of hope, resilience, and transformation. We've seen Zakat recipients, once in need, now stand strong enough to give back. This is the essence of our vision: creating a circle of generosity where today's recipients become tomorrow's givers. Your support has empowered families, aided evacuees seeking safety, and helped individuals rebuild their lives after loss.

Together with our partners and supporters, we've restored more than just stability; we've renewed hope and strengthened communities.

The unwavering resilience of those we serve is a constant inspiration.

Because of you, families in need no longer feel isolated—they feel seen, supported, and uplifted. Your kindness isn't just a gift; it's a lifeline, transforming lives and making a tangible impact, one person at a time.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to this mission and to the vision of a giving circle where we all share in the strength of our community. We need your support now more than ever to make this vision a reality for even more families.

JazakumAllah Khair for walking on this journey with us. May Allah bless you for your generosity, and may your kindness echo through generations.



Raheel I.

RAHEEL IRFAN
CEO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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President



Hassan Newaz
Director



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Director



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Treasurer

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Chief Executive
Officer



Zaid Mirza
Chief Operating
Officer



Ammar Abu Rayseh
Director of
Finance



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Donor Relations &
Success Manager



Erum Din
Marketing Manager



Lobna Mahdi
Head of Programs



Reem Ahmed
Regional Manager, ON



Mohamed Youssef
Regional Manager, AB



Fatouma Asowe
Regional Manager, QC



Omer Ikram
Regional Manager, ON



OUR MISSION

To build the institution of Zakat for Canada by making it simple, transparent, and impactful. Since 2013, we have been committed to bringing dignity to our communities and strengthening our home, ensuring that Muslims in Canada can be a strong backbone of the Ummah. As your trusted partner for the education, collection, and distribution of Zakat, we strive to uphold the values of this pillar across Canada.

OUR VISION

We envision a dignified and unified Muslim community in Canada, strengthened by the prophetic teachings of Zakat, where every individual plays a role in uplifting the Ummah through compassionate giving and mutual support.



OUR PROGRAMS

Our programs are designed to empower communities and transform lives by providing resources, support, and services to those in need.

FEE **OUR NEIGHBOURS**

Supporting vulnerable families with grocery gift cards, meal kits, and iftar programs, ensuring everyone in our community has access to nourishing meals.

HOUSE **OUR NEIGHBOURS**

Providing essential housing support to families in need, offering stability and comfort to those facing housing challenges in our community.

LIFE **ESSENTIALS**

Delivering vital items like furniture and other basics to help families create safe, comfortable homes and meet everyday needs.

MEDICAL **RELIEF**

Offering essential health support, including dental care and mental health support to ensure that families can access critical medical services for their well-being.

NEW **ROOTS**

Supporting newcomers in their resettlement journey, providing resources and guidance to help them build a strong foundation in their new community.

E **ACUEE** **SUPPORT**

Providing urgent assistance to families affected by crises, offering relief for those fleeing conflict zones like Gaza and Sudan.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

\$5,538,236 
DISTRIBUTED

In 2024, your support enabled us to distribute over **\$5.5 Million** empowering **13,237 Individuals** across Canada to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.



EVACUEE SUPPORT
\$3,355,116



FOOD
\$1,070,008



HOUSING
\$872,022



ESSENTIALS
\$127,094



SEASONAL
\$59,676



ZAKAT EDUCATION
\$54,320

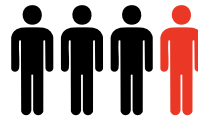


WHY LOCAL ZAKAT MATTERS

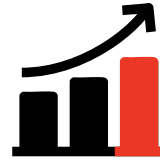
The Bridge Between Need and Dignity

Across Canada, families are facing an escalating crisis. Rising costs of living, unaffordable housing, and record-high food insecurity are pushing vulnerable communities into deeper financial distress.

Zakat is more than charity; it is a powerful tool for restoring dignity and security. At National Zakat Foundation Canada, we ensure that Zakat reaches those struggling the most, bridging the gap between need and stability.



1 in 4 vulnerable Canadians struggle to meet basic needs.¹



Food bank visits have surged by **90%** since 2019.²



Children make up **33.1%** of those relying on food banks.³

1 Statistics Canada | 2 Food Banks Canada | 3 Food Banks Canada

The Time to Act Is Now

These aren't just statistics—they represent a crisis unfolding in our own community. The individuals seeking help are our neighbours, co-workers, and friends. Without immediate intervention, many families would have been forced to choose between paying rent, buying medicine, or feeding their children.


At NZF Canada, our mission is to ensure no Muslim in need is left behind. Through strategic Zakat distribution, we've actively addressed these urgent challenges, providing support to those who needed it most.


Thanks to your continued support, we continue to tackle hunger, poverty, and financial insecurity head-on, offering a lifeline to countless families in our communities.




IMPACT AREA: **FOOD**

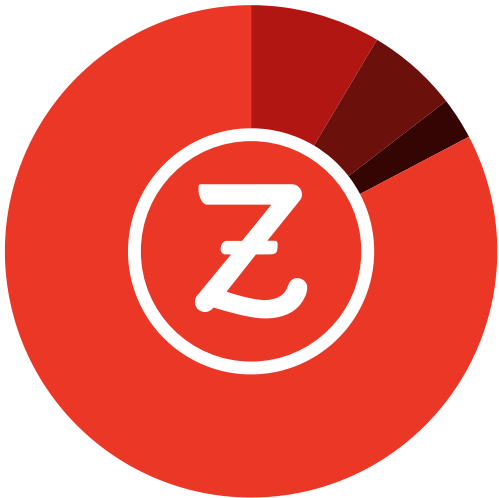


**\$1,070,008**
DISTRIBUTED

**10,040**
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**2,913**
HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said:
“He is not a believer whose stomach is full while his neighbour goes hungry.” (Al Tabarani)



\$839,214	FOOD GIFT CARDS
\$134,757	FOOD PACKAGES
\$65,884	ZAKAT-AL-FITR
\$30,153	HOT MEALS



RANA’S STORY

Rana, a single mother in Mississauga with a disability, faces numerous challenges while raising her two young children. Struggling to feed her family and meet their basic needs, she reached out for support.

Because of you, we were able to provide the food assistance she needed, ensuring her children had enough to eat and could prepare for school.

Your local giving brings real impact, to real people, in your community.

IMPACT AREA: HOUSING

We strive to create stable and secure living environments for individuals and families facing housing challenges with rental assistance.



\$872,022

DISTRIBUTED



1,683

PEOPLE SUPPORTED



483

HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED



NADEEM'S STORY

Nadeem was once the sole provider for his family, but health issues forced him to stop working. Without income and with his car repossessed, he struggled to keep a roof over his wife and son's heads.


Because of you, we were able to help with his rent and support his son's return to school, giving them the stability to move forward.


Your Zakat makes this possible.




IMPACT AREA: ESSENTIALS

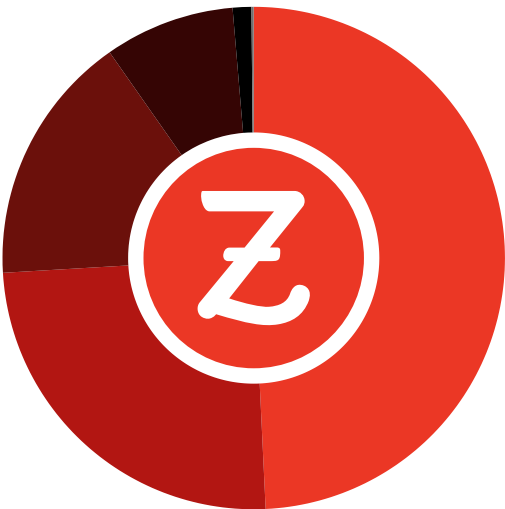


**\$127,094**
DISTRIBUTED

**309**
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**1,101**
HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED

We are committed to improving quality of life by ensuring families facing financial challenges have access to essentials including medical support, transportation, utilities and more.



\$62,586	HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES
\$31,545	UTILITIES & BILLS
\$20,604	CLOTHING
\$10,652	TRANSPORTATION
\$1,524	FURNITURE
\$184	DENTAL & MEDICATION



AMINA'S STORY

Amina fled Sudan with her 2-year-old twins, one of whom has autism. They arrived in Canada during the harsh winter with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Thanks to your local giving, we were able to provide rent, food, and warm winter clothing for Amina's family.

Your Zakat and Sadaqah provides families with the essentials they need to thrive.

IMPACT AREA: EVACUEE SUPPORT



\$3,355,116
DISTRIBUTED

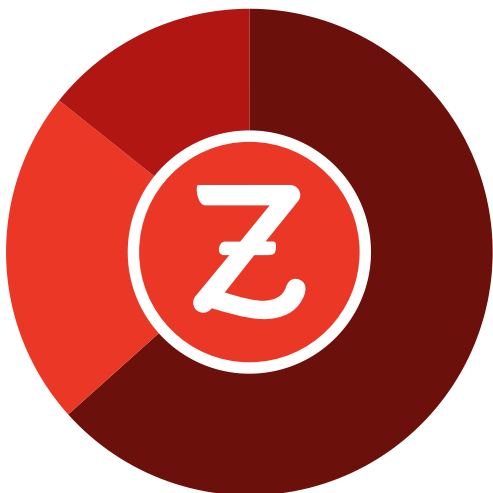


1,015
PEOPLE SUPPORTED



275
HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED

Our goal is to provide immediate relief and long-term support to families affected by crises, helping them find safety, stability, and hope as they rebuild their lives.



\$2,126,131

HOUSING

\$749,403

FOOD

\$479,582

ESSENTIALS



FATIMA'S STORY

Fatima and her family had no choice but to leave Gaza, escaping violence and uncertainty. Two of her children were injured in the conflict and urgently needed care. Because of you, we were able to provide food, clothing, and other essentials.

Today, Fatima and her husband are employed, focusing on their children's healing and future.

Your local Zakat and Sadaqah have an impact that echoes through generations.

ZAKAT EDUCATION SERVICES

Our Zakat services are designed to support and develop the Muslim community in Canada through providing education, calculation, collection, and distribution.



20 ZAKAT WORKSHOPS

1400+ ATTENDEES BENEFITTED



Calculator

Use our online Zakat calculator or download an offline version.
Work out your Zakat quickly and with ease.

nzfcanada.com/calculate-zakat



Knowledge Bank

Use our online Zakat calculator or download an offline version.
Work out your Zakat quickly and with ease.

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Zakat Guide

Zakat Guide Perfect your Zakat with our Simple Zakat Guide and learn how to calculate Zakat with complete understanding.

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1-on-1 Zakat Consultation

Sign up for a private call with one of our Zakat experts. We'll answer your Zakat questions & help you calculate, no matter how complicated your finances are.

nzfcanada.com/ask-an-expert

BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE THROUGH LOCAL GIVING

At National Zakat Foundation, we're not just meeting the urgent needs of today, we're building a resilient, thriving future for Canadian Muslims across the country.

Through a comprehensive Zakat process that spans collection, distribution, and precise assessments, we ensure that every dollar reaches those who need it most. From cities to rural communities, we strategically allocate resources to areas of greatest need, empowering families to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

By supporting local giving, we're creating a nationwide impact. With rigorous processes, governance, and Shariah compliance at our core, we're laying the foundation for a compassionate community that leads with faith and unity, for generations to come.

THE NEED ACROSS THE NATION

ONTARIO



QUEBEC



ALBERTA



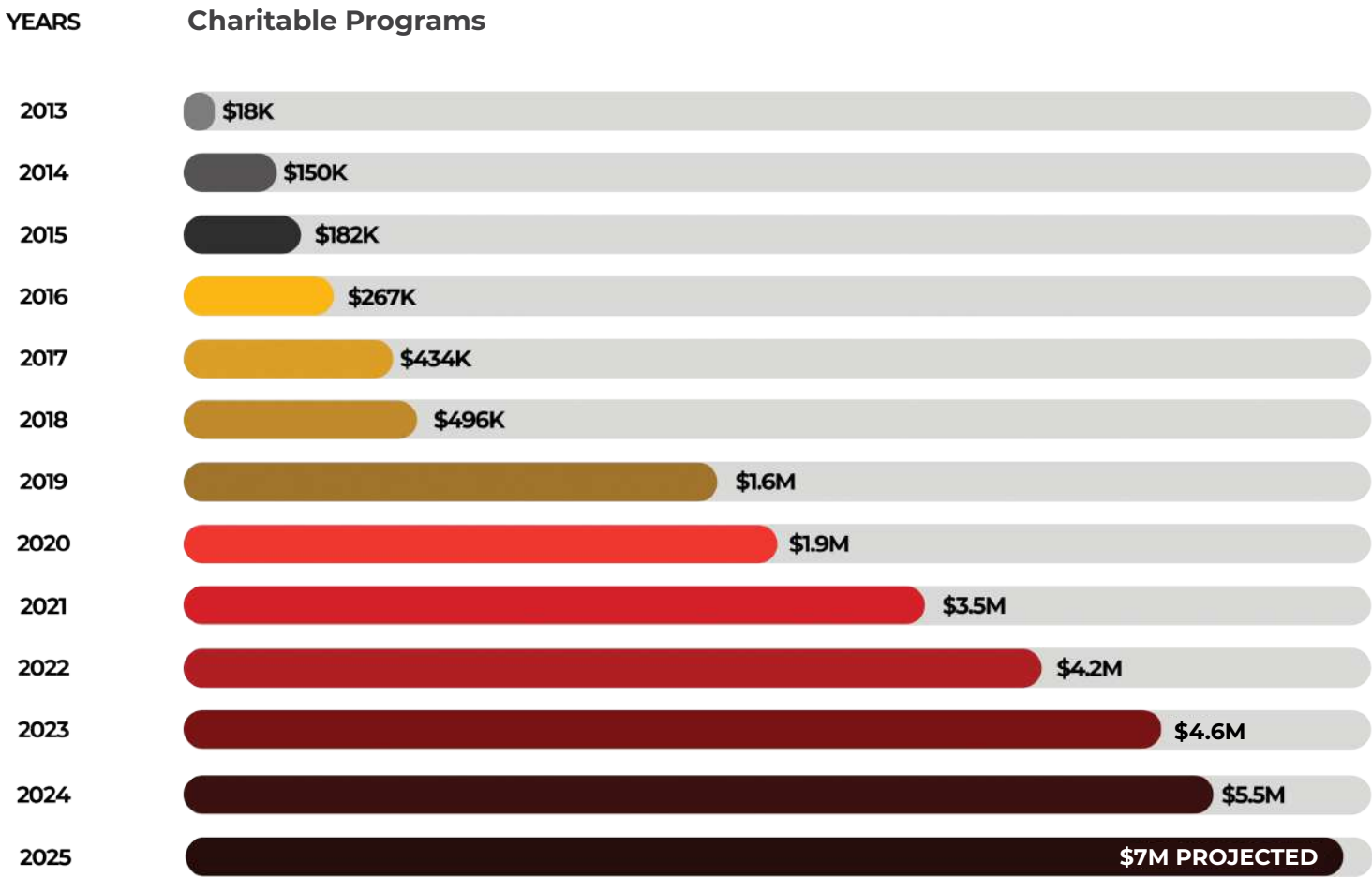
BRITISH COLUMBIA



LOCAL GIVING, NATIONAL IMPACT



OUR IMPACT OVER THE YEARS





FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

NZF TOTAL REVENUE 2024	\$6,822,440
NH* TOTAL REVENUE 2024	\$364,761
TOTAL REVENUE 2024	\$7,187,201

EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSE (NZF)	\$5,538,236
PROGRAM EXPENSE (NH)	\$446,096
ADMIN COSTS	\$134,089
FUNDRAISING COSTS	\$934,167
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,052,588

*ABOUT NISA HOMES (NH):

In 2023, Nisa Homes (launched by NZF Canada in 2015) joined Nisa Foundation, to form an organization dedicated to providing holistic services for women and children nationwide. This transition allowed NZF Canada to refocus on its core mission: building Canada’s premier Zakat institution and serving Muslims locally with transparency, dignity, and impact.

Even as all Nisa Homes program operations have moved under Nisa Foundation, it remains reflected on NZF Canada’s financial summary in accordance with accounting standards and to ensure full transparency of pre-existing assets and obligations through the 2024 transition period.

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