



2023 IMPACT REPORT

Muslim Women Transforming Communities

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Looking Ahead

Assalamu Aleykum dear community members,

It is an exciting and pivotal time for the Nisa Foundation. Over the past year, we have embarked on an important strategic planning process to ensure Nisa Foundation's growth, relevance, and success well into the future.

This strategic plan brought to fruition the much-anticipated joining of Nisa Homes with Nisa Helpline under the umbrella of Nisa Foundation Alhamdulillah! Through this, we aim not only to continue providing our vital services but also to address the evolving needs of women and children in our community through new and innovative programs inshAllah. This is already well underway with the upcoming launch of our newest program aimed at prevention through education, Nisa Learning!

As part of that strategic planning, we reaffirmed our mission to "Transform communities by engaging, equipping, and enriching the lives of women and children to reach their full potential." This mission genuinely reflects the work we do every day at the Nisa Foundation.

This strategic process underscored and validated the work we do here. Through in-depth conversations with stakeholders and community members, we affirmed the growing public need and demand for our services and the confidence and collaboration of our community partners.

Our success over the past years is truly a result of that community support and collaboration. We can accomplish what we do only through the dedication and commitment of our hardworking team of employees, board members, and volunteers, our amazing community partners, and, of course, our donors and funders.

Working together, we will continue to grow stronger and fulfill our critical mission of transforming communities by supporting women and children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Executive Director & Chair

INTRODUCTION

2023 was an impactful year at Nisa Foundation and we're reflecting on the collective efforts and dedication that has fueled our mission to empower communities and transform lives across Canada. This Impact Report highlights the key initiatives, accomplishments, and profound changes we've achieved with your generous support.

OUR MISSION

Transform communities by engaging, equipping, and enriching the lives of women and children to reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

A world in which all women and families live with dignity and justice, and where women's empowerment fuels thriving communities.

OUR PROGRAMS



Nisa Homes



Nisa Learning



Nisa Helpline



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Nisa Homes

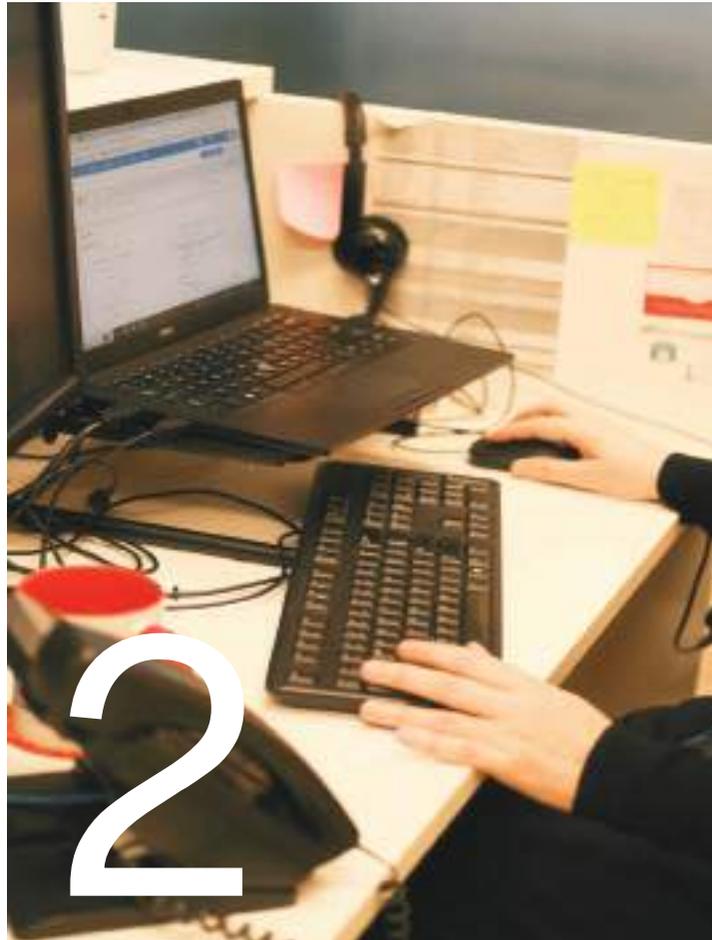
Transitional Homes for women and children

Nisa Homes provides safe shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence or homelessness. We support women & their children every step of the way through case management, counseling, financial assistance, childcare, and life skills education, until they become independent and self-sufficient.

Nisa Helpline

Support is a call away

Nisa Helpline provides free mental health support with licensed therapists, referrals and guidance with religious and cultural sensitivity. The Helpline serves as a safe space for women to share their concerns without fear of judgment and provides a pathway to independence through early intervention and access to vital resources.



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Nisa Learning

Reducing domestic violence through prevention

We aim to nurture healthy communities and families through workshops and trainings catered to different community members from boys, men and community leaders to parents and service providers.

Your Impact

Nisa Homes

2023



8,184
Calls For Assistance received



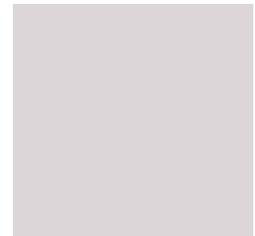
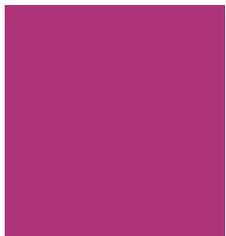
\$164,601
Financial Assistance Provided

382
Sheltered



Women & Children

Remotely Assisted
1157
Women & Children



471
Current Waitlist Numbers
Women & Children



228

Gaza Evacuees Supported in Resettling in Canada

Your Impact

2023 Nisa Helpline

From Jan. 2023 to Nov. 2023, helpline calls increased by

135%



Top 3 concerns **Women shared** on the helpline

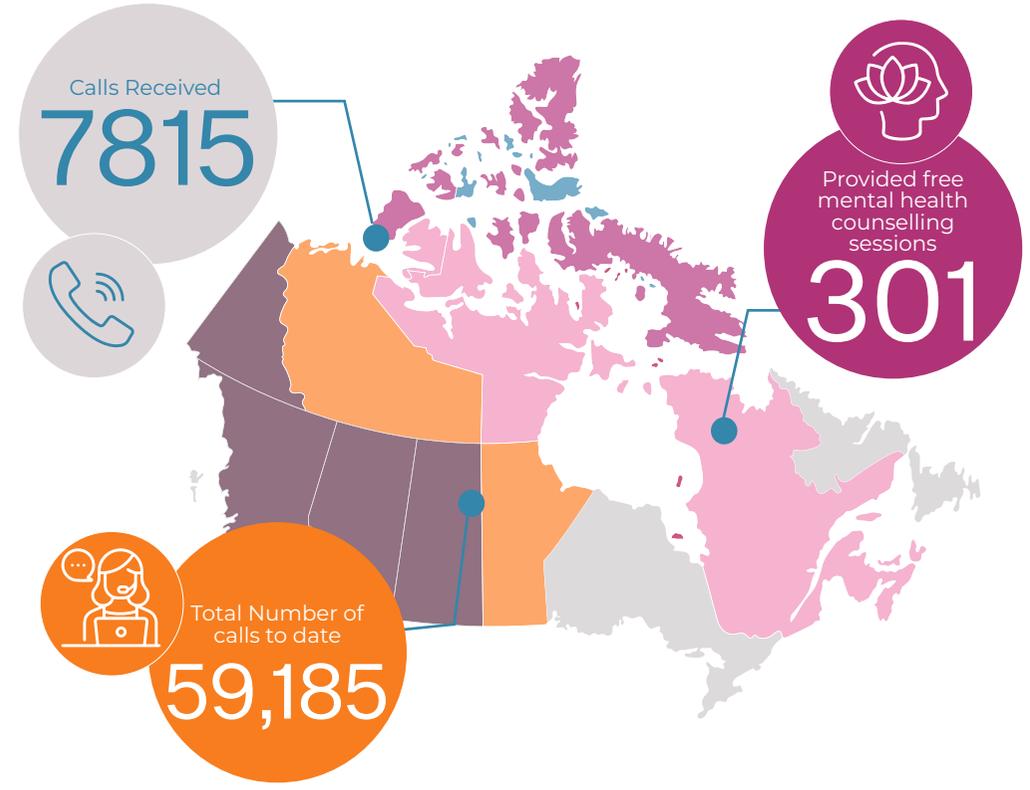


13%
Stress Management

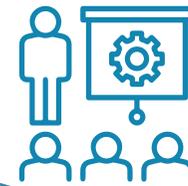
18%
Relationship Support

24%
Anxiety

This makes up
55%
OF CALLS RECEIVED



500%
Increase in Political Concern, Racism, and Islamophobia from September 2023 to November 2023



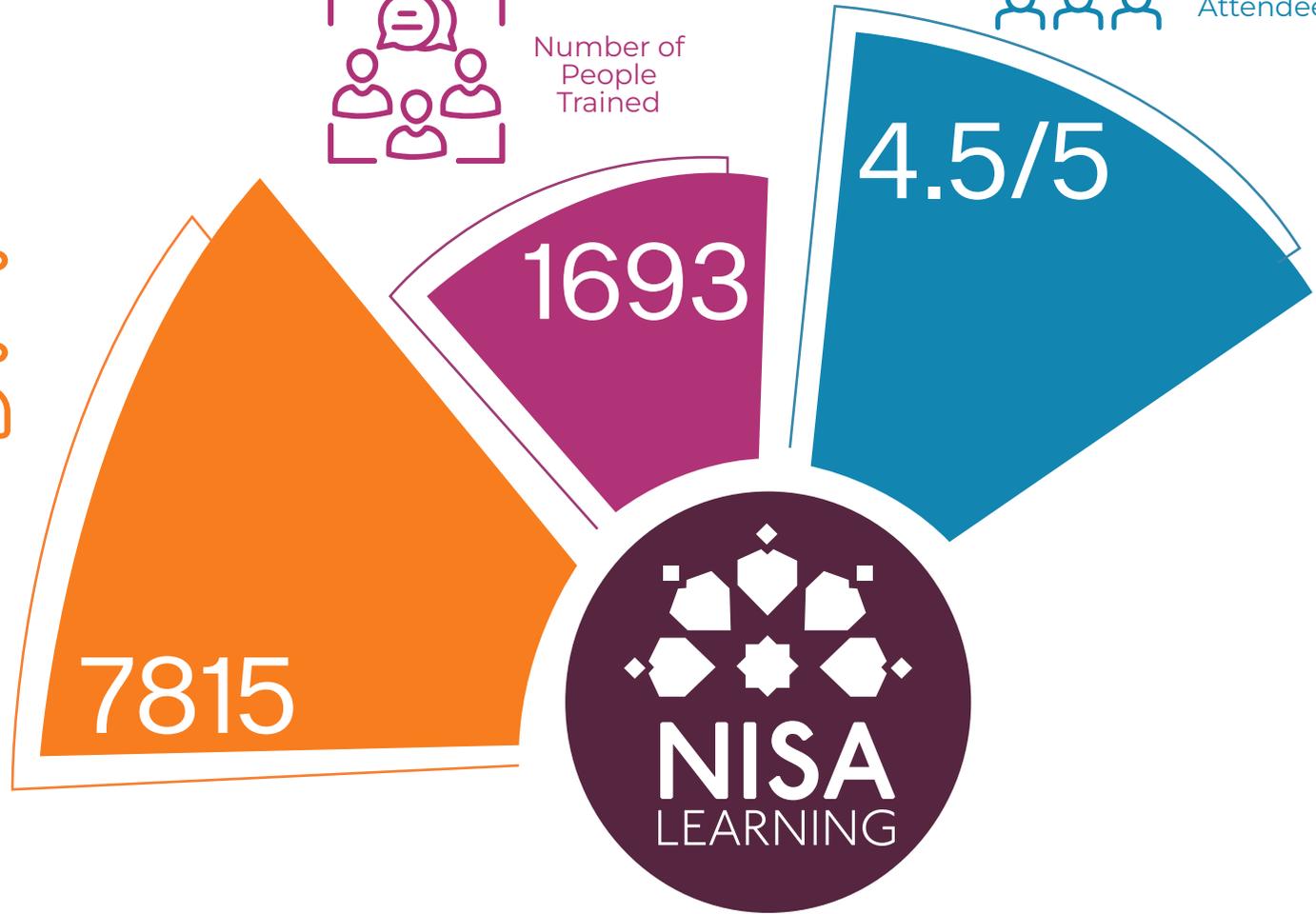
Average Rating From Attendees



Number of People Trained



Number of Workshops Held



93%

Workshop Attendees Claimed They Learned Something New and Relevant.

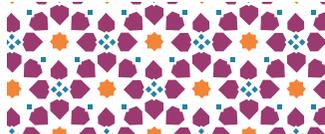
Your Impact

Nisa Learning

2023

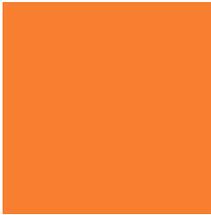
Community Engagement

- ◆ International Women's Day High Tea
- ◆ Ramadan Iftars
- ◆ Summer Sunnah Series
- ◆ Sisterhood Iftars
- ◆ Healing Circles
- ◆ Mental Health Workshops



Supporters & Partners

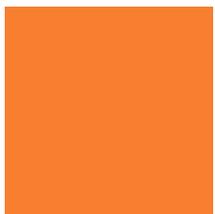
- Costco
- Cobs Bread
- Dawoodi Bohra Mississauga Jamaat
- DIVERSEcity
- Eid-in-a-Box
- Eastern Food Market



- AMACommunity Centre
- Al Hedaya Islamic Center
- BeingMe
- Brampton Islamic Centre
- Black Muslim Collective
- Bea's Kloset



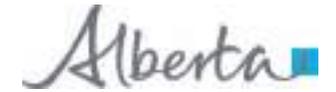
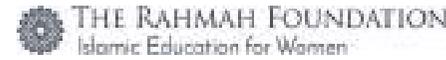
- Hilm
- ICNA Sisters
- Ismaili Women Network
- Ismaili Civic
- Islamic Relief
- Jami Omer
- Justice For All
- Kanata Muslim Association
- Khalsa Aid



- Masrawy
- Muslim Riders club
- Muslim Legal Support Centre
- MCCF Muslim Community Care Foundation
- Nani's Gelato
- Nile Halal Meat

- Smile Canada
- Shelter Movers
- The Shoebox Project
- WINS
- Windsor Islamic Association
- We Care Relief Canada





F.K Morrow Foundation



Funders





Presenters are excellent - articulate and engaging.

My biggest take away was that cultural responsiveness is not about accommodating; it's about being prepared, informed, aware and receptive to other cultures and practices so individuals do not feel like an outsider.



This service saved me when I felt lost in depression and anxiety. The guidance I received was not just coping mechanisms, but it was life-altering. I've learned invaluable skills that not only pulled me out of the darkness but will shape my future growth.

Testimonial



I honestly just used to call in to vent, but by talking to the helpline the past few weeks, I have come to realize the trajectory I'm on if I don't confront my deeper issues with a professional. Thank you for providing me with resources.



Nisa Homes feels like heaven! I never want to leave – A 6-year-old resident

When I first came to Nisa Homes, I was immediately struck by how cozy it felt, almost like a family was taking me in.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

On June 30, 2023, the Foundation and the National Zakat Foundation ("NZF") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to facilitate the transfer of the Nisa Homes project (the "Project") to the Foundation, including all associated assets, liabilities, and resources. The transition process, which spanning from January 1, 2023, to September 1, 2024, involves NZF supporting the Foundation in managing the Project's operations during this period

During the transition, some homes operated under the Nisa Foundation, and their results of operations (revenue and expenses) were included in the Nisa Foundation's statement of operations. Meanwhile, other homes continued operating under NZF, with their results of operations (revenue and expenses) recorded in NZF's statement of operations. As of December 31, 2023, the Foundation had assumed full operational responsibilities for 7 of the 10 homes within the Project. Full operational control of all homes was transferred by the end of the March 2025.

The accompanying combined statement of operations consolidates the results of operations from both organizations to provide a comprehensive view of the Project's financial activities during the transition period. This includes estimates and allocated expenses related to the transition process, which may differ from those in the published audited financial statements due to the complexities of integrating the operations of two separate legal entities.

REVENUE

	Nisa Homes		Nisa Foundation		Combined	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Zakat	2,072,937	1,670,122			2,072,937	1,670,122
Grants	977,490	1,375,980	283,807	210,744	1,261,297	1,586,724
Sadaqah	816,016	611,297	445,956	273,637	1,261,972	884,934
City Specific Revenue	687,108	525,870			687,108	525,870
Other Income	303,833	161,398			303,833	161,398
In-kind donations	36,019	38,669			36,019	38,669
TOTAL REVENUE	4,893,403	4,383,336	729,763	484,381	5,623,166	4,867,717

EXPENSES	Nisa Homes		Nisa Foundation		Combined	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Nisa Foundation National	833,481	421,251	211,807		1,045,288	421,251
Nisa Homes Calgary	315,496	312,261	8,670		324,166	312,261
Nisa Homes Edmonton	241,843	232,612	29,579		271,422	232,612
Nisa Homes Halifax	108,717	47,165	6,781		115,498	47,165
Nisa Homes Hamilton	300,471	67,493			300,471	67,493
Nisa Homes Mississauga	291,446	249,202	24,831		316,277	249,202
Nisa Homes Montreal	173,041	260,342	44,041		217,082	260,342
Nisa Homes Ottawa	194,689	214,517	33,976		228,665	214,517
Nisa Homes Scarborough	243,642	254,387	15,866		259,508	254,387
Nisa Homes Vancouver	300,490	244,534			300,490	244,534
Nisa Homes Windsor	163,579	154,878	18,371		181,950	154,878
Nisa Helpline			552,805	426,686	552,805	426,686
Support Services	862,813	587,196	60,826		923,639	587,196
Fundraising Costs	673,079				673,079	
Administrative Costs	230,538				230,538	
TOTAL REVENUE	4,933,325	3,045,838	1,007,553	426,686	5,940,878	3,472,534



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