



DEVTALK

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FROM CD'S DESK

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As the 2025 concludes, the reality of climate change is no longer unfolding in conference rooms but in flooded homes, disrupted lives, and communities struggling to recover. These floods once again exposed the widening gap between promises made and realities faced. These climate shocks were not abstract projections but daily struggles for safety, food, and dignity. Islamic Relief Pakistan remained on the ground, delivering emergency response to the most vulnerable, with the support of our donors and partners.

Recognizing that no single organization can respond effectively in isolation, we strengthened partnerships with government departments, humanitarian agencies, and civil society organizations. This collective approach helped create synergy, reduce duplication, and extend our reach when needs were expanding faster than available resources. At the same time, we explored new avenues for fundraising and resource mobilization.

We remain committed to get our boots dirty and standing with communities. I'm sure you will enjoy reading the 4th edition of DevTalk.

A TENT, A FAMILY, AND THE WILL TO SURVIVE

One fateful evening, as the flood roared through the village of Shamal & Naseem, their home, a labour of love built over years of scrimping and saving, vanished within an instant. Walls crumble, everything swept away, leaving Shamal, Naseem, and their young children exposed to the merciless waters. But even in the midst of devastation, hope found its way back to them, and with the support of Shelter Box and Islamic Relief, stepped in swiftly. They provided a robust family tent, transforming despair into a semblance of security. Now, the children sleep warm under a roof that defies rain and wind, their parents breathing easier knowing the family has a fighting chance.



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Islamic Relief Pakistan responded within 24 hours of the disaster, delivering life-saving assistance to families displaced by the floods. As the crisis evolved, IRP intensified and sustained its response throughout. In the last quarter of 2025, IRP worked extensively on continued flood-relief activities, reaching hard-to-access and vulnerable communities with emergency assistance, recovery support, and protection services.

Through swift action, strong partnerships, and the generous support of donors, IRP reached over 160,000 people across Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. By maintaining its response beyond the initial emergency phase, IRP helped restore dignity, stability, and hope to flood-affected families when it was needed most.



 **103,235**
cooked meals

 **4,733**
food packs

 **3,278**
household kits

 **6,153**
hygiene kits

 **8,400**
blankets

 **1100**
tents

 **1,400**
tarpaulin sheets

 **500**
shelter kits

 **13,000**
mosquito nets

 **5,835**
kitchen sets

 **425**
newborn baby kits



FAITH-INSPIRED CHILD PROTECTION: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION ACROSS PAKISTAN

Islamic Relief Pakistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (MoRA) and UNICEF, convened a national event in Islamabad titled “Faith-Inspired Child Protection: Empowering Communities through Faith-Based Action.” The event underscored the critical role of faith leaders in safeguarding children and addressing harmful practices through religious guidance, community engagement, and policy advocacy.

Bringing together religious scholars, policymakers, child protection experts, and civil society representatives, the gathering emphasized how faith-based approaches can influence social norms, strengthen community resilience, and promote safer environments for children. A key highlight was the official launch of nationally endorsed Fatwas on Child Protection, developed by respected Muftis across Pakistan, reaffirming the moral and religious obligation to protect children from abuse, exploitation, and harmful practices such as child marriage.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Asif Sherazi, Country Director Islamic Relief Pakistan, reaffirmed IRP’s long-standing commitment to child protection and interfaith collaboration, noting that faith-based guidance can be a powerful tool for lasting social change. Ms. Sharmeela Rassool, Acting Country Representative UNICEF



Pakistan, highlighted the influence of faith leaders in shaping community behaviour and stressed urgent priorities including ending child labour, preventing child marriage, and promoting non-violent discipline.

The interfaith panel discussion reflected shared values across religions, reinforcing that protecting children is a collective responsibility that transcends faith boundaries. The event concluded with strong calls for continued collaboration among government institutions, faith leaders, and humanitarian organizations to translate faith-inspired commitments into sustained action for children’s rights and well-being across Pakistan.



STRENGTHENING DIASPORA PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) proudly participated in the week-long convention of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) held in Lahore. The event brought together leading medical professionals, development actors, and individuals committed to social impact and national development.

IRP was represented by the Country Director, Deputy Country Director, and Thematic Specialists, who actively engaged with participants to raise awareness about IRP's humanitarian and development work across Pakistan. The platform provided a valuable opportunity to showcase IRP's programs, exchange insights, and explore avenues for collaboration in health, community resilience, and emergency response.



Participation in the APPNA convention strengthened IRP's engagement with the Pakistani diaspora and medical community, fostering meaningful dialogue around partnerships that can drive sustainable impact. The event reaffirmed a shared commitment to collective growth, impactful collaboration, and positive change.



EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR GLOBAL GOOD: IRP X CHARITY WEEK 2025

Islamic Relief Pakistan collaborated with Charity Week 2025, a global unity movement that brings people together across the world to raise funds for orphans and vulnerable children. As part of its 2025 engagement, IRP enrolled students from NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) to mobilize student volunteers and amplify the spirit of giving.

Held in the last week of October, Charity Week activities at NUST focused on youth-led awareness and community engagement. Students conducted energetic awareness drives across the campus from the Student Centre to hostels sparking conversations and building understanding around the mission and impact of Charity Week.

Adding a creative and interactive element, students also took part in an on-campus archery competition involving multiple NUST societies, using sports as a platform to spread the Charity Week message even further.

Through this collaboration, IRP strengthened youth engagement and demonstrated how student-led action can drive meaningful change proving that when young people unite for a cause, their impact can extend far beyond campus walls.



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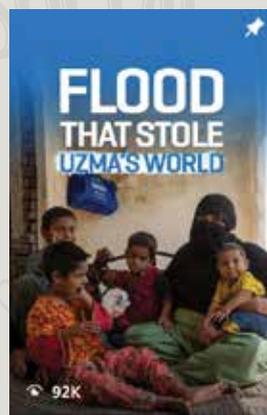
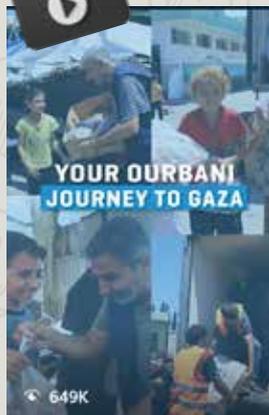


The Inspire 2025 cohort concluded in November 2025, with **11 volunteers** travelling from Canada to Pakistan to engage with **60 orphans** supported under Islamic Relief Pakistan's Orphan Sponsorship Programme.

A four-day camp was organised to give children a safe and enjoyable space for interaction, play, and learning. The camp focused on building confidence and connection, allowing children and volunteers to form meaningful relationships through shared time and activities. The initiative offered children a refreshing break from routine while fostering a sense of belonging, care, and encouragement.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA





HUMANITARIAN SUPERHEROES

