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# Qurbani Report

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## What is Qurbani?

Qurbani (or 'Udhiyah', an Arabic word meaning 'blood sacrifice') is the sacrifice of an animal for the glorification of Allah. The word Qurbani comes from 'Qurban', an Arabic term that means an act performed to seek God's pleasure.

On the festival of Eid ul-Adha that marks the end of the sacred Hajj pilgrimage, Muslims around the world will follow in the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) by sacrificing an animal (or paying to have one sacrificed on their behalf) and distributing the meat to the poor and needy around the world.

## Why do we give Qurbani?

Each year, Muslims commemorate the obedience of the Prophet Ibrahim (as) by making an animal sacrifice to the glory of God. In a dream, Allah commanded Ibrahim to sacrifice his innocent son Ismail.

Although Ibrahim loved his son very much, he was willing to give him up because God had told him to. At the last minute, Allah provided a ram as an alternative sacrifice, sparing the life of Ismail.

To this day, Qurbani payments are made in honour of the Prophet Ibrahim's surrender to the will of Allah. When we offer our Qurbani, we prove that we too are completely obedient to God and His commands.

## In the name of Allah, Most Merciful Most Kind

**“And for every nation We have appointed religious ceremonies, that they may mention the Name of Allaah over the beast of cattle that He has given them for food. And your Ilaah (God) is One Ilaah (God Allaah), so you must submit to Him Alone (in Islam). And (O Muhammad) give glad tidings to the Mukhbitoos [those who obey Allaah with humility and are humble from among the true believers of Islamic Monotheism]”**

*[al-Hajj 22:34]*

**When asked ‘What is Qurbani?’ The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) answered, ‘It is the Sunnah of your father Ibrahim. For every hair of the Qurbani you receive a reward from Allah’.**

*(Tirmidhi)*

# “Asalaamu alaikum - Peace be upon you all”

This year our Qurbani appeal set new records. We were humbled by the continuing generosity of our donors, which helped us get more Qurbani and share it with the world's poorest people and made their Eid a time of happiness.

We provided just over **214,000 people** with fresh meat this Eid ul Adha 2018. In comparison to last year when we benefitted 70,000. This is a huge increase. This large- scale distribution took place in the twelve countries we selected that were in urgent need.

We provided Qurbani for people around the world, including those suffering poverty and oppression in **Palestine/Gaza, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan, Kashmir, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Somalia**. We wanted to share the happiness with those whose plight is not currently being covered by the world's media. Nobody should have to suffer from hunger, especially on the festival of **Eid ul-Adha**.

We extend our gratitude to our big-hearted donors, partners, and our passionate staff and volunteers – the backbone of Crisis Aid.

Thank you



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Chief Executive





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It is neither their meat nor their blood  
that reaches Allah, But it is Piety  
from you

**Quran 22:37**



Recent conflict has devastated and displaced millions in Syria and Yemen, whilst 6.2 million people in East Africa are at risk of starvation, due to the worst drought to hit the region since 1945.

In Somalia, where drought has left more than 40% of the population food insecure, we provided **10,386 people** with fresh meat. In Syria, where families are caught in the grips of a terrifying war, we provided **84,000 people** with Qurbani meat. In Yemen, where civil war has forced over two million people to flee their homes, we managed to reach **5,250 people** on Eid ul Adha with the gift of Qurbani meat. In Uganda, karamoja is one of the earths poorest locations just over **85,000 people** benefitted from your Qurbani in this area.

The Qurbani helped them celebrate Eid with the rest of us. Some families will treat the meat that was provided by drying it out so it can be used for weeks to come.







Country	People Benefitted
Bangladesh	420
Eritrea	4,668
Ethiopia	420
Kashmir	7,398
Pakistan	13,746
Palestine	1,260
Somalia	10,386
Sri Lanka	1,050
Sudan	1,050
Syria	84,000
Uganda	85,320
Yemen	5,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>214,968</b>



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