

# PRESS RELEASE ISLAMIC RELIEF MALAYSIA

#### **CONTINUOUS HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS**

**Bangi**, **February 20th**, **2020** – Malaysian citizens are always concerned with the ongoing challenges facing Palestinians and this could be clearly seen through their tireless & continuous support given through various ways. Islamic Relief Malaysia is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) and is part of the global Islamic Relief family, continues to be consistent in providing humanitarian aid to countries affected by man-made (conflict) and natural disasters.

Founded in 1984 in Birmingham, Islamic Relief has had global operations in more than 45 countries including Palestine. The humanitarian assistance in Palestine commenced in 1994 with the establishment of Islamic Relief Palestine office (Gaza and West Bank). Thenceforth, Islamic Relief Palestine has become an important field office, responsible to manage, implement and monitor IR projects in Gaza and West Bank. Our mandate covers emergency and development projects.

IR Palestine's mandate covers emergency projects such as health, food and shelter while in the development phase covers development of schools, rehabilitation centres, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, sustainable livelihood and orphan sponsorship. However, Islamic Relief Palestine office in West Bank has stopped its operations in December 2018 and currently implements seasonal programme through their local partners. Hence, Islamic Relief's operation is currently focused in Gaza.

Since its establishment in 1984, Islamic Relief has been consistent in emphasizing and ensuring good governance in maintaining our accountability and transparency in managing the

humanitarian value chain. The implementation of humanitarian projects are via Islamic Relief field offices in various countries where Islamic Relief operates. All financial transaction are channeled through our headquarters in Birmingham, before being transferred to various field offices including Islamic Relief Palestine. As an International NGO, having our Special Consultative Status under UNECOSOC since 1993, Islamic Relief maintains the principle of impartiality, neutrality and independence uphold justice in its humanitarian assistance.

Islamic Relief is the first Islamic based humanitarian NGO to be certified under the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS); an international standard system being used by international NGOs. Islamic Relief has also been rated in the top 20 NGOs in the aspects of **transparency**, **creativity and impact** amongst the 3 million NGOs surveyed by an independent body - NGO Advisor, based in Geneva.

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#### 1. Islamic Relief

Website: https://www.islamic-relief.org

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/islamicreliefworldwide">https://www.facebook.com/islamicreliefworldwide</a>

## 2. Islamic Relief Malaysia

Website: https://www.islamic-relief.org.my

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IslamicReliefMalavsia">https://www.facebook.com/IslamicReliefMalavsia</a>

#### 3. Islamic Relief Palestine

Website: www.irpal.ps/en/

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/islamicreliefpalestine/">https://www.facebook.com/islamicreliefpalestine/</a>

### **About Islamic Relief**

Islamic Relief is an independent international humanitarian aid and development organization. Islamic Relief is headquartered in the United Kingdom and was founded in 1984. Islamic Relief serves in more than 45 countries, assisting more than 120 million people. The scope of Islamic Relief assistance covers emergency assistance, integrated sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and advocacy.

#### **About Islamic Relief Malaysia**

YABhg. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad officiated the establishment of Islamic Relief Malaysia in 2005, which aspires to continue Islamic Relief humanitarian assistance in the Asia-Pacific region. Currently, Islamic Relief Malaysia serves as a fundraising and project implementor for international & local projects.

For more information on Islamic Relief Malaysia humanitarian programs, please visit our official website or contact 03-8926 3434.

Your donation can be channeled to the following bank accounts under the name of Islamic Relief Malaysia:

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