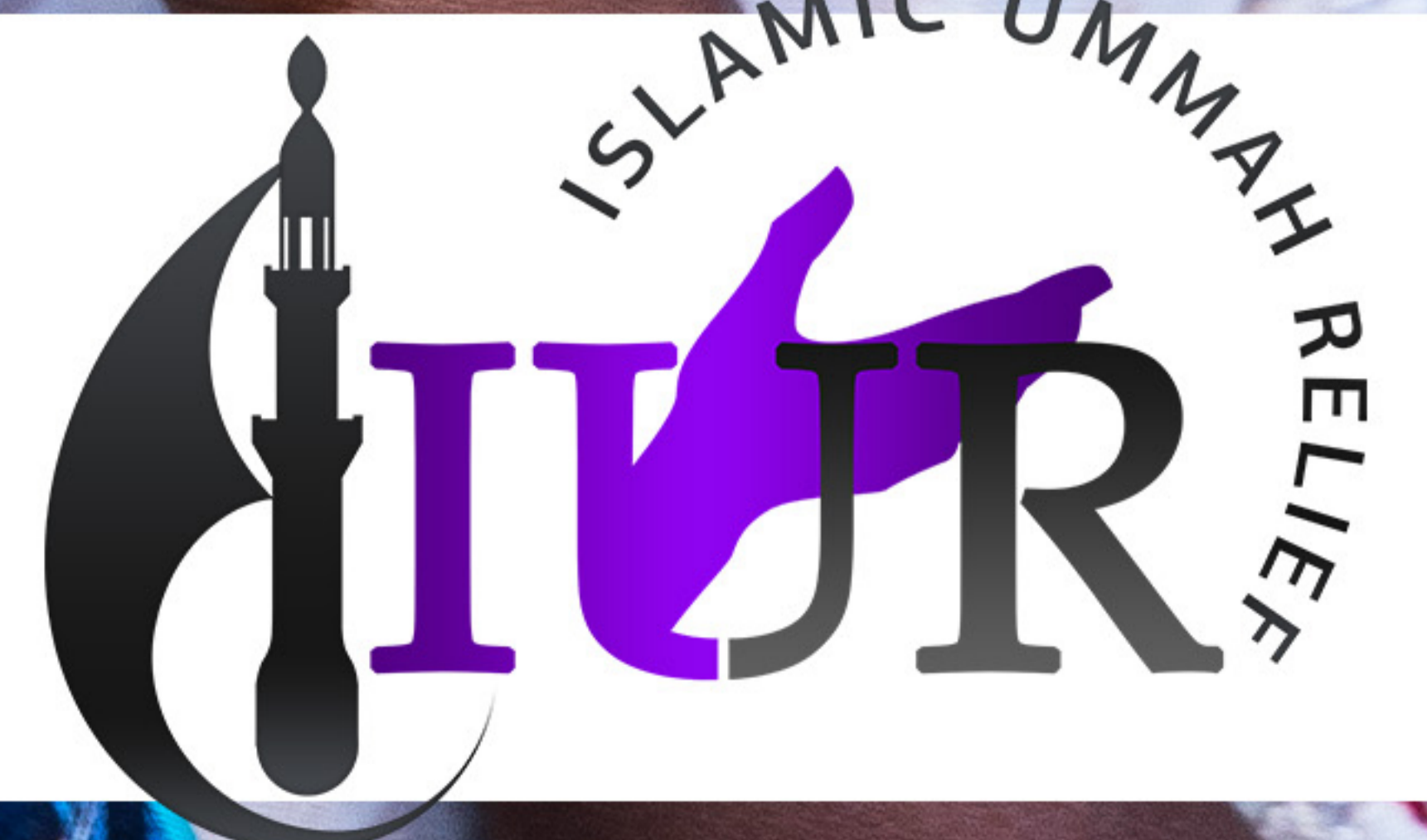


Islamic Ummah Relief

IMPACT REPORT 2023



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Introduction



Who We Are

Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR) is a registered 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization which embarks on humanitarian and relief activities in the United States, Ghana, Nigeria, Niger, Uganda. We develop long-term developmental projects aimed at providing a sustainable living for poor communities as well as supporting needy widows and orphans. We have four key focus areas which are aligned to United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)



Clean Water Program

— Clean Water & Sanitation(6)



Feeding Program (Ramadan, Qurbani etc)

— Zero Hunger(2)



Education & Empowerment

— Education(4)



Orphanage Development/Sponsorship

— Infrastructure(9), No Poverty(1)



Our Mission

To provide assistance that positively impacts the lives of the underprivileged and underserved.

Our Vision

A world in which every human life has the basic needs to live.

Our Values

Trust
Transparency
Compassion
Accountability



Letter from Executive Director

Dear Esteemed Sponsors and Supporters,

As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR) in the past year, it is with profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I extend my sincerest thanks to each one of you who has played a pivotal role in our mission.

Your unwavering support and dedication have been the driving force behind the success of our humanitarian initiatives.

In 2023, we marked a significant milestone as IUR celebrated its 5th anniversary, providing an opportunity for reflection on the journey of service to humanity over the past half-decade. This anniversary underscores the collective achievements made possible by the dedication of our donors, volunteers, and the resilient communities we serve. Our commitment to creating positive change was evident in various initiatives throughout the year. From the construction progress of the Orphan Village in Katsina, Nigeria, to the expansion of our Feeding Program to include the homeless in New York City, each project underscored our mission's resonance across borders. The distribution of hot meals along the busy roads of Accra during our anniversary further exemplified the impact we can achieve when hearts unite for a common cause.

In 2023, our water well projects, Feeding Program, Education & Empowerment endeavors, and the Orphanage Project have collectively left a lasting imprint on the lives of those we aim to uplift. We express our deepest gratitude for your continuous support, which not only propels our ongoing initiatives but also shapes the future possibilities for IUR.

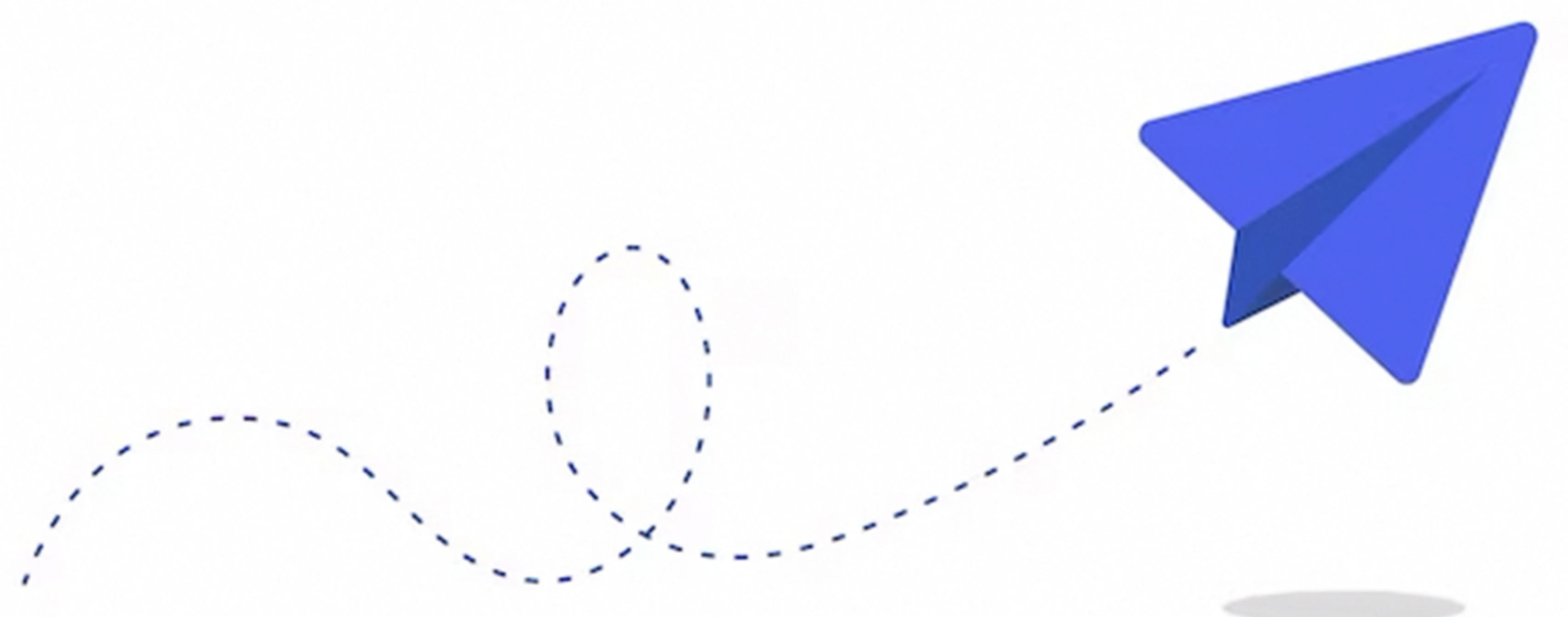
As we embark on the coming year, filled with excitement and optimism, we look forward to the inauguration of the Orphan Village and the potential for mission trips involving volunteers from the United States. These ventures represent our unwavering commitment to creating sustainable, positive change and the power of collaborative efforts.

Once again, thank you for being an indispensable part of our journey. Your generosity, dedication, and compassion fuel the engine of IUR, and together, we will continue to build a world where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

With gratitude and anticipation for the future,

With gratitude and excitement for the future,

Suhailat Muhammed
Executive Director, Islamic Ummah Relief





Impacting
Lives
 Since
 2019



Feeding Program

In 2023, Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR) continued its pivotal Feeding Program, a fundamental aspect of our humanitarian endeavors targeting the nutritional needs of widows, orphans, and vulnerable families in Ghana, Nigeria, Niger, and Uganda. Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), this program holds particular significance during key Islamic events such as Ramadan, Qurbani, and Eid, as well as on globally recognized days like World Food Day and World Orphan Day.

Throughout the year, IUR successfully conducted feeding activities across all the countries we operate in, ensuring essential food items reached those most in need. These distributions, meticulously organized and executed, provided vital food packs to hundreds of widows and vulnerable families in each activity. The commitment to conducting these programs during significant Islamic events underscores our dedication to meeting the cultural and religious needs of our beneficiaries.

For the first time in 2023, IUR expanded its Feeding Program to the United States, reaching out to the homeless population in New York City. This extension of our efforts reflects our commitment to addressing hunger on a global scale and adapting our programs to meet the needs of diverse communities. In addition to distributing food, we also provided water, recognizing the importance of addressing basic needs for those facing homelessness.

The Feeding Program serves as a beacon of hope for those grappling with food insecurity, including widows, orphans, and the homeless. By distributing essential food items during critical periods in the Islamic calendar and extending our reach to the US, IUR not only addresses immediate nutritional needs but also emphasizes our commitment to cultural sensitivity, inclusivity, and global solidarity.



In 2023, IUR's Feeding Program made a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity across multiple countries and expanded its reach to the homeless population in New York City, contributing to the overall well-being of diverse communities. Through these efforts, we continue to strive towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2, Zero Hunger, fostering a sense of community support and compassion globally.

Ramadan Feed



9000
individual
beneficiaries

4 Countries



Qurbani 2023



12 cows and 30 sheeps
Sacrificed



4 Countries

80 orphans
benefited from
Eid Clothing



Clean water

to villages and deprived communities



Clean Water Program



In 2023, Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR) continued its unwavering commitment to addressing the pressing issue of clean water accessibility in Ghana, Nigeria, and Uganda through its impactful Clean Water Program. Over the past five years, IUR has successfully constructed over 40 water wells, and in the last year alone, we proudly completed nine new projects. This initiative is a cornerstone of our organization's mission to provide sustainable living conditions for impoverished communities, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation).

The water well projects implemented by IUR are strategically diverse, catering to a range of beneficiaries, including communities, schools, places of worship, and hospitals. This deliberate approach by the executive team ensures that clean water reaches every corner of the selected communities, thereby maximizing the positive impact. The commitment to diversity is reflected

In 2023, our water well projects expanded across Ghana, Nigeria, and Uganda, reaching various sectors of society. Whether providing clean water to schools, ensuring places of worship have access to this essential resource, or facilitating access for hospitals and communities, IUR remains dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for those in need. Through our projections, we estimate that over 100,000 lives have been positively impacted by the provision of clean water in the communities where we implemented these projects.

As Islamic Ummah Relief continues to prioritize the Clean Water Program, we remain steadfast in our commitment to alleviating the water crisis in the regions we serve. The construction of these water wells is not merely a symbolic gesture but a tangible contribution towards achieving sustainable development and fulfilling the fundamental right to clean water for vulnerable populations.

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Location

Katsina (Nigeria)

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Kano (Nigeria)

IUR Orphan Village (Nigeria)

Tamale (Ghana)

Ahafo Ano South East (Ghana)

Poano, Ashanti (Ghana)

Bawuma Village (Uganda)

Nawandagara District (Uganda)

Number of Beneficiaries

1000

1000

1500

30

550

300

3500

400

350

Orphanage Project & Orphan Support Program



Orphanage Project & Orphan Support Program

We continue to make a meaningful impact through our dedicated Orphanage Project and Orphan support programs, specifically targeting the northern regions of Ghana and Nigeria—areas often marked by severe poverty and hunger. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by orphans in these communities, IUR has undertaken a multifaceted approach to provide essential support and nurture the well-being of these vulnerable children. Our commitment to ensuring the happiness of orphans is evident in our support initiatives during festive occasions such as Eid. During these times of celebration, IUR extends its reach to provide food and clothing for orphaned children, aiming to offer them reasons to experience joy comparable to their peers from more advantaged backgrounds and families. Notably, we contribute sewn clothing for the two Eids, enhancing the festive experience for these deserving youngsters.



On a larger scale, IUR has embarked on the ambitious Orphan Village project—an initiative designed to establish a holistic support system for orphans in need. This village encompasses a school with well-equipped classrooms, dormitories, a sick bay, a library, and sports/recreational facilities. The vision goes beyond providing immediate needs to the orphans from a distance; it aspires to create a nurturing environment that directly houses and cares for these children. In 2023, significant strides were made in the development of the Orphan Village, reaching the finishing stages that include painting, landscaping, and the installation of electrical and plumbing systems. This substantial progress lays the foundation for the realization of our goal to open the Orphan Village toward the end of 2024. The upcoming year holds the promise of continued advancement, as we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a secure and supportive haven for orphans in the regions we serve.

The Orphanage Project and the orphan support programs exemplify IUR's dedication to creating lasting positive change in the lives of vulnerable children, reinforcing our commitment to Sustainable Development Goals 1 (No Poverty) and 4 (Quality Education). Through these initiatives, we strive not only to meet the immediate needs of orphans but also to empower them with the tools and environment necessary for a brighter future.



Education & Empowerment Program

We continue to be steadfast in our commitment to Education & Empowerment, focusing on a targeted skills program designed specifically for widows in Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, and Uganda. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by widows, particularly in regions where the traditional role of the father as the family's primary provider is prevalent, IUR aims to empower these women with practical skills, enabling them to achieve self-sufficiency. The objective of this project is clear: to equip widows with valuable skills that not only enhance their personal development but also provide a means for them to support themselves and their families independently. In many parts of Africa, including the areas we serve, the unfortunate loss of the family's breadwinner leaves widows with limited skills and financial resources to navigate life's challenges.

Throughout 2023, IUR dedicated time to planning and strategizing, aiming to enhance the effectiveness and impact of the skills program. This period of reflection has allowed us to identify areas for improvement and implement new initiatives that will further empower widows in the coming year. We take pride in the proactive steps taken to refine our approach and look forward to implementing these initiatives to better address the specific needs of widows in the communities we serve.

Our commitment to Education & Empowerment remains unwavering as we strive to make a lasting impact on the lives of widows, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 5 (Gender Equality). By providing practical skills and support, IUR endeavors to break the cycle of dependency and foster self-sufficiency, empowering widows to build a more secure and resilient future for themselves and their families.



Mission Trip to Nigeria

In a transformative mission trip to Katsina, Nigeria, Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR) demonstrated its commitment to hands-on engagement and community impact. A dedicated team of executives visited the site of the Orphanage Village, inspecting the progress of the project, and engaging in fruitful discussions with the site engineer to ensure the project's timely completion. This trip went beyond overseeing the construction; it became an opportunity for the team to witness the tangible impact of their efforts on the ground.

Amidst their visit, the team extended their commitment to community development by overseeing the construction of two water wells in Batagarawa and Kaita. During these visits, the team immersed themselves in the communities, experiencing profound moments that reinforced the significance of their work. They encountered an aging well built in 1969, now dry, and witnessed the joy emanating from community members as a new water well took shape. Another poignant encounter involved two brothers crafting cutlery for their community, with the older brother shaping metals and the younger one, blissfully unaware, playing with a "wheel" that fueled the fire for their craft. The brothers' excitement at the prospect of a new water source added a layer of hope to the community.

Additionally, the mission team visited a government-operated orphanage and a school for the blind, donating essential food items to these institutions. This act of generosity reflected IUR's commitment to uplifting the lives of those in need, extending compassion and support to marginalized communities. Furthermore, the team hosted a soccer tournament for young children in one of the communities, providing medals for each participant and a trophy for the winning team—a gesture that went beyond physical nourishment to nourish the spirits of the young participants.

Looking ahead to 2024, IUR has planned another visit to inaugurate the Orphan Village, marking a significant milestone in their commitment to providing a secure and nurturing environment for orphans. Moreover, there are aspirations to organize mission trips involving volunteers from the United States, fostering global collaboration and collective efforts in humanitarian endeavors.

This mission trip exemplified IUR's dedication to creating lasting, positive change by not only overseeing ongoing projects but also actively engaging with communities and addressing their immediate needs. These impactful experiences underscore the organization's commitment to its mission and serve as a catalyst for continued efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in underserved communities.





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