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FOR RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT



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Children in Gaza smile for a photo with HRD’s Volunteer | HOT MEALS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR FOUNDER & CEO

At Humanity for Relief and Development (HRD), we believe no one should have to wonder where their next meal will come from. Every loaf of bread we bake and every meal we serve reflects the trust our donors have placed upon us and our responsibility to care for those facing hunger and hardship.

Throughout 2025, your generosity helped families facing conflict, displacement, and poverty receive the care they urgently needed. With your support, Mercy bakeries and community kitchens provided fresh bread and nutritious meals to thousands of people each day. Every gift offered more than nourishment. It brought comfort, dignity, and reassurance to families during difficult times.

What matters to us is not only what we provide, but how we provide it. We strive to serve every person with dignity, kindness, and respect. Our teams work alongside local communities, guided by the belief that sincere intention, or niyyah, gives meaning to every act of service and transforms it into an act of worship.

As our programs grew, we strengthened our governance, financial oversight, and operational systems to ensure that every donation is managed responsibly. We never forget that each contribution entrusted to HRD is an amanah. Transparency, accountability, and stewardship remain central to everything we do.

This work would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters, the dedication of our partners, and the commitment of our staff and volunteers. Their compassion makes it possible for us to continue serving those who need it most.



As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to respond to hunger while building stronger, more resilient communities. We move forward with faith, purpose, and a deep commitment to serving others with your support.

On behalf of everyone at HRD, thank you for being part of this journey.

WITH GRATITUDE,

Maeen Ali



Board Chair, Founder & CEO
Humanity for Relief and Development

We believe food is a basic human right. Since 2018, HRD has served communities facing conflict, poverty, and displacement with compassion and purpose. From fresh bread and hot meals to medical support, orphan care, and emergency relief, our work is anchored in a simple commitment: ensuring no one is left behind and helping families build a stronger future.

MISSION

To build sustainable bakeries and kitchens around the world, providing free daily bread and warm, nutritious meals to underserved communities. We foster hope while empowering individuals and families to thrive.

VISION

We envision a world where food insecurity doesn't exist and no one has to go to bed hungry. A world where every child is given the best start in life, and where dignity, respect, and opportunity are rights afforded to all.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board Secretary

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Board Treasurer

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Board Member

2025 IMPACT



676,743

HOT MEALS



775,000

LOAVES OF BREAD



1,236

FOOD BASKETS



696

ORPHANS
SPONSORED



1,260

ZAKAT AL FITR
(INDIVIDUALS)



400

WINTER
ESSENTIALS



665

EID CLOTHING



1,161

SCHOOL BAGS



1,938

QURBANI

2025 GOAL \$4,000,000

FUNDS RAISED \$4,662,869

THANKS TO THE
GENEROSITY OF
SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU,
WE EXCEEDED OUR

2025

FUNDRAISING GOAL



Financial Note: This report covers Humanity for Relief and Development's Fiscal Year 2025, [February 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026]. Financial figures are preliminary and may differ from the applicable finalized Form 990 and year-end financial statements, which should be considered authoritative.



It all began with a moment of mercy...

In 2018, after the loss of his brother, HRD's Founder Maeen Ali opened the first Mercy Bakery in Sana'a, Yemen. His intention was simple: to make sure his brother's family and neighbors had bread on the table during a difficult time.

As more families came seeking support, the bakery's reach grew. What began with a few loaves of bread became a reliable source of daily nourishment for an entire community.

Today, that same spirit continues through every bakery, kitchen, and relief project supported by Mercy Bakery. Because of your generosity, families facing hardship have access to food and essential support.

The story that began with a single act of care continues because people like you choose to be part of it.





BAKERIES IN YEMEN

The resilience of our local teams who show up even in the hardest circumstances is what makes this work possible.

864,000 loaves of bread distributed across Yemen, reaching **532,980 people** with daily bread and food support

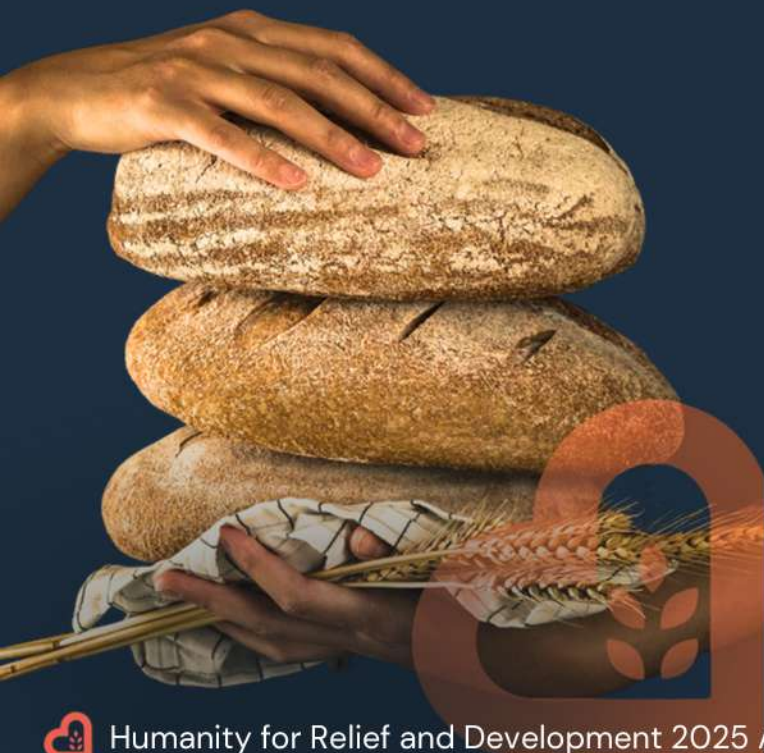
Bread is not a luxury in Yemen. For millions of families living through one of the world's longest-running humanitarian crises, it is a daily necessity.

Through Mercy Bakery, your support helps ensure families continue to have access to fresh bread, even in the midst of conflict and uncertainty. At just 4 cents per loaf, every dollar helps provide about 25 loaves of bread. This support reaches families in one of the most efficient and direct ways possible.

Each loaf weighs between 70 and 80 grams, nearly double the size of a standard market loaf, helping provide a more substantial portion for nourishment. On average, individuals receive one to two loaves per distribution, while orphaned children receive additional bread to help meet their nutritional needs.

In 2025, despite ongoing security challenges that forced temporary pauses in several locations, our teams continued serving wherever it was safe to do so. Operations in Hodeida resumed in December 2025, and as of February 2026, efforts are underway to reopen all six bakery locations as conditions allow.

Every loaf distributed reflects the generosity of people who choose to stand with families facing hardship and help keep this vital source of nourishment available.



In 2025, Mercy Kitchen served nearly 100,000 meals across Yemen, Jordan, and Gaza, reaching more than 580,000 people.



COUNTRY	MEALS SERVED	BENEFICIARIES
YEMEN 	47,700	297,000
GAZA 	36,600	219,600
JORDAN 	13,190	65,950
TOTAL	97,490	582,550

From A Loaf of Bread to a Full Table

Building on the success of our bakeries, Mercy Kitchen was established to provide families with warm, nutritious meals prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Your support helps place nourishing food on the table for families who may otherwise go without, with meals tailored to local tastes and traditions.

Today, Mercy Kitchen operates in Yemen, Jordan, and Gaza, serving communities based on their unique circumstances. Through every meal served, your generous gift helps ensure families have access to reliable food support during difficult times.



GAZA

In Gaza, where access to food remains a daily challenge for many families, your support helps provide reliable hot meals to households facing ongoing hardship. Since February 2025, Mercy Kitchen has operated through local partners, delivering large-scale food assistance at a cost of just \$0.83 per meal.

YEMEN



FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION

YEMEN

In Yemen, your support helps provide warm, nutritious meals to families, displaced communities, and orphaned children living through one of the world's longest-running humanitarian crises. Despite interruptions caused by the security situation, our local teams remained committed to serving and began resuming operations in late 2025 as conditions allowed.

JORDAN



In Jordan, your generosity helps provide regular meals to orphanages and displaced communities, including Yemeni, Syrian, and Sudanese refugees. Since launching in 2024, Mercy Kitchen has served culturally familiar meals that help families access reliable food support while navigating the challenges of displacement.



MERCY TRUCK, IN NYC

Bringing the Mission Home

HRD's mission begins with a simple belief: no one should go to bed hungry. While our work reaches communities across Yemen, Gaza, and Jordan, Mercy Truck brings that same commitment closer to home. Your gift enables individuals and families across New York City to receive food assistance and essential resources.

The Need in New York

In recent years, New York City has experienced a significant increase in the number of asylum seekers arriving in search of safety and opportunity. Many face food insecurity, housing instability, and the challenges of rebuilding their lives in an unfamiliar environment. At the same time, many unhoused New Yorkers and low-income families continue to struggle to access consistent meals.

Mercy Truck was launched in January 2024 to help meet this growing need. Made possible through donor support, the program brings food assistance directly to individuals and families across the city.

How it Works

Mercy Truck brings food assistance directly to immigrants, asylum seekers, unhoused individuals, and families across New York City. Made possible through donor support, the program reaches people where they are, helping remove barriers to accessing food assistance.

In partnership with Gotham Food Pantry, Mercy Truck also recovers surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and redirects it to individuals and families facing food insecurity. This collaborative model helps maximize resources, extend the impact of every gift, and increase access to nutritious meals throughout the city.



MEALS SERVED

15,565



ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

696

SPONSORED ORPHANS

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

Building Brighter Future

Years of conflict in Yemen have left many children without the support and stability every child deserves. Orphaned children are often among those most affected, facing barriers to education, healthcare, and other basic needs.

Through the Orphan Sponsorship program, your commitment helps provide consistent assistance, ensuring children have access to essential services, continue their education, and focus on being children. For many, this support provides stability during an otherwise uncertain time.

How we Serve

Your commitment helps make a personalized approach to orphan care possible. Rather than following a one-size-fits-all model, support is tailored to the age and circumstances of each child.

Older children receive direct monthly assistance, allowing them and their families to address priorities such as education, healthcare, clothing, and everyday expenses. For younger children, our teams work more closely with caregivers to help ensure essential needs are met and children receive the support appropriate for their stage of development.

Changing Lives

For \$65 per month, your sponsorship helps ensure a child has access to essentials such as education, healthcare, clothing, and everyday necessities. Just as importantly, it provides ongoing support and stability throughout a period of uncertainty in a child's life.



Food Basket Distribution

1,256 Food Baskets
7,536 Individuals Reached

A food basket can help sustain an entire family throughout Ramadan, providing staple items that keep meals on the table during the month. For families facing hardship, this support helps ease the burden of securing food during a time of increased need.

In Ramadan 2025, your generosity helped distribute 1,256 food baskets across Gaza, Yemen, Jordan, and New York, reaching 7,536 individuals.

Eid Clothing

665 Orphans Received Eid Clothing

For many children, new clothes are a cherished part of Eid celebrations. In 2025, donor support provided 665 orphaned children in Yemen with Eid clothing vouchers, allowing them to choose outfits for the holiday and take part in Eid celebrations alongside their families and communities.

Zakat-al-Fitr (Yemen)

In 2025, your Zakat al-Fitr helped provide assistance to 210 families in Yemen, reaching approximately 1,260 individuals. Through the distribution of \$100 in cash support per family, households were able to meet essential needs and prepare for Eid.

Zakat al-Fitr is a required charitable contribution given before Eid to support families in need. In 2025, HRD's Zakat al-Fitr rate was set at \$15 per person based on guidance from the Fiqh Council of North America.

RAMADAN PROJECTS

Iftar Distribution

130,000 Iftar Meals

In 2025, your generosity helped provide more than 130,000 iftar meals across dozens of cities and seven countries, ensuring families and communities had food to break their fast throughout Ramadan.

IFTAR DISTRIBUTION	IFTAR MEALS + INDIVIDUALS SERVED
YEMEN	82,638
GAZA	9,800
JORDAN	19,140
PERU	3,000
PAKISTAN	3,000
HONDURAS	4,350
NEW YORK	8,215
TOTAL	130,143

Suhoor Meals

Throughout Ramadan, your support helped provide more than 2,100 suhoor meals to masjids and community centers across New York City, ensuring community members had access to a meal before beginning their fast.



MERCY INITIATIVES

Access to healthcare remains a challenge for many families living through displacement, poverty, and crisis. In 2025, your support helped provide medical assistance to patients and families in Jordan and Yemen, covering emergency procedures, maternal care, chronic illness treatment, pediatric services, and other essential healthcare needs.

For many families, this assistance made it possible to access care that would have otherwise been beyond their reach, helping them receive treatment during some of their most difficult moments.



QURBANI

During Eid al-Adha, your generosity helped provide Qurbani meat to 1,938 families across Yemen, Jordan, and Peru. The program reached households facing food insecurity, including low-income families, widows, orphans, refugees, and others experiencing hardship.

Through your Qurbani, more families were able to share in the blessings of Eid al-Adha and enjoy meals that may otherwise have been beyond their reach.

**1,938 FAMILIES
SERVED** ACROSS THREE
COUNTRIES

PERU

100 FAMILIES

JORDAN

197 FAMILIES

YEMEN

1,641 FAMILIES





BACK TO SCHOOL

1,161 CHILDREN SERVED

JORDAN

524 CHILDREN

YEMEN

637 CHILDREN

Through your generosity, 1,161 children across Yemen and Jordan received school bags and essential educational supplies in 2025. This support helped families prepare for the school year while ensuring students had the materials needed to learn and participate in the classroom.





WINTER RELIEF DRIVE



JORDAN
**400 CHILDREN
RECEIVED WINTER
ESSENTIALS**

Through your generosity, 400 children in Jordan received winter clothing and cold-weather essentials in 2025, including jackets, socks, and hats.

Your support helped families prepare for the colder months and ensured children had the items needed to stay warm throughout the winter season.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Your generosity helped provide emergency assistance to 400 families affected by earthquakes and flooding in Cebu, Philippines, including 200 families impacted by the earthquake and 200 affected by severe floods.

**400 FAMILIES SERVED.
1600 INDIVIDUALS
REACHED**



**EMERGENCY
FOOD KIT
DISTRIBUTION**

In 2025, your support helped deliver emergency relief to 400 families affected by earthquakes and flooding in Cebu, Philippines. Rapid response efforts provided essential assistance to families facing displacement, disruption, and immediate hardship following the disasters. As communities worked to recover, this support helped ensure families had access to critical resources during a time of urgent need.





HOT MEAL DISTRIBUTION

In 2025, your support helped provide 1,490 freshly prepared meals through Mercy Bakery's hot meal distribution projects in the Philippines, Guatemala, and Colombia.

By partnering with local communities, the program helped ensure individuals and families facing food insecurity had access to warm meals during times of need.





Bread4Good helps sustain Mercy Bakery's work throughout the year. Through monthly giving, your commitment helps provide the consistent resources needed to bake and distribute fresh bread to families facing hardship.

Every loaf distributed is made possible by supporters who choose to invest in a reliable source of nourishment for communities facing ongoing need.



For just \$10 a month, you can help bake and distribute 250 loaves of bread for families facing hunger.

**BECOME A
MONTHLY
SUSTAINER**



**JOIN THE
COMMUNITY**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

HRD serves communities through food assistance, medical support, emergency relief, education programs, and long-term humanitarian initiatives. From bakeries and kitchens to orphan sponsorships, medical assistance, and emergency response efforts, your commitment helps sustain services that families rely on every day.

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

Your gift helps place food on tables, provide care to patients, support children's education, and deliver assistance during times of crisis. Through your generosity, families gain access to resources and support that help them navigate some of life's most difficult challenges.

GET INVOLVED BEYOND GIVING

Your support can take many forms beyond a financial contribution. Whether you share our work, sponsor a project, volunteer, or introduce others to HRD and Mercy Bakery, you help expand the reach of programs that provide food, assistance, and support to communities around the world.

Every effort contributes to the impact highlighted throughout this report.



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**GIVE HOPE.
FEED FAMILIES.
CHANGE LIVES.**

Ways to Give



Every loaf baked, every meal served, and every family reached reflects the generosity of people who choose to support this work. Your commitment helps provide food, essential services, and ongoing support to families facing hardship across the communities we serve.

Through your giving, bakeries remain open, meals continue to be served, children receive support, and families gain access to critical assistance when they need it most.



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Stay Connected



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Thank you for being part of this work. Your support helps provide food, relief, and essential services to families across the communities we serve.

Stay connected with HRD and Mercy Bakery to follow the impact of your generosity and learn more about the people and programs you help make possible.



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