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Qurbani Program

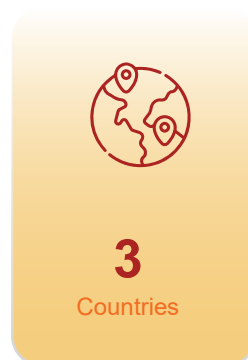
IMPACT REPORT

2026

• Djibouti • Ethiopia • Somalia

In 2026, the African Relief Fund delivered one of its most far-reaching Qurbani programs to date, bringing the blessings of Eid al-Adha to over 56,000 of the most vulnerable men, women, and children across the Horn of Africa. Powered by the generosity of our donors, partners, and volunteers, this programme was more than food relief it was a lifeline of dignity, nourishment, and hope.

AT A GLANCE: KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Camels



Cows



Sheep



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each year, the African Relief Fund strives to ensure that the spirit of Eid al-Adha reaches communities that would otherwise be left behind. In 2026, our Qurbani programme was implemented across Djibouti, Ethiopia, and Somalia, targeting seven villages and towns — many of them remote, hard-to-reach, and chronically underserved.

The programme was designed to address acute nutritional needs during the festive period while honouring the cultural and spiritual significance of Qurbani for Muslim households in crisis-affected regions.

Djibouti

Urban & peri-urban IDPs

Ethiopia

Somali State communities

Somalia

Conflict-affected families

WHO WE REACHED

The program applied a vulnerability -first targeting approach, prioritising those with the fewest resources and greatest need, including:

- Orphaned children deprived of parental support and income
- Elderly individuals with no household breadwinner
- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) fleeing conflict and drought
- Low-income and food-insecure households unable to purchase meat
- Families affected by prolonged conflict and recurring climate shocks

For thousands of these families, the Qurbani meat received during Eid al-Adha represented the only protein-rich meal available to them throughout the entire year. ARF's distribution teams worked closely with local partners and community leaders to verify eligibility and ensure equitable, dignified delivery.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

“Meat is something my children rarely see on our table. When the African Relief Fund team arrived with the Qurbani share, my children’s faces lit up. For one day, we truly felt the joy of Eid.”

Aamina Ali Jaama, 51 years, mother of 7 Dharwanaaje Village, Harawa District, Fafan Region, Ethiopia

Aamina is the primary caregiver for her seven children. Her husband remains unemployed with no stable income. Facing severe financial hardship, the family struggles daily to meet basic needs including food, clothing, and adequate nutrition. Before ARF’s Qurbani distribution, Eid al-Adha often passed without any meat or celebration in their home.

“I am delighted to receive the Qurbani share. We are struggling and we need support to break the cycle of poverty. I sincerely thank all the donors and supporters.”

Abdi Omali Ali, 62-year-old, grandfather of six children, Beletweyne, Hiran, Somalia

Abdi Omali Ali is a 62-year-old internally displaced person (IDP) who was forced to leave his home due to severe drought. He currently resides in Beletweyne, Somalia, living with his six grandchildren and his daughter.

Life in displacement has been extremely difficult, with limited access to food, income, and basic services. Despite these challenges, Abdi continues to care for his family under very harsh conditions.





“My husband is unwell and cannot work. I have four children to feed and no income. This Qurbani gift from ARF was not just food it was a reminder that someone out there cares about us.”

Fadxiya Jaama Hasan, 32 years, mother of 4 Dharwanaaje Village, Ethiopia

Fadhiya is currently unemployed while caring for her four children. Her husband’s chronic illness prevents him from working, leaving the family with no stable source of income. The Qurbani meat distribution provided by ARF delivered essential nutritional support and brought emotional relief to a household enduring severe hardship.

IMPACT BEYOND THE PLATE

The 2026 Qurbani program delivered impact that extended well beyond nutrition. By placing the Eid sacrifice in the hands of the most marginalised, ARF created ripples of dignity and social inclusion across communities:

 <p>Improved nutrition for thousands during Eid al-Adha</p>	 <p>Social inclusion for households excluded from festive meals</p>	 <p>Relief from acute food insecurity at a critical moment</p>	 <p>Restored dignity for displaced & marginalised families</p>
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Across all three countries, field reports consistently highlighted how beneficiaries’ emotional well-being improved alongside their physical nourishment. Community leaders noted increased participation in Eid prayers and gatherings among families who had previously felt excluded due to poverty.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

To Our Donors

None of this would have been possible without your extraordinary generosity. Every Qurbani share you gave was a lifeline for a family in crisis. You did not just donate meat — you gave hope, dignity, and the joy of Eid to people who had almost given up on celebrating. On behalf of every child who ate meat for the first time this year, every elderly grandmother who felt included, and every displaced family who remembered what it feels like to be cared for: thank you.

To Our Partners

Our implementing partners on the ground — local organisations, community liaisons, and trusted networks in Djibouti, Ethiopia, and Somalia were the backbone of this program. Your knowledge, dedication, and commitment to the most vulnerable communities turned resources into real change. We are profoundly grateful for your collaboration and trust.

To Our Volunteers

The volunteers who gave their time, energy, and hearts to this program are the silent heroes of Eid 2026. Working in challenging environments and under difficult conditions, you ensured that every family received their share with dignity and care. Your service is an act of worship, and we honour your sacrifice.

LOOKING AHEAD: CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The 2026 Qurbani program has shown us what is possible when compassion meets commitment. Over 56,000 lives were touched but millions more in the Horn of Africa still face food insecurity, displacement, and deprivation.

African Relief Fund is committed to deepening its reach and impact year on year. In the coming years, we aim to:

- Expand to additional countries and underserved regions in Africa
- Increase the number of Qurbani shares distributed annually
- Strengthen local partnerships for more efficient, dignified delivery
- Develop year-round nutrition support to complement seasonal programmes
- Improve beneficiary data systems for greater accountability and transparency

Your continued support makes every one of these goals possible. Whether you give a Qurbani share, sponsor an orphan, fund clean water, or donate to our emergency relief fund — contribution reaches those who need it most.

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Together, we can reach even more families who need us.

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