



Islamic Relief Canada Responds to Fort McMurray Wildfire emergency

May 5th 2016 - Massive wildfires continue to batter Fort McMurray and surrounding areas – where more than 80,000 individuals have been displaced due to evacuation orders. A state of emergency has been declared in Alberta, as the province fights a wave of devastating wildfires that could take several days to extinguish.

Islamic Relief Canada has launched an emergency appeal to help those affected by the wildfire. Working with local organizations, Islamic Relief Canada is appealing to Canadian Muslims to donate towards providing vital supplies for those who have been evacuated.

CEO of Islamic Relief Canada, Zaid al-Rawni says:

“Our teams are currently mobilizing resources in the surrounding areas of Fort McMurray to distribute food, blankets, first aid kits, sleeping bags, cots, pillows and other necessities to help support families and individuals who have had to evacuate.

We will continue to support and provide assistance as long as we’re needed. We’re appealing to our community to come forward and help”

Anyone wishing to help is encouraged to make a financial donation to the Fort McMurray Wildfire Emergency on [online](http://islamicrelief.ca) (islamicrelief.ca) or by calling 1-855-377-HOPE (4673). Donations could provide relief for those affected in the form of emergency food, clothing, shelter, personal services and other necessities that assist with recovery and resiliency.

Here in Canada and overseas, Islamic Relief is ready to help people before, during and after a disaster – regardless of religion, race and gender. We are one of the world’s leading Muslim NGOs and the largest Muslim NGO operating in Canada.

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