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Canadians bring help to drought-stricken Somalia

Canadian charity Islamic Relief Canada has raised \$100k to help millions of people in Somalia struck by famine and drought.

Islamic Relief Canada is the leading global Islamic charity, making headlines for raising more than \$300k for the Quebec shooting in January.

Four weeks ago, the World Health Organization declared a famine due to drought in the Horn of Africa. Islamic Relief Canada's Mahmood Qasim is one of three Canadians bringing aid to Somaliland this weekend. He says:

“Canadians have been really generous in donating towards this cause. Three of us are travelling to Somaliland to distribute food, water and emergency aid and see first-hand the situation there. “

The United Nations says more than 6 million Somalis need emergency food, including close to 1 million acutely malnourished children.

Notes to Editors:

- 1) To arrange for interviews, pictures, videos and/or live footage of distributions, please contact the media team.
- 2) Islamic Relief is an international aid and development charity that aims to alleviate the suffering of the world's poorest people. As well as responding to disasters and emergencies, Islamic Relief promotes sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities – regardless of race, religion or gender.