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## Introduction:

**During the Ramadan Season 1446 AH, the Promise is Renewed with URDA**

In the blessed month of Ramadan 1446 AH, URDA renewed its humanitarian commitment through the "A Renewed Promise" campaign, delivering food assistance, iftar meals, and humanitarian services across South Lebanon, Bekaa, North Lebanon, Arsal, and Syria. Despite ongoing security tensions and continuous shelling, this Ramadan was marked by large-scale group iftars organized in Marjayoun, Wazzani, and Kfarchouba, in addition to the "Our Fulfilled Promise" Festival that lit up the Eid atmosphere in the South over three days.

Orphans also received a significant share of the support, with sponsorships, special iftars, and Ramadan activities organized for them. Meanwhile, URDA continued its efforts in solar energy projects—most notably at the Qalamoun Public School in North Lebanon—alongside renovation projects inside Syria and other humanitarian initiatives that embodied the spirit of solidarity and compassion throughout this blessed month.



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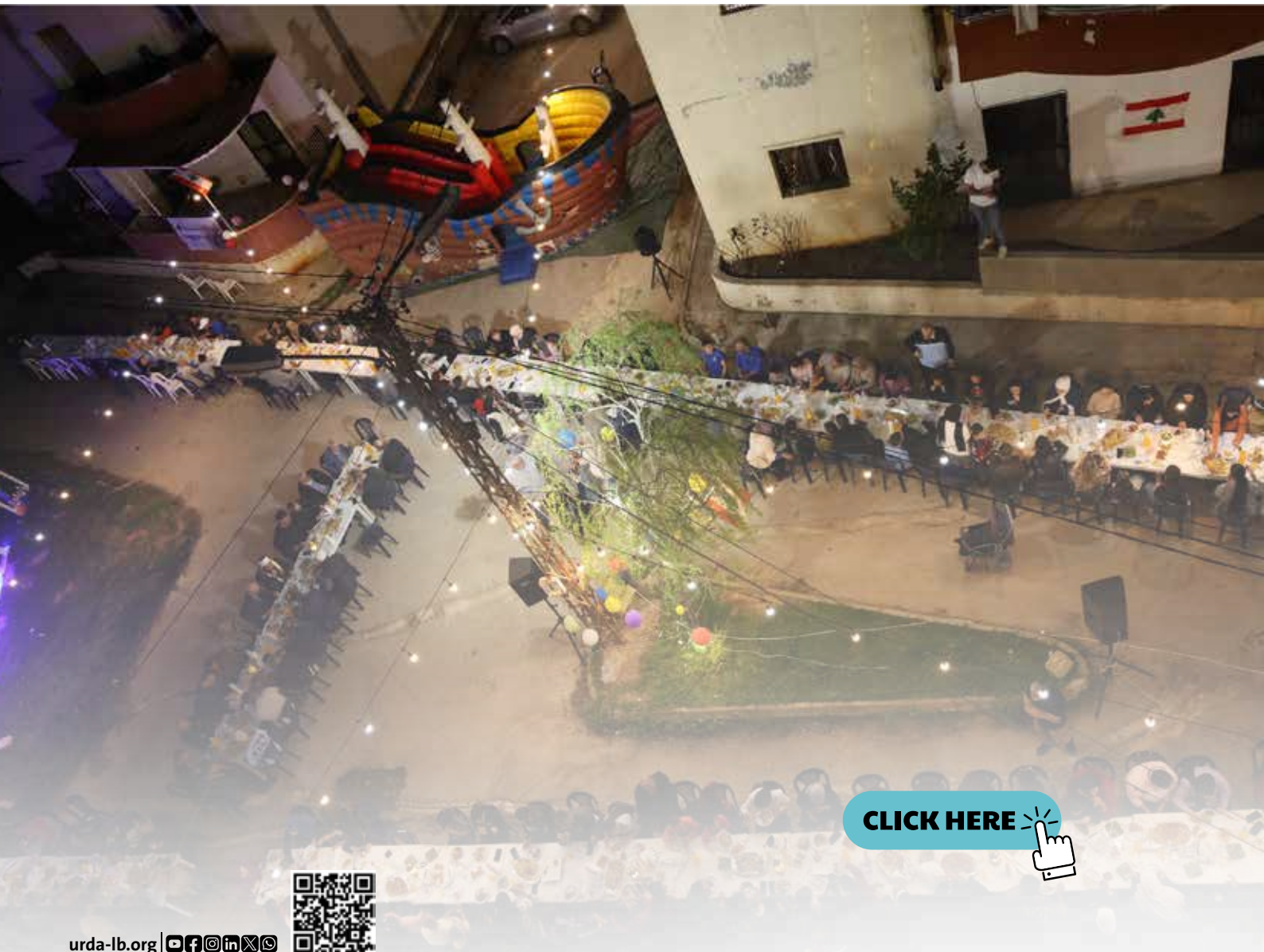


## Relief:

### URDA's Iftars in South Lebanon: A Message of Peace Amid the Rubble of War

In an exceptional scene combining resilience and coexistence, the Union of Relief and Development Associations in Lebanon (URDA) organized four large-scale Ramadan iftars in the most affected border areas following the recent Israeli assaults on South Lebanon, specifically in Wazzani, Kfarhamam, Kfarchouba, and Marjayoun.

Despite the ongoing Israeli shelling and escalating threats, these iftars became spaces for gathering, emotional support, and social solidarity, bringing together more than 1,600 beneficiaries, including 400 children, with the participation of over 120 dedicated volunteers who managed the events under extremely delicate security conditions.



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The iftars were distinguished by their warm Ramadan spirit, breathing life back into villages still weighed down by destruction. The events included recreational activities for children and spaces for community interaction among families, sending a clear message that South Lebanon remains firmly rooted in life, coexistence, and peace—no matter how intense the crises.

These events received wide media coverage from both local and international outlets, most notably Al Jazeera and Anadolu Agency, who captured scenes of daily humanitarian resilience in the devastated areas.

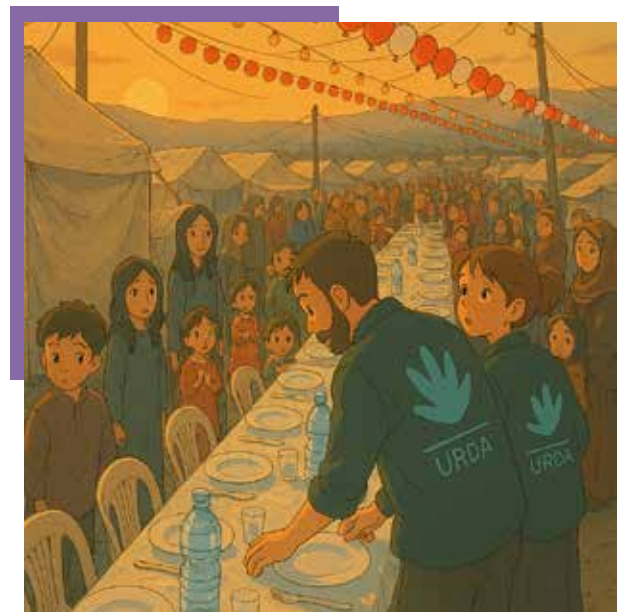
This initiative comes as part of URDA’s Ramadan campaign, "A Renewed Promise," which reflects the union’s commitment to its humanitarian vision: providing an integrated emergency response by combining urgent relief support with psychological and social care in the areas most in need.



### URDA Concludes Ramadan with Wide-Scale Relief Achievements in Lebanon and Syria

As part of its 2025 Ramadan campaign under the theme "A Renewed Promise," the Union of Relief and Development Associations in Lebanon (URDA) concluded its humanitarian efforts by delivering comprehensive food and living aid to thousands of beneficiaries across Lebanon and Syria, in an integrated response aimed at alleviating the burdens on vulnerable families during the holy month. In Syria, specifically in Damascus and Al-Qusayr, the distributions included:

915	Bundles of Bread
2,956	Hot Meals
1,032	Food Parcels
135	Families Benefiting from Group Iftars
70	Fresh Food Baskets



Meanwhile in Lebanon, which continues to face overlapping crises, URDA intensified its efforts to reach the widest possible segment of vulnerable populations, successfully distributing:

12,235	Food Parcels	900	KG of Dates
6,725	Hot Meals	350	Sweets Packages
2,800	Bundles of Bread	650	Eid Gifts for Children
500	Iftars for Orphans	100	Ready-to-Eat Meals
1,304	Families Benefiting from Group Iftars	146	Blankets
2,600	Gallons of Water	100	Food Voucher Cards
1,340	Eid Clothing Vouchers	500	Diesel Tanks (20 liters each)
600	Winter Clothing Sets Including Jackets, Shoes, and Wool Items		

These achievements reflect URDA's ongoing commitment to the principles of humanitarian work, striving to integrate relief assistance with psychological and social support, particularly in border regions and areas most affected by crises.

URDA extends its heartfelt thanks to all supporters, including donors and both local and international partners, affirming its pledge to continue easing the suffering of individuals and families in Lebanon and Syria, no matter how great the challenges may be.

## Eid Joy Comes Alive in the South: URDA's "Our Fulfilled Promise" Festival Brings Happiness to Children's Hearts

Under the slogan "Our Fulfilled Promise," URDA organized an Eid Al-Fitr festival across southern Lebanon over three consecutive days. Celebrations took place in Helta, Kfarshouba, Ain Arab, and Al-Wazzani, bringing together children and volunteers in an atmosphere filled with joy and delight.





The festival featured a variety of entertainment activities that added a special charm to the Eid celebrations. Among the highlights was the "Eid Carriage Ride" that toured the areas, as well as a captivating puppet show that left children wide-eyed with amazement. Toys and gifts were distributed among the children, and inflatable play areas captured everyone's attention.

The festivities also included additional fun activities such as face painting, which added a cheerful touch and was met with great enthusiasm from the children.

Around 90 volunteers participated in organizing the festival, dedicating their efforts to coordinating the activities and distributing gifts, contributing to the festival's success and leaving a positive impact on both the children and their families.

## **1,220 Orphans Embraced by Giving: Comprehensive Services from URDA's Sponsorship Sector During Ramadan**

Throughout the blessed month of Ramadan, URDA's Sponsorship Sector continued its humanitarian efforts, delivering comprehensive services to nearly 1,220 orphans across various regions, especially in the Bekaa and Arsal areas. This came as part of a series of Ramadan activities that combined financial and emotional support.

The services included collective iftar gatherings, most notably a major iftar sponsored by My Care Foundation, where 500 orphans came together around a warm Ramadan table in Bekaa. The event featured gift distributions and created a spirit of joy and togetherness among the children.



In addition, monthly sponsorship distributions were carried out in partnership with several donors, including Children of Adam, BMK, Heal Humanity, and Salam Charity, benefiting more than 494 orphans. Support was also extended to 77 vulnerable families in Bekaa and Aarsal.

Eid gifts were also an essential part of the initiative, as the sector made sure to bring joy to the children by distributing gifts to more than 226 orphans in Bekaa, as part of an effort to brighten their hearts with the arrival of Eid Al-Fitr.

### URDA Highlights the Role of Women and Children in a Panel Discussion on Politics and Legal Protection



URDA's Legal Protection Sector participated in a panel discussion organized by the "Fifty Fifty Lb" Association at the Municipality of Saida on Monday, March 17, 2025, under the theme "Women in Politics and Public Affairs." The event was supported by UN Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Embassy of Canada in Beirut.

The session focused on the importance of women's participation in political life ahead of the upcoming municipal elections, and addressed the challenges faced by female candidates and the electoral procedures, in collaboration with LADE Association.



During the discussion, URDA's Legal Protection Sector Coordinator, Ms. Malak Al-Halabi, raised a central question regarding the women's quota law and ways to advocate for its swift adoption in Parliament, noting that experience has shown that quotas are an effective tool for enabling women's access to decision-making positions

The sector also engaged in a discussion on the Law for the Protection of the Family from Domestic Violence with the association "Justice Without Frontiers," where Al-Halabi emphasized the importance of the law in protecting all family members. She also highlighted the provision allowing children under the age of 13 to file complaints directly against their abusers — a notable advancement in protecting children's rights

URDA's Legal Protection Sector reaffirmed its commitment to continuing awareness efforts and empowering the most vulnerable groups, especially women and children, in line with international agreements and principles of social justice

## URDA Participates in "Voices for Impact" Series: Shedding Light on Its Humanitarian Journey



The graphic features an orange background with the CARE logo and URDA logo at the top. Below the logos, it reads "LINKS Live: VOICES FOR IMPACT". Two portraits are shown: Soha Assy, Project Manager at CARE International in Lebanon, and Jihan Kaisi, Executive Director of URDA. At the bottom left, it says "Live on Instagram Tue 18 March 2025 10:00 AM". At the bottom right, there is a "links" logo.

As part of efforts to promote transparency and highlight leading humanitarian initiatives, Care LB hosted Ms. Jihan Al-Kaisi, Executive Director of the Union of Relief and Development Associations in Lebanon (URDA), in its talk show "Voices for Impact," which aims to showcase success stories and impactful contributions in the humanitarian sector.

During the session, URDA's Executive Director shared key milestones the organization has achieved since its establishment, highlighting its pivotal role in responding to the multiple crises Lebanon is facing, particularly in supporting refugees and the most vulnerable communities. She also emphasized the importance of partnerships and collaboration among humanitarian actors to enhance sustainable responses and deliver quality services to beneficiaries.

The program issued a clear call to action, inviting the public to support URDA's mission by engaging in volunteer work, making donations, or simply sharing the story to expand the circle of impact.

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## URDA Lights the Path of Education with Solar Energy at Qalamoun Public School for Boys

As part of its ongoing efforts to support the educational sector in the most vulnerable areas, URDA implemented a solar panel installation project at Qalamoun Public School for Boys, located in North Lebanon—one of the schools struggling with infrastructure challenges and a shortage of basic services.

Thanks to this initiative, the school can now operate both morning and afternoon shifts without power interruptions, allowing it to accommodate a larger number of students and provide a stable learning environment. Both teachers and students now benefit from a consistent electricity supply, positively impacting the quality of education.

This project aligns with URDA's vision of promoting sustainable education and ensuring equitable access to basic services, particularly in marginalized areas, where clean energy offers a practical and effective solution to ensure the continuity of education amidst Lebanon's ongoing crises.

