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Introduction

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The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said *“Whoever is not grateful to people is not grateful to Allah,”* reminding us of the importance of acknowledging those who give. We extend our deepest gratitude to every supporter whose compassion and trust have transformed generosity into action, relief, and hope for countless individuals and families.

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Canadian Eritrean Youth Development

About Us

We are a community-driven organization dedicated to empowering Canadian Eritrean youth through mentorship, networking, guidance in navigating the education system, and career development and counselling, with youth themselves leading a wide range of programs and initiatives. CEYD's impact extends both within Canada and abroad, standing in solidarity with communities overseas facing immense hardship and urgent need.



Through year-round fundraising efforts, including community events, virtual campaigns, outreach initiatives, and partnerships with public and private institutions, we mobilize the resources needed to deliver meaningful support. With your generosity, youth in Canada and vulnerable families in refugee camps can access the stability, opportunities, and essential resources they need to thrive and build more hopeful futures.

Our Vision

Provide our Eritrean youth a strong sense of identity and belonging, empower them to achieve their personal and professional goals all while playing a leadership role in supporting those left behind in refugee camps.



Our Mission

Support a community of learners in their pursuit of positive personal development; as well as the healthy development of their families, their local communities, and their country; Canada. Simultaneously, we hope to inspire an attitude of service, and interest in being a source of support for the positive development of the forgotten and disenfranchised individuals within the Eritrean Diaspora.

Our Impact

Thank you to our generous donors and supporters whose compassion and trust make this work possible. Your contributions are creating meaningful, lasting impact in the lives of youth, families, and communities in need.

Through your donations, here are the projects CEYD funded in 2025:

- **Orphan Sponsorship:** 267 orphans sponsored
- **Sudan Emergency Appeal:** \$300,000+ raised to help those affected by the civil war in Sudan
- **Empowerment through Education:** funded 2 schools that enabled 1,216 refugee students to receive education
- **Ramadan Food Basket:** 500 families received a food basket
- **Zakat ul-Fitr Distribution:** benefitted 31,700 individuals
- **Qurbani / Udheya Distribution:** benefitted 7,455 individuals
- **Youth Workshops:** 100+ youth benefitted from career counselling

"The example of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, each bearing one hundred grains. And Allah multiplies 'the reward even more' to whoever He wills. For Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing."
Holy Qur'an (2:261)



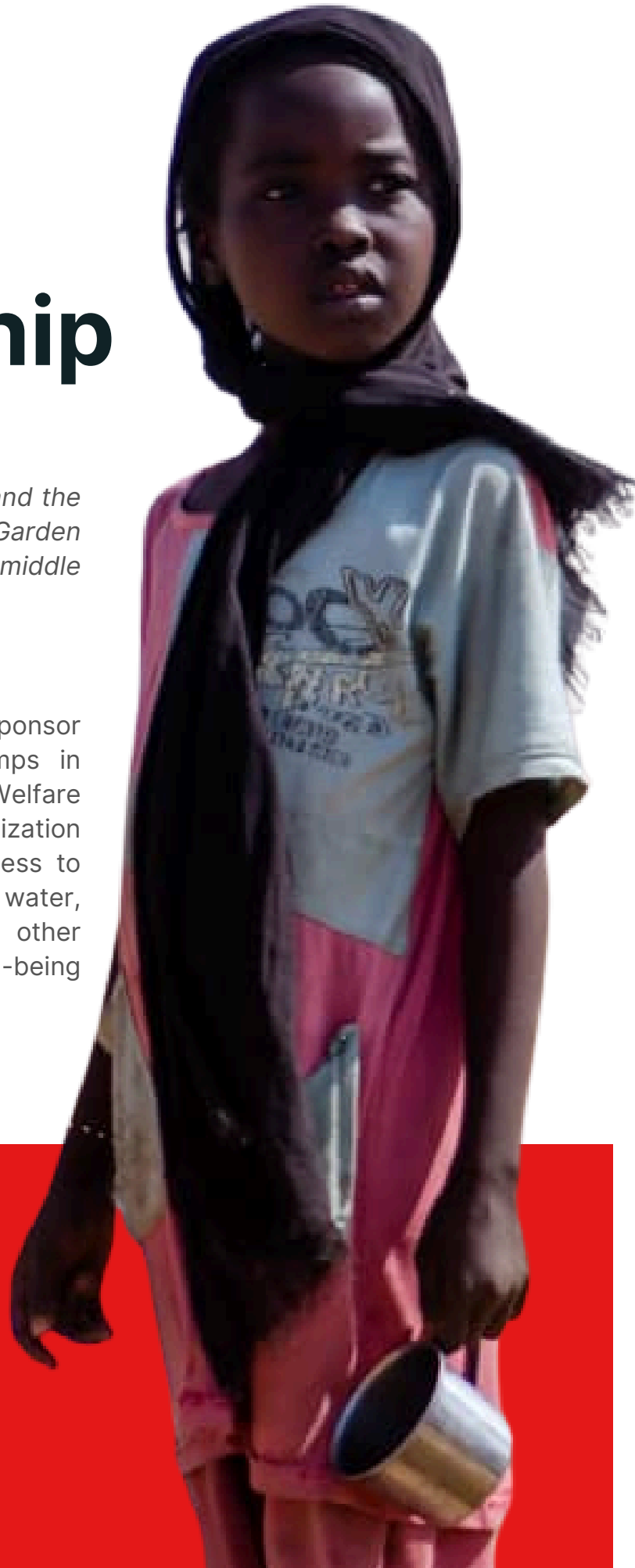
Orphan Sponsorship

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said, "I and the guardian of the orphan will be in the Garden like that," indicating his forefinger and middle finger." Al-Adab Al-Mufrad 135

CEYD successfully raised funds to sponsor **267 orphans** living in refugee camps in Sudan that were sponsored through Welfare and Development Charity Organization (WeDCO). These funds provided access to essential needs, including food, clean water, clothing, educational materials, and other necessities that support children's well-being and dignity.

\$160,200

amount was donated to sponsor **267 orphans** in East Sudan through WeDCO



Sudan Appeal

To support our brothers and sisters in Sudan affected by ongoing civil conflict, CEYD organized a series of fundraising dinners across Canada. These events brought together community members, leaders, and partners to raise awareness and mobilize humanitarian support for families in urgent need. The gatherings featured impactful reflections from Sh. Abdalla Idris and Sh. Mamoun S. Hassan, who spoke to the humanitarian crisis and the importance of collective action.



Fundraising dinners were held in Edmonton (May 24, 2025), Calgary (May 25, 2025), Toronto (July 26, 2025), and Ottawa (December 6, 2025), with strong community participation in each city. These events were made possible through the generous support and sponsorship of the Sudanese Cultural League of Edmonton,

Sudanese Canadian Association of Ottawa, Sudanese Social Club, Sudanese Community Association of Ontario, Mississauga Sudanese Canadian Community Association, Ottawa Muslim Association, South Nepean Muslim Community, and Assunnah Muslims Association.

Donating Medical Equipment & Mobility Devices to Sudan



CEYD facilitated the donation of a full shipping container of medical equipment and mobility devices to Sudan, generously provided by the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations. This contribution supported healthcare facilities and vulnerable individuals by improving access to essential medical supplies and mobility assistance amid ongoing humanitarian challenges.

Water Supply Truck Project in Sudan



Access to clean drinking water remains a critical challenge in many villages across Sudan, where well water is often muddy, polluted, and unsafe for consumption. Through this initiative, CEYD supports water truck deliveries that provide safe, potable drinking water to refugees, internally displaced persons (IDP), and low-income villages.

Empowering through Education

CEYD successfully raised **\$86,000** in support of Kassala Refugee School and Wad-Sharefy Refugee School, benefiting a total of **1,088 students** and **59 staff** in eastern Sudan.

Established in 1977 at the Wadalhelaw Refugee Camp, Kassala Refugee School serves **407 students** from diverse ethnic backgrounds and is staffed by **31 full-time** and **8 part-time educators**. The school operates on an annual budget of \$80,808 and is recognized for its high enrolment of female students. This is an important achievement in a region where girls face significant barriers to accessing education.

Wad-Sharefy School began in 1984, initially operating out of makeshift tents before a building was built in 1988. Today, the school educates **681 students** with the support of **15 staff members** and operates on an annual budget of \$39,480.

\$86,000

amount was donated to benefit

1,147

students and staff



Ramadan Food Baskets Campaign

In partnership with the WeDCO, CEYD supported the preparation and distribution of **500 food baskets** to **2,500 individuals**. Each basket was carefully assembled to meet essential household needs and included 25 kg of wheat flour, 10 kg of sugar, 5 kg of lentils, 3 kg of small lentils, 3 kg of dates, 3 kg of rice, 2 litres of cooking oil, and 400 grams of juice powder. The initiative was implemented across multiple locations in Kassala State, Eastern Sudan, including Abu Rouf village (30 km from Kassala city), Dar Al-Salam School serving as an IDP shelter, Al-Kara neighborhood hosting displaced families, and UNESCO schools within Kassala city. Beneficiaries included vulnerable households, internally displaced persons, and refugees. This program helped ensure food security and dignity for families during the holy month of Ramadan.



“Whoever gives food for a fasting person to break his fast, he will have a reward like theirs, without that detracting from their reward in the slightest.”

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
Sunan Ibn Majah 1746

Zakatul Fitr Campaign



Working alongside WeDCO, CEYD provided **\$93,022** in Zakat ul-Fitr assistance to **6,340 vulnerable families**, reaching an estimated **31,700 individuals**. Each household received nutritionally essential staples, 2 mudd (approximately 5 kg) of sorghum and 20 kg of wheat flour, during a critical point in the conflict when food scarcity was widespread.

The distributions were carried out across shelters in Kassala City, including Hajj Musa, Ibrahim Mahmoud, Sheikh Sheiba, and Abdullah Ibn Masoud centers, as well as rural villages such as Abu Rouf, Fediayeb, Al-Mak, and Sharq Al-Jabal. This initiative supported low-income families, internally displaced persons, and refugees, helping ensure dignity and food security for thousands in need



Qurbani / Udheya Campaign

CEYD collected **\$42,784** for the Qurbani/Udheya initiative, reaching **7,455 individuals** across Kassala State in Eastern Sudan. WeDCO facilitated the sacrifice and distribution of 30 cows, 29 sheep, and 64 goats, with freshly prepared meat delivered directly to families in need.

Distributions took place in Awadab, Fidiayib, Shamboub, and Wad Sharifay, as well as at Eltadamun and Dar Al-Naeem sheltering centres. Beneficiaries included low-income households, refugees, and IDP. This initiative helped extend the spirit of Eid al-Adha, ensuring access to nutritious food and reinforcing solidarity during a sacred time.



\$ 42,784

was collected to distribute Qurbani / Udheya meat to **7,455 individuals** across 4 impoverished villages and displacement centres

Local Impact

CEYD delivers monthly youth-focused seminars and professional development workshops designed to empower young people. These sessions address key topics such as confidence and self-esteem building, career exploration and counselling, cultivating positive relationships with family and peers, and navigating available social resources and support systems.



Workshops are youth-led and enriched by guest speakers, including professionals and subject-matter experts, who shared practical insights and experience. As part of this initiative, CEYD hosted a Career Information Series focused on healthcare careers on November 1, 2025, delivered virtually via Zoom. The session featured Dr. Mohamed Alibakhiet (Physician) and Iman Ibrahim (Registered Nurse), who share their experiences navigating school and work, providing valuable insight and guidance.

In addition, in the summer of 2025, CEYD employed 2 summer students to help with CEYD's upcoming events and activities. These tasks included creating social media posts, creating blog content, and help with event planning. Their impact on the team was invaluable to the success of the initiatives and goals CEYD set out to accomplish and they have since joined CEYD as permanent members of the team. They are currently assisting us in the following areas: Social Media, Event Planning, Volunteer Outreach, Communications, Mentorship Program, Website Development, and Information Management.

Maximize Your Donations for Powerful Change



This Ramadan, your generosity can bring relief, dignity, and hope to vulnerable families, children, and communities impacted by poverty, displacement, and conflict. Canadian Eritrean Youth Development (CEYD) offers several meaningful ways to give, each one creating real, measurable impact.

“The Prophet (ﷺ) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to become more generous in Ramadan.”

How can YOU help and benefit from giving inshaAllah?

1

**Ramadan Food Basket
(\$100 per basket to feed
one family)**

Provide a full month of food for a family of five during the holy month of Ramadan. Each food basket includes essential staples that help families meet daily nutritional needs at a time when food insecurity is most severe. Your donation ensures families can observe Ramadan with dignity, nourishment, and peace of mind.

2

**Sponsor a Student for One
Year (\$1 per day)**

Support a child’s education for an entire school year at Kassala Refugee School or Wad-Sharefy Refugee School in eastern Sudan. Your sponsorship helps cover core operating costs such as teacher support, learning materials, and school supplies, giving students, especially girls, continued access to education despite displacement and hardship.

3

**Orphan Sponsorship
(\$600 Annually / \$50
Monthly)**

Change a child’s life through orphan sponsorship. Your support provides consistent access to food, clothing, clean water, education, and essential care for orphaned children living in refugee settings. Monthly or annual sponsorship offers stability, protection, and hope for a brighter future.

4

General Donation

A general donation allows CEYD to respond where the need is greatest, whether it is emergency relief to education, food security, and community development initiatives. This flexible support strengthens our ability to act quickly and sustainably in times of crisis.

5

**Zakat ul-Mal /
Zakat ul-Fitr**

Fulfill your Zakat obligations with confidence. CEYD distributes Zakat strictly in accordance with Islamic guidelines, directing funds to eligible recipients including the poor, displaced families, refugees, and orphans. Your Zakat reaches those who need it most at the right time.

How to Donate?

"Charity does not in any way decrease wealth"

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
Narrated by Abu Huraira (RA) in Sahih Muslim 2588

Option 1: Interac E-transfer to **donate@ceyd.ca**



Option 2: Donate through our website

