PROJECT OVERVIEW

Where We Did It:
Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, India; Raleigh and Durham, NC

When:
August 2019

What We Did:
We provided fresh meat to extremely vulnerable Muslim families living in selected locations across India and the US, through the provision of Qurbani meat during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Why we Did it:
Eid al-Adha is celebrated by Muslims all around the world to commemorate the completion of Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. It is observed through the sacrificial slaughter of animals, known as Qurbani, to honor the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) to sacrifice his son, Ismail (AS). Penny Appeal USA is committed to making the Islamic duty of Qurbani accessible and beneficial for everyone involved.

Performing Qurbani in India is impactful because its large population is chronically food insecure. In 2019, it ranked 102nd out of 117 countries in the Global Hunger Index, indicating a serious level of hunger. The 2017 data for India shows that 14.5% of the population were undernourished, meaning that a large part of the population struggles to achieve food security. Muslims make up approximately 13.4% of India’s population, and India therefore hosts the second largest Muslim population in the world, after Indonesia. Nearly a third of Indian

Thank You!
We delivered +6,200 Qurbanis, benefiting +12,400 individuals.
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Muslims live below the poverty line, struggling to provide necessities such as food for their families. Many of the recipients of our domestic Qurbani distributions in North Carolina are refugee families who have been forced to flee from their homes to escape conflict. Many refugees struggle to find work so for these families, Qurbani means that they can enjoy their Eid al-Adha meal without worrying about how they will pay for it.

**Numbers:**
6,240+ Qurbanis, 12,400+ Individuals

**What This Project Achieved:**
We performed 6,248 Qurbanis on behalf of our Muslim supporters. The meat provided through this project helped address the food needs of 12,496 individuals in locations across India.

**Successful Stories from the Field: Abid:**
Abid lives with his wife, and two children in a small apartment where they all share a bed. He has been unable to send his children to school because of high costs and lack of income due to mental illness. The Qurbani that our donors provided ensured that Abid’s family enjoyed this holy period together with a good meal. He said, “I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this happen for me and my family. Now we are able to celebrate Eid together and enjoy a nutritious meal. All this at a time when my own health and pressures have been getting worse, it really is helping me and my family.”