



Islamic Relief Guidelines for Qurbani Best Practice

“For every hair of the Qurbani you will receive a reward from Allah.” - The Prophet ﷺ (Tirmidhi)



Procuring the Animal

Good quality healthy animals are essential for Qurbani. Islamic Relief applies the following criteria;

- All types of livestock that are intended for the Qurbani project must be according to Islamic Sharia.
- The minimum age of livestock should be no less than one year.
- All animals sought for Qurbani must be free from any apparent defects that would make them unfit for human consumption.
- All animals should be humanely transported from the market place to the slaughterhouse and should be humanely slaughtered.
- All meat yielded from the carcasses of slaughtered animals should be hygienically handled, packed, maintained and distributed to beneficiaries.





Timing of the Qurbani

The Qurbani can only be performed after Eid-ul-Adha prayers.

- Eid prayers can only be performed 15 minutes after sunrise and before Zawaal (noon) on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah. Qurbani can only begin after Eid prayers have been completed.
- The slaughtermen should read Eid-ul-Adha prayers before starting Qurbani.



Key dates

Eid-ul-Adha is on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah which is the 12th month of the Islamic lunar calendar.





Selection Criteria

- Organisations conducting Qurbani on behalf of Islamic Relief should respect the Islamic values of Islamic Relief and the principles governing Qurbani.
- Food supplies should be of the highest quality standard and conform to the dietary requirements.
- The source of the animals/meat must be halal.
- Globally, Islamic Relief gives priority to local suppliers to conduct Qurbani so that the local economy is benefitted and funds are injected into the country where the Qurbani is being undertaken.
- In the countries where Islamic Relief operates, people of other faiths represent a percentage of the communities we support. As a humanitarian agency compliant with industry codes and standards, Islamic Relief does not discriminate against diverse faith communities.





Why IR

- Islamic Relief is a large faith-based organisation distributing a high number of Qurbanis every year.
- Islamic Relief has offices in over 40 countries worldwide providing access to beneficiaries all year round even those in more remote areas, and a greater understanding of their needs and preferences. It also allows Islamic Relief to be in full control of its Qurbani programme to ensure that it is implemented to the highest standard, whilst offering a greater choice of the countries to donors.
- Islamic Relief serves its beneficiaries based on needs over what saves costs.
- Islamic Relief has been awarded the Core Humanitarian Standards certification (a high-level international standard of practice) – the only Muslim charity and the 10th in the world to receive it.

