



**STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC RELIEF ORGANIZATION
SOUTH SUDAN RELIEF EFFORTS**

On April 18, 2017, the International Islamic Relief Organization of Saudi Arabia (“IIROSA”) launched a major humanitarian distribution of food and other necessities in refugee camps in Juba, South Sudan to alleviate the plight of the South Sudanese affected by the famine. The distribution of the approximately \$250,000 worth of much needed aid from IIROSA – including food items such as flour, sugar, corn, oil, and dried milk, as well as other basic goods – was made in conjunction with the South Sudanese Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and a local charity partner.

Last year alone, IIROSA served more than 1.6 million beneficiaries in the continent of Africa, and has been providing relief to the people of South Sudan in particular for over 20 years. IIROSA’s relief projects include various social welfare, educational and healthcare projects, construction projects, as well as the distribution of urgent relief. In recognition of IIROSA’s dedication to the people of South Sudan, IIROSA signed a memorandum of understanding with the South Sudanese government in 2009 and opened a regional office in the capital, Juba. Throughout the years, IIROSA has shown a commitment to assisting those suffering in South Sudan and continues to provide those in need with the basic necessities for survival, including IIROSA’s most recent humanitarian distribution efforts.

“IIROSA has shown a long-standing deep commitment to providing vital assistance to those in the world in most need, irrespective of their religious background or race. Their important work to alleviate the suffering in South Sudan is another example of this same commitment and should be applauded,” IIROSA’s attorney Eric Lewis stated.

IIROSA is a non-profit organization, based in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, established in 1979 under the auspices of the Muslim World League. IIROSA operates internationally, with 47 offices world-wide and is a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Last year, IIROSA served more than 7 million beneficiaries around the world.

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