

As Muslims began observing the holy month of Ramadan, , the Zakat Foundation of America in partnership with the Abdullah Kiromba Foundation, distributed food packages to families in Gatoki Cell of Gatsibo District on Sunday, ensuring they have essential supplies for Iftar.

Over 130 families in Gatoki Cell, Kabarero Sector in western Rwanda received the food packages from the nonprofit organizations. The essential food items, including rice, sugar, maize flour, and cooking oil will support Muslims break their fast during Ramadan.



According to Abdul Karimu Nzavugankize, the Imam at the Mosque of Gatoki in Kabeza Sector, Gatsibo District, the beneficiaries the Iftar package include are women, men, children and the elderly living in Gatoki Cell.

Nzavugankize expressed joy that they had begun the month of Ramadan on a positive note. He noted that the food packages they received had been distributed to families, helping the community properly observe the fast.

“We’re lucky to have received assistance from the Abdullah Kiromba Foundation and Zakat Foundation of America, which will help Muslims make sure they can fast during Ramadan. Not all Muslims are able get the meals needed for breaking the fast or the pre-dawn meal every day.” He noted.

In addition to providing food packages, the Imam promised to host Muslims daily for Iftar, the evening meal to break the fast, at the Mosque after prayers. This initiative ensures that those who are away from home or traveling can come to the Mosque and break their fast. The Mosque has organized to cook daily meals for 60-70 Muslims, prepared by selected members of the community.

Sulah Yunusu, a Muslim beneficiary from Gatoki Village, expressed gratitude to the Abdullah Kiromba Foundation and the Zakat Foundation of America for their support. He noted that the donations would enable him to fast comfortably throughout Ramadan.

“The Ramadan Food Program will greatly benefit Muslims in this community by giving them the courage and determination to observe the fast. Many struggle during this period, uncertain about where their next meal for breaking the fast or the pre-dawn meal will come from,” Sulah observed.

Afisa Niyonsaba, the only Muslim in a family of five says that the holy month of Ramadan makes her feel rejuvenated and at peace. When Muslims share and unite during this month its another sign that gives her strength.



The Abdullah Kiromba Foundation, a non-profit organization focuses on supporting and empowering communities in Rwanda and the region particularly through initiatives in healthcare, education, and social welfare.

Zakat Foundation of America is a Chicago-based NGO providing emergency relief, post-disaster rehabilitation, sustainable development, education, healthcare, orphan sponsorship, and seasonal programs such as Ramadan iftars and Udhiya/Qurbani.