

Ismaili CIVIC donates essential food items to Muslims during Ramadhan

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KAMPALA. During this holy month of Ramadhan, the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslim community in Uganda has provided essential food items to 1,000 underserved and marginalised families in Kampala through their outreach programme, Ismaili CIVIC.

The initiative was carried out at Gaddafi, Kibuli, and Wandegaya mosques in Kampala City, where Ismaili volunteers distributed food packages that consisted of maize flour, rice, cooking oil, tea, sugar, beans, and more. Members of the community from 15 years and above volunteered to serve vulnerable Muslim families, fostering a spirit of unity and compassion during Ramadhan.

Ismaili CIVIC is an ongoing global initiative to unite the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslim community around its centuries-old tradition of voluntary service.

Ms Hamida Aryn, the chairperson of the Ismaili Outreach Portfolio, said the Ismaili community has held multiple food donation drives over the years, and the initiative serves as an opportunity to connect with fellow Muslims, provide support, and strengthen the spirit of community during Ramadhan, where Muslims observe a



Ismaili Boy Scouts and Girl Guides distribute food relief items to needy people to break their fast during Ramathan at Ghadafi Mosque in Old Kampala yesterday. PHOTO/STEPHEN OTAGE

month-long period of fasting.

"Through these food drives, Ismaili Civic stands in compassion with fellow Muslim families across Uganda, reflecting our values of generosity, dignity, and service to others," she said.

Ms Ramulata Nakizito, a single mother and a beneficiary from Gaddafi Mosque, commended the Ismaili community for providing support and a sense of relief to individuals who are fasting and ordinarily face challenges in purchasing food supplies for their families.

"I am happy this organisation has come up with this initiative,

and I ask God to reward them abundantly," she said.

Sheikh Abdulbarri Mohammad, the head of Zakat and Sadaka at the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council, said they have been receiving distress calls from Muslims asking for assistance during Ramadhan. "We were contacted by our friends from the Ismaili community, saying they wanted to bring food for the needy people here to share with them during Ramadhan. We call upon other organisations to come and help our Muslim brothers and sisters to breakfast during Ramadhan,"