

R420 000 boost for children's programme

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A R420 000 donation from the Iqraa Trust to the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's programme will enable 100 orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa to receive food hampers and parcels.

Iqraa Trust spokesman Ebrahim Vawda said: "We became involved with the programme because government programmes are not reaching these orphans. We became aware of the good work done by this programme and donated R120 000 last year, and decided to up the figure to R420 000 this year."

The orphans' programme is an international initiative run by Islamic Relief Worldwide and was launched in South Africa in 2003.

It caters for 438 orphan households by providing food parcels for the families each month, clothing for the orphans, and facilitating schooling and health care for them.

Islamic Relief spokesman Ismat Mahomed said the donation was a great boost to the programme.

"It costs R4 200 to sponsor a child, so the donation will benefit 100 orphans."

To make a donation telephone Mahomed at 031 208 2838.