



Muslims in poor and remote communities in Africa are in urgent need for mosques, as their role goes beyond being a place where one can practice religious rituals. Mosques are a beacon for spreading knowledge, peace, and culture. They unite people and allow them to reflect on their inclusivity and resilience. This will undoubtedly have a positive impact on their drive to work collectively and peacefully towards a prosperous Africa for all.

## Program's message

At times, religious sites are the liveliest centre of community life in Africa's poor villages. Various lectures, Quran memorization sessions, and other religious activities are held in mosques. In addition, social occasions such as marriages, funerals, and conflict resolutions are also held in mosques. As such, in line with Africa's 2063 agenda goal of providing a high standard of living, DirectAid aims to provide individuals with an adequate space to practice their religious beliefs and get together<sup>1</sup>. This initiative also supports the United Nations' sustainable development goals of promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, allowing them to rise together for the better of their communities, countries, and continent.

<sup>1</sup> African Union. (2022, February 10). Linking agenda 2063 and the sdgs. Linking Agenda 2063 and the SDGs. Retrieved from <https://au.int/agenda2063/sdgs>

## Specifications of mosques built

Mosques, of areas 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup>, contain concrete ceilings, ceramic and concrete floor. In addition, they are also entirely covered by carpets, speakers, and toilets. In other words, they are equipped to allow individuals to sustainably practice their rituals comfortably. As a result, the building of mosques can cost from USD 23,057 to 164,691, depending on its design, surface area, and location.



## Building mosques in numbers

As of 2021, 6,000 mosques were built by DirectAid in some of the neediest areas in African countries.

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