



RAHMA INSTITUTE INFORMATION PACK

ABOUT US



Rahma (Mercy) was founded in the year 1999

In response to the plight of the refugees who were fleeing from the war in Kosovo.

We have since grown, from our humble beginning as a group of 12 volunteers setting out for a humanitarian mission via road in an Aid Convoy, to becoming a UK registered Charity that is **supporting thousands of people throughout the Balkans.**



RAHMA (MERCY) IN NUMBERS

- ▶ **1000+** Orphans Sponsored
- ▶ **180+** Madrasahs opened
- ▶ **500+** School Students
- ▶ **29** Masaajid built
- ▶ **10,000+** Book Sets Printed
- ▶ **6,000+** Qur'ans Distributed (with Albanian Translation)



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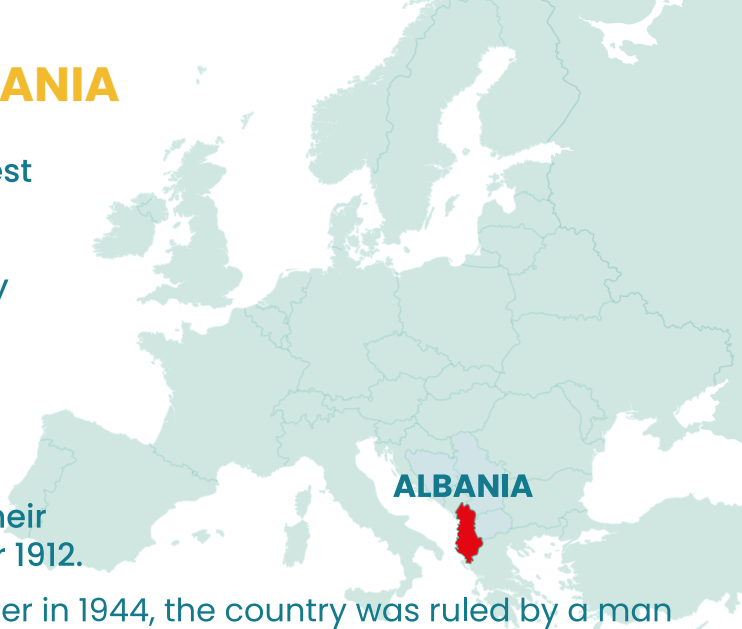


WHY ALBANIA

Albania is the closest European Muslim country being only a 3 hour flight away from the UK.

For over 400 years, it was under the rule of the Ottomans before their collapse in the year 1912.

Around 30 years later in 1944, the country was ruled by a man called Enver Hoxha. In 1967, the country declared itself as the world's first atheist state. This led to a period of 47 years where they were prohibited from practicing all religion and they would be punished if seen to be following any teachings of their faith.



OUR VISION IS THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A SINGLE VILLAGE OR TOWN OF ALBANIA LEFT WITHOUT A MADRASA.

However, to do this, we need teachers, and it is this thought which became the driving force for us to embark on a new project, the Rahma Institute.

The Rahma Institute will be a facility catering for both Islamic and secular curriculum in a boarding environment where the moral upbringing of students can also be nurtured, so that we can create great future leaders.



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Over the last 2 decades, Rahma has been working towards rebuilding Albania to its former identity.

Projects such as, **food aid, housing construction, orphan sponsorship and education support** have been on the forefront of our vision.

We also maintain many other projects such as, **fresh water provision, Masjid construction** and season projects on the occasion of **Ramadhan and Eid-ul-Adha.**



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THE RAHMA INSTITUTE

Due to the overwhelming success of the Rahma Academy, which was opened in 2013 and has been one of our landmark projects, we decided to expand in order to facilitate the on-going demand.

The aim of this project is to further our work in the educational sector (both Islamic and Secular) and to provide a social hub for the Muslim community in a safe, forward looking and progressive environment .



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PROJECT LOCATION



The location of the project will be on the SH3 Expressway in Elbasan City



The SH3 Expressway is a main route linking the centre of Albania to the East, South East and North of the country and a direct road to the neighbouring countries of Macedonia and Greece.

M²

The land upon which the project will be implemented is 6,000 m²

The Rahma Institute will be built in 2 phases. Building work has already commenced and is expected to finish in winter 2022.



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STORY ABOUT THE LAND

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LAND WHEREIN THE INSTITUTE IS BEING BUILT

During the communist regime, this land was an Alcohol Factory that supplied alcohol throughout the Balkans and also to the former Soviet Union.

Qurans and Islamic Literature was also brought here and burned.

An Imam by the name of Mufti Mersin Duka was sent to the factory as a humiliation tactic by the communist regime in line with their anti-religion policies.

Mufti Mersin would continue in his preaching to people in secret and would spend his nights in prayer and recitation of the Quran in secret. (He had hidden a copy of the Qur'an within the cover of a normal book).

Mufti Mersin told the people that a day would come when communism would end and Islam would spread once again from this very same land.

After Rahma (Mercy) purchased this land with the intention of the Rahma Institute Project, Mufti Mersin's son, Imam Jamal informed us of it's significance.



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INSIDE THE INSTITUTE

The intention of this facility is to relocate the Rahma Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary School (currently housed at the Rahma Academy) to the Institute.

This will enable us to free up space in the Rahma Academy so that it can be used solely for high school education and a boys Islamic boarding facility.

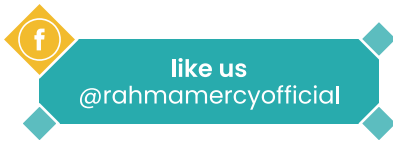
The new institute will include a **female boarding facility for advanced Islamic education**. It will also include prayer facilities and offices.

The lower levels will have a retail block for income generation along with outdoor and indoor sports and recreational facilities.



THE FACILITIES

- ◆ Dormitories for up to 200 girls
- ◆ Classrooms
- ◆ Prayer room
- ◆ Communal area
- ◆ Kitchen and Dining Area
- ◆ Private Gym & Outdoor sports facility
- ◆ Parking Facilities
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Multifunctional Sports and Dining Hall
- ◆ Retail block that will include a Halal Supermarket
- ◆ Administration Offices
- ◆ Health Clinic
- ◆ Playground
- ◆ Guest Accommodation



PROPOSED DESIGN



FRONT VIEW



ATRIUM



LOBBY



CLASS ROOM



BOARDING

PROPOSED DESIGN



COLLONADE



AUDITORIUM



SPORTS HALL



ALL SECTIONS



EXTERNAL VIEW

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