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Ameer's Message

**Dear respected Brothers and Sisters,
Assalaamu'alaikum**

All praise and thanks are for the Almighty. I'm delighted to be able to present the latest annual report from Rahma Mercy. Yet again, we've been able to witness tremendous growth as an organisation and immense progress on the fronts of the many projects we run.

I know I say it each year, but these are really exciting times for Rahma. Not only have we seen a new office in Bolton open but our profile seems to be at its highest, and the work on the academy in Albania continues to gather pace. The construction work has been delayed due to excessive rain, and inshallah the building will open by March 2013.

Inside the report you will find updates on all that we do and a strong vision for the future and how you can be an integral part of it. The pictures also tell a powerful story but show hope and how people's lives are being changed since we first decided to help the poor and needy in 1999.

Rahma is also working in new regions as well as beyond the Balkan states. I was fortunate to visit Bulgaria and meet the Grand Muffi in June 2012 by invitation from a Bulgarian family living in Leicester, and there is a similar overwhelming need for Islam to be re-introduced in those parts. Our team has also been helping distribute aid in Somalia as part of our commitment to help other needy countries. More details can be found in the report.

I'd like to give my heartfelt thanks to my amazing team and the countless number of people who continue to give way beyond the call of duty in every shape and form. It is their support which fuels our vision and enables us to keep on going.

In closing, I pray that Allah SWT gives you all the blessings and rewards and humbly urge you to make du'a for the academy. Thank you for your amazing and wonderful support and generosity.

Please continue to give and change the lives of these beautiful people and nations.

Wasalaam

Sheikh Khalil Patel

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Your support has helped to revive the practice of Islam among our Muslim brethren.

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...Say: Whatever you spend of good must be for parents and kindred and orphans and AlMasa-kin (the poor) and the wayfarers, and whatever you do of good deeds, truly, Allah knows it well."

Al-Baqara 2:215

Our work to support the many orphans within Albania and Kosovo continues to gather momentum. The children and cases we meet still highlight how vital and critical this work is. Once again, it is uplifting to report that the number of children we help is on the increase.

From your donations, a total of 600 children 300 in Albania and 300 in Kosovo can now live their lives to a basic standard.



We reach out and help more and more children and families, but there are literally thousands and thousands of children who are suffering because there is no money coming into their homes.

Each child receives £17 per month
(this equates to just 56 pence per day/£204 per year)

and helps meet their most basic of needs. Sponsorship money is paid directly to the orphan or their guardian.

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Please continue to support this amazing work.

[Direct Debit £17 Month](#)

Arsem's Life

Seven year old Arsem Rama's life was shattered when at the age of four he lost his father to Cancer. Until then his life was simple and happy and his father was the sole provider for Arsem and his family. Since then life for the family has become incredibly harsh as they have had to move in with Arsem's grandparents to allow them to support his mother and siblings. Arsem also has a severely disabled brother who is unable to climb the steps to enter the house, and has to be carried in by his mother.

There was no one to help the family and no assistance was offered by the government. It was only in January 2012 when Arsem's mother came to Rahma for help that life began to change for him and his family. Arsem describes seeing food on the table at home as being 'heavenly' they can now live in some hope thanks to the donations from those who support Rahma.



We still need to carry on with this work and make a difference. Please don't stop changing these children's lives.



"I and the person who cares for an orphan will enter Jannah together like this (holding his forefinger and middle finger together)."

Bukhari



Change a child's future

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Masaajid Construction - 04

Since the very beginning, Rahma's main goal has been to re-establish the Masjid as the cornerstone of every community. This work is now beginning to have a real and visible impact and the demand for mosques is growing year on year. The last 12 months has seen more Masaajids open its doors to the people of the many communities. We now have 14 fully operational Masaajids within the regions.

Here is a round up of the Masaajids your money has helped to build since 2002



**RAHMA MARINE in KOSOVO,
BUILT IN 2002-2003
Serves 85 homes**



**FAROOK in XIBRAKE,
BUILT IN 2004
Serves 150 homes**



**AN-NOOR in ELBASAN,
BUILT IN 2004-2005
Serves 310 homes**



**Umar in Zoyz KOSOVO,
BUILT IN 2005-2006
Serves 120 homes**



**RAHMAN in GRIQAN,
BUILT IN 2006
Serves 190 homes**



**SALAM in SHEGUNE,
BUILT IN 2007
Serves 170 homes**



**KHADIJA in XIBRAKE,
BUILT IN 2007
Serves 52 homes**



**OSMAN in QARRET,
BUILT IN 2007
Serves 110 homes**



**BLACK STONE in GURI-ZI,
BUILT IN 2007
Serves 85 homes**

“The parts of the land liked most by the Almighty are its Masaajid...”

Muslim



**BILAL in LABINOT MAL,
BUILT IN 2007**
Serves 120 homes



**AMINA in GODOLESH,
BUILT IN 2007**
Serves 150 homes



**UMAR in ELBASAN,
BUILT IN 2009**
Serves 400 homes



**SALEEM in ELBASAN,
BUILT IN 2010**
Serves 500 homes



**HABIBULLAH in ELBASAN,
BUILT IN 2011**
Serves 400 homes

“Whoever builds a Masjid for the sake of Allah, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise”

Bukhari & Muslim

Over the last two years, Rahma has also funded the building of two Mussalas



**MUSSALA COLOMBO,
BUILT IN 2010**
Serves 75 homes



**MUSSALA KRASTA,
BUILT IN 2012**
Serves 300 homes

There is a need for a Masjid in a village called Miraka which will cost £35,000 to serve 150 homes. Also another Masjid is needed in Krasta to which will cater for 1000 homes; this Masjid will cost approximately £50.000

For videos of the Masaajid please visit the Rahma (Mercy) youtube channel [youtube.com/rahmamercy1](https://www.youtube.com/rahmamercy1)

The investment made by your support into educating the young and old in basic Islamic studies is beginning to reap significant rewards. Teaching people the fundamentals on how to live and understanding the importance of Islam is revolutionising communities and enhancing society in general.

A total of 50 Madaaris are now running in the area. 40 are in Albania with a further 10 in Kosovo.

The demand for education and the love for Islam means we will work to consolidate and grow this important branch of Rahma.



"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

Tirmidhi



May 2012 the very first Hifz programme for boys in Albania

This is a ground breaking milestone which has seen 11 students aged between 7-11 years old enrolling to learn how to memorise the glorious Qur'an.



"Seeking knowledge is incumbent upon every Muslim!"

At-Tabaraani

The students are also rewarded for their hard work and given the chance to celebrate their success.



Rahma organises regular events for the children to come together and participate in jalsas and to have fun as youngsters at the annual picnic.



It's amazing to see how little happiness can make such a huge difference to these innocent lives.

"Allah makes the way to Jannah easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge."

Muslim

Rahma would like to encourage our supporters to sponsor a Madrassah.

Each Madrassah costs approximately £2500 per year to run.

This money pays for staff wages, prizes for students, heating and supplies during the winter months.

£100 per year to give a child access to Islamic education or £300 for three years.



From the vision that was outlined two years ago, the Rahma academy is well on its way to becoming a reality. More importantly it will serve to help educate the people so that they can sustain themselves. We are proud to report that construction is almost finished and the interior work will begin soon.



The academy represents a critical milestone for Rahma, as it is the first project that will allow people to directly benefit and to build a future for themselves and their communities.

View below progress of academy.



April 2011



May 2011



June 2011



July 2011



August 2011



September 2011



October 2011



November 2011



December 2011



January 2012



February 2012



March 2012



April 2012



May 2012



June 2012

The Rahma academy will:

- Provide education for men, women and children
- Train local children in becoming Hifz and Ulaama for the very first time
- Provide educational, language and technical resources
- Foster a community spirit for the entire area
- Provide the Rahma team with a permanent base to operate from

All donations are vital no matter how small, and direct debits from as little as £5 can be set up to help manage the payments. These people need our help more than ever before. Please contribute in defining a happier and enlightened Ummah of the future.

Inshallah with your du'as and support, the academy will open its doors for the first time by March 2013

Alhamdulillah the collection is going well, however we are still in need of 500,000.

Please help by contributing towards this project.

Aside from our work in Albania and Kosovo, Rahma also strives to serve people outside of the Balkan region. Last year our volunteers teamed up with other charities to help distribute food, water and supplies to the drought stricken regions in Somalia.

Ayub and Naeem Karmada were part of a wider convoy which left Birmingham, UK in Ramadhan 2011 to help give aid to the starving thousands affected by the publicised famine.

Inshallah, Rahma hopes to support another country as part of a project next year.



Whilst we continue to make progress in Albania and Kosovo, sadly, there are other countries in similar conditions in the Balkans that need support from the global muslim community. Rahma's Sheikh Khalil Patel was invited to visit Bulgaria by a Bulgarian family living in Leicester to see what Rahma could give to revive Islam in the country.

In June 2012 Sheikh Khalil met with the Mufi of Bulgaria to see and discuss the situation in the country and what Rahma could do to help.

Bulgaria is a nation of 7.5 million people of which 1.5 million are muslims. Like Albania the country has suffered both politically and economically. Islam was first brought to the region by the Turkish, but over time people forgot their Islamic heritage.

The town of Tosheva is home to 3,000 muslims but there is no local Masjid to support these people. Inshallah, Rahma hopes to build the first mosque in the area and bring education and support the community.

Our thanks to Ayub Lambat and the family in Leicester for their support in this work.



“Spend (in charity) out of the sustenance that We have bestowed on you before that time when death will come to someone, and he shall say: "O my Lord! If only you would grant me reprieve for a little while, then I would give in charity, and be among the righteous”

63:10



Rahma's aim is to help the people of Albania and Kosovo to help themselves. Our work strives to give people independence and to restore pride into their lives so that they are empowered to define their own situations.

The waterwells project is an example of how this can happen. By giving the local people access to clean, fresh water, they can remain healthy and this allows them to build their lives.



“He who performed ablution well, his sins would come out from his body, even coming out from under his nails.”

Muslim

There is still a massive requirement for so many more wells in the difficult, hard to reach areas.

Each well costs £1300

and we urge everyone to make a pledge to help eliminate the spread of disease and give the gift of water to the needy.

"Cleanliness (purification) is half of faith"

Muslim



Over the last 12 months Rahma (Mercy) has been able to provide nine new water wells.

Building a waterwell is a great means of securing esale e sawaab

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Schools

Education has become the foundation for which communities and societies are built, and how crucial it is to give people access to education. Education will allow the lives of these extremely poor and deprived people to flourish.



This year Rahma has rebuilt a play area in the Xibrake school of Albania.

The total cost for this project was £10,000 - a small price to pay to give the local children the chance to have a brighter and independent future.

Qurbaani

Meat is still considered very much a luxury and only in very rare instances will families be able to indulge in enjoying a meal made with meat.

For some, they are only able to enjoy meat from the many vital Qurbaanis that are performed in Albania and Kosovo.

This year, the cost of Qurbaani will be £515 per animal

£73 per share

all rituals will be performed in accordance with Shari'ah and overseen by Ulaama. We still need more and more to ensure everyone can at least enjoy meat as part of a meal. Please send your money to Albania or Kosovo.

It is our duty to help our neighbours, so please help us to revive this important Islamic practice.

Aqeeqah - Rahma was able to distribute the meat from eight cows over the last year. The Aqeeqah meat was given to students as well as the poor and needy. Please support us to increase the amount of meat distributed to the people of the region.



During the month of Ramadhan, thousands of people and families benefit hugely from the iftaari food parcels they receive from the money given by you.

During Ramadhan 2011,
3000 food parcels

with a total combined value of £30,000 were distributed amongst the poor in Ramadhan 2011.

feed one poor family for 10 days

£10

or

the whole month

£30



Let's not forget just how critical the basic foods are for the many poverty stricken people in Albania and Kosovo.

Emergency Iftaari Aid

The extremely harsh winter of 2011 meant that the extreme weather conditions isolated many poor and needy families and communities trapped by the snow in the mountains. Rahma was able to respond by setting up emergency Iftaari aid and was **able to distribute 800 parcels in 1 month.**



“Among the best deeds are to feed the poor and the deserving...”

Bukhari

On a recent trip, some special guests travelled with the Rahma team to Albania. Here is what they had to say.

Sheikh Mahmood Sacha - Dewsbury

"My trip to Albania was a truly remarkable yet heartbreaking journey. It left a profound impact on my perceptions of people who have the zeal and thirst for knowledge.

The most touching aspect was how orphans and young children endure the poverty and difficult conditions but still understand the beauty and importance of Islam. The passion and love that flowed from their hearts left me stunned as a visitor. Rahma Mercy's work building new mosques and education facilities is bringing Islam to a whole new Muslim community. The hard work is changing the lives of hundreds of children so they can have a brighter future."

Sheikh Suleman Gani - London

"Albania is a place where reality surpasses imagination. I have come to realise the extent we take things for granted.

Muslims in Albania need our support to build more Masaajid, to establish educational centres, to bring Qur'an to their homes and hearts and to further improve the lives of countless orphans.

Islam was virtually obliterated from their lives for over five decades under communism.

I have seen the extensive work carried out by Rahma and mash'allah the work is inspiring. Your continued support and sincere duas is still greatly need to be able to reach the completion of the Academy. I was given the opportunity to help distribute some of your zakaat money to families who live on the mountains.

I was shocked to find homes in poor condition and shocked further to meet an elderly couple who even struggled to say the shahadah.

This is your chance to share in earning the reward as sadaqah jariyah for the life hereafter. May Allah reward in abundance all those who have given support in whatever capacity to this very special charity."

Sheikh Suleman Raja - Batley

"My trip proved to be an eye opening experience. I was heartbroken to the poor condition of our Muslim brothers and sisters and how far they were from deen.

Destroyed by communism, our Muslim brothers and sisters are living a life far worse than we can imagine. Even though they are going through such hardships, they remain happy and when you go to visit them they welcome you with open hearts. I was inspired how these people are far from deen yet they will go out of their way so they can get some deen in to their lives by attending Madrassa. It was fantastic to see the students so proud of what they are doing. There is still a long way to go, please continue to support the work. May Allah accept your efforts. Aameen."

"The man who exerts himself on behalf of the widow and the poor one is like the one who struggles in the way of The Almighty, or the one who keeps awake in the night (for prayers) and fasts during the day."

Bukhari

Rahma (Mercy) & You - 16

Through Allah SWT's countless blessings, we have much to be proud of and so much more to look forward to. These are exciting times for the organisation as we stand on the cusp of achieving sustainable long-term change for the very first time since we started in 1999. The new Academy will revolutionise our work and give people the chance to make things happen for themselves.

We still have a long way to go and we simply cannot do it without your support, donations and prayers.



Alhamdulillah, we are happy to inform you that we have opened an office in Bolton:
282 Derby Street
Bolton
BL3 6LF

Visit
www.rahmamercy.org.uk
to make a difference.

Zamzam Water Project



Rahma (Mercy) has set this project up as a non-profit exercise, to bring Zamzam to the UK Muslim Community.

A donation will be required to receive water, to cover the cost of importing the water.

Limited stock available, please book your water now to avoid any disappointment.

"When a man dies, his deeds come to an end, except for three: A continuous charity, knowledge by which people derive benefit and a pious son who prays for him."

Muslim

A little really does go a LONG way! Rahma Mercy needs your support more than ever. This is just the beginning !

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Zakaatul – Fitr £3 per person

It is compulsory to pay Zakaatul Fitr for each member of the family as it is a condition of the fasting of Ramadhan (for those with sufficient means). We urge you to send your Zakaatul Fitr (£3 per person) to use for distribution to the poor and needy on the joyous festival of 'Eid.

Fidya £3 per Fast

Fidya is to feed a poor person for each day that a person cannot fast due to old age or a long term illness. This will be £3 (i.e. £3 multiplied by the number of missed fasts)

Zakaatul Maal (Zakaat)

Most people choose to pay their Zakaat during Ramadhan. The timely distribution of these funds will ensure that the poor and needy can get relief from their poverty and daily hardship.

Kaffarah

If a person breaks a fast in Ramadhan without a valid reason, then that person is liable to fast for 2 months continuously without a break in between. If the person cannot fast due to a valid reason, then s/he must feed 60 poor or needy people 2 meals or give them the value of the same (i.e. £3 × 2 meals = £6, £6 × 60 people = £360).

Masjid Construction & Renovation

A compulsory requirement for the imparting of knowledge and practicing Islam. Each Masjid costs approximately £50,000. Lillah donations only*

Madrassahs

The importance and demand for Madrassahs has already been stated. Running costs for each Madrassah is approximately £2,500 per year. Please help us fulfil the children's increasing desire to learn and practice Islam.

Fresh Water Wells

Help provide clean water and bring relief for many poor and deprived families. The cost of each well is £1,300; and you can donate any amount you like towards this project. Lillah donations only*

Orphan Sponsorship

This provides a vital source of income for extremely poor and needy orphans. Every orphan receives £17 per month and, in most cases, this is the family's only income.

Iftaari Food Parcels

Food parcels contain essential items such as: salt, sugar, flour, pasta, cooking oil, tea. £10 will provide 10 days of food for a poor family (or £30 for the whole month).

Donation Methods:

Credit/ Debit Cards - Telephone 0116 2516959

Post – Make Cheques / Postal orders payable to 'Rahma (Mercy)' (please indicate intention/ type of donation on the back of the Cheque/ PO). Attach to the form at the back of this report and post to: Rahma (Mercy), 56 Hartington Road, Leicester, LE2 0GN

Regular Donations – use the form at the back of this report to make regular donations by bank Standing Order.

Online Donations - www.rahmamercy.org.uk

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows Rahma (Mercy) to claim up to 25% extra on your donations from taxed earnings. It will not cost you anything and will not affect your tax status.

Note:

- Gift Aid applies to UK taxpayers only;
- The amount of Gift Aid must not be more than the income tax/ capital gains you pay;
- If you are a higher rate tax payer then you can claim further tax relief;
- Please inform us if you stop paying tax

For more information please visit:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm>

* Sadaqah Jaariyah - Charity that continues to earn thawaab (rewards) even after death

Full name			
Address			
Email	Telephone	Post Code	

Please accept my donation as:

Lilaah	£	Iftaari (£10)	£	Fresh Water Well	£
Zakaat	£	Orphan Sponsorship	£	Interest Money	£
Sadaqah	£	Masjid/Madrassah	£	Other (please specify)	£
Rahma (Mercy) Academy Project	£			TOTAL	£

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Pay £ (amount) each month/year starting from (date) until further notice and

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