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Ameer's Message

Assalaamu'alaikum

All praise is due to Allah, our Lord and Cherisher and greetings upon our beloved and noble Prophet Muhammad SAW.

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's report especially as we have made yet further progress over the last 12 months. It goes without saying that the newly built Rahma Academy is the most significant project we have undertaken, and the final preparations are underway ahead of its grand opening this September 2013. More details on the Academy can be found later in this report.

As always our achievements are made possible only by God's will and with your support, prayers and kind donations. During the year we have built houses for the poor and needy, continued our work with educating children of all ages and more recently formed an important and productive partnership with the Al Imdaad Foundation. This partnership has enabled us to complete the Academy and will go a long way in setting up many more Madaaris across Albania and Kosovo.

The number of lives your money affects becomes more visible as each year passes. We never imagined in 1999 that we would be in such a position where we can now help these people to help themselves. A milestone has been achieved but the real challenge to sustain and develop the work begins now. Please take a few moments to read this report and see where your contributions go.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our parents and families, the Rahma team, the volunteers and our respected Ulamaa. They have proved to be indispensable assets who always stand firm with unwavering support. I'd like to pay tribute to their kindness, support and dedication to the Rahma cause.

In closing, I pray that you all be given the ability to carry on giving and supporting us and our prayers and gratitude will always be with you - Ameen!

Wasalaam

Sheikh Khalil Patel

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

Al-Baqara 2:215

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

Rahma has been supporting orphans for the last 14 years, and the number of orphans that receive money has grown year on year. We are in most cases the only provider of vital assistance to 600 orphans throughout Albania and Kosovo. There are still so many young children who need our help.

Each year we come across so many deserving children who want an opportunity to live a basic life and grow up to a better future.

Your contributions make a massive difference and will continue to do so today, tomorrow and beyond.



The recent global financial crisis and a steep rise in the cost of living means it now costs £264 a year or £22 per month sponsorship for an orphan.

Luis' Story

Assalaamu'alaikum

I became an orphan at the age of 6 when I lost my beloved father. At a young age I lost my guide in life and I was left feeling alone and confused. My mother and I struggled and she tried so hard to earn money. There was no one who could help us and through God he sent Rahma Mercy. Rahma has supported us for 10 years and opened so many doors to help secure a much better future. They help so many orphans and widows who completely depend on their support. Thanks to Rahma I have learned about Islam, my religion. Even though I was born into this pure and peaceful religion, I did not practice very much before. It was the loss of my father that pushed me towards Rahma and Islam.

I thank Allah Almighty for Rahma, and I make du'a to Allah to reward the staff and team for all the help they have offered and continue to offer us.

May Allah bless you all with Jannahtul Firdous

Luis Pisha

Ueda Gjorga

Ueda's Story

Assalaamu'alaikum wa rahmatullah!

The worst thing to happen to anyone is growing up without parents. Although I live with my close relatives, I long for the love only a parent can give. I pray for my elderly Grandmother who has sacrificed so much to raise me. She has educated us and given everything we need. She is my miracle from God and I pray for her.

I thank Rahma Mercy and the wonderful people who give money to help us. You have changed our lives and are the only people who care about helping us. You are the helping hands who help us to live.

Your support for the last two years is amazing and our life is so much better. I sincerely thank you from the depths of the heart. May Allah reward you with the best of this world – Ameen!

The world needs more people like you that help and contribute to ease our pain and wipe children's and orphans' tears. I pray to Allah that he rewards you all with Jannah.

Ueda Gjorga



Please keep supporting these children so they can have access to food, education and the chance of a better life.

Please donate now

**Just 72 pence per day
can change a child's life
Direct Debit £22 per
month**

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

Bukhari

There are now 15 Masaajid up and running in Albania and Kosovo and this is all because of your money and support. These mosques are changing lives every single day and bringing entire communities and towns closer to Islam. Both young and old are now living their lives in the way our Prophet SAW intended.

Masjid Bukhari is the latest Masjid to open its doors and was built at a cost of £35,000. There still remains a huge demand for Masaajid to be built across villages in the area.



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

Bukhari & Muslim

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

Muslim

Rahma opened its first Masjid in 1999 and many have followed. Through God's Mercy they are used every day and as a result some have suffered from wear and tear and the extreme weather in winter. Maintenance work needs to be carried out and we appeal to you contribute so these beautiful building can carry on servicing our Muslim brother and sisters.

Masaajid in need of maintenance work: Painting, washing facilities and general repairs

<p>Noor</p>  <p>2900 euro / £2460</p>	<p>Salim</p>  <p>2400 euro / £2036</p>	<p>Habibullah</p>  <p>1500 euro / £1280</p>	<p>Shegune</p>  <p>2600 euro / £2205</p>	
<p>Khadijah</p>  <p>2800 euro / £2375</p>	<p>Umar</p>  <p>2400 euro / £2036</p>	<p>Farook</p>  <p>2900 euro / £2460</p>	<p>Blackstone</p>  <p>2100 euro / £1781</p>	
<p>Othman</p>  <p>2900 euro / £2460</p>	<p>Bilal</p>  <p>2400 euro / £2036</p>	<p>Griqan</p>  <p>2400 euro / £2036</p>	<p>Aamina</p>  <p>2500 euro / £2121</p>	
<p>The following Masaajid are not built by Rahma but are used for Madrassah, and are also in need of maintenance:</p>		<p>Labinot</p>  <p>570 euro / £483</p>	<p>Shusice</p>  <p>2200 euro / £1866</p>	<p>Griqan</p>  <p>2400 euro / £2036</p>

A total of 34,470 euros / £30,000 is required

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

Since Rahma began in 1999 we are now beginning to see vast improvements in people's lives due to the re-introduction of Islam. The most important contribution we can make as individuals is helping people access the basic teachings of Deen and giving them the education and knowledge to go forward in the right way.

The 50 Madaaris in Albania and Kosovo are allowing the young and old to have that much needed access to knowledge.

"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

Tirmidhi



Since last year there has been tremendous progress made in the Hifz class for boys. We are well on the way to seeing a home grown Hafiz of Qur'an in these villages for the very first time!

Demand for teaching is at an all-time high and Rahma will aim to open **a further 15 Madaaris** in both countries after Ramadhan 2013.

Please give to this special project.



£100 per year to give a child access to Islamic education or

£300 for three years.

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

Muslim

This year the students celebrated their hard work and achievements during the annual Jalsah - the culmination of another year of commitment, dedication and success.



Each Madrasah costs approximately **£2500 per year to run.** This money pays for staff wages, prizes for students, heating and supplies during the winter months.

“Seeking knowledge is incumbent upon every Muslim!”

At-Tabaraani

September 2013 will see the doors to the Rahma academy finally open to the public. This brand new, purpose built facility will help realise our vision of enabling the Albanian people to help themselves.

The Academy will open after three years of planning, fund raising and construction of this life changing project.

The nine storey building will be equipped with the latest in information technology and facilities to help promote education, business and skills alongside Islam and higher Islamic education to give the Albanian people a platform upon which to build on.

The Academy represents a massive milestone for Rahma and the people we help as it demonstrates that with your help and continued support real change can be achieved.



It has been a huge challenge getting to this stage. Rahma has worked hard this past year in raising the outstanding funds to help complete the work. There have been various fund raising events and special radio and television broadcasts that have taken place across the country and beyond. Donations have flooded in from the UK, South Africa and many other parts of the world.

The Rahma Academy will feature:

- A brand new state of the art Islamic school
- Higher Islamic education including Hifz classes
- Modern teaching and learning facilities
- The latest in technology equipment
- Purpose built laboratories and rooms
- A dedicated place for men, women and children

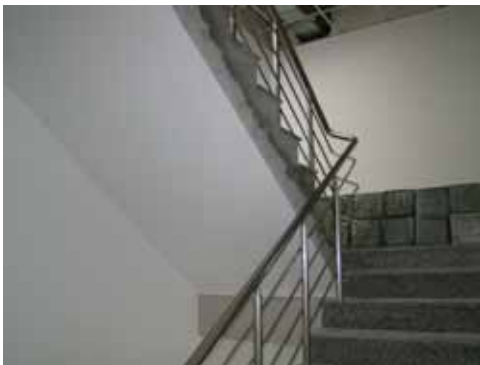


We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every person who has given so generously since we began our appeal three years ago.

The Rahma Team will fly out for the grand opening in September. Details of the opening will be made available on

www.rahmameracy.org.uk





We are appealing for money to buy furniture for the Academy's school.

Items include:

- 600 chairs at **£20 each**
- 200 tables at **£100 each**
- 40 cupboards at **£170 each**
- 20 filing cabinets at **£110 each**
- 130 rugs at **£80 each**
- 60 PCs at **£350 each**

We also need money for:

- 2 Science labs at **£10,000 each**
- Library at **£5,000**
- Office items at a total of **£15,000**

Please help by contributing towards this project.

Rahma's newest project is to help repair and build suitable housing and shelter for those most in need. The project came about due to the desperate need for the poorest people to have their homes rebuilt or repaired. Under the strict communist regime many family homes were badly neglected and became unfit for living.

The winter months mean that many people live in houses without a roof or in buildings that have a direct negative impact on their health and wellbeing.

We have been working over the last 12 months to **build three new homes** and will work to ensure that the poor and needy are provided with sufficient shelter.

There are many young families who still need adequate shelter. Please give what you can to make sure every child can go to sleep in a safe and warm home.

Arsem's life - one year on

In last year's report we introduced eight year old orphan Arsem Rama and his disabled brother to provide a glimpse into his life and the challenges they face with their day to day living. Their only support came from their mother and grandmother who struggled to help Arsem's brother and lived in a house that was not suitable for the wheelchair. Since then Rahma has built the family a new home with a ramp and full wheelchair access. Through these simple changes and basic modifications, Arsem's family are able to live more independently and his mother and grandmother no longer have to struggle carrying Arsem's brother up the stairs.

Arsem's whole family give thanks and prayers to everyone who donates to Rahma and they live a much happier and fuller life thanks to your life changing donations. They now face their future with hope, optimism and a huge smile on their faces.



Your money is life changing in every way

Visit Rahma's YouTube channel to see how your money is helping improve lives

youtube.com/rahmamercy1

Housing



Housing



“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

Each year Rahma selects a project outside of the Balkans to support and provide resources. Last year, we sent aid and provisions to people in some of the poorest regions in Somalia. This year two Rahma Trustees along with volunteers went to Bihar in India to help some of the most destitute people in the world.

Bihar is one of the poorest states in the whole of India and Rahma will be distributing food and aid throughout the villages in the region.



Water remains a valuable gift for the people of Albania and Kosovo. Access to fresh water means people live healthier and overall well-being is enhanced. Rahma's water wells project allows people to access safe and clean drinking water.

Last year Rahma built over 30 fresh water wells.



One water well costs £1300 and can serve many people in their villages. Please donate a water well as a means of Esale e Sawaab and help eliminate the spread of disease and give the gift of water to the needy.

"Cleanliness (purification) is half of faith"

Muslim



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

Muslim

The Rahma Qurbaani project helps bring meat to the food tables of many desperately poor and needy homes in Albania and Kosovo. It is so easy to forget that for many people, meat remains a luxurious food and that for many more they only eat meat once a year because of this work.

By donating your Qurbaani to Albania and Kosovo you will be helping some of the poorest people in the world. Qurbaani is a source of great reward and remains one of the most important duties upon a Muslim.



The cost of Qurbaani this year will be £73 per share and £515 for a whole animal.

All rituals are closely monitored and overseen by Ulamaa.

Aqeeqah

Rahma distributes Aqeeqah meat to students and the very poor.

One Aqeeqah costs £100 and helps to significantly increase the availability of meat to many people.



“O people! Sacrifice and expect a reward from its blood, for surely, although the blood falls to the ground, it falls under the protection of Allah”

Tabrani

“Silver is not spent in anything more beloved to Allah than an animal sacrificed on the day of ‘id”

Tabrani

Iftaari

The people of Albania and Kosovo still rely on your donations so that they are able to have enough food during Ramadhan. Giving food to a fellow Muslim so that they can break their fast is of immense reward.

Please support our Iftaar Food Parcel Appeal.



Iftaari



Last year Rahma distributed almost **4000 food parcels.**

It costs £10 to feed a family for 10 days and just £30 for the whole month.

Health

Alongside the water well work, Rahma also provides medical assistance to adults and children in Albania. This includes monitoring the basics for healthy living such as eye tests, blood pressure and helping with overall wellbeing.

Riaz Jassat, an optician from Leicester donated his time and expertise to give children free eye tests and basic health checks.



"Whoever feeds the person who is breaking his fast, he will have his reward (for his fasting) without decreasing anything from the reward of the fasting person."

Tirmidhi

"Whoever among you wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his body, and he has his food for the day; it is as if he were given the entire world."

Tirmidhi

Zam Zam

Rahma is a fully certified importer of pure Zam Zam water from Saudi Arabia. The water has been tested and approved and meets all the import requirements to be allowed into the UK.

Please call the Rahma office in Leicester for more information - 0116 251 6959

Jabir bin Abdullah (radiyallahu ta'ala 'anhu) narrates that the Prophet (salallahu alayhi wasalam) said: "The water of Zamzam is for whatever it is drunk for."

Ibn Majah

Dates

"He who eats seven Ajwah dates every morning, will not be affected by poison or magic on the day he eats them."

Bukhari

Also available from the Leicester Office this Ramadhan are fresh dates direct from Madina. The types of dates available include:

- Rutab
- Kalmi
- Ajwah

Please call the Rahma office in Leicester for more information - 0116 251 6959

Rahma Clothes Banks

As part of our efforts to ensure that your donations reach the right people every time, Rahma is running a clothes recycling scheme. By donating your used or old clothing Rahma is able to generate extra money which goes towards the administration costs and expenses incurred by the organisation. This is a very useful way for us to receive more income.

Rahma currently has 15 clothes banks in locations throughout the country where people can drop off their unwanted items. The banks come in two different sizes and please contact us if you'd like to host a clothing bank or find out the location of your nearest one.

We have raised over £22,000 from recycling unwanted clothes.



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 £22 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.rahmameracy.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>

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Zakaat	£	Orphan Sponsorship	£	Interest Money	£
Sadaqah	£	Masjid/Madrassah	£	Other (please specify)	£
Rahma (Mercy) Academy Project				TOTAL	£

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I would like Rahma (Mercy) to reclaim tax on all donations I have made since 6 April 2003 and thereafter until further notice. Please inform us if your tax status changes.

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

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