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AMEER'S MESSAGE

All praise is due to Allah, our Creator and Sustainer and abundant salutations be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him).

The year 2015/16 has been an incredible year for Rahma in all aspects. The Rahma Academy has been running exceptionally well and it has given us encouragement to start a new project. We have purchased a piece of new land on which we hope to build an extension to the Academy in the next few years.

The educational projects have been very successful this year. We have started new courses for all, the details of which can be found in the report. Three of our Hifz students have completed the memorisation of the Holy Qur'an which is a great achievement in these countries.

The Syrian refugee crisis has been in the headlines for the majority of the year. We provided humanitarian aid with our global partners the Al Imdaad Foundation, BAPA Relief Trust (Singapore) and Ashjaarul Jannah (London).

I'd like to make special mention of Shaykh Sulaiman Moola (South Africa) and Shaykh Burhaan Mehtar (Australia) who took out time from their very busy schedules to come to Albania to see our projects. After a wonderful trip with the esteemed Shuyookh, we had a brilliant UK tour and I am extremely indebted to them for making it possible.

Finally, I'd like to make special mention of my parents and my family members -who through their duas and support- I have been able to do this work. I am extremely grateful to my teachers and colleagues for their duas and words of encouragement. I am indebted to the wonderful team that I have, as Rahma has always been a team effort. Behind the scenes there are many 'unsung heroes' who are doing a wonderful job and contributing in whatever way they can and I am extremely grateful to them.

May the Almighty Allah grant my family, my teachers, donors and the Rahma family all the best in this life and in the hereafter. Aameen

Shaykh Khalil Patel

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ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

According to a recent UNICEF report, there are over 132 million orphans in need of support globally. With your kind donations, Rahma supports 850 orphans, which will rise to **1000 orphans**, in total, after Ramadhan. **800** of whom will be in the Balkan region.



**270
KOSOVO**



**300
ALBANIA**



**30
MACEDONIA**



**50
SERBIA**



We would like to make special mention of Muslim Aid Australia (MAA) for sponsoring 100 orphans.



**FOR ONLY £264 A YEAR (£22/MONTH)
YOU CAN SUPPORT AN ORPHAN**



*Klea's story
(in her own words)*

Assalamu Aleykum.

My name is Klea and I am from Elbasan, Albania. I am an only child and an orphan. My father died in 2012 when he was 50. He died because of an infarct when I was only 12 years old. Now, I live with my mom in a small flat. Before my father died my mother was too bad. She had and she still has some big problems with her health. My dad got very worried because doctors said my mom could live only for 3 months. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and got paralyzed. In the time he was paralyzed my mom went to the hospital because of her kidneys and stayed there for one week. I used to take care for my paralyzed dad and help him get through the day. But his heart was really weak and on 29th of February he passed away. After my father's death my mom got worse. She was powerless to help bring me up. Our financial condition was not good. She used to be a nurse but she gave up working when she got sick. So now she is retired.

My mom registered me at Rahma (Mercy) so we could improve our conditions. I was not informed about Islam. One friend had talked to me about Islam but I didn't use to practice it. Now I am proud of my religion. I felt really good at the first Rahma madrasah class that I had. The teacher was kind to me and taught me Islam in such a beautiful way. My mom is also proud of what I am now. She noticed the difference in me compared to before. After going to the madrasah classes I got more polite and helpful to my mom. Now she is more sick, as her kidneys don't work at all. We go to the hospital three times a week. She also suffers from diabetes, she has heart problems and the biggest problem is that she has a hepatic cirrhosis. Now that I frequent Rahma classes I have learnt to pray and Alhamdulillah I pray 5 times. When I pray I always make duas for my mom. I pray to Allah for her health and our lives. I read Quran and I hope I do better in the future.

All in all, I am so thankful to Rahma Mercy. Firstly I thank them for their kindness. They have always treated me with respect and helped me get through problems. Secondly, I thank them for the best gift they could ever give to me, they made me a good muslim girl. All I am in Islam now I owe to my teachers and Rahma (Mercy). Also I want to thank them for their financial help. May Allah bless every person that have contributed for my education and everything. Ameen.

Klea Cuka

"They ask you (O Muhammad SAW), what they shall spend. Say: that which you spend for good (must go) to parents and the near kindred and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer. And whatsoever good you do, Lo! Allah is aware of it."
(Al-Baqarah - 215)

In addition to this we have an Orphan Education Program where we are supporting **200 Palestinian Orphans** to become a Hafiz of the Quran.



THE COST OF THIS PROJECT IS £300 A YEAR PER ORPHAN (£25/MONTH)

MASJID MAJEED

Our 21st Masjid, Masjid Majeed, opened in a village called Vehcan, Albania, in November 2015. It was built by an organisation called Ashjaarul Jannah.

**COST OF MASJID
£35,000**



MASJID YUSUF

Our 22nd Masjid, Masjid Yusuf, was built in Suhadoll, Kosovo and opened in December 2015. The Masjid caters for 150 homes.

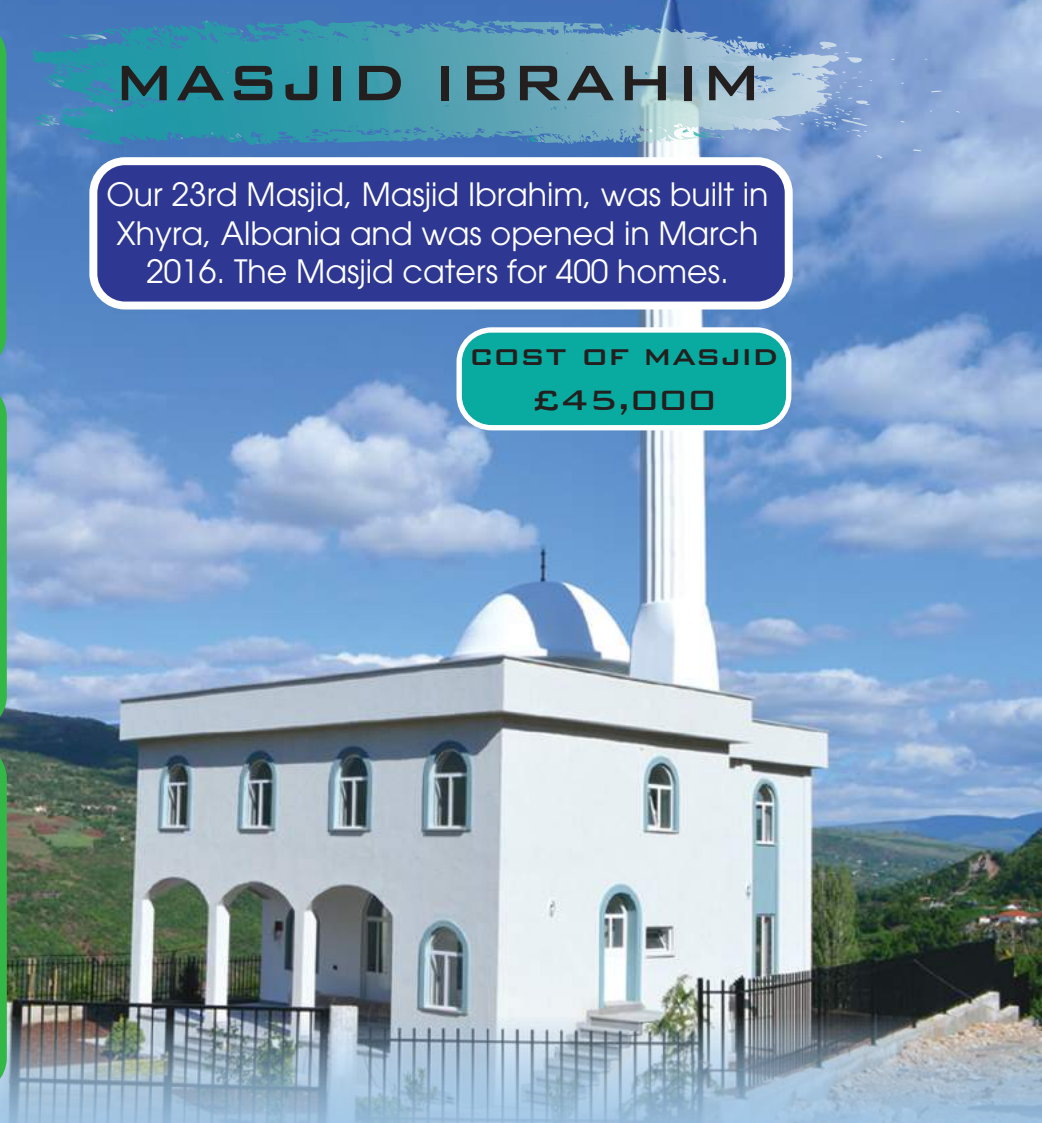
**COST OF MASJID
£50,000**



MASJID IBRAHIM

Our 23rd Masjid, Masjid Ibrahim, was built in Xhyra, Albania and was opened in March 2016. The Masjid caters for 400 homes.

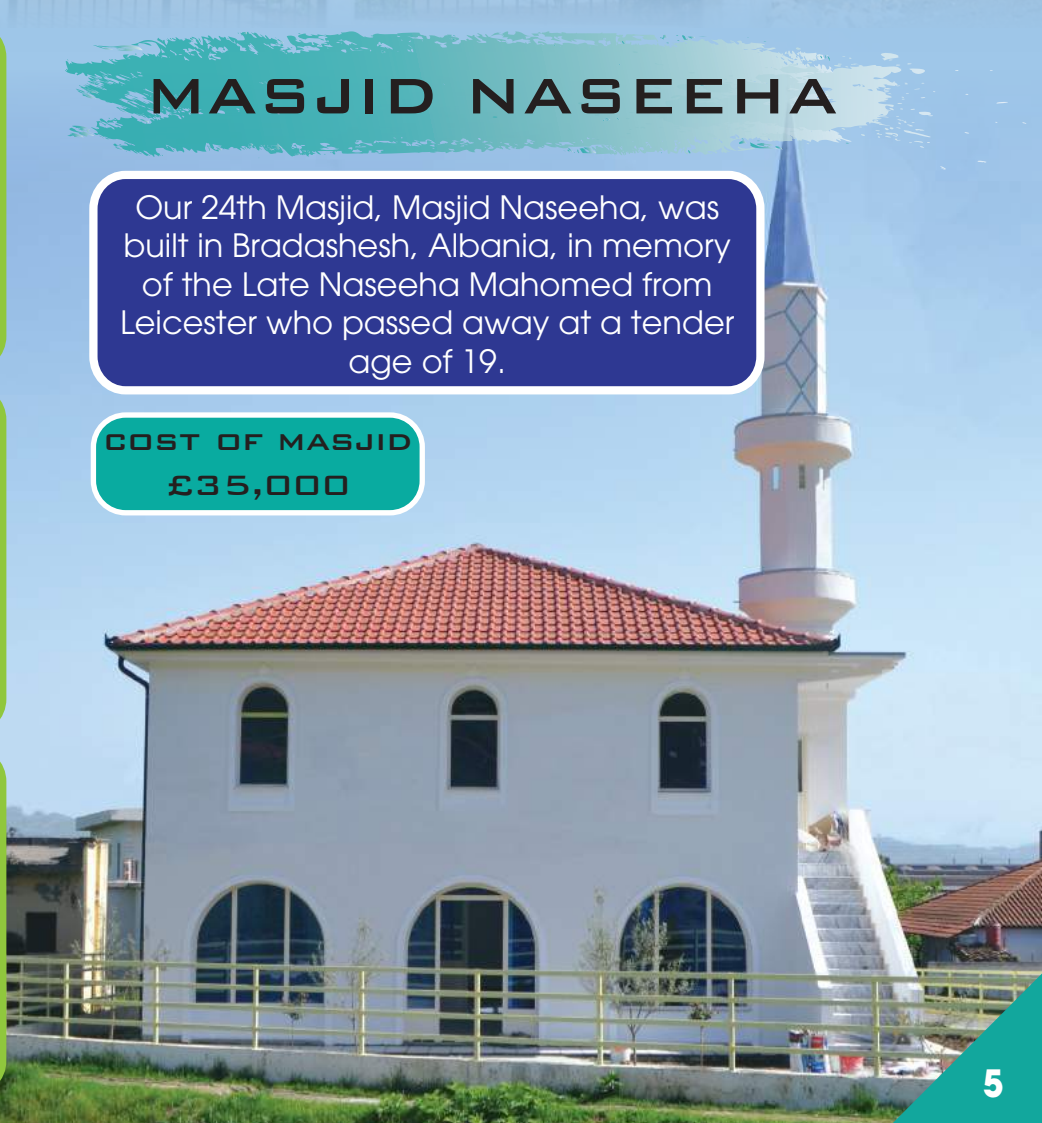
COST OF MASJID
£45,000



MASJID NASEEHA

Our 24th Masjid, Masjid Naseeha, was built in Bradashesh, Albania, in memory of the Late Naseeha Mahomed from Leicester who passed away at a tender age of 19.

COST OF MASJID
£35,000



MADRASAH

105
MADAARIS
ACROSS THE BALKANS

The Madrasah project has been gaining significant pace in the last couple of years. With the help of our global partners, the Al Imdaad Foundation and many other donors, progress has been fantastic. Two local alims have migrated to Albania to oversee the projects and it has made a great difference.



our 3rd Hafiz

HIFZ PROGRAMME

We have 4 Hifz classes in Albania and Kosovo from which 3 students have completed the memorisation of the Holy Qur'an.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT?
IT COSTS ONLY £2,500 TO RUN A MADRASAH

Qari Osama from Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) delivers a teachers training course based on Tajweed.



SCHOOL



As part of the Schools and Education Project, we built a primary school to cater for 2 villages (Ferre and Vulcan) in the municipality of Librazhd in Albania. The previous school was in a terrible state and unfit for study and the children were in desperate need of a new building.



THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT AT A COST OF £24,000



JALSA

In all walks of life, people need encouragement, motivation and moral support to progress. We provide incentives, prizes and take students on a picnic as a form of encouragement.



We also have annual jalsas (presentation ceremonies) in which students perform and receive prizes.





class room



kindergarten



science lab



RAHMA ACADEMY



IT lab

We have just finished the third year of the Rahma Academy and MashaAllah things are looking very positive.

The number of students studying at the school has gone up to approximately 250 students. As well as academics, students are involved heavily in social activities (visiting the disabled, promoting cleanliness in the community etc.) and inter-school competitions. The school has received outstanding reports during inspections.



staff room



dining hall

Shaykh Sulaiman Moola from South Africa delivers a teachers training course.



£10,000 SPENT ON RUNNING COSTS

"Those who spend of their goods (in charity) by night and by day in secret and in public shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve."
(Al-Baqarah-274)

SPONSOR A STUDENT FOR ONLY £500 A YEAR

LAND APPEAL

To date, our biggest project has been the Rahma Academy. The success of which, has driven us to embark on a bigger project. We are in the first phase, which is purchasing the land (6000m²).



OUR VISION:

- masjid
- optician
- madrasah
- supermarket
- dental clinic
- primary school
- doctors surgery
- secondary school
- halal supermarket
- ...and much more!



THE COST OF THE LAND IS **£300,000** AND HAS TO BE PAID BY THE END OF RAMADHAN 2016

PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUR TARGET

ONLY £50 PER SQUARE METRE

PLEASE NOTE – THESE PLANS ARE AT A VERY EARLY STAGE. AT THE MOMENT OUR FOCUS IS TO SECURE THE LAND. THESE PLANS MAY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.

WINTER WARMTH

Years of conflict in Syria has created the most catastrophic humanitarian disaster since the Second World War. Thousands of refugees have been fleeing to Europe in search of a better future. They take what they can carry, which is the bare minimum. Many are robbed or lose their possessions on the way. They survive on the handouts given by the various charities operating in Europe.

REFUGEE CRISIS

Rahma (Mercy), with our global partners, the Al-Imdaad Foundation and other organisations (BAPA Relief Trust and Ashjaarul Jannah) carried out relief efforts in aid of the refugees who were passing through Macedonia and Serbia.



£115,000 SPENT ON REFUGEE CRISIS



THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES SPENT THIS WINTER IN FREEZING CONDITIONS

Another big issue for the refugees is the harsh winters where temperatures in places like Serbia and Macedonia can plummet to -10°C.

Your donations have helped us to hand out food packs, sanitary equipment and winter warmth items to the refugees.

JAZAKALLAH FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS



"Those who spend of their goods (in charity) by night and by day in secret and in public shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve."
(Al-Baqarah-274)

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

We have now begun the third year of providing aid in Bosnia and supporting the Nahla Centre for Education and Research.



We are sponsoring 3 projects at a combined cost of £10,000.

1. IEP (Islamic Education Programme)
2. Muslim Youth Empowerment
3. Tailoring Course



This year we were working with LIA Relief Trust in providing iftaari food parcels.

Many Bosnian women are benefitting from your kind donations

HOUSING

The aim of the housing project is to provide adequate shelter for those who need it the most.



BEFORE



AFTER



Rahma's initiative to start the housing project has been a success and to date we have built 9 houses and conducted repair work to others.

THE COST OF BUILDING A HOUSE IS £13,000 PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THIS PROJECT

WATER WELL

Alhumdulillah this year we managed to build 19 water wells.



Providing a fresh water well in an area of need is a great act of reward.

DONATE A WATER WELL FOR ONLY £1,300



Text "WELLO7" + amount (e.g. £10) to 70070 to donate

**£24,700 SPENT
ON WATER WELLS**

HEALTH

Once again, Dr Riyaz Jasat, an optician by profession, volunteered his time and efforts to revisit Albania.



Rahma (Mercy) is very grateful to Dr Riyaz Jasat for taking out some valuable time from his busy professional schedule in order to assist our work. May Allah grant him and his family barakah in this life and the hereafter.

The Prophet SAW mounted the pulpit, then wept and said: "Ask Allah SWT for forgiveness and health, for after being granted Imaan, one is given nothing better than health."
(Tirmidhi)



**IFTAAR
POOR & NEEDY**

Over 7000 iftaar packs were handed out in 2015 across the Balkans.

£60,000 SPENT ON IFTAAR PACKS



It costs only £1 a day to feed a family in the holy month of Ramadhan and £30 for the whole month.



SMS Text "FDPLIO £10" to 70070 to donate

£10
10 days

£20
20 days

£30
30 days



The Messenger of Allah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said:
 "Whoever feeds a fasting person will get a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward."
 (Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajah)



QURBANI & AQEEQAH



5 cows and 100 sheep of Qurbani meat were distributed in 2015 across Albania and Kosovo.

The cost of Qurbani this year is £75 per sheep/share and £525 per large animal which equals to 7 shares.



£10,125 SPENT ON QURBANI AND AQEEQAH

Upon request, we also provide an Aqeeqah service at a cost of £100.

The Messenger of Allah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said:
"There is no deed that Allah SWT loves most during Eid ul Adha other than the slaughter of a sacrificial animal."
 (Tirmidhi)

ZAMZAM & DATES

Rahma sells zamzam & dates. The profit we make goes towards administration costs so that 100% of your donation can go towards charitable purposes. Please visit one of our branches to purchase zamzam & dates for the month of Ramadan.



£35 FOR A 10 LITRE BOTTLE



TYPE OF DATES	WEIGHT	PRICE(*)
Ajwa	500g	£13.00
Kalmi (Safawi)	500g	£3.99
Palestinian Medjoul	900g	£10.00
Palestinian Medjoul	5kg	£45.00

* Prices may be changed at any time without prior notice

The Messenger SAW has said: "The best water on the surface of the earth is that of ZAMZAM. In it there is a food for the hungry and a cure for the ill."
(Tabrani)

CLOTHES BANKS

We have many clothes banks across the country and this creates a substantial amount of funding for Rahma.



Just by recycling clothes and shoes you can make a huge difference.




If you would like to know the whereabouts of our clothing banks or would like to assist us by putting a clothes bank at your premises then please get in contact with us.

**£19,384 RAISED
FROM OUR CLOTHES BANKS**


SHAYKH SULAIMAN MOOLA

SOUTH AFRICA



“ Alhamdulillah, I had the opportunity to travel to Albania as a special guest of Rahma Mercy in January 2016. Initially I had excused myself due to multiple engagements but subsequently acceded to the request and honestly speaking, I have no regrets. **A unique journey in many ways.** Although the visit itself was merely three days, but it was jam-packed with activity and experience. It would be no exaggeration if I were to say that every venture was a highlight in its own way. Be it visiting the state of the art Academy situated in the heart of Elbasan, or participating in the distribution of food hampers for those living below the bread line or being part of the soil turning ceremony for the building of a new Masjid. However, something that surely left an indelible impression in my mind was the warmth with which we were received at the Jumma Masjid. The atmosphere was electrifying. Young and old had converged. In fact, I can still vividly recall delivering my address to that congregation which was followed by a translation in the vernacular language by the talented Shaykh Jamal. Yet again, if there is one single thing that would live with me, it was surely the Makaatibs established by the Rahma institute in the rural areas. The passion of the learners, despite the age disparity amongst them and lack of adequate resources is most remarkable and enviable. It is a rare sight to find an elderly woman (80) sitting alongside an eight year old in a common class, learning the Quraan. Rahma Mercy has surely made inroads in to Albania, impacting the lives of thousands and gradually changing the face of communism which dominated the region for half a century. May the Almighty reward each one proportionate to his/her commitment and make it possible for all the projects undertaken to reach fruition. Aameen ”


SHAYKH IBRAHIM TARAPURI

LEICESTER, UK (briefly translated from an Urdu script)


“ I begin in the name of Allah, the Almighty. For some time now I have been hearing about the work of Rahma Mercy. Time and again I would get an inclination to visit Albania and see the work first-hand. Recently I got the opportunity to visit Albania and to be honest what I witnessed had exceeded my very own expectations. The organisation has opened masajid, madaaris and schools in many different locations. They provide relief to the poor and needy. For the work they have achieved, I would like to congratulate Maulana Khalil and his team from the bottom of my heart. I have hope in the team that if they remain steadfast and continue to do this work, there will be a positive change in the region. May the Almighty Allah be pleased with the Rahma team and give them the ability to continue doing this work with sincerity. Aameen ”

SHAYKH BURHAAN MEHTAR

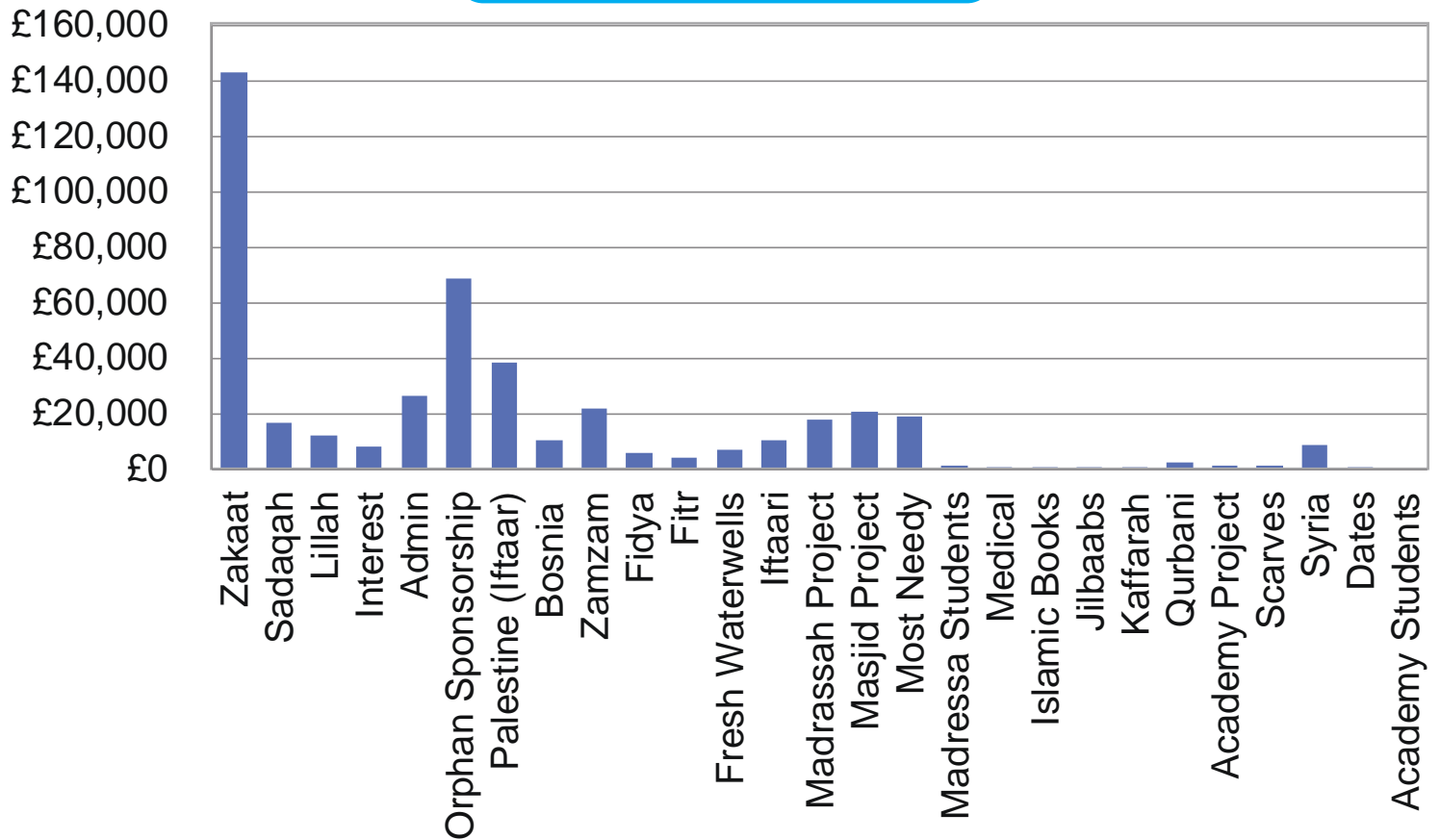
AUSTRALIA



“ Albania! Rahma Mercy! Subhanallah, where do I begin? Words cannot express what the eyes have seen, the joy, excitement and warmth the heart has experienced. Alhamdulillah, my initial visit was in Sep 2013 as part of a special delegation led by Maulana Khalil Patel of Leicester, representing the Al Imdaad Foundation at the opening of a world class academy - the Rahma Academy, Elbasan - in a land many have forgotten, a land which once produced some great scholars, a nation that persevered to protect their Imaan and Islam during the dark days of communism. The work carried out by Rahma Mercy, that I witnessed and that special feeling of joy one cannot describe, made me envious and somewhat lament and question myself: “Why have I not been part of this great work in this beautifully landscaped land in all these years?” My visit this year has reignited my strong desire to want to do more for this community and happily encourage all those who wish to be part of the great work being carried out in this part of the world with the hope that Insha Allah, through the blessing of these activities a new generation of upright youth, proud and practising Muslims will be the future leaders of this amazing country InshaAllah. On behalf of the Al Imdaad Foundation we say JazakAllah Khair to Rahma Mercy for allowing us the opportunity to be part of this noble rewarding work. May Allah grant us sincerity and acceptance. Aameen ”

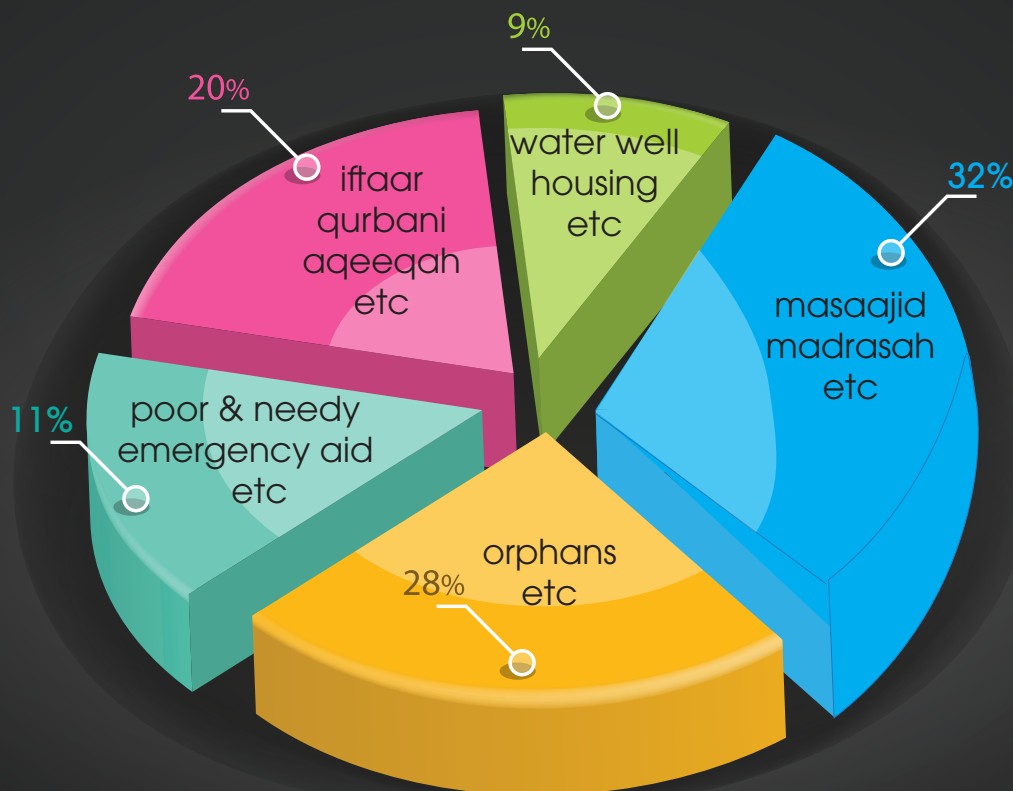
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2015

Income £1,292,139 (2015)



Expenditure £1,085,538 (2015)*

*An additional £206,601 has been allocated and is in the process of being spent on charitable projects



PROJECT PRICE LIST

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

ZAKAAT & SADAQAH PROJECTS

Ramadhan Projects

Iftaar packs - £10 for 10 days
Sadaqatul Fitr - £3 per person
Fidya - £3 per fast
Kaffarah - £360

Orphan Sponsorship

Albania/Kosovo - £22/month - £264/annum
Serbia/Macedonia - £22/month - £264/annum
Palestine - £25/month - £300/annum

Food Aid

Food packs - Any amount

Poor & Needy

Albania/Kosovo - Any amount

House Construction

Albania - £13,000

Student Sponsorship

Madrasah student - £10/month - £120/annum

Qurbani

Albania/Kosovo - £75/share or £525/large animal

Aqeeqah

Albania - £100

Emergency Appeals

Refugees passing Serbia/Macedonia - Any amount

LILLAH & NAFL SADAQAH PROJECTS

Water well

Albania/Kosovo - £1,300

Madrasah

Albania/Kosovo - £208.33/month - £2,500/annum

Masjid Construction

Albania/Kosovo - £35,000 approximately

Masaajid Renovation

Albania/Kosovo - £1,600 approximately per masjid

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Nahla centre - Any amount

School Support

Albania - Any amount

Rahma Academy

Running costs - Any amount

Land Appeal

Albania - £50 square metre/any amount

Administration

UK - Any amount

MOST NEEDY The 'most needy' option gives Rahma (Mercy) the flexibility to spend your money on the projects that Rahma (Mercy) sees fit.

Note: The above is a summary of projects as of 01/04/16. It is intended as a guide only. The projects and amounts are subject to change. For further queries, please call 0116 251 6959.

DONATION METHODS

Credit/Debit Card

Call the donation hotline: 0116 251 6959

Post

Make cheques/postal orders payable to 'RAHMA MERCY LILLA AH' (please indicate intention/ type of donation on the back of the cheque), then post to: Rahma (Mercy), 56 Hartington Road, Leicester, LE2 0GN

Standing Order

Use the form at the back of this report to make regular donations by bank standing order.

Online Donations & Paypal

Go to: www.rahmamercy.org.uk

Bank Transfer

Transfer money directly to: 'RAHMA MERCY LILLA AH'

Barclays Bank

Sort code: 20-49-17

Account Number: 10537330

For international transfers, transfer money to:

Rahma (Mercy)

IBAN: GB73 BARC 2049 1710 5373 30

SwiftBic: BARCGB22

SMS

Text a text code from the text codes below and amount (£10/£5/£4/£3/£2/£1) to 70070 to donate to Rahma (Mercy) via text.

E.g. FDPL10 £10 to 70070 to donate £10 towards an iftaari food parcel.



Campaign

Water Well

Islamic Books

Sadaqah

Poor and Needy

Lillah donations

Madrasah Student

Iftaar Packs

Admin Costs

Text code

WELL07

BOOK35

SDQA10

PNND10

LILL10

MDST10

FDPL10

ADMN10

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1-PERSONAL DETAILS

Title	Forename	Surname
Address		
		Postcode
Email	Telephone/Mobile	

2-PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION AS:

Lillah	£	Interest	£	Madrasah	£
Zakaat	£	Orphan Sponsorship	£	Iftaari	£
Sadaqah	£	Rahma Academy	£	Masjid	£
Other (please specify)		£		TOTAL	£

3-GIFT AID: Increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you

I am a UK taxpayer and would like **Rahma (Mercy)** to reclaim tax on all donations I have made within the last four years and all future donations.
 I understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please remember to notify **Rahma (Mercy)**: If you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.
 For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid>.



Signature Date

4A-PAYING BY CHEQUE/CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Card Number
 Valid From Issue No.
 Expiry Date Last 3 digits from signature strip

CHEQUE

Please make payable to
"RAHMA MERCY LILLA AH"
 Then send to RAHMA (MERCY),
 56 Hartington Road, Leicester, LE2 0GN

4B-PAYING BY STANDING ORDER

Bank Name

Sort Code Account Number (7-10 digits)

Pay £ weekly or monthly and debit my/our account, to the credit of **Rahma (Mercy)** at **Barclays Bank**.
 Account Number (please tick)

Lillaah - Account Number: 10537330, Sort Code: 20-49-17
 Sadaqah/Zakaat – Account Number: 20723037, Sort Code: 20-49-17
 Academy Project – Account Number: 33539970, Sort Code: 20-49-11

Start my payments from until further notice or End date

Signature Date