

# RAHMA (Mercy)

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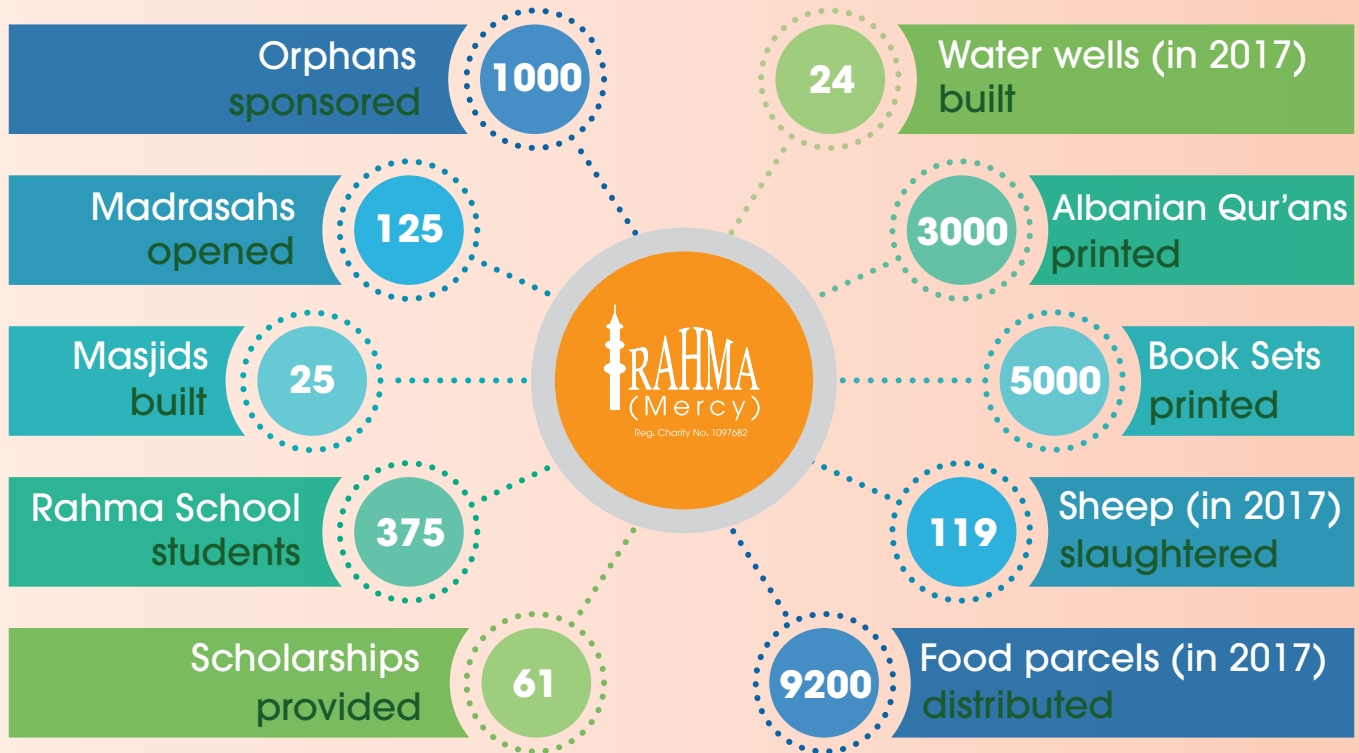


## WHERE WE WORK

- 01 - Albania
- 02 - Macedonia
- 03 - Bosnia
- 04 - Kosovo
- 05 - Serbia



## RAHMA IN NUMBERS



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# Message from the CEO

“

Rahma (Mercy) was set up nineteen years ago but the cries of the Kosovan refugees still echo in my ears till today. One may say Rahma has achieved so much, the truth is we haven't even touched the tip of the iceberg.

I would like to present to all our donors the latest annual report of all the work Rahma was able to carry out because of your kind donations. I am truly humbled and grateful to The Almighty Creator for the work that has taken place in the past year.

A few highlights of the past year include; the launch of the Rahma Institute project, the opening of Masjid Hafiz Mohammed Patel, the completion of Quran memorisation by 4 of our students and the graduation of our very first Imam. These are amazing achievements that have only been possible due to your support.

*“Great things are brought about and burdens are lightened through the efforts of many hands anxiously engaged in a good cause.”*

Rahma's partnership with the Al-Imdaad Foundation has grown from strength to strength. This year we have also joined hands with other reputable charities; Abdullah Aid, One Nation and Emdee Charitable Trust to deliver a better future for the Muslims in the Balkan region.

To conclude, I would firstly like to convey my gratitude to my creator as it is HE who makes everything possible. I would also like to convey my heartfelt appreciations to my wonderful team; they are the backbone of the charity and are always ready to give their time and efforts for the Rahma cause. Finally I am truly grateful for the support and duas of my teachers, parents and family who have always supported me in my endeavours.

”

Sheikh *Khalil Patel*  
RAHMA (MERCY) CEO

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# ORPHANS



In 2018, **1000** orphans benefitted from Rahma (Mercy's) Orphan Sponsorship programme.

500 in Albania  
300 in Kosovo  
100 in Serbia  
100 in Macedonia



**£25**

per month



**£300**

per year

You can sponsor an orphan for as little as...

# ORPHANS

## Xhesika's story



**Xhesika Cerri**

“

*I am 14 years old and I am in the ninth class. I study in the “Rahma School”. I have been too young when my father passed away and my family was not prepared for this, he left us in a very bad economic situation. My mum was not employed and **our only support was Rahma Mercy.***

*“Your association has changed our lives. No one never helped us and sometimes our house was empty, I mean there was nothing to eat. When Rahma Mercy started helping us, everything changed.*

*When we registered as orphans, we also started to attend Islamic courses. There I learnt about my Lord; my life took a different path. I felt like my God closed a door for me but He opened another one even bigger. Your help and support were endless.*

*I was only 10 years old, and my brother was 14 when we found out that we would move to another school, to “Rahma School”, a school with very high standards and with conditions which no school has in Albania. I still study in this school together with my brother, it seems like nothing has happened, we have no problems, we are even better than before.*

*I cannot find words to describe my gratitude which comes from the deep of my heart, I thank you for changing my life. May the Almighty reward you and your families with Jannah! Aameen.”*

”

Due to the Pound and Euro exchange rate we have had to increase the price of sponsoring an orphan. It NOW costs £25 a Month (£300 a year) to sponsor an Orphan. All anonymous donors are requested to update their standing orders to reflect the new price.

The Prophet (SAW) was reported to have said: "The one who cares for an orphan and myself will be together in Paradise like this," (and he held two fingers together). [Bukhari]

# IMASAJID CONSTRUCTION



in 18 years of Rahma, we have managed to construct 25 Masajid.

On Friday 20th October 2017, Rahma (Mercy) officially opened Masjid Hafiz Mohammed Patel in the presence of many Ulama and special guests from across the globe. It was a momentous occasion witnessed by many.



**Hafiz Mohammed Patel**

Masjid Number – 25

Location – Elbasan City

Capacity – 500

Classrooms – 3

Serves – 1000 homes

Wudhu & Shower Facilities – Yes

Kitchen – Yes



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# IMASAJID MAINTENANCE

8 of our Masajid require urgent repair work.  
Donors are kindly requested to support this noble project.

Masjid Farook - 2002



**£8,470**

Serves 150 homes

Masjid Rahman - 2006



**£10,875**

Serves 190 homes

Masjid Khadijah - 2007



**£8,685**

Serves 52 homes

Masjid Aamina - 2007



**£11,605**

Serves 120 homes

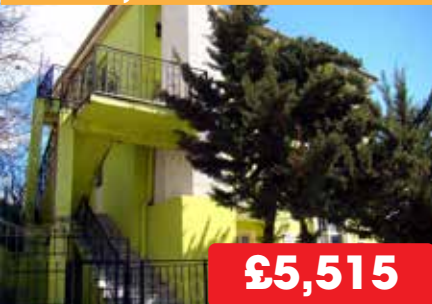
Masjid Salam - 2007



**£6,305**

Serves 170 homes

Masjid Umar - 2009



**£5,515**

Serves 400 homes

Masjid Habibullah - 2011



**£8,355**

Serves 190 homes

Masjid Bukhari - 2013



**£7,305**

Serves 150 homes

*Uthman ibn Affan reported: The Messenger of God, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever builds a mosque for God, then God will build for him a house in Paradise."*

*[Bukhari & Muslim]*

# IMADRASAH

Madrasahs

125



Students

3700

Hifz Classes

4



Huffaaz

9



## Emdee Education Centre

With the help of Emdee Charitable Trust, we are building a purpose built Madrasah in a densely populated area of Elbasan. Currently we have 5 Madrasahs in the locality with students really cramped up in small flats. This project will allow all the Madrasahs currently in flats to be relocated to the Emdee Education Centre.

5 floors, Male and Female Musalla, 8 Classrooms, Accommodation and Kitchen for Da'wah workers, Wudhu and Bathroom facilities.

Will serve 1000 homes

£2500 Sponsor a Madrasah per year

£120 Sponsor a Student per year

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of God, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim."  
[Ibn Mājah]



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# IMAM COURSE & JALSA

## IMAM COURSE PROGRAMME

Our Imam Course has been really successful. For many years the biggest dilemma Rahma had to face when trying to open a Madrasah in an area where Islam was weak was to find a suitable teacher. We have targeted 12 students from such areas and brought them into our boarding facility with the hope that upon graduation they can go back and serve their respective communities.

Our first student (Imam Lulzim) graduated and was appointed as an Imam and a teacher in a village called Lamolla and is serving the community there.



## JALSA

Throughout the year we have various Jalsas (Presentation Ceremonies) where students perform and showcase what they have learnt in Madrasah in front of ulama, international guests, parents and the local community.



**MORE @ [RAHMAMERCY.ORG.UK](https://rahmamercy.org.uk)**

# RAHMA ACADEMY



The Rahma Academy is Rahma's land mark project established in 2013.

Currently housing the Rahma School and a variety of our important projects.

It has been 5 years since the opening of the Academy and year on year the activity within it has also been increasing. The IT, English, Islamic studies courses and Girl's hifz class are amongst the general activity that take place. In addition to this, the lower floor shop spaces have been rented to help self-sustain the building. The top floor accommodation is catering for our field team staff member who has moved over to Albania from the UK.

The 6th floor in the Academy is the administration floor for all the Rahma Projects. The conference room is used for various staff meetings. The multi-purpose theatre is used very frequently for assemblies, seminars, training and presentations.



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# RAHMA SCHOOL

In August 2017, the first batch of students graduated from the Rahma School and have moved onto university to undergo degrees in the following areas; nursing, mid-wifery, architecture, law and economics.

5  
years

375  
Students

## Words from a Rahma School graduate

“My name is Ermelinda Kaçuli and I will be talking about Rahma Mercy and how they helped me through my school journey.

I am from Albania and my history started in 2006 when I learned everything about my creator and the Quran in their Madrasah, Madrasah Teqe. I didn't know that dreams can come true, but I achieved many things, thanks to them, that no one expected.

In 2013 they built a huge school in my city. This was called the Rahma Academy and it was my High School. I started studying there 4 years ago and I was just a student who was searching for knowledge and nothing else but they gave me more than this.

If Rahma wouldn't exist I wouldn't be able to know my creator, I wouldn't be able to study hard like I have done, I wouldn't be able to be where I am today, studying nursing in one of the best university in Albania and I wouldn't be able to be a good Muslim example for others. I thank the Almighty a lot that I will be one of the first women with hijab working as a nurse in my country. But I thank Him more for bringing Rahma Mercy as a reason for me to know about Islam.

They have been my best support in my journey and I really thank them for everything they have done. I'm praying and I will pray to my creator to reward Rahma people with Janatul Firdaws. AMEEN

**Ermelinda Kaçuli**

It costs £500 to sponsor a child for a full academic year at the Rahma School, this cost covers first class private education with state of the art facilities and includes transport to and from the school.





# RAHMA INSTITUTE

## RAHMA'S NEW PROJECT

The Rahma Institute is by far our biggest project to date. The aim of this project is to further our work in the educational sector.



The intention of this facility is to:

- Have a female boarding facility for advanced Islamic education.
- Relocate the Rahma School currently at the Rahma Academy in to this Institute. This will free up the current Rahma Academy so it can be used as a boarding facility for boys with higher Islamic education. It will also be used for college education.
- Give access to prayer facilities for men, women and children.
- Provide a health clinic.
- Have a retail block for income generation.
- Comprise of outdoor and indoor sports and recreational facilities.

# RAHMA INSTITUTE

## RAHMA'S NEW PROJECT

The building work is to be done in 3 phases

Please donate towards this remarkable project at £500 a square metre. We require 5000 square metres.

### PHASE

1

#### Girls Darul Uloom

1

Dormitories for up to 200 girls  
Classrooms  
Prayer room  
Communal area  
Kitchen and Dining Area  
Private Gym & Outdoor sports facility  
Multi-Functional Amphitheatre with a capacity for 1000 people  
Parking

£500

SQUARE METRE

2

#### School

Main School block with a crèche and kindergarten  
Purpose built classrooms (IT, Science, Mathematics etc.)  
Library  
Multifunctional Sports and Dining Hall  
Playground  
Administration Offices  
Car Parking

### PHASE

2

3

#### Madrasah, Medical and Income Generating Retail Block

Health Clinic  
Retail block  
Guest Accommodation  
Madrasah Classrooms

### PHASE

3

# IFTAR & FOOD AID



## The pack contains

Sunflower Oil, Flour, Pasta, Rice, Sugar, Salt and Juice

**£10**

Each pack costs £10 and it supports an average family for approximately 10 days



# I QURBANI & AQEEQAH

## QURBANI

Rahma (Mercy) carries out the practice of Qurbani (Udhiyyah) every year following upon the tradition of Prophet Ibrahim (Alayhis Salaam).

In 2017 we sacrificed 119 sheep in Albania.



£85

Per sheep

## AQEEQAH

We also provide Aqeeqah service upon request.

£100

Per animal



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# ISLAMIC LITERATURE & DONATE QUR'AN

## ISLAMIC LITERATURE



We have almost 4000 students studying in our Madrassahs and they require Islamic Literature on an annual basis. We are regularly revising and printing books to provide for the increasing number of students.

## DONATE QUR'AN



We are continuing to work with [donatequran.com](http://donatequran.com) in the translation, printing and distribution of Albanian Qur'ans with commentary.

5000 Qur'ans were printed and distribution is taking place in Albania, Kosovo and UK.

£3.50

Donate an Albanian Qur'an and make a difference



# ROHINGYA & BOSNIA

## ROHINGYA



**£68,000 of AID**

£31,000 – Food

£22,000 – Wooden Housing

£8,900 – Emergency Tents

£6,100 – Hygiene Packs

**DELIVERED**

Despite our prime focus being the Balkan state, Rahma (Mercy) could not turn a blind eye on the Rohingya people.

The Rohingya are often described as "the world's most persecuted minority."

When the ethnic cleansing was at its peak and many Rohingya Muslims were fleeing Myanmar we started collecting funds for a short period of time.

## BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

The Nahla Centre for Education and Research in Bosnia & Herzegovina has been serving Bosnian women for many years.

Rahma (Mercy) is proud to assist them in delivering courses at their various sites. Over 450 girls and women are benefitting from these courses and you can be a part of it too by supporting this project.



**£18,350**

**TOTAL COST**



# WATERWELLS & HEALTH

## WATERWELLS



One in ten people today are still living without safe water. When a community gets clean, safe water for the first time, it's the start of something truly life-changing. Right now, some of the world's poorest people don't have access to safe water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream.

When people donate towards a well, everything changes for these people

£1,300

ONLY



## HEALTH

We provide medical expenses to those in need. The amount depends on person to person. We would like donors to donate wholeheartedly towards this noble project so we can help more needy people with their medical needs.

# ZAMZAM, DATES & CLOTHING BANKS

## ZAMZAM & DATES

For a number of years we have been providing ZamZam water and dates to the community.



**£35**

**10 ltr**

Our selection of dates and prices are as follows:

TYPE OF DATES	WEIGHT	PRICE
Ajwa	500g	£11.99
Kalmi (Safawi)	500g	£4.00
Mabroom	500g	£4.50
Medjoul (Jumbo Dates)	900g	£10.00
Medjoul (Jumbo Dates)	5kg	£49.00



## CLOTHING BANKS

Do you throw  
away  
old clothes?

Why not recycle instead by putting them in a number of banks we have around the country.

If you would like to assist our charity by putting a clothing bank at your premises, please get in contact with us.

**ALL PROFITS MADE FROM THE ABOVE PROJECTS GO TOWARDS ADMINISTRATION COSTS SO THAT 100% OF YOUR DONATIONS GO TO THE NEEDY**

# FOODBANK & FEMALE DA'WAH PROJECT

## FOODBANK

Last year we began a local initiative to support the Highfields Food Bank which is run by our local MP Jon Ashworth. This is an excellent opportunity to provide back to the very community we live in. We are taking cash donations only for this project.



## FEMALE DA'WAH PROJECT

We have just launched an exciting new da'wah project where we invite mothers and sisters from areas where we have madrasahs set up. A small programme is organised which includes Islamic talks, nasheeds and qur'an recitation from the children studying at the madrasahs. The idea is to encourage the mothers towards Islam and also to make them feel comfortable to send their children to Madrasah. Refreshments will be provided at the end.

£100

To sponsor a programme



# TESTIMONIAL



## Molana Ebrahim Bham

Secretary General of Jamiat Ulama South Africa



*“The one who remembers the Almighty Creator among those who forget Him, is like a green leaf in the midst of dry ones.”*

*I have had the good opportunity of knowing Molana Khalil for some time. I have also been hearing about his charity Rahma (Mercy) and the remarkable work that is being carried out. Many people are doing projects around the world, however one point of distinction when you do something that is pioneering, can you do it with the great amount of challenges that are there. For example in a hadith our Prophet Peace Be Upon Him mentions*

*The one who remembers the Almighty Creator among those who forget Him, is like a green leaf in the midst of dry ones.*

*How the green leaf stands out, that is like those who are doing work in area and places where others are not; this is their virtue. We all know the history of Albania where majority of Muslims had lost their connection with the deen. Rahma (Mercy) has undertaken this initiative to make a difference there.*

*This is not only an important work but a pioneering one. When you take part in pioneering work, whatever happens after, you receive a share in the benefits. Whoever keeps these two distinctions and points in mind (1. Working where nobody works and 2. Pioneering work) and lends a supporting, hand will be a part of this legacy.*

*When I visited Albania I had the opportunity of visiting the remarkable institution (The Rahma Academy) that has been established and the land which the new Islamic centre (The Rahma Institute) will be built.*

*I pray to the Almighty creator that he gives Molana Khalil and Rahma Mercy the ability to continue with their good work and grant them an appropriate reward for the efforts they are doing. May the Almighty Creator take them from strength to strength. May He also give them all forms of success. I am honoured to be part of this initiative and I hope to further lend my hand in this initiative.*

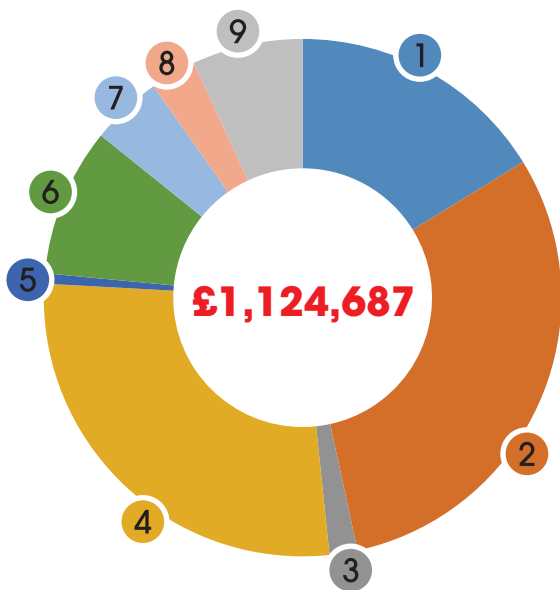


# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Income for financial year ending 31 March 2017

**£1,514,603**

Total Charitable expenditure for financial year ending 31 March 2017



- 1 Orphan Sponsorship - £182,344 (16.21%)
- 2 Madrasa Project - £341,688 (30.38%)
- 3 Water Wells - £19,689 (1.75%)
- 4 Mosque/Centre construction - £309,502 (27.52%)
- 5 Housing - £7,209 (0.64%)
- 6 Iftar/Qurbani - £104,312 (9.27%)
- 7 Floods and emergency appeals - £50,000 (4.45%)
- 8 Academy Project - £32,244 (2.87%)
- 9 Project Implementation - £77,699 (6.91%)

Surplus funds carried forward to the next financial year

**£389,916**

## 100% Donation Policy Explained

All admin costs are funded by income accrued by the Gift Aid scheme, shop sales, clothing banks and donations specified for admin. Unspecified Lillah donations are utilised for the delivery and implementation of projects.

Rahma (Mercy) is committed to our 100% donations policy and spends every penny of Zakat, Sadaqah and Specified Lillah donations towards the intended causes adhering to Islamic principles. Please support us by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer and by continuing to donate generously towards administration costs.



# GENERAL APPEALS

## Zakat & Wajib Sadaqah Projects (Lillah also applicable)

### Food Aid:

Iftar - £10 for 10 days

Sadaqatul Fitr - £3/person

Fidya - £3/fast

Kaffarah - £360/fast

Qurbani - £85 a sheep

### Orphan Sponsorship:

Albania/Kosovo/Serbia/Macedonia: £25/month OR £300/annum

### Student Sponsorship:

Madrasah Student Sponsorship - £10/month OR £120/annum

Rahma School Student Sponsorship - £41.66/month OR £500/annum

### Islamic Literature:

Madrasah Book sets - £10 a set

Albanian Qur'an - £3.50

Medical Expenses – Any amount

Emergency Appeals – Any amount



## Lillah & Nafil Sadaqah (Only) Projects

Water Well (Albania/Kosovo) - £1300

Masjid Construction - £55,000 (average price, will vary according to size and location)

Masjid Renovation - Any amount

Bosnia (Nahla Education Centre) – Any Amount

School Construction - £30,000 (average price, will vary according to size and location)

Rahma Academy Maintenance – Any amount

The Rahma Institute – £500 a square metre

Female Da'wah Project - £100 a programme

Administration – Any Amount

### Most Needy:

This gives us the option to spend your money on the projects that Rahma (Mercy) sees fit.

# IWAYS TO DONATE

## DONATE GENEROUSLY



### Debit/Credit Card:

Call +44 (0)116 251 6959



### Online Donations:

Please visit our website: [www.rahmamercy.org.uk](http://www.rahmamercy.org.uk)



### Post:

Cheques/Postal Orders payable to "Rahma (Mercy)" (please indicate the donation type and project on the back of the cheque), then post to:  
Rahma (Mercy), 56 Hartington Road, Leicester, LE2 0GN.



### Standing Order:

Fill out the donation form to make regular donations by bank standing order.



### Bank Transfer:

Transfer money directly to:

Rahma (Mercy)

Barclays Bank

Sort Code: 20-49-17

Account Number: 10537330

For international transfers:

Rahma (Mercy)

IBAN: GB BARC 2049 1710 5373 30

Swift Bic: BARCGB22



### SMS:

Text a code using one of the codes below and amount to 70070. (You will be charged at your standard messaging rate plus the donation. If you have a free text message allowance then you will ONLY be charged for the amount of your donation.)

Example - Text "WELL07 £10" to "70070" to donate £10 towards a Water Well.

Project	Text Code
Water Well	WELL07
Islamic Books	BOOK35
Madrasah Student	MDST10
Food Aid (Food Pack)	FDPL10
Admin Costs	ADMN10
Most Needy Sadaqah Donation	SDQA10
Most Needy Lillah Donation	LILL10

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