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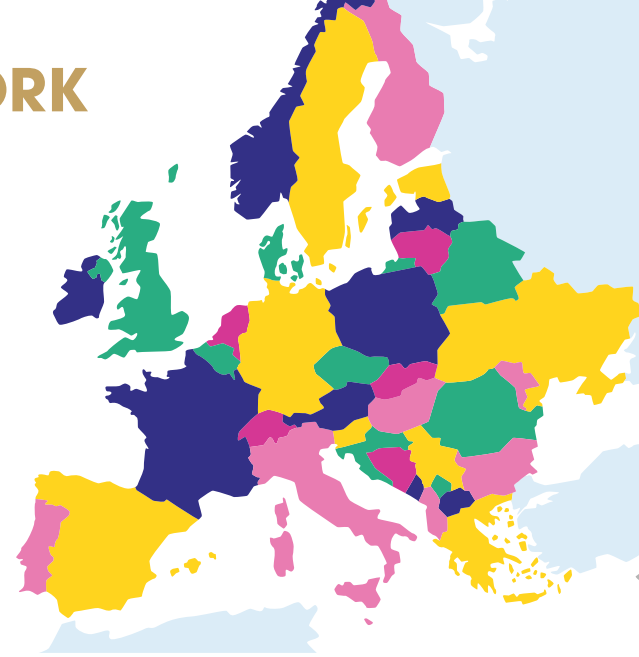
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mercy

20
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

WHERE WE WORK

RAHMA (MERCY) HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE **BALKANS** SINCE 1999

Albania Macedonia Bosnia
Kosovo Serbia 



RAHMA IN NUMBERS (2018/2019)

14,000

Food parcels distributed

1,000

Orphans sponsored

153

Madrasahs

9

Hifz classes

1

Imam training course

1

Masjid renovated

141

Qurbanis

16

Water wells built

438

Rahma school students

77

Rahma school scholarships

57

University scholarships

4,400

Madrasah students

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Message from
the CEO

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*R*ahma (Mercy) is celebrating 20 years this year of providing aid and relief to the impoverished people of the Balkans. This is a huge milestone for us as a charity; a dream which the Rahma team and I never thought would be possible. Marking this occasion I would like to present to you our 20 year special annual report.

Last year was an exceptional year for Rahma

A few notable occasions etched in my memory include; the foundation laying of the Rahma Institute project, the opening of the Emdee Educational Centre and a significant rise in the demand for opening Madrasahs. To make this possible we've had tremendous support from the local, national and international communities.

Rahma continues to collaborate with other organisations to help deliver aid where most needed. Organisations such as; The Al-Imdaad Foundation, One Nation, Abdullah Aid, Emdee Charitable Trust, Humanity without Borders and Issa Foundation have all been fantastic and incredibly supportive. We are also collaborating with local organisations like the NHS and the Highfields Food bank for local initiatives.

To close, I would like to thank the Almighty who has given us the ability to do whatever little we can. I would also like to convey my heartfelt appreciations to the amazing Rahma team who are always sacrificing their time and efforts for the welfare of the charity. Finally I am truly grateful for the support and prayers of my teachers, parents and family who have always supported me in my endeavours.

Sheikh *Khalil Patel* - CEO

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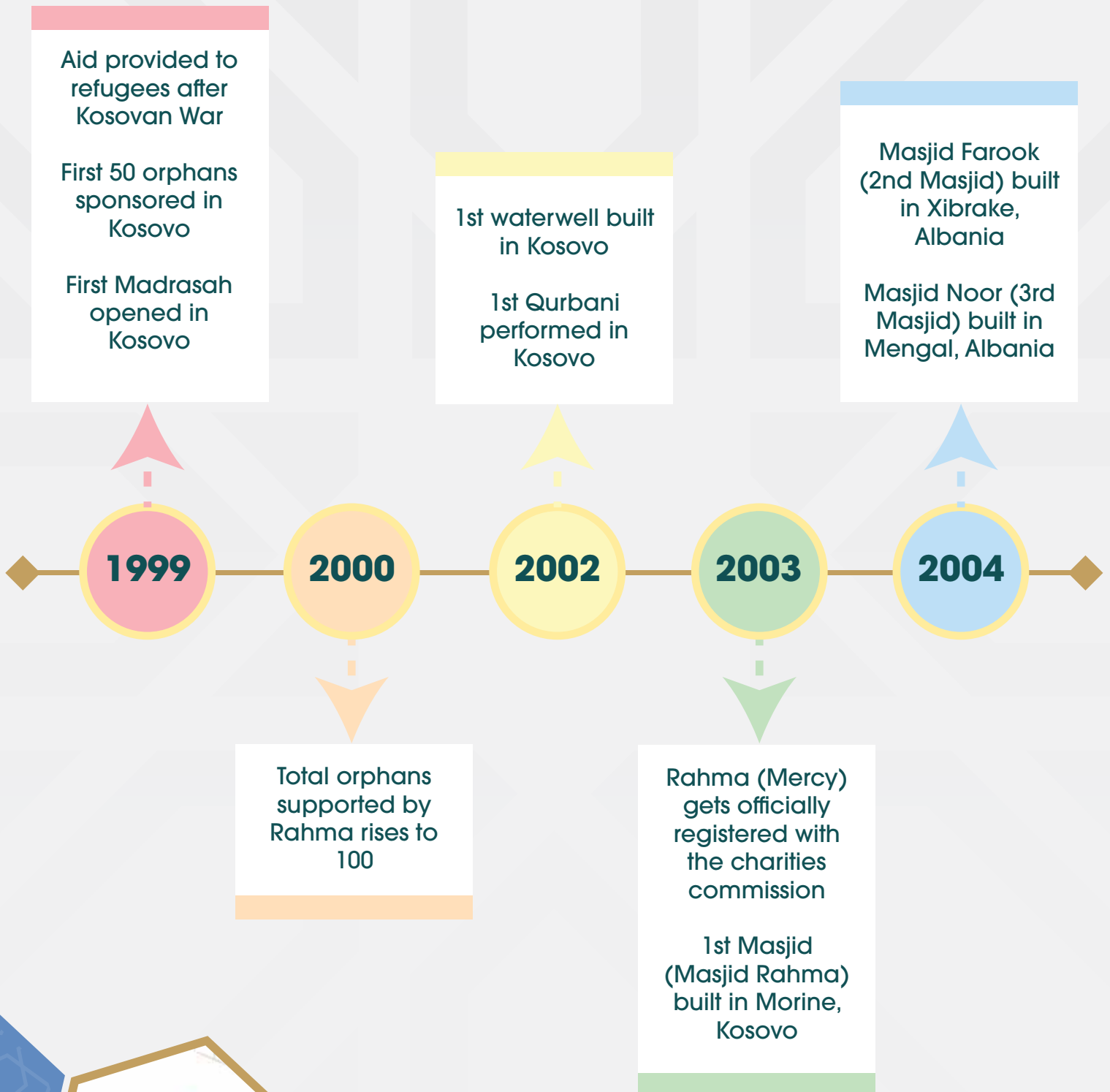
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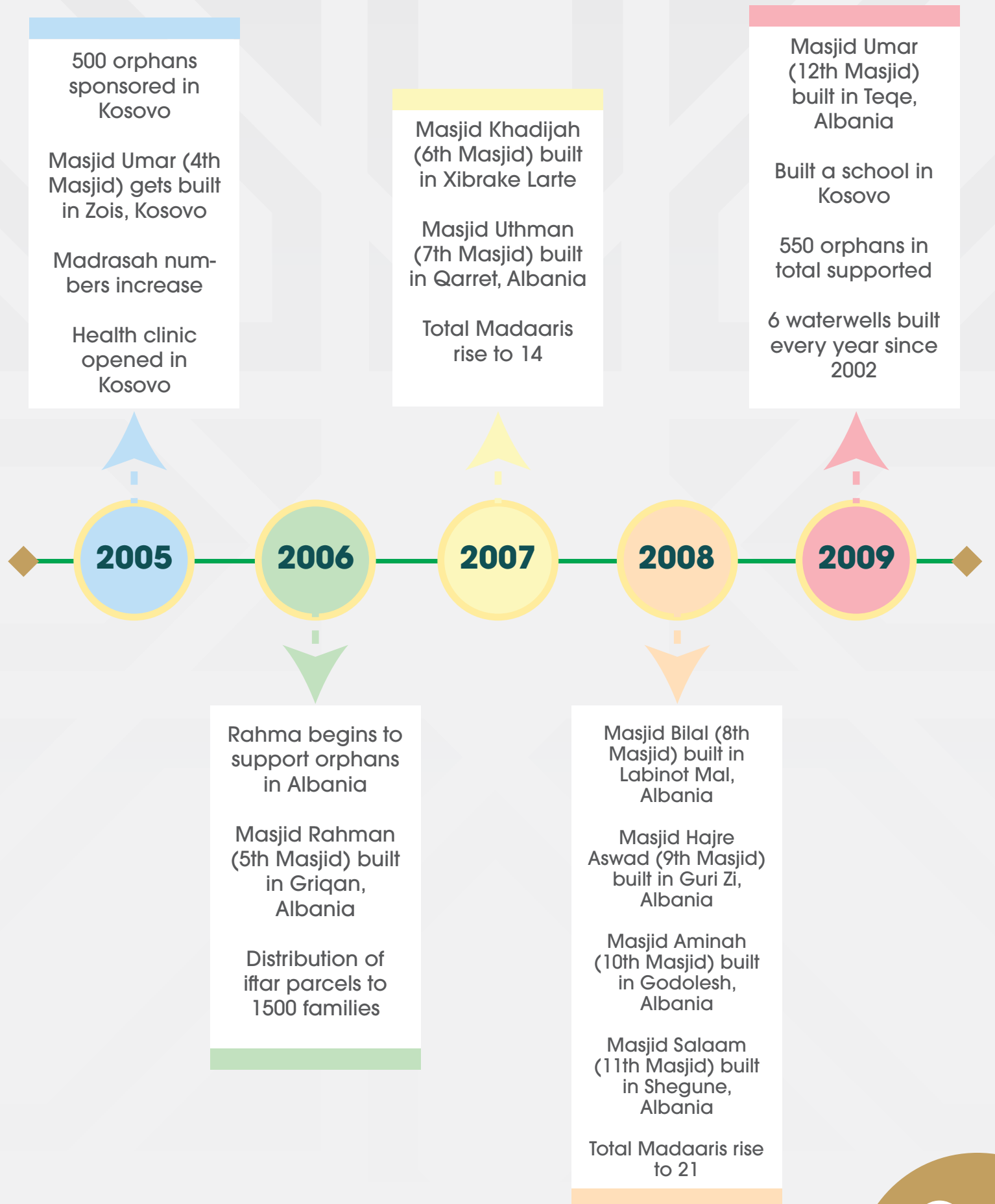
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Ways to donate

20 YEARS



20 YEARS



20 YEARS

Fundraising for the Rahma Academy in Albania begins

2400 Iftaari food parcels distributed in Ramadhan

Masjid Salim (13th Masjid) built in Elbasan

Total Madaaris rise to 37

We build extension to Griqan Primary School

10 waterwells built

£300,000 raised towards the Rahma Academy

Outer shell of Rahma Academy building completed

Due to high demand Rahma increase the quantity of Zamzam water imported

Masjid Bukhari (17th Masjid) built in Miraqae, Albania

The housing project is set up for first time

Rahma team goes to Somalia to provide aid during the famine

First hifz class opens

Total Madaris rise to 71

Rahma starts to support 30 ethnic Albanian orphans in Presheva, Serbia

Aid delivered during the Bosnian floods

Masjid Luqman (18th Masjid) built in Funares, Albania

Masjid Zubair (19th Masjid) built in Balez, Albania

New School built in Polis Vila, Albania

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

Plot of land secured in Elbasan for the Rahma Academy and construction begins

Masjid Habibullah (15th Masjid) built in Elbasan

Total Madaaris rise to 42

Primary school in Albania built and fully operational

10 waterwells built over the year

Rahma set up Zamzam water project

New Madrasah books written by An Nasihah Publications are introduced into the Madrasah syllabus

Rahma partners with the Al-imdaad Foundation

The Rahma Academy and School officially opens

3 new houses are built

2nd hifz class opens

30 cows slaughtered for Qurbani

Rahma delivers aid to Bihar, India

20 YEARS

Total number of orphans reach 820

Masjid Farah Saeed (20th Masjid) built in Spathare, Albania

Masjid Majeed (21st Masjid) built in Vehcan, Albania

Masjid Yusuf (22nd Masjid) built in Suhadoll, Kosovo

Total Madaris rise to 83

First student completed the hifz (memorization) of the entire Qur'an

181 students enrol to the Rahma school

6000 Iftar parcels are distributed

We reach a new milestone of supporting 1000 orphans across the Balkans

Masjid Bilal (Labinot Mal) is fully renovated and Masjid Hafiz Mohammed Patel built (25th Masjid) in the centre of Elbasan

Built a primary school in Spathare and renovated another in Xibrake, Albania

Madrasah total reaches 115

Rahma School continues to grow with 370 students

Purchased the land for the Rahma Institute

5830 iftar parcels distributed

Renovated Masjid Rahman (Griqan, Albania)

Rahma school students rise to 438

Total Madaris increase to 147

Hifz classes rise to 9

Emdee Education Centre opens and is fully operational

Provide dignity gowns to the local hospital

Celebrate 20 years

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

Orphan sponsorships rise to 850

Masjid Ibrahim (23rd) and Masjid Naseeha (24th) built

Madrasah total reaches 105

3 students complete hifz

A primary school is built in the village of Vulcan

Rahma school students rise to 250

We start appealing to purchase land for the Rahma Institute

Aid given to the refugees fleeing war torn countries passing through Europe

Built our 9th house

A new Imam Course project begins

Madrasah numbers rise to 125

In total 9 students complete the hifz of the Qur'an

We have our first graduate from the Imam Course

Rahma School students rise to 375

The latest designs and video for the Rahma Institute are released

We deliver £68,000 of aid for the Rohingya people

We begin to support the local foodbank project monthly

11,550 iftar parcels are distributed in Ramadan

ORPHANS

We support
1000 ORPHANS

Rahma (Mercy) donors have been immensely supportive of the 'Orphan Sponsorship Programme'. With your support we have been able to continue to support 1000 orphans.



500

— Albania

300

— Kosovo

100

— Serbia

100

— Macedonia

We provide orphan reports to all our sponsors so you know whose lives you have touched.

£25 Per month

£300 Per year

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]

Hijab - My Journey



“ It was the year 2011 when I was told about an Islamic course in Prishtina, Kosovo. I went there with joy for having the chance of learning something about Islam. They called the course a madrassah and in a short time I learned that an organization called Rahma Mercy was sponsoring it.

Among a lot of things I also learned that women must wear Hijab.

The year 2013 was special for me. I got more immersed in Islamic books and read more and more. I began to understand the Islamic tenets more and my Iman increased with it. I had a plan in mind. It was about wearing Hijab. I wanted to wear Hijab but the circumstances were not on my favour. I was in the secondary school and the school rules do not allow wearing Hijab. The following months witnessed an increase in my desire to wear Hijab. I prayed to Allah constantly to help me in this matter and make me one of those who will adhere by His orders.

Then on the night of the 11th June 2014 my dream came true. I decided to wear Hijab after being inspired by a friend of mine who started wearing Hijab, However nobody seemed to be happy. In fact there was discouragement from their side using as a pretext that I will be kicked out of school and I will suffer this and that and so on. On my side I had made my decision and there was no coming back despite any consequences.

When I went to school the next day, the principal did not allow me to attend the classes with my Hijab. He said that if you remove the Hijab, you will be allowed to continue your studies. The first term was coming to an end and I was kept out of school. All the time I was praying to Allah to help me because I knew that He is the Only One who can truly help me. It was the month of December, the final month of the first term.

I prayed to Allah with tears in my eyes

Although there was no hope in my sight, putting your trust in God makes miracles.

And the help came. It came from a Muslim lawyer who was professional in his job. He knew my case and wanted to help me so he prepared all the legal documents and made all the necessary official complaints. This was all sent to the Mayor who after taking everything into consideration made a decision which allowed me to attend classes from the next term.

Now that I am sitting to write these lines I remember the days I spent in the Rahma madrassah as a child. They were very good days of my life. After attending some levels of the course in the madrassah, I had to leave the madrassah and study on my own. When they told me that Rahma has opened a hifdh school in Prishtina, I immediately enrolled in that course and now I am trying to become a Hafidhah with their help. May Allah reward them for the opportunities they are giving to make us stronger in Islam. Ameen!

” *Vildane Kurtolli*

MASAJID MAINTENANCE

The last few years we have been appealing for some of our Masajid to be renovated.

In the last couple of years, 3 families have helped Rahma to renovate Masjid Bilal, Masjid Hajre Aswad and Masjid Rahman.

Masjid Rahman



Masjid Hajre Aswad



Masjid Bilal



We would like to appeal to our donors to continue to support our renovation project.

The following Masajid in Albania require renovation:

Masjid Farook



Year built - 2004
Serves - 150 homes

Repair Costs
£8,470

Masjid Khadijah



Year built - 2007
Serves - 52 homes

Repair Costs
£8,695

Masjid Salam



Year built - 2007
Serves - 170 homes

Repair Costs
£6,305

Masjid Umar



Year built - 2009
Serves - 400 homes

Repair Costs
£5,515

Masjid Bukhari



Year built - 2013
Serves - 150 homes

Repair Costs
£7,035

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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."

MADRASAH, HIFZ & JALSA



153 Madrasahs
4,400 students

£120 Sponsor a Student

£2,500 Sponsor a Madrasah

9 Hifz Classes 9 Huffaaz

We had a huge interest this year to open further hifz classes from the existing 4 we had previously

£3,000 Sponsor a Hifz Class



The students continue to impress from moving plays and presentations at the annual ceremonies that take place

May the Almighty accept these children for the services of the deen



ISLAMIC LITERATURE



SET OF BOOKS

Rahma (Mercy) with the assistance of An Nasihah Publications launched a 5 year syllabus for the Madrasah children of Albania and Kosovo back in 2013. This syllabus has proven to be very successful. We are now in the process of adding three more books to make it an 8 year syllabus.

This year we've got quite a few students who we have managed to retain for over 5 years. They have completed the old syllabus and are ready to step up to books 6-8.



We urgently require funds to print new books

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

Rahma has been collaborating with DonateQuran.com in the distribution of Albanian Qur'ans. If anybody is interested in Albanian Qur'ans then please contact the Rahma offices.

£3.50

**Donate an Albanian Qur'an
and make a difference**

IMAMAH TRAINING COURSE

2018/2019 has seen the 3rd year of our Imamah training course

This year the first batch of 8 students will be graduating allowing them to serve their respective communities

These 3 years have seen the students develop from having no knowledge about Islam to being able to:

- ◆ Recite the Quran fluently with tajweed
- ◆ Lead prayer
- ◆ Converse in basic Arabic
- ◆ Prepare and deliver lectures on various topics

8 Students
will be
Graduating
this Year



3 Years
Running

EMDEE EDUCATION CENTRE

The Emdee Education Centre (EEC) was opened in September 2018. **This project was largely funded by the Emdee Charitable Trust from London** and is situated in a socio-economically deprived area of Elbasan in Albania.

By the grace of the Almighty in a very short span of time the EEC has been bustling with activity. There are over 150 students (who were previously in overcrowded classrooms) using the facility for Madrasa classes every week.



Opened
September
2018



Over
150
students



The boys boarding hifz class is also situated in this building along with all accommodation and study spaces. The Musallah that is open to the public is operational for Salah with congregation 5 times a day.

There are also frequent Ladies programmes for the women-folk in the area.

RAHMA ACADEMY

5 years serving the local community in Albania

The Rahma Academy is home to:

438_

Rahma School Students

Weekend Courses_

Information Technology
English Language
Islamic Studies for children & adults

Girls Hifz Class_

Boarding Girls Hifz Class including accommodation and study space

Madrasah_

We also opened an after school Madrasah on weekdays for the Rahma School students to attend



Donate any amount for

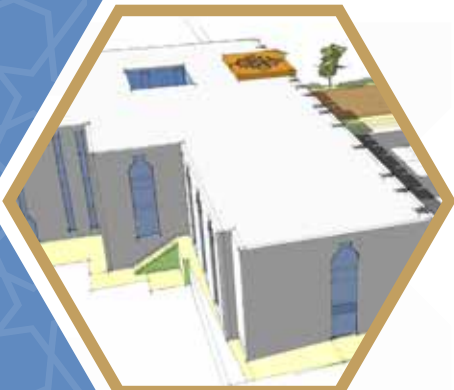
Rahma Academy

Maintenance

RAHMA INSTITUTE

RAHMA'S NEW PROJECT

Our biggest project to date



The Rahma Institute is our latest project for which we have been fundraising for in recent times. This will be our biggest project to date. The Rahma Institute will include the following:

- ◆ Nursery/crèche block with a capacity for 180 students
- ◆ Primary & Secondary school floor with a capacity for up to 950 students
- ◆ Girls Islamic Boarding to cater for 200 students and classroom spaces for up to 400 students
- ◆ Prayer room for 250 people
- ◆ Admin Offices
- ◆ Sports Facilities
- ◆ Auditorium
- ◆ Staff Accommodation

9,330 m².
Internal
floor area

Due to new government regulations, we have had to modify the design as you can see from the sketches provided. Despite design modifications to the Rahma Institute, the total internal floor area is still a whopping 9,330 m²

The revised cost is now £3,750,000

RAHMA INSTITUTE

In October we invited Molana Ebrahim Bham (General Secretary of Jamiat Ulama, South Africa) and other local and international dignitaries for a dua ceremony to inaugurate the building work of the Rahma Institute.



We pray that the building work is completed with ease

**We urge everybody to donate wholeheartedly
towards this exciting new project**

FOOD AID - IFTAR, QURBANI & AQEEQAH

11,550 _
Iftar Packs
distributed in
Ramadan

2,450 _
Food Aid Packs
distributed
outside
Ramadan



Please support this project so we can continue to provide for the poor and needy throughout the year.

£10 Per pack

The packs contain Sunflower Oil, Flour, Pasta, Rice, Sugar, Salt and Juice

141 Qurbanis
were performed
last year

£85 Per sheep

Aqeeqah
We offer an
aqeeqah
service

£100 Per animal

HOUSING & BOSNIA

We have built 2 homes for families desperately in need

Two generous families came forward to support two families in Albania and Kosovo

 **Albania House**

 **Kosovo Flat**



ONLY
£17,000
Per House



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Rahma (Mercy) has been supporting various educational projects at the Nahla Centre for Education and Research. These include Islamic educational classes for beginners and advanced students. It includes educational activities and also training programmes on how to positively make a difference in society. These courses are delivered at three campuses in Sarejevo, Bihac and Tuzla. Many students are benefitting from these courses.



WATERWELLS & HEALTH

Last year we built 16 water wells for the benefit of the needy

Water is a fundamental human need. Unfortunately many people do not have access to clean water directly, hence the need for water wells. Rahma (Mercy) has been providing water wells for many years to fulfil this need.

£1,300 Donate a Waterwell

"...Which charity is best?" The Prophet said, "A drink of water."

Sunan al-Nasai 3664



HEALTH



Rahma (Mercy) receives many requests for Medical Aid

This project helps us to provide help with treatment costs for the people most in need of urgent medical attention.

ZAMZAM, DATES & CLOTHING BANKS

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	£12.00
Kalmi (Safawi)	500g	£4.00
Medjoul	900g	£10.00
Medjoul	5kg	£49.00

Available at Rahma Head Office
56 Hartington Road Leicester, LE2 0GN

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



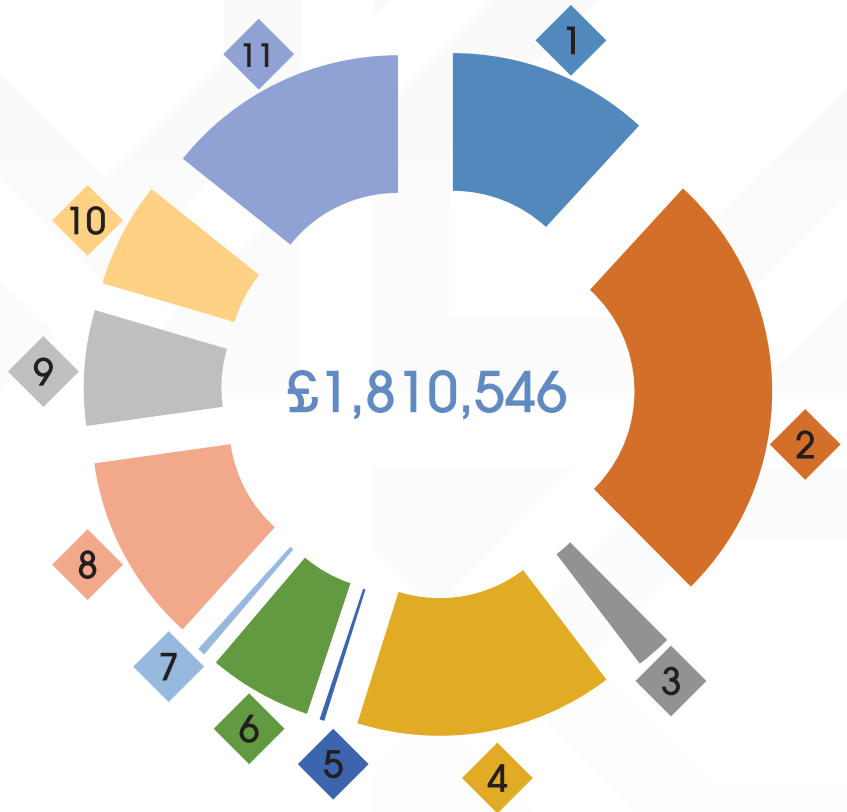
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Income for the financial Year ending March 2018

£1,908,658

- 1** Orphan Sponsorship
£213,964 - 11.82%
- 2** Madrasa Project
£466,002 - 25.74%
- 3** Water Wells
£37,951 - 2.10%
- 4** Mosque/Centre construction
£274,868 - 15.18%
- 5** Housing
£5,204 - 0.29%
- 6** Iftar/Qurbani (Food Aid)
£110,069 - 6.08%
- 7** Poor and Needy (Financial Aid)
£8,578 - 0.47%
- 8** Emergency Appeals
£200,939 - 11.10%
- 9** Academy Project
£122,616 - 6.77%
- 10** Project Implementation
£111,993 - 6.19%
- 11** Admin Expenses (Support, Governance and Fundraising)
£258,362 - 14.27%



Total Expenditure for financial year ending 31 March 2018

Surplus funds carried forward to the next financial year

£98,112

100% DONATIONS 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 and Sadaqah Wajibah Projects (Lillah also accepted)

Most Needy

Any amount

Food Aid

Iftar - £30 a month

Madrasah Students Food Aid - £10 a pack

Fidyah / Kaffarah - £3 to feed a person

Qurbani - £85 per small animal

Orphan Sponsorship

Albania/Kosovo/Macedonia/Serbia - £25/month OR £300/year

Student Sponsorship

Madrasah Student Sponsorship - £10/month or £120/year

Hifz Sponsorship (Boarding) - £1,500 annually

Imam Course Sponsorship (Boarding) - £1,100 annually

Rahma School Student Sponsorship - £41.66/month or £500/year

Islamic Literature

Madrasah Book Sets - £10 a set

Quran Project - £3.50

Poor and Needy - Any amount

Housing - £17,000

Medical - Any amount

Water Well - £1,300



It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (RA) that the Messenger of Allaah (SAW) said: "The Almighty said: 'Spend, O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you.'"

al-Bukhaari, 5073; Muslim, 993

Lillah and Sadaqah Projects

Nahla Education Centre (Bosnia) - Any amount

Rahma Academy Maintenance - Any amount

Rahma Institute Construction - Any amount

Administration - Any amount

Masjid Construction - £60,000

Masjid Renovation - Any amount

Food Bank Project - Any amount

Da'wah Project - Any amount

Aqeeqah - £100




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

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Account Number: 10537330

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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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