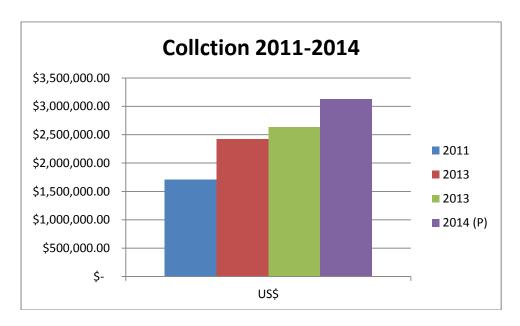


# **Zakath Report for 2013**

As in the past Zakath Collection and Disbursement continues to the Principal Welfare Activity carried out by the WMO.

At its peak the annual Zakath Collection of the WMO was over US\$ 5.0M, but however in the past few years this figures had reduced to around US\$ 2.0M. However the trend for the past 3 years has been positive with a gradual increase in the actual collections.



In addition to the contribution to the WMO Central Funds, Chapters do extensive collections and disbursements of Zakath in their respective Chapters to make a difference in their own areas over and above their international commitments and these are not reflected in the above collection

# **ZAKATH POLICY**

Zakath Policy remained unchanged from the policy adopted at the Board of Trustees meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 in London, UK.

"Only Zakath given to the WMO CF is to be considered as part of the Chapter Zakath Commitment. WMOCF must have the absolute discretion on how the money is used. In case the Zakath is given direct to a Chapter, then the prior consent of the WMOCF must be obtained as to how it is to be spent and the amount must be first credited to WMOCF in the Accounts of the Chapter"

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- Zakath distribution will be on need/priority basis. Regions other than India and Pakistan are also to receive funding based on Projects/need basis. The Zakath disbursement to be made more global
- 2. Each year the allocation will be based on merit only and not on past practices.

  Previous allocations WILL NOT be considered as a precedent for future allocations.
- 3. The present policy of allocating 60% of the available funds for Education will continue. However, NO major educational projects will be considered for funding in India at this time
- 4. Disbursement of Zakath should be carried out immediately once funds are available without any bureaucracy or red tape. Once allocation is agreed, COO should coordinate with the WMO CF Office Bearers and disburse the amount available as per the decision of WMO CF.
- 5. Each year's collection should be disbursed within the year as much as possible
- 6. In future allocation will be made only after the WMO Annual Plans are formulated and approved by the WMO and WMO CF

### **ZAKATH COLLECTIONS**

A total of US\$ 2,648,000/ was committed by the 6 Chapters for 2013, which is an increase of 23% from the 2012 commitment of \$ 2,150,000 and an increase of 9.6% over the actual collection of 2012. The actual collection for 2013 has been US\$ 2,631,113, which is 99.4% of the commitment and 9% over the 2012 collection.

Chapter	Commitment	Rcvd	
Africa	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 485,433.46	
Europe	\$ 348,000.00	\$ 348,000.00	
Far East	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 198,878.17	
India	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 377,000.00	
Middle East	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
Pakistan	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 821,802.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2,648,000.00	\$ 2,631,113.64	

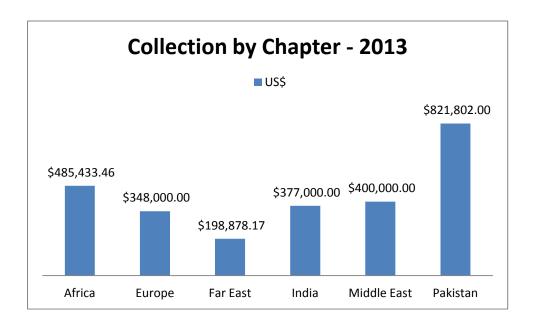
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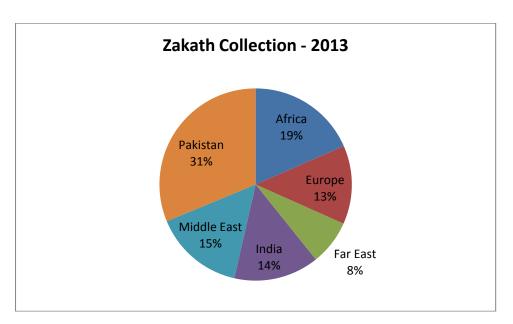
While Pakistan has exceeded their commitment by over US\$ 220,000/, Europe and Fare east has fulfilled their commitment. Africa has fallen slightly behind on theirs while the big drop in the Indian Collection due to other internal issues within the Chapter

The Africa collection included US\$ 50,000/ received against the "Presidents Housing Scheme and The Middle East Collection included a Rent income of US\$ 6,122.45 received on the 3 donated apartments with the donor's instruction to consider this as Zakath.

In terms of collection Pakistan has lead the pack for 2013 collecting over US\$ 820,000 and contributing over 30% of the total Zakath collection. Africa the largest donor in 2012 has managed only US\$ 485,000 contributing 19% of the total collected.

One disturbing trend of the past few years has been, the commitments are never fulfilled in the year and usually get carried forward to the next year and this tends to distort the figures viz a viz the accounts. It is imperative the Chapters collect their year's commitment during the Calendar year instead of carrying forward to the next year.





#### **ZAKATH DISBURSMENTS**

The following allocations were agreed at the same meeting

- 1. **India** US\$ 1,200,000 was allocated for Rehabilitation (housing). However, the Chapter was required to submit the proposal for housing before the release of funds.
- 2. **Pakistan** US\$ 1,200,000 was for Education. However, in case there is any saving, the Chapter was authorised to use the same for rehabilitation as no allocation were made for rehabilitation for Pakistan.
- 3. **Reserves/Specific Projects** The balance amounts was reserved for any new proposals/projects.

The India and Pakistan allocations included the local collection of US\$ 600,000/ each and the Central Body contribution of US\$ 600,000 to each chapter.

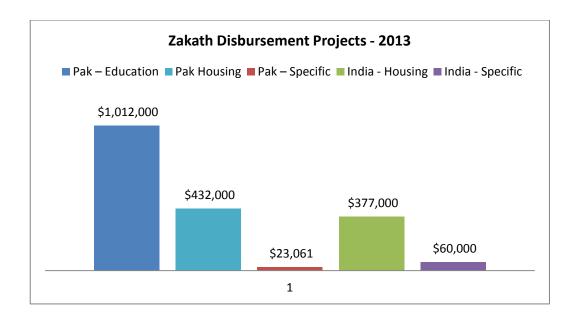
The actual disbursement from the Central Body for 2013 was only US\$ 683,061.22 with Pakistan getting the full allocation \$600,000 + additional \$23,061.22 of a specific Zakath donations and only US\$ 60,000/ given to India as part of a specific Zakath donation of the donor. Funds allocated for the India housing projects were not released due to Governance issues of the Chapter and the Local Board of Management resigning during the early part of the year.

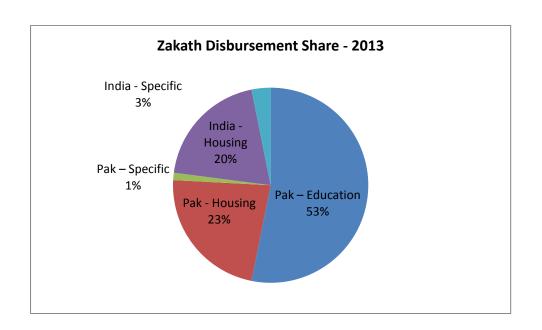
The total disbursement of Zakath during the year including the local collection was

2013 Disbursements

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<u>Project</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Amounts</u>			
Pak – Education	\$	1,012,000			
Pak – Housing	\$	432,000			
Pak – Specific	\$	23,061			
India – Housing	\$	377,000			
India – Specific	\$	60,000			
TOTAL	\$	1,904,061			

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It is the responsibility of the WMO to ensure Zakath collected during a calendar year is disbursed within the same period. This has not been happening in the past and one of the main reasons has been the delays in the collection and the other being delays of feedback reporting from the receiving chapters on how the Zakath has been spent. Both these areas need to be addressed and solutions agreed and implemented rigorously in the future

## **ZAKATH COMMITMENTS FOR 2014**

At the AGM held in Dubai in Nov'13, all Chapters agreed to an increase of 20% over the 2013 commitment and accordingly the total commitment for 2014 is \$3,120,000.00 Further it was decided to allocate the total amount equally between India and Pakistan

Collection as of 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2014

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Chapter	Commitment	Rcvd
Africa	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 490,635.51
Europe	\$ 360,000.00	
Far East	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 36,391.70
India	\$ 720,000.00	\$ -
Middle East	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 498,081.79
Pakistan	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,120,000.00	\$ 1,425,109.00

A The Example of those who spend their wealth in Allah's way is similar to that of a grain which has sprouted seven stalks and in each stalk are a hundred grains, and Allah may increase it still more than this for whomever he wills, and Allah is Most Capable, All Knowing (Surah Baqarah 2:261)