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by lifting
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I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our compassionate brothers and sisters for their magnanimous generosity and steadfast support towards the World Memon Organisation in the Holy month of Ramadan.

Helping those in need is one of the key aspects of this pious month of mercy. And Zakat (that which purifies) is a religious obligation for all Muslims who meet the necessary criteria of wealth. As one of the Five Pillars of Islam, Zakat can lead us to a more productive and successful existence, both as an individual and a community.

Giving charity is not just crucial for the well being of the needy but could be the greatest boon bestowed upon the wealthy.

As Allah (swt) states in the Holy Quran (At-Tawbah 9:103):

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠٣﴾

“Take from their wealth, alms so that you may cleanse them, thereby and cause them to grow in purity and supplicate for them”

This verse clearly informs us that charity purifies a person in a number of ways:

1. It **purifies ones property in a SPIRITUAL** sense by making it more blessed and legitimate;
2. It **purifies the heart of the GIVER** from selfishness, greed, materialism and lack of concern for fellow human beings;
3. It **purifies the heart of the RECIPIENT** from jealousy and hatred for those who possess more than them;
4. And lastly, it **purifies SOCIETY** from social injustices and class struggles.

May Allah (Exalted be He) make us among those who give! May He enable us to understand and fulfill our obligation of Zakat, thereby incurring His mercy and pleasure.

On behalf of my wife Zohra, my family and myself - we wish each and everyone of you a very blessed Eid and may the rest of the year be a healthy , happy, peaceful and prosperous one.

Ameen.

Yours sincerely

Suliman Noor Mahomed
President, World Memon Organization

“Blessed are those who give without remembering.... (surah 2 verse 264 - Al quran)

When we selflessly put the needs of others before our own. As we endeavour to break their cycle of poverty, uplift their lives, support their dreams and help them achieve their goals. We make the world a better place, one person at a time.

It is during these times, we manifest the sublime qualities of compassion, humility, generosity, understanding and above all, love for all Humanity. As we evolve into better human beings, these are the times WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS” - Mr Solly Noor, *President (WMO)*



MY NAME IS **Solly Noor**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeChangeLives



Humanitarian, Philanthropist,
Capetown, South Africa.

“The Honourable Nelson Mandela would often quote that, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Following in the footsteps of this Giant amongst men, we at the World Memon Organisation endeavour to Educate the underprivileged children around the world and honour his great legacy.”

Mr Solly Noor
President (WMO)



MY NAME IS **Haroon Karim**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeSaveLives



Humanitarian, Philanthropist,
London, United Kingdom.

“The World Memon Organisation has always answered the call of the unfortunate victims of a human tragedy or a natural calamity in any part of the World. The organisation has been on the forefront and has contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and suffering of those who seek refuge under these trying circumstances. Be it the flood victims of Malawi, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the Refugees fleeing war, death and destruction to Europe or those afflicted by the devastating earthquakes in India and Pakistan. WMO has stood firm, shoulder to shoulder with each and every one of them.

We strongly believe in what the Holy Quran states, “Saving One Life Is As If Saving Whole Of Humanity...”

Mr Haroon Karim
Chairman - Board of Trustees (WMO)



MY NAME IS **Satar Dada**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeUpliftHumanity



Philanthropist, Humanitarian
Gaborone, Botswana

We couldn't think of anyone more befitting, than the former President of the World Memon Organisation to endorse the beautifully scripted words of the Islamic scholar-Sheikh Muiz Bukhary.

“The more you lift others up,
The more the Almighty raises you.”

Because Mr. Satar Dada is undoubtedly, it's living embodiment!

HEAL THE WORLD



THE KHIDMAT CHARITABLE TRUST HAS BEEN PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MEDICAL CARE TO THE AFFLICTED IN INDIA FOR OVER A DECADE.

A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



OVER A 1000 HOMES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED ACROSS INDIA, PAKISTAN & SRI LANKA.

EDUCATE THE GIRL CHILD



EACH YEAR THE MEMON INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (PAKISTAN) EMPOWERS THOUSANDS OF WOMEN THROUGH IT'S UMPTEN VOCATIONAL COURSES.

MY NAME IS **Nowsad Gani**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeCareForMankind



Philanthropist, Eternal Community Man, Car Enthusiast and Watch Aficionado
London, United Kingdom

MY NAME IS **Ashraf Sattar**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeMakeADifference



Humanitarian, Philanthropist and Orator.
Colombo, Sri Lanka

MY NAME IS **Shoaib Ismail Mangroria**
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeEmpowerWomen



Philanthropist, Humanitarian and Traveller.
Karachi, Pakistan

"I was blessed to have the opportunity to visit the Khidmat charitable trust in Mumbai and witness the great medical work being carried out by my brothers. To say that I was moved, to say that I had tears in my eyes when I saw the plight of the afflicted who come to seek medical treatment, is a gross understatement.

But at the same time I was proud that this benevolent work is being carried out by my own Memon brothers, not just for our community but for all Humanity!

We at WMO support Life. We strongly believe that every human being has the right to quality medical care. Our vision is a World without suffering."

Mr Nowsad Gani
Deputy President (WMO)

"Last month I visited Mumbai and travelled to the suburb of Mumbra where a large portion of the Muslim community live in abject poverty. We visited a few homes and witnessed the subhuman conditions in which large families are confined in tiny spaces within four crumbling walls. An open drainage lay a few feet away from the entrance of the door - my heart clutched my soul as I watched children play in the dust and dirt surrounded by the stench of death and disease.

For over a decade, the World Memon Organisation has provided homes to thousands of families, creating an environment more conducive for their wellbeing because we believe that a decent home is a basic human right for all and it is only in the shelter of each other that people will live, grow and evolve."

Mr. Ashraf Sattar
Deputy Chairman - Board of Trustees (WMO)

"I have always been a very vocal advocate for the cause of education and even more for Empowerment of Women through Education.

As Queen Rania of Jordan wonderfully puts it, "When you educate a girl, she becomes a woman who lifts herself and her family out of poverty."

We at WMO couldn't agree more.

Help us to equip our underprivileged daughters with the knowledge, power and skills to enable them to determine their own path in life."

Mr Shoaib Ismail
Secretary General (WMO)

"Our vision at WMO is that by the year 2020, no child within the community will be deprived of an education, no family will be without a roof over their heads and all Memons will be self-sufficient.

At the same time we firmly believe that the younger generation must share our vision, as we strive to inculcate the values of compassion and generosity in them. We prepare them to be future leaders and as the great Nelson Mandela famously quoted, "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

We at WMO prepare them for Greatness!"

Mr Yunus Suleman
Former Chairman of the WMO Youth Wing and Treasurer.

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

Those words of Margaret Mead launched a movement in 2001 which united us Memons from across the globe and led to the establishment of the World Memon Organisation.

As we continue to care for all Mankind and strive to change the World.

Mr. Gulaam H Abdoola
Deputy Secretary of Board of Trustees (WMO)

"We implore you to delve deep into the spirit of giving and brotherhood during the blessed month, contribute towards the admirable cause of the Ramadan Iftar Camp and join us on the Arabian coast as we unite and break bread with our brethren as the sun sets on another Iftaar in Dubai."

Mr Mahmood Abu Baker Shaikhani
Deputy Secretary General (WMO)

OVERCOMING POVERTY IS NOT A TASK OF CHARITY



IT IS AN ACT OF JUSTICE.
-NELSON MANDELA



MY NAME IS Yunus Suleman
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeGroomFutureLeaders



Philanthropist, Visionary and Inspiration
Johannesburg, South Africa.

WE CARE FOR MANKIND



SHARING IS CARING



MY NAME IS Gulaam Abdoola
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeCare



Philanthropist, Entrepreneur and Adventurer
Gaborone, Botswana

FEED THE FASTING



IN 2017 MORE THAN 100,000 MUSLIM BROTHERS WILL BE PROVIDED MEALS DURING RAMADAN.



MY NAME IS Mahmood Abu Baker Shaikhani
I SUPPORT WMO
#WeServeMankind



Philanthropist, Humanitarian and Property Mogul
Dubai, UAE

Ummeed means **Hope**.

The name is quite appropriate for a foundation that supports differently abled children, as circumstances often demand infinite hope in moments of perennial despair.

Ummeed foundation is located in the bustling suburb of Mumbra, around 40 kms from Mumbai, India. Mumbra is densely populated with members of the Muslim community, a majority of whom live in abject poverty. Although the foundation consists of a small apartment with tiny classrooms, it remains the only beacon of hope for hundreds of underprivileged Muslim families.

Ummeed not only serves as a school but also a sanctuary for children with special needs.

“Special needs” is an umbrella underneath which a staggering array of diagnoses can be placed. Children with special needs may have mild learning disabilities or profound cognitive impairment; food allergies or terminal illness; developmental delays that catch up quickly or remain entrenched; occasional panic attacks or serious psychiatric problems.

In spite of its limited resources and a space crunch, the Ummeed foundation boasts of a team of **specially trained teachers and professionals** that are well equipped to impart lessons and cultivate skills that help the children to overcome these challenges. In many instances, the foundation even provides free medical and health care to the children, along with **counselling** for their parents.

When Ummeed was established in 2011, the greatest hurdle the foundation faced, were the parents. They were already reeling under the burden of financial constraints and had to additionally support and care for a handicapped child. The innocent children bore the brunt and were often subjected to violent physical abuse - some were even tied up and locked away.

After lengthy discussions and parent counselling - the first challenge had been overcome. Parents finally understood that their children needed their constant love, support and encouragement if they were to survive in society.

Ummeed was established on the firm belief that most of the children can become an active part of society and reach their full potential, if given a chance. Each year the foundation strives hard to achieve that objective.

A delegation of the World Memon Organisation from the Far East Chapter, personally visited Ummeed and witnessed the brilliant work being done under its banner. They were saddened by the cramped spaces that packed the children like a tin of sardines, within the confined walls of the school and immediately pledged **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS** towards the foundation. The generous contribution will enable them to buy a much larger piece of land in the same neighbourhood, for the purpose of building a bigger premise to create an environment more conducive to the children's mental, emotional, psychological and physical needs.

The World Memon Organisation stands firm with Ummeed in their resolute efforts to support the children with special needs. If we can bring a smile on the faces of these little angels, if we can play a small role in making their lives a bit better, if we can provide them with a brighter future, if we can care for them, enough to help them learn, grow and live their lives to the fullest; then we can proudly say that we have made a DIFFERENCE.

The Ummeed foundation has given us that hope and hope springs eternal!



AYESHA



*My name is Ayesha
I sat in a corner
I couldn't play with my friends
I was lonely and a mourner*

*My left leg is always asleep
It never wakes up
I plead with it everyday
Wake up! Wake up!*

*One day I went to Fairyland
They call it Ummeed
They cured me with a magic wand
It is a miracle, indeed!*

*I run with my friends
I draw ice cream cones
The magic is working
I have stronger bones*

*The Fairyland is growing bigger
We have a new friend called WMO
I am going to run even further
Nobody has to sit in a corner,
anymore*

*My name is Ayesha
I run and I fly
I play with my friends
I am aiming for the skies!*

Ayesha Imran Khan, now a 10 year old with a sweet disposition and radiant smile, enjoys being the centre of attraction. Around 5 years ago, a reticent and glum Ayesha hobbled into the Ummeed foundation for the first time, accompanied by her distraught father. She had difficulty walking as her left side was afflicted, restricting and limiting her movements. She sat quietly in a corner, alone, unable to match steps with her siblings and friends.

Her father was a poor street vendor who could hardly make ends meet and with his limited resources was unable to provide Ayesha with the special training or education which she sorely needed in her early years. Her mother was too busy taking care of the other 3 children. Ayesha was completely neglected.

At the age of five, when the parents realised that Ayesha could barely walk, they approached the Ummeed Foundation. When she enrolled into the school, Ayesha had not yet developed her social and communication skills, she couldn't even indicate her toilet needs, add to that a short attention span. All these symptoms pointed towards her deteriorating physical and mental condition.

Ummeed prepared an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for Ayesha. The plan included developing her left motor coordination, working on her personal hygiene and increasing her attention span. Parental counselling also helped her parents understand Ayesha's psychological needs and now they deal with her patiently and with utmost care. Ayesha has since shown steady improvement, she now reciprocates and attentively participates in class activities.

As WMO has joined hands with Ummeed and contributed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars towards building a bigger and better school for Children with Special Needs like Ayesha, we were very touched when her teacher sent us a poem. It was her way of thanking us on behalf of Ayesha and all the other children.

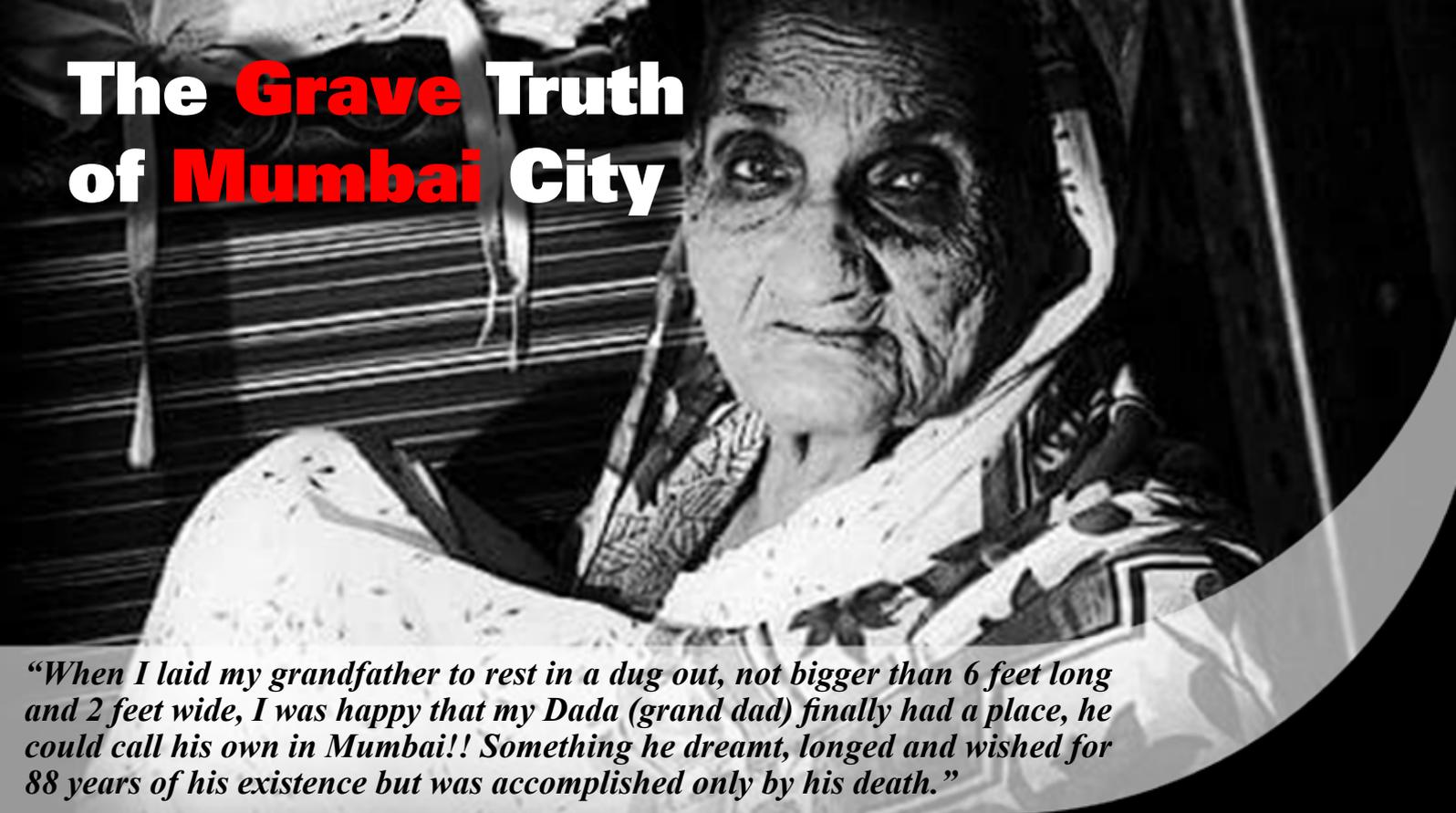
Etch those couplets in your memory, remember her face. Shed a few tears, remember Ayesha in your thoughts and prayers.

This is the World Memon Organisation **CHANGING LIVES** across the Globe.

Join Us.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE**

The Grave Truth of Mumbai City



“When I laid my grandfather to rest in a dug out, not bigger than 6 feet long and 2 feet wide, I was happy that my Dada (grand dad) finally had a place, he could call his own in Mumbai!! Something he dreamt, longed and wished for 88 years of his existence but was accomplished only by his death.”

As we sat stunned by this statement from one of the housing applicants from Mumbai, Mr. Hamid Nathani (VP WMO India Chapter) made a firm resolve to accept the challenging prospect of providing homes to the underprivileged in Mumbai.



You have to understand the dynamics of real estate in Mumbai to gauge the gravity of the situation. **One square feet** in proper Mumbai can cost anywhere between **USD 100 to USD 1000**. A minimum area of a 300 square feet home costing the basic USD 100 works out to a whopping **USD 30,000**. A poor man in Mumbai can spend an eternity, only hoping to accumulate a fraction of that amount to buy an area which is smaller than the living room of a normal sized home.

Even the houses available at the outskirts of Mumbai, in the far flung suburbs, a good 40 or 60 kms away, cost a minimum of USD 50 a square feet hence a newly constructed unit of a basic area of 300 square feet costs **USD 15,000**

After completing a housing project of **20** units in **Mehkar, Maharashtra** in 2014 followed by delivering **60** housing units to the underprivileged Memons of **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** in the year 2015, the next ambitious project undertaken by WMO India Chapter and Nathani Charitable Trust will provide **200** homes, over the next couple of years to deserving Memons in **Mumbai**. A mega budget of USD 5 million will be allocated towards the endeavour with sizeable

contributions coming from WMO, Nathani Charitable Trust, Mr Hamid Nathani himself, as well as several, local philanthropists and humanitarians. All of whom, share the firm belief that there is an urgent and utmost need to provide homes to the less fortunate Memons of Mumbai. Most Memon Jamaats spread across the city and numerous other benefactors have promised to join hands with WMO to fulfill the dreams of hundreds of Memon families who do not have a roof over their head and a home to call their own in “maximum” city.

Ironically the Kabrastaan (graveyard) for Muslims in Mumbai is situated in the tony area of Marine Lines, overlooking the famous landmark of the Queens Necklace that adorns the coastline. One of the most expensive real estates in the world. Until the Mumbai housing project becomes a reality, our desolate brothers and sisters can only seek solace in the fact that they will eventually occupy the most coveted spaces in the landscape of Mumbai, unfortunately six feet under.



Your Zakat contributions can change this emphatic reality. Donate generously towards the worthy cause of Rehabilitation of Memons in the upcoming month of Ramadan.

OLD HOUSE

I live in a **GARBAGE DUMP**

"My name is Mohammed Rijwan Abdul Kadar Bombewala and I live in a garbage dump. Surrounded by dirt, dust, the stench of disease and death, my 3 young sons, a daughter and my wife huddle together in a shanty which is about 10 feet wide and 12 feet long. Yes, there are bathrooms much bigger than that! To add to this, my humble home is illegal. We live in the constant fear that the authorities will demolish it and the four walls that keep the roof above our head will come crumbling down."

Rijwan is a 36 year old Memon from Surat, Gujarat who drives an auto rickshaw for a living. Burdened under a mountain of debt, he could barely make ends meet or bring food to the table for his family. The authorities demolished his illegal shanty on numerous occasions and he was left to the mercy of the heavens above. The community came to his rescue and the Surat Memon Jamaat enrolled his 4 children into school. Nathani Charitable Trust, along with WMO have provided the family with a home in Makka Apt, Bhagatalav, Surat. A proper one bedroom, with a living room and a kitchen.

"My children are going to school and there is a place I can call my own. I will never forget the 21st of November 2016, the day we entered our new home. Because that was the first night, in many a decades, when I slept peacefully. For I knew when I woke up the next morning, there would still be a roof over my head and clean air for my family to breathe!"



NEW HOME



The Mehkar Housing Project was initiated by WMO in the Mehkar village, located 415 kms to the east of Mumbai in Maharashtra, India. It is home to **20** memon families who were living in abject poverty in the slums of Mehkar.

It was a collaborative project done by WMO Charitable Foundation, WMO India Chapter and the Mehkar local Jamaat.

A large portion of the funds, around **\$80,000** were contributed by an anonymous donor from South Africa. The land was provided by the local Jamaat and the remaining contributions came from the Zakat collected by the India Chapter.

These collaborative projects will be promoted in the near future by the WMO India Chapter in other towns of Maharashtra and Gujarat under the common name of **WMO PANJO GHAR** (Our Home)

WMO PANJO GHAR aims to provide a roof over the heads of our less fortunate brothers and sisters who live in deplorable and uninhabitable conditions.

I recall visiting Mehkar frequently, driving down to the construction site of the project, in its infancy. I watched the bricks, sand and stones take shape into homes for more than a dozen families that lived in the subhuman conditions of the Mehkar slums.

Amongst my very first write ups for WMO, as part of the India Chapter youth wing and one of the many posts I had published on the Mehkar Housing project, I vividly remember this one because it was special.

WMO PANJO GHAR

“As I complete my first year in WMO, nothing brings me more joy than the Mehkar housing project.

WMO has constructed twenty appartments and made the most deserving families of our community



AHMEDABAD HOUSING PROJECT IN GUJARAT

WMO and Nathani Charitable Trust provided 60 homes to the underprivileged members of the Indian Memon Community residing in the state of Gujarat.

Over 60 apartments of the Taybah Residence, were delivered to the identified, deserving families in Ahmedabad on the 4th of January, 2015. These flats were donated as part of the ongoing housing program of the WMO.

The Guests of Honour were Mr. Abdul Satar Dada, former President of WMO and Mr. Feizul Ayob, former Secretary General WMO; both of whom flew in from South Africa to attend the event. The function was also attended by a number of representatives of the WMO and the NCT.

in the village of Mehkar, proud owners of their own homes.

The inauguration ceremony is on the 30th of March 2014 and everybody is invited.

Each apartment spans around 500 square feet in carpet area and has a spacious living room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and their very own individual balconies. Everything from tiles, fans, kitchen sinks and even bathroom showers are in place. Each and every amenity that one needs in their homes has been provided for, to all the families.

The housing project is aptly called WMO PANJO GHAR.

Personally, I believe that we should always leave something behind in this world which will help us in the next. Comforting words, a helpful deed, an act of kindness towards our less fortunate brothers and sisters.....a kind of legacy that others will emulate.

What better way than to build a home which everyone in the Memon community, around the world can call their own. Welcome to the WORLD MEMON ORGANIZATION's, PANJO GHAR (OUR HOME)."



A Thank You Note



“Empathy is patiently and sincerely seeing the world through the other person’s eyes.”

- ALBERT EINSTEIN

Empathy would be the perfect word to summarise the Mumbai leg (of the India tour) by the Sri Lankan delegation from the Far East Chapter.

The delegation comprised of

- **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** (Deputy Chairman of the WMO Board of Trustees)
- **Mr. A.C. Saleem** (VP Far East Chapter)
- **Dr. Haroon Admani**
- **Mr. Majeed Karim**
- **Mr. Mohammed Shiraz Mohammed Younus**
- **Mr. Mohammed Iqbal Abdul Sattar (Babu bhai)**
- **Mr. Ameen Bhaila**
- **Mr. Yaseen Bhaila**
- **Mr. Razak Osman Hingora**
- **Mr. Shahid Sangani** (COO WMO)

Accompanied by **Mr Hamid Nathani** (VP WMO India Chapter) and his team, the delegates navigated through the narrow lanes of the bustling suburb of

Mumbra, to arrive at their destination - **The Umeed Foundation**. They were warmly greeted by a group of smiling children with special needs. However, their happiness was short lived and their hearts were filled with sadness as they witnessed the conditions that the young ones had become accustomed to - packed as sardines in tiny rooms of a small apartment which served as their school.



As the President of the foundation gave an emotional presentation followed by the children, who stood tall despite their physical challenges and intellectual disabilities. A few tears were shed and many rounds of encouraging applause resonated the room as each differently abled child finished exhibiting his or her remarkable skills.

A Hundred thousand dollars were pledged towards buying a much larger piece of land in the same neighbourhood, for the purpose of building a bigger

and better school to create an environment more conducive to the children's mental, emotional, psychological and physical needs.

This was just the beginning of their journey...

Next stop was the **Rehmania hospital** which provided affordable and charitable health care to the poor and needy of **Mumbra**.



This was followed by a visit to the **Memon Colony**. The living conditions of the inhabitants were deplorable. Two broken down sheds, each housing several impoverished members of underprivileged Memon families. The roof was about to collapse and the walls were crumbling. An open drainage lay a few feet away as children played in uninhabitable and unhygienic conditions. They spoke of disease and death, while education was unheard of and the greatest concern was they didn't know where their next meal would come from!

Thirty Thousand dollars were pledged towards housing and more contributions were promised in the future.



The next day, the delegation visited the **Khidmat trust** in the heart of Mumbai. The Khidmat charitable trust has been in existence for over 2 decades, providing **effective medical and health care** to the underprivileged across India. The place was buzzing with hundreds of applicants as well as the ailing. From free medicines to diagnostic tests, from providing kidney dialysis to a sizeable number of afflicted brothers and sisters at zero costs, to making life saving surgeries possible for the less fortunate. Everything and everyone was being taken care of, under one roof and in record time.



"We support Life. We strongly believe that every human being has the right to quality medical care. Our vision is a World without suffering," asserts Mr. Hamid Nathani who is an integral part of Khidmat trust.

Another **Thirty Thousand dollars** was earmarked towards Khidmat.

The magnanimous donors from Sri Lanka kept widening their circle of compassion and embraced all. They listened patiently to the distraught inhabitants of the Memon Colony, made an emotional connection with the little angels of Umeed and gave out a loud and clear message to the suffering at Khidmat - **You are not alone.**

Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes. And as empathy is born out of the old biblical injunction 'Love the neighbour as thyself.' We Indians express our heartfelt gratitude to our Srilankan counterparts for their time, effort and generosity. We are grateful to you for standing shoulder to shoulder with your neighbours and understanding our needs.

For your warm friendship, camaraderie and brotherhood but more importantly, for your empathy.

THANK YOU!



Solly Suleman **Driving Force Behind AHMED AL-KADI HOSPITAL**

By Dania Hanif



A tree never relishes its own products; nor does it bathe in its own comforting verdure shade. Like-wise, the graft and the craft that goes into manufacturing the viscous golden-fluid is never savored by the source that engenders it. Providence is rife and abundant with instances of sacrifice; altruism and compassion. And much as it is equivocal, it is ironic that the most sublime creation of the almighty is the most inhumane, insensitive and indifferent.

Not all human fingers measure equal; and thus when we are appalled by the human ghastriness, his profuse apathy and sheer absence of his intrinsic empathy; we are overwhelmed by such outstanding and extraordinary accounts and achievements; such as those accumulated by our Former Assistant Secretary General of The World Memon Organization (Africa Chapter), **Mr. Solly Suleman** and his team.

With the world raging on wars and violence being the newly found recreation, the commercial wheels of the world has turned to materialize on this front as well; after exploiting educational and judicial facades. Medical-care has become a very expensive

commodity, and thus reaches far from the frail grasp of penury.

Being a torch-bearer for humanity all across the world, **Dr Ahmed Al-Kadi** (1940-2009) was a cardiothoracic vascular surgeon who dedicated his life to serving others. Also been a resourceful provider erstwhile as he had worked on umpteen projects in the US inclined to assist the financially deprived masses. Some of the most noteworthy instances include the Islamic Medical Association, the Islamic Circle of North America and the Institute of Islamic Medicine for Education and Research. Al-kadi had taken the long trip down-under copious times with the sole intent of establishing IMASA In 1979. Consumed with the passion of studying and practicing Islamic medicine, he had always dreamt of founding an Islamic hospital. Passionate about Islamic medicine, he had always dreamed of having an Islamic hospital. **It is this dream that nurtured so long ago that is now made possible by Solly Suleman and his team and has proved as a key provider of essential health care in the province, and is a beacon of hope for those who never dared to believe that such things are possible.**

Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital Financial Model (26-74 Model)

The most arduous challenge was to raise funding for such a massive project.

“What we realized was that the R500 million, needed to build and operate the hospital would require some innovative and imaginative thinking. Experience from others taught us charity hospitals, however worthy, cannot sustain themselves, with many having being forced to close” – Solly Suleman



Holding the all too important Chairman of the Board of Ahmed Al-Kadi hospital, Mr. Solly Suleman has been the linchpin of the organization. It is one thing to wear too many hats and completely another to discharge all the onus in an unprecedented way. Mr. Solly Suleman is not the only factotum for the Ahmed Al-kadi Hospital, Sparkport pharmacy chain and the World Memon Organization, but he has been an indispensable unit of many other prestigious firms. Mr Suleman is also in the front line of the National Health Insurance discussions as he is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee.



“The hospital will promote Islamic ethos that promotes the rights and respect of all patients and will serve all patients irrespective of race or religion” - Mission and Vision of Ahmed Al Kadi Hospital

Success is not the result of simultaneous combustion, one must set himself to fire, so observed a wise-man. The wonder of a hospital is not an over-night romance. On the contrary, **Mr. Solly Suleman**; pharmacist and a prominent KZN Businessman and also the President of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa (IMASA) has cared neither for pain nor for expense to install the best facilities of the world under one roof. Being a medical man himself academically, having developed **Sparkport pharmacy** chain with his partner from its infancy with the chief ambition to cut profit margins on medicine, discounting where possible, he visited many hospital around the globe to understand the modern day scientific breakthroughs and to seek the viability of various technologies. In addition to this, he also delved into all legal and financial matters to ensure that the project sees through till the end without much ado.



The infirmary houses a telling **164 beds**; and dishes around 1000 nutritious and healthy meals on a daily basis. Special attention is given to hygiene conditions; and since most of the staff and the patients are mostly Muslims, stations with non-stop Islamic channel is played incessantly. Ablution centers are also put into place, with separate lavatories for male and female staff and patients.

Therefore, they devised this ingenious brain-wave of initiating this one-of-its-kind model, which was never practiced by any other organization. Since the chief objective of the infirmary was to provide care to the impoverished, it was decided that Baytul Nur Trust would hold 26% of the shares and the rest by the private investors. Solly Suleman along with his team had negotiations with many shareholders convincing them to invest in return for %equity in the hospital and managed to raise R500m in return of 74%equity. The men-on-mission were so adamant and determined to achieve this noble cause for the sake of Allah that they went beyond the call out of duty to materialize the dream. Solly Suleman demanded no monetary return for his services; from raising funds from shareholders to visiting hospitals in various countries to acquisition of land and liaising with shareholders; all of this was done by him with the sole purpose of pleasing Allah by serving mankind.



Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital BODs with Fawzia Peer at the Inauguration of Ahmed Al Kadi Hospital. Board of Directors of Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital are Solly Suleman, Dr MC Salwa, Dr AKC Peer, Dr AYD Moosa, Dr AH Moosa, Dr IE Usman, Miss Fathima Lockhat.

Being 26% Equity holder (largest share of equity compared to any other stakeholder) IMASA had the control over decision making and thus this model

proved to be very successful as funding was raised by investors without the fear of any investor changing the noble vision and mission of Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital. The profits from this 26% will be used to fund disadvantaged patients as well as other humanitarian work of IMASA.



"The Ahmed Al Khadi Hospital, embellished with consummate elegance, is the conceptualization of the vision of the IMA, the Islamic Medical Association of SA. Congratulations to the Team for work well done. Accolade goes to Solly Suleman for honoring our country's values, it is indeed a profound accomplishment"- Fawzia Peer (Deputy Mayor of eThekweni Municipality Councillor) at the Inauguration of Ahmed Al Kadi Hospital on 1st April 2017.

Generous Donation of Dialysis Unit

"It is one of those sad realities that chronic kidney patients, requiring long term dialysis are often sent home to die because of lack of resources and funding. With our model being sustainable in the long term, we are able to set up renal facilities for those who cannot afford to pay for their treatment"-Solly Suleman



With funds raised we can also provide professionally staffed clinics for families focusing on things such as diabetes, nutrition and child care. We hope this model will be adopted elsewhere. There are so many who need urgent treatment and cannot afford it. We have had great support from the government and provincial health leaders which has really helped us to get off ground"-Solly Suleman

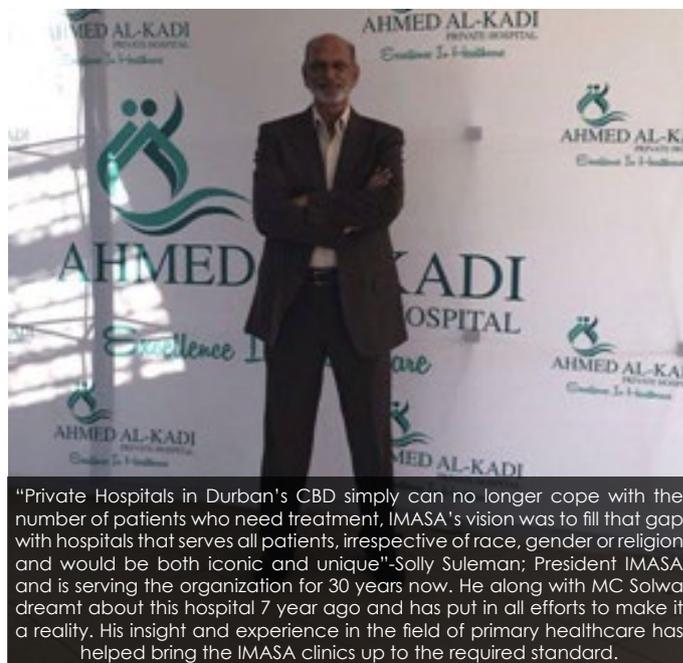
Basking in inspiration from the heroics of Mr. Suleman, distinguished and renowned **memon industrialist Mr. Akbar Moosa and his better-half, Hamida Moosa, also stepped-forward and donated huge sums of money to help the facility have its first and only Dialysis Unit.** The happy and welcome addition has already started serving the needy patients.



Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital's unique proposition is that the care provided there is better than any other private hospital in South Africa.

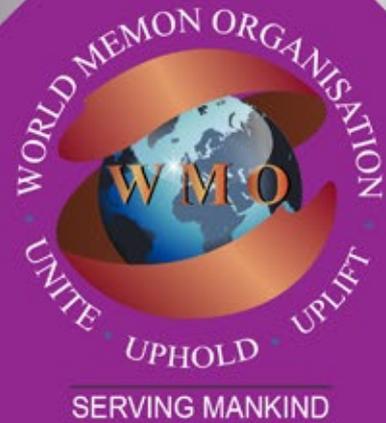
Memons Dignitaries on Ahmed Al-Kadi Team

Fueling the passion of Mr. Solly Suleman and supporting him through thick and thin of this herculean effort were other memon signatories such as Anwar Moosa (Head of Finance) and Mr. Feizul Suleman (IT and Financial Consultant). They stood with him in good stead and left no stone unturned to help Mr. Suleman to make his dream mushroom into a living reality. Such a triumphant delivery also manifest our faith in destiny, and ensures that when we endeavor to achieve something with tooth and nail and expect nothing in return for the effort, but only the consent and the bounty of the heavenly Benefactor, then nature conspires and the grinds of the almighty work in miraculous ways to make the implausible possible.



"Private Hospitals in Durban's CBD simply can no longer cope with the number of patients who need treatment, IMASA's vision was to fill that gap with hospitals that serves all patients, irrespective of race, gender or religion and would be both iconic and unique"-Solly Suleman; President IMASA and is serving the organization for 30 years now. He along with MC Solwa dreamt about this hospital 7 year ago and has put in all efforts to make it a reality. His insight and experience in the field of primary healthcare has helped bring the IMASA clinics up to the required standard.

We, at World Memon Organization congratulate Solly Suleman and all his team for accomplishing this goal of setting a world class hospital, and it is because of projects like these; The Memon community can again hold its head high in pride and pedestal as it continues to surpass one milestone, after another; enduring pain and penance, to alleviate human beings of their sufferings!



F A R E A S T C H A P T E R

Kinniya

Kinniya is a picturesque town, lying in the district of Trincomalee, on the east coast of Sri Lanka. The town is densely populated with members of the Muslim community, a majority of which, live in abject poverty.

Located on the Trincomalee Harbour, Kinniya lay devastated in 2004 due to the massive tsunami triggered by the earthquake in the Indian Ocean. In the recent months, the town has witnessed yet another human tragedy with the large scale outbreak of the **Dengue** virus. The death toll has risen to **21** and more than **2000** cases have been reported.

The **World Memon Organisation** joined hands with **Memon Aid of Sri Lanka** and distributed food packs to the afflicted members of the Muslim community in the Kinniya area. Each pack contained 10 kgs of rice, flour, 2 kg of dal, sugar, onions, potatoes, milk powder, a couple of large salmon tins, packets of noodles and vegetable oil. 300 families were the beneficiaries of this joint collaboration, costing around USD 10,000.

May Allah Swt grant Shifa to the afflicted and reward those who contributed as well as participated in the humanitarian endeavour. It takes courage to descend into a town plagued by an epidemic and unflinchingly distribute 300 food packs to families affected by the outbreak. Well done WMO Far East Chapter, you are always at the forefront and serve as an inspiration!





11th of April 2017 was celebrated as Memon day.

It was the brainchild of the President of the All India Memon Jamaat Federation - **Mr. Iqbal Memon Officer**. The records bear testament that the Federation comprising of almost 500 Memon Jamaats rooted in the cities, towns and villages across India, was established on the 11th of April, 1971, which prompted Mr. Iqbal Officer to declare this date as Memon day to commemorate the historic occasion.

The Memon Community is spread across the Globe with a majority of the population based in Pakistan and India. Significant numbers also reside in UK, South Africa, Sri Lanka, North America and the Middle East. The community is renowned for its business prowess and philanthropy. Since their origin in Sindh during the 15th century, Memons have been a mercantile community of mostly traders. Over the years, as the community was blessed with wealth and prosperity for their hard work and honesty, they grew in stature, as did their philanthropic work. Having built several mosques, orphanages, hospitals, community centres and schools in many countries across the globe.

The Memon day celebrations too were an embodiment of the humanitarian values instilled within the community. On the 11th of April, events began to unfold across the length and breadth of India, with all 500 Memon Jamaats taking up innumerable worthy causes. From fruits, groceries and food distribution at hospitals and orphanages, blood donation and medical camps, cataract operations, adoption of slum children to women empowerment programmes. The foundation stone of a hospital was laid down in Palghar, a couple of mobile clinics were set in motion and 45 apartments were delivered to deserving families in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Everyone stood united under the Federation banner and stepped up to the plate for the betterment of the Community and Humanity.

The rest of the World too joined in, Memons of **South Africa** donated 10,000 USD to support the blind, **UK** transported another container of relief aid to Syria, an Islamic school was inaugurated in **North America**, food packs were distributed to the underprivileged and afflicted in **Sri Lanka**. A few other regions including the **Middle East** and **Far East** also played their part to mark the Special day. Hundreds of orphans, children, the ailing, the suffering, underprivileged women and less fortunate families across India and the world benefited from the extensive programmes conducted on the day.

It's befitting then to mark a day on the calendar to hail the Memon community because it has given the World, distinguished humanitarians like **Abdul Sattar Edhi**, **Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY)**, **Abdul Satar Dada**, **Suliman Noor Mahomed (Solly Noor)**, **Sir Iqbal Sacranie**, **Haroon Karim**, Iqbal Memon Officer amongst many others. Because philanthropy is in our blood, because we stand united to support a good cause, because our endeavour is to make the World a better place. And let's commemorate the occasion by doing what our people do best - Serve Mankind.

But just as we don't need a special day to express our love for our family and friends or to do a good deed. Let it be a Memon day, today, tomorrow, each day, everyday because on this day, we celebrate Humanity, Compassion and Brotherhood. A celebration worth repeating, 7 days a week and 12 months of the year.





The South Rises

The 4th of March, 2017 will be a Historic date for the World Memon Organisation. The date marks the birth of a new WMO chapter - SOUTH INDIA.

The top brass of WMO, Mr. Haroon Karim (Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees), Mr. Newsad Gani (Deputy President of WMO), Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman-WMO Board of Trustees), Mr. Yusuf Kamdar (Trustee), Mr. Shahid Sangani (COO WMO) and Mrs. Fazila AK Ismail (Chairperson - International Ladies Wing) flew down from across the globe to grace the momentous occasion in Bangalore. A large delegation from Sri Lanka, consisting of prominent members of the Far East Chapter also attended the launch.



under the WMO banner. It further endorsed WMO as the single, umbrella organisation for the global Memon Community.

The evening had several memorable moments. The launch of the South India Chapter at the hands of Mr. Haroon Karim. An elaborate presentation by Mr. Aziz Mohammed highlighting the extensive work done by the Jamaats of the South. Many noteworthy orations were rendered by the local as well as international dignitaries of WMO, including another brilliant delivery by the eloquent Newsad Gani. But **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** stole the show, stood tall and delivered the most emphatic speech. The crowd was on their feet and the applause resonated through the hall. **It was truly well deserved as Mr. Ashraf Sattar has been the**

The event was hosted by Mr. H. E. Abdul Azeez (VP South India Chapter), Mr Adil Azeez (Assistant VP) and Mr. Azeez Mohammed at the grand ITC My Fortune hotel. It was a very well attended affair with the crême de la crême of the Memon Community from South India making their presence felt. All the Jamaats of the South representing Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Madurai, Mysore, Mangalore, amongst others, headed by their respective Presidents attended the Gala dinner. **The first congregation of all South India Jamaats under one roof was hailed as yet another shining example of uniting all Memons**

architect in carving out a separate WMO South India Chapter. It was a significant moment, a wonderful moment and it was abundantly clear that Mr. Ashraf Sattar was undoubtedly, the **Man of the Moment.**

The South has won us over with their warm hospitality and as it's VP - Mr. Abdul Azeez assured the gathering that the region would exceed all expectations and deliver on its promise of becoming one of the top performing WMO chapters in the coming years. Here's wishing them all the best and hoping that **the South will rise again and again and again....**



Mr. H E Abdul Azeez did the honours of the inaugural address.



The Honourable Haroon Karim inaugurates the South India Chapter.



Mr. Ashraf Sattar makes the moves and steals the show.



Mr. Nowsad Gani delivers another gem of a speech.



Mr. Azeez Mohammed gave an elaborate presentation, highlighting the work done by the Memon Community in the South.



Mr & Mrs. Yusuf Kamdar



Mrs. Fazila AK Ismail (Chairperson International Ladies Wing) Women Power.



Mr. Adil Azeez was the driving force, meticulously organising the wonderful event and deserves all the accolades for its roaring success.



We hope and pray that the South will rise again and again and again...



The mementos were elegant gold plated flowers which served as a reminder of the golden moments spent in Bangalore.



TITANS

by WMO Pakistan Youth Wing

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” - Henry Ford

On 12th March 2017, the WMO Youth Wing Pakistan Chapter executed the first ever Youth Entrepreneurship and Business Conference titled as **“The Titans”**. This was the first time ever that a conference of such magnitude, with such an impressive guest list was organized by the Youth Wing across the WMO footprint, globally.

The main agenda of this conference was to inculcate in the youth the idea of pursuing entrepreneurship, as in a rapidly globalizing world, we have witnessed the promotion of entrepreneurship as a possible source of job creation, empowerment and economic dynamism. However, despite this awareness, there has been no methodical effort to look at it from the youth's perspective as there has been a tendency to either subsume the youth into the general adult population or to ignore their efforts to forge a livelihood through their enterprise activities which has resulted in the lack of an adequate understanding of the potential benefits of youth entrepreneurship.

The need for such a conference was identified and the WMO Youth Wing of Pakistan Chapter embarked upon the challenge and took this initiative by organizing Titans 2017 which was attended by 250 youth of the community and was greatly appreciated by one and all.



The event kicked off with a welcome note from the **Youth Wing Chairman Mr. Khurram Shehzad** who welcomed the participants to the conference and then passed on the baton to the **event lead Ms. Reeda Sheikhani**, who highlighted the

importance of this conference. She then invited the youth entrepreneurs to come on stage and share their success stories and their journey with the audience. The segment of youth entrepreneurs was made part of the conference so that the youth can relate to the live examples which these individuals had set and learn from their success and failures.



The youth entrepreneurs at the conference were:

1. Shakaib Khan – SK Motors Syndicate
2. KomailNaqvi – FindMyAdventure.com
3. Atif Ahmed – Super Savari Express
4. Ahmed RaufEssa – TeleMart.pk

These four youth entrepreneurs shared the story of their entrepreneurial journey and how they took a small idea and made it big!

After a motivational session by these young guns, **Mr. Waqar Mamdani, Vice Chairman WMO Youth Wing Pakistan Chapter**, engaged with the audience and managed to get them out of their comfort zones by interacting with each other in an activity. The winner of the activity was then awarded with gift certificates from Paxi.

Then it was time for which the audience was waiting for. **Mr. Asad Umar**, our key note speaker, (**Ex-President of Engro Corp**) who has also been rated as one of the most successful CEOs in Pakistan and is the only Pakistani to be awarded with **Sitara-e-Imtiaz**



(the highest honor in Pakistan) in 2010 for services in Private Sector took to stage and had an interactive discussion with the audience. Mr. Umar, stressed upon the importance of entrepreneurship and enlightened the audience about his journey in the corporate world narrating

anecdotes from his personal life to make the youth relate to him. Being a prolific speaker, Mr. Asad Umar had the audience mesmerized by his skillful ability of keeping them energized & engaged throughout his session. His session turned out to be the highlight of this conference as it was first time ever that a person like Mr. Asad Umar had come to a WMO event.

Next, Mr. Nadeem Hussain (**Coach Planet N, Ex CEO Tameer Microfinance Bank, Creator EasyPaisa, Ex Head of Consumer Banking CitiBank, Owner Alpha/Tesco, Board Member Institute of Business Administration, Board Member Institute of Capital Markets, Chairperson of Pakistan Microfinance Network, Advisor to Hult Prize Pakistan, Tech Pakistan**) stressed that youth entrepreneurs are now spearheading the next wave of tech entrepreneurship. He addressed the audience and inspired them to become entrepreneurs and assured them that there are venture capitalists who would want to invest in fruitful enterprises. He predicted that Pakistan is the going to be the next big thing if the youth capitalized on opportunities.



community who have proved their mettle and made a name for themselves in the business world. Mr. Mamdani executed the panel discussion with grace and aplomb encouraging a healthy discussion amongst panelists who shared how they made a mark in the business world and offered some great tips to our aspiring youth entrepreneurs. The panel discussion was enjoyed by one and all as it offered great life lessons for the youth. The panelists featured the following guests:

1. **Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra** – (*Founding Chairmen The Citizens' Foundation, Founding Member Kidney Center, Recipient of WISE Awards in Qatar, Recipient of Sitara-e-Imtiaz in 2013, Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award by Canada Pakistan Business Council, Member of Clinton Global Initiative and a Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur*)
2. **Mr. Hussain Lawai** – (*Vice Chairman Board of Directors Summit Bank, CEO Institute of Bankers Pakistan, Chairmen Board of Directors GSK & Searle*)
3. **Ms. Naheed Memon** – (*Chairperson Sind Board of Investments, Adjunct Faculty Member Institute of Business Administration, Director Kings' Group*)
4. **Mr. Asif Ismail** – (*COO, Premier Cables, Trustee MMIH, Trustee Usman Memorial Hospital, President Okhai Memon Youth Services, Member Who is Who Professionals USA, TiE Global Entrepreneur, President Memon Professional Forum*)

After the memento distribution to the panelists, Mr. Talha Director Operations Careem Pakistan took charge and briefed the audience about how Careem has changed lives of people in the community.

The closing note was then presented by Mr. HM Shahzad, Vice President World Memon Organisation, who expressed his vote of thanks and appreciated the Youth Wing's efforts in inculcating the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the youth of the community as it is the need of the hour. With his warm words of encouragement the event ended on a high note and yet again the Youth Wing of the Pakistan Chapter set a new benchmark by executing Titans.

The event was made a roaring success, thanks largely by the efforts and dedication of the event lead Ms. Reeda Sheikhani, the utmost support of Mr. Khurram Shehzad Chairman Youth Wing Pakistan Chapter and the able guidance of Mr. HM Shahzad Vice President -Pakistan Chapter. Special thanks to Mr. **Abdul Haseeb Vayani** as the **co-lead** and heading all the design and creatives for this event. Also, the advisory board members of the **Youth Wing Mr. Altaf Vayani, Mr. Faisal Baqi** played a crucial role to ensure that the event was a success without any bottle necks. We would also take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, **Mr. Bashir (Owner – ChaseUp), Mr. Saad Nisar (CEO Trakker Direct Insurance)** who also played a pivotal role in making the event what it was.



After an elaborate lunch, a panel discussion was conducted by Mr. Ibrahim Mamdani, and the panelists featured prominent members of the memon

Lastly, the untiring efforts of the CEC team of the WMO Youth Wing Pakistan Chapter should also be acknowledged as the team proved to be a pillar of support yet again to make this event a huge success!

The Month Of Zakāt By Arshad Gani

The holy month of Ramadan, the month of fasting and the most special time of the year for Muslims, is almost upon us. It is a time that we look forward to with anticipation. For many Muslims, this is also a month not only of fasting, but of withdrawal from the transient distractions of the world, self-reflection and spiritual renewal. And for many, it is the time of the year in which they calculate and pay their Zakat, in fulfilment of one of the core pillars of the Islamic faith, ordained in both the verses of the Qur'an and the statements and practice of our Prophet (P.B.U.H).

For many of us, the association between Ramadan and Zakat is largely a practical one. Zakat is an annual due, and Ramadan is a convenient time of the year to remember to fulfil our dues. This is especially true in the modern world, in which the payment of zakat has become an individual rite, rather than one administered by the Islamic state and performed on a collective, community basis. It is agreed, however, that this does not necessarily tie zakat to Ramadan; zakat can be paid at any time of the year, and indeed at different times of the year for different kinds of wealth and income, provided it is understood that it is fundamentally an annual due.

The Qur'an describes Zakat as a right due on the wealth of Muslims. It is not something we give of ours; it is something that we owe as a debt to Allah (SWT) and to our fellow Muslims in return for the privilege of being granted custodianship of a part of the wealth that belongs to none other than Allah (SWT). Therefore, no recipient of zakat should be humbled in any way or in debt to anyone but Allah (SWT). He or she is receiving only what is his or her rightful portion of the wealth of the earth, albeit through a different route. Nor is zakat purely a personal obligation. Nowadays most zakat, certainly of Muslims in western countries, is self-calculated and given to charitable organizations which channel it to the poor and needy in Muslim countries. It is understandable now that people should be wary of what their zakat is spent on, considering the absence of legitimate and trusted Islamic authorities to administer it, but that should not make us lose sight of the broader objectives and higher ideals of what is a core institution of the Islamic social order as well as a personal Islamic obligation. For this reason, organisations like the World Memon Organisation were established to provide a trustworthy median through which Muslims can pay their dues without the slightest of doubts as to where the money is being spent. The fact that the World Memon Organisation have started to publish their annual accounts for all to see is testimony to this.

Almost every element of Islam has suffered misunderstanding, misrepresentation, distortion and diminishment because of the historic failure of Muslims to maintain the standards and ideals on Islam in the public and political sphere. Zakat is no exception. Recognising this, and taking the necessary steps to reverse the process, starting with our own understandings of such core institutions as Zakat, Sawm and Salah, is as much a fardh on us all as actually paying the dues that we owe. And there could be no better time to start the process than Ramadan, "the month of zakat."



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A SIMPLE DECENT SHELTER IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT AND A PRIMARY NEED FOR ALL.

For over a decade the World Memon Organisation has carried out rehabilitation projects, primarily housing which constitutes the corner stone in the well-being of a community.

The organisation works towards the alleviation of poverty in the Memon community by providing homes to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Housing Projects in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka stand completed in the cities of Hyderabad, Bangalore, Surat, Ahmedabad, Mehkar, Colombo, Sindh and Karachi

More than **A THOUSAND DESERVING RECIPIENTS** are appreciative **HOME OWNERS** under the WMO banner.

Around **2.5 MILLION DOLLARS** are spent each year towards housing.

YOUR ZAKAT CONTRIBUTIONS GO A LONG WAY IN BRINGING A SMILE ON THE FACES OF THE CHILDREN WHO STAY WARM AND SAFE IN THE CONFINES OF THEIR HOMES, YOU HAVE SO GENEROUSLY PROVIDED.

A NEW BEGINNING

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We all lived in the slums of Mehkar village, surrounded by dust, dirt, disease and death. My husband passed away in 2013, at the age of 29, after a prolonged fight with Tuberculosis. He was an illiterate man who tried to provide the best he could for his family but we could never save enough for a home.

I have now moved into the housing colony built by WMO on the outskirts of Mehkar. I always thank the Almighty for giving me this opportunity to raise my 5 year old son in an atmosphere where he can breathe fresh air, in an environment that promises a new beginning.

I can now hope for a brighter future for my child. Perhaps he can grow up to become a doctor and save lives. His father would have wanted that.”

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A REFUGEE STORY

“IT STARTS WITH A SINGLE STEP. WHEN YOU WALK ACROSS THE BORDER FENCE. YOU LEAVE BEHIND YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR HOME, YOUR LIFE. YOU FEEL A VOID, A STATE OF EMPTINESS. YOU LOSE YOUR SENSE OF BELONGING, YOUR IDENTITY, YOUR BEING. YOU HAVE JUST BECOME INVISIBLE. YOU HAVE JUST BECOME ANOTHER REFUGEE.

THEN STARTS THE THOUSAND MILE JOURNEY THROUGH PURGATORY. FAMILY MEMBERS BEING BURIED WHERE THEY FELL ALONG THE WAY, CHILDREN SUCUMBING TO HUNGER AND THIRST, FRIENDS SHOT DEAD WHILE CROSSING BORDERS.

IT'S A TRIAL OF FAITH. HE PUTS ME HERE. I TRUST HIS PLAN. HE WILL BRING ME HOME.”

REFUGEE CRISIS IN EUROPE

The refugee crisis in Europe has tested the will and resolve of its people and governments, but most of all our fellow brethren who are fleeing death, destruction and starvation in search of safety and an opportunity to live.

The World Memon Organisation has contributed **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS** (USD100,000) towards this pertinent cause.

The WMO team has stood firm, shoulder to shoulder with the innocent victims of this mass exodus, and personally distributed refugee aid at several camps across Europe including Tovarnik, Tabernovce, Calais and Dunkirk under the leadership of Mr. Khalid Jussab.

Hundreds of refugees were provided meals along the migration route, soup kitchens were set up and blankets, warm clothing, shoes were provided to make their rigorous journey a little more comfortable.

Food packs were distributed at refugee camps that have mushroomed in Turkey, along the Syrian border.

As the threat of starvation looms large in Syria, we hope the world follows and donates generously towards the cause of hunger.

WE REQUEST YOU TO SAY A QUIET PRAYER FOR OUR LESS FORTUNATE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, MAYBE SHED A TEAR AND DO YOUR BIT TOWARDS SERVING MANKIND.

MALAWI

HOPE FLOATS

THE YEAR 2015 STARTED ON A DISASTROUS NOTE WITH DEVASTATING FLOODS RAVAGING SOUTHERN MALAWI IN CENTRAL AFRICA. HUNDREDS LOST THEIR LIVES, THOUSANDS LOST THEIR HOMES AND LIVELIHOOD.

THE WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION IMMEDIATELY SPRUNG INTO ACTION.

MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS ALONG WITH AID IN THE FORM OF FOOD PACKETS, PLASTIC SHEETS AND BLANKETS WERE PROVIDED TO ALL FLOOD VICTIMS. THE WMO TEAM MARCHED INTO AREAS AFFLICTED BY THE FLOODS, BRAVED THE HARDSHIPS AND PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN DELIVERING FOOD, RELIEF MATERIAL AND SETTING UP SHELTERS FOR THE DISPLACED.



SOUTH AFRICA

WE WERE HERE BY THEIR SIDE

WMO stood up against Xenophobia in South Africa and helped the victims of this grave injustice by collaborating with other humanitarian organisations on the ground.

Meaningful contributions were also made towards Operation Hydrate, an initiative to provide water and bring some relief to the regions, scorched by the drought in South Africa.



PAKISTAN

WE WERE THERE

A devastating Earthquake measuring 7.7 on the richter scale hit Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Northern regions of India in October 2015.

\$50,000 was pledged towards rehabilitating the victims of this catastrophe.

SRI LANKA

In May 2016, more than 300,000 people were affected by severe floods and land-slides fueled by the torrential rains in Sri Lanka. \$300,000 was released to bring immediate relief to those affected by the floods.

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**IF YOU GET, GIVE
IF YOU LEARN, TEACH
- MAYA ANGELOU**

WoW has initiated a program to provide training skills, specifically in embroidery and sewing to a group of 25 underprivileged women in India. The Youth Wing - India chapter has donated sewing machines along with a day of technical training each week. Plans are afoot to start a training centre on the outskirts of Mumbai.

The objective of WoW is to enable women to stand on their feet and become financially independent, ensuring a better upbringing for their children.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS EMPOWER THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

THE LADIES WING OF WMO HAS COLLABORATED ON A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOURS ACROSS THE GLOBE. YOUR DONATIONS ENABLE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THESE WORTHY CAUSES.

- KASHMIR PROJECT AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDED IN THE KASHMIR VALLEY.
- CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
- AL NOOR FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND IN MALAWI
- NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL
- WIDOWS CHARITY IN INDIA
- LOHARA GIRLS ORPHANAGE IN INDIA



RAMADAN IFTAR CAMP

In the Ramadan of 2015, the World Memon Organisation, Middle East Chapter organised Iftar meals for the entire duration of the holy month. A camp was set up in Dubai and thanks to your invaluable contributions, 37,500 Muslim brothers were provided meals for 30 days.

These brothers are mostly poor migrant workers employed in the bustling Middle East construction industry. They toil laboriously throughout the day, without food and water, building skyscrapers that will soon adorn the Dubai skyline whilst religiously fasting under the hot desert sun.

In 2017 we are expecting more than 100,000 Muslim brothers.

**SPARE A THOUGHT,
SHARE A MEAL AND
FEED THE FASTING.**

“Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward.”

- At-Tirmidhi

**FOR OVER
A DECADE,
THROUGH YOUR
GENEROSITY,
ALL OF THIS
WAS MADE
POSSIBLE.**

YOU CREATED A BRIGHTER FUTURE

You shaped the lives of thousands of children by providing them free education in Pakistan.

YOU MADE DREAMS COME TRUE

Hundreds of underprivileged families across India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan got a roof over their head.

YOU GAVE HOPE

You delivered meals, shoes, warm clothing, medicines to a sea of humanity migrating into Europe during the Refugee Crisis.

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

You stood up against Xenophobia in South Africa, delivered aid to flood victims in Pakistan, Malawi and Sri Lanka. Provided funds and water to children reeling under the heat and drought in Africa.

YOU CHANGED LIVES

You Empowered Women across the Globe.

YOU SHOWED YOU CARED

You fed the fasting for the entire month of Ramadan in the Middle East.

THANK YOU!



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**“CHARITY NEVER DECREASES WEALTH.
RATHER, IT INCREASES IT...
IT INCREASES IT... IT INCREASES IT.”**

~ Messenger of Allah



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