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Dear Brothers and Sisters

Assalam-Alaikum

It is indeed a momentous occasion as we release the **25<sup>th</sup> Edition** of the World Memon Organisation magazine, an important milestone in the journey of **"The Memon"**.

**April 16th 2015** was another significant date as it marked the release of the first edition of The Memon magazine.

It has been an incredible journey thus far with many distinguished personalities gracing the cover. From corporate gurus, entrepreneurs, visionaries, humanitarians to icons and legends, all have shared their absorbing life stories, encompassing tales from their childhood, the growing up years, their struggles, trials & tribulations, accomplishments, relationships, philanthropy, humanitarian endeavours and glories.

On several occasions, they have tugged at our heart strings with intimate details of incidents that changed their lives forever. Each of us experiences a deep range of emotions, motivated by our own individual desires and fears, so writing about personalities with the same nuances has the power to draw us in and make us feel. I felt the anguish and pain when **Mahmood Shakhani** lost his father. I experienced pride when **Sir Iqbal Sacranie** was knighted by the Queen for his relentless humanitarian endeavours. I shared his fears when he landed in strife-torn Bosnia and drove in the dark of the night to deliver Eid gifts to orphaned Muslim children. I am instilled with patriotic fervour when **Mr. Satar Dada** realises a country's dream and builds a home for every underprivileged citizen of Botswana. I was filled with the unbridled joy of giving when the legendary **Abdul Sattar Edhi** gave away each day of his life to uplift Humanity.

As we experienced a gamut of emotions while we unfolded important chapters of their lives, we learnt, we bonded, we celebrated a life less ordinary, a life lived for others, a life that inspired us to follow in the indelible footprints that they have left behind in the sands of time.

**To all the extraordinary men and exceptional women;  
For all the inspiration, motivation and lessons;**

**Thank you!**

**Mohamed Zubair Chashmawala**  
Editor in Chief



First Edition

# INSPIRATION

The **Inspiration** for creating **The Memon** magazine

I stood steadfast with **Nelson Mandela** in a revolution to eradicate apartheid.

I walked with the **Mahatma** to the salt lakes of Gujarat to strengthen a nation's resolve for Independence.

I was a pillar on which a nation's economy rested when **Quaid E Azam** formed a Muslim State.

I am a revolutionary, a liberator and a patriot.

I am a scholar, an educationalist and a reformist.

I am a visionary, a pioneer and a stalwart of industry.

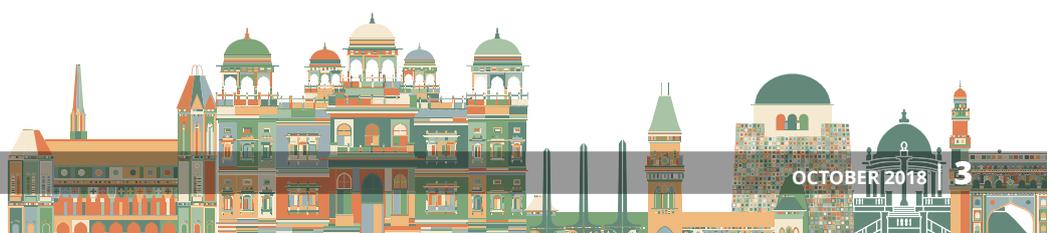
I am a philanthropist and a humanitarian.

I am **THE MEMON**.

In the coming editions of the WMO newsletter, eminent members of our community shall grace the cover page. We will learn about their distinguished life and share the journey, as they scale the greatest heights of success.

We shall showcase to the world, our pride, our joy, our inspiration, the sublime....**THE MEMON**.

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## Assalamu Alaikum Warahmathullahi Wabarakathuhu

*In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful.*

It gives me great pleasure to welcome one and all to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly Meeting of the World Memon Organization being held in the vibrant city of Karachi, Pakistan.

We are privileged to be hosting our AGAM in a country that has just recently newly elected a Prime Minister, Mr Imran Khan, who has promised change, hope, opportunity and prosperity to our host country and to our community at large. He is a World class International cricket player, philanthropist, and leader. He is an inspiration to everyone of us.

I would like to quote from our holy Quran – Surah Ra'ad – Where Allah SWT reminds us:

*“That He will not change the condition of a people until they change it themselves (from within their souls)”*

A further verse in Surah An Nur, Verse 56, Allah SWT commands us to Establish Salaah and to give Zakat.

One would ask why Zakat (This prescribed purifying alms)? This is an act of kindness towards the poor and needy – in this context it is meant to stress the element of unselfishness as an integral aspect of true faith.

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. We are deeply indebted to our benefactors and donors for playing a pivotal role in empowering the organisation to deliver hope and support to the disadvantaged. We have touched the lives of thousands through our Education and Housing endeavours, looked after our Widows and Orphans, made a difference in people's lives with Micro Finance and served humanity during Natural Calamities and Human Conflict.

While we commend our organization for the large body of global and humanitarian work conducted over the last 16 years, I would like to remind donors and volunteers that they are an integral part of WMO and thus it is imperative that we obtain a deeper sense of commitment and dedication from them, as we will not and cannot proceed to the next level without them.

With pride, I can confirm that as a global organization we have the required specialized skills, we have attracted prominent and key members of the global Memon community into our fold and we have rekindled a strong spirit of belonging to the ideals of a global Memon community. As a community we have lived up to our motto – **“Serving Mankind”**.

Whilst our Annual Report for the Year 2017 gives a detailed account of our achievements and progress in the concluding year - in reflection what we have achieved is not to our true potential as a community and our historical achievements wherein our forefathers, without the resources and technology we have at our disposal today, did much more. For this we need the performance at the Chapter Levels to improve considerably, the Bar has to be raised in all aspects, from Leadership, Planning, Execution, Performance Management to Success Planning and Mentoring.

While we celebrate the successes and hard work put in by of our ladies and youth, we need to acknowledge that much more needs to be done in these two respective wings. They are an integral part of our daily lives and the youth are our future leaders.

I wish to place on record my appreciation for my fellow Office Bearers and the regional teams for their wonderful team work over the last year, Members of the Executive Committee (ExCo) and Management Committee (MC) for their unflinching support and constant encouragement, the Marketing and Communication Committee for doing a magnificent job and our COO and CFO, along with the leaders of the youth and ladies wing for their untiring efforts to get us to where we are today.

And finally, remember, WMO which was originally a collector of Zakat has now evolved to cover all the other facets of a successful Memon community including business, education, health, women empowerment, sports and welfare. When we selflessly put the needs of others before our own, as we endeavour to break the cycle of poverty and make the world a better place one person at a time – it is then that we manifest the sublime qualities of compassion, humility, generosity, understanding and above all, love for humanity. Thus we rise, by lifting others!

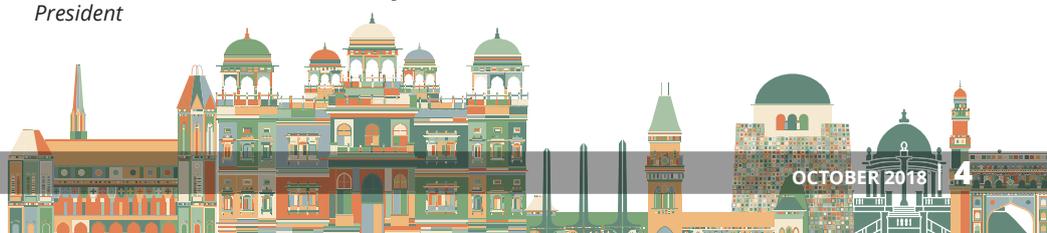
Though we represent the Memon community we believe in what our Holy Quran has taught us – Care for humanity at large

Salaams

**Mr Suliman Noor Mahomed (Solly Noor)**

*President*

**16<sup>TH</sup>**  
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# VISION STATEMENT

Assalam-Alaikum

Dear Brothers and Sisters

## **I HAVE A DREAM**

I have a dream that all future generations are educated and self reliant.

The power to mould the future will be in the hands of the next generation. It is up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us, and to leave behind, that is worthy of our children.

## **Our legacy should be an educated heart and mind.**

I have a dream that all my brothers and sisters have a roof over their head.

A simple, decent shelter is a basic human right and a primary need for all. To own a home is a vital, starting point for the underprivileged, from where they begin their long and arduous journey to break the shackles of poverty.

I have a dream that one day my brethren will rise up and live out the true meaning of our creed - **TO UNITE, UPHOLD AND UPLIFT HUMANITY.**

You can't eat with both hands. You have to eat with one hand and give with the other.

I implore my brothers and sisters to start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and soon, together we will all be doing the impossible.

Have faith in Allah SWT, believe in yourself and dare to dream.

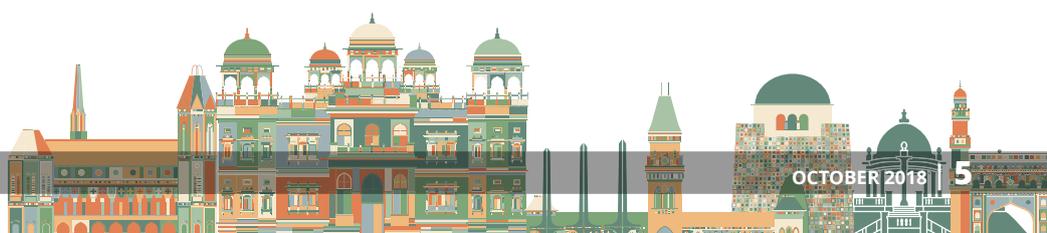
I dream that all Memons will be transformed from Zakat receivers to Zakat donors . The same hands that are out stretched to receive, will soon turn over and give.

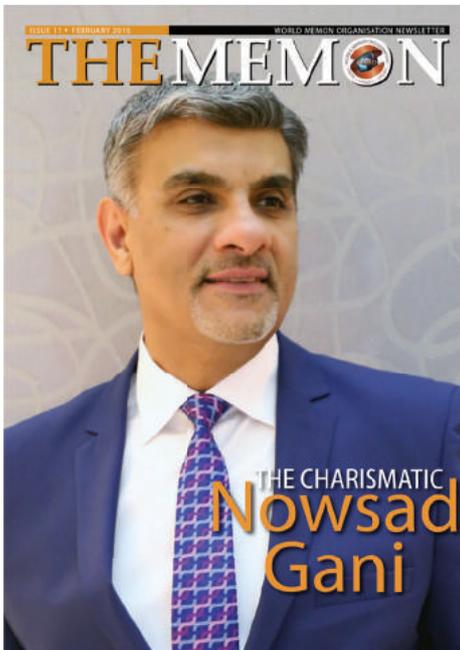
That my brothers will be our finest hour and a true Service to Mankind.

## **Mr Haroon Karim**

*Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees*

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# INCEPTION

An excerpt from the life of **Mr. Nowsad Gani** which was published in the February 2016 edition of **The Memon Magazine** aptly titled '**Homecoming**'.

"The year was 1976, a 13 year old boy from a small town in Africa was thrust into the cold and detached environment of London. Everyone at school, the city and most of the world spoke the same language, yet there was no sense of belonging.

I yearned to go home, to the camaraderie, warmth and brotherhood of the Memon Community. I sensed that our people were different. We were a united, helpful and benevolent tribe that were compassionate towards our fellow human beings. Philanthropy was in our blood and although we had very little of our own, we were keen to share with our brothers and sisters, regardless of color or creed. It instilled in me a sense of pride to belong to this community.

As I grew up, I always treasured the 'specialness' of being different and mastered the art of giving. When I became a man of means I wanted to give back to this wonderful community. But I did not want to stop there. There were others like me who wanted to make a difference in their towns, countries and the world.

An idea was conceived, a movement was launched and an organisation was born. The World Memon Organisation welcomed us into her fold, we stood United under its banner and did what our People do best.

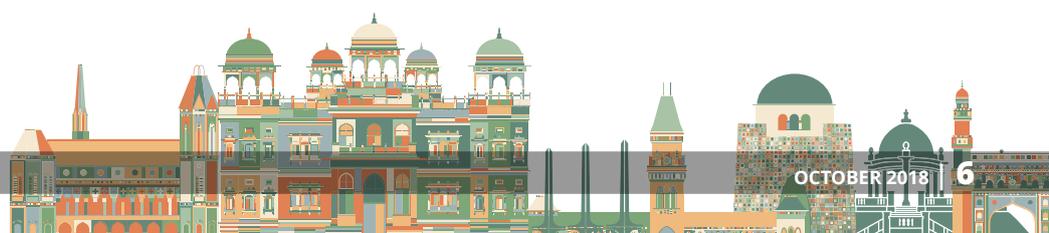
**We Served Mankind...**

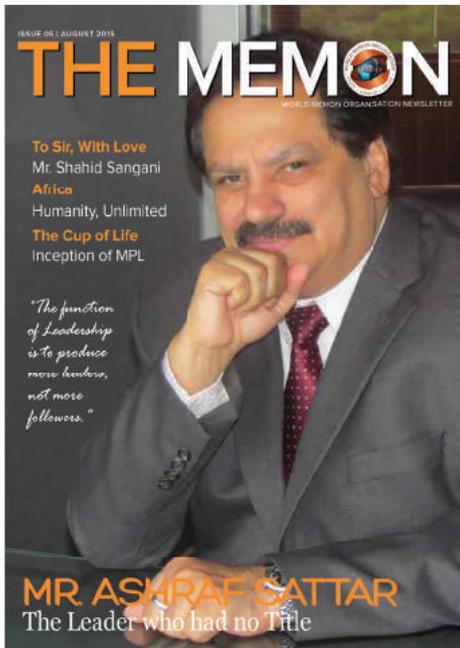
**The year was 2001. I was Home!"**

**Mr. Nowsad Abdul Gani**

*Deputy President WMO*

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# WELCOME

Assalam-Alaikum

Welcome to the 16th WMO AGM in the vibrant city of Karachi.

To all our Memon brothers and sisters, we extend our heartfelt and cordial invitation to become a part of this wonderful organisation.

***If you are a Visionary, we will share your vision***

***If you are an Idealist, we will share your dreams.***

***If you are an Optimist, we will share your joy.***

***If you are a Pessimist, we will share your concerns***

***If you are a Humanitarian, we will share your cause.***

If you want to be a part of a worthy cause, this is the place for you. You can join our humanitarian endeavours to promote education, housing, rehabilitation and numerous other welfare projects to Uplift, Uphold, Unite and Serve Mankind

If you are an entrepreneur, this is the place for you. Learn from the best business minds from around the world and build a global network at our invigorating B2B Conference.

For all you youngsters, if you are proficient in sports, this is the place for you. WMO has hosted a wide array of sports events in all corners of the globe. The Memon Premier League is a prime example of organising a spectacular sporting championship on an international level for the connoisseurs of cricket.

***We will Encourage your Dreams***

***Applaud your Accomplishments and***

***Fulfil your Aspirations.***

So welcome to your place in the sun.

Welcome to this place where you will meet respected philanthropists, humanitarians, dignitaries and doyens of industries, the crème de la crème of the Memon community from around the globe.

Welcome to this place where you can serve not only the community but also humanity.

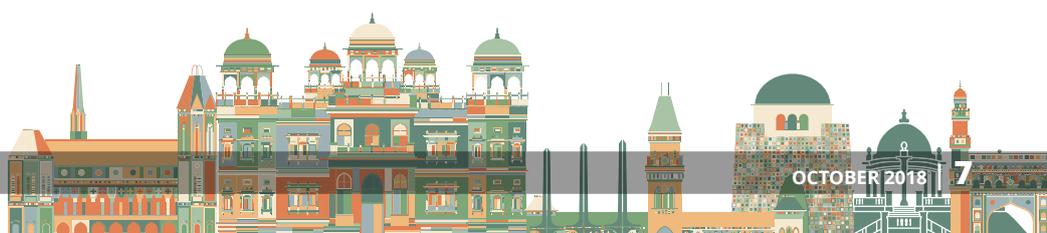
Welcome to this place where you will not only live a wonderful life but prepare for an even better Akhiraah.

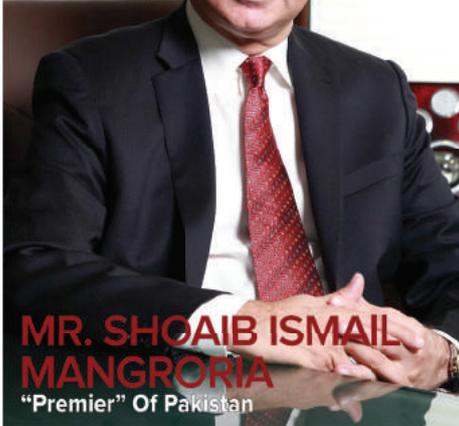
**Welcome to the WMO.**

**Mr. Ashraf Satar**

*Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees & Chairman - Membership Committee*

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**MR. SHOAIB ISMAIL MANGRORIA**  
"Premier" Of Pakistan

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Assalam-Alaikum

The theme for this year's Annual General Assembly Meeting of WMO is "Together for Humanity".

The need of the hour for the Memon Community is UNITY.

The age old saying "United we stand, divided we fall" applies to the Memon Community more than ever before in its entire history.

This is the fast track age where the world is a global village, communication at the speed of light and rapid transport.

If we are still not united, this is the time to come together as ONE.

Please join hands with WMO and let us all stand TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY!

**Mr. Shoaib Ismail**  
Secretary General - WMO

## Together for Humanity

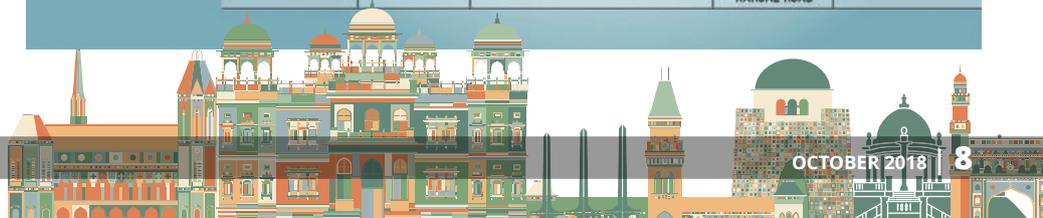
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DAY & DATE	TIMING	TYPE OF MEETING	VENUE	BY INVITE
THURSDAY 01 NOVEMBER, 2018	8 AM TO 6 PM	B2B CONFERENCE "CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY - THE PAKISTAN OPPORTUNITY"	KARACHI MARRIOTT HOTEL	BY INVITATION ONLY
FRIDAY 02 NOVEMBER, 2018	9:30 AM TO 12 PM	2ND MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017-20	INDUS SUITE AVARI TOWER	MC MEMBERS ONLY
FRIDAY 02 NOVEMBER, 2018	3 PM TO 7 PM	INTERNATIONAL LADIES WING MEETING	INDUS SUITE AVARI TOWER	BY INVITATION ONLY
FRIDAY 02 NOVEMBER, 2018	3 PM TO 7 PM	GLOBAL YOUTH WING MEETING	KHORSHEH MAHAL AVARI TOWER	BY INVITATION ONLY
SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER, 2018	10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM	16TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING "TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY"	MARQUE KARACHI MARRIOTT	WMO MEMBERS ONLY
SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER, 2018	2:30 PM TO 4 PM	3RD MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017-20	INDUS SUITE AVARI TOWER	MC MEMBERS ONLY
SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER, 2018	4 PM TO 5 PM	MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	INDUS EXTENSION AVARI TOWER	WMO CF TRUSTEES ONLY
SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER, 2018	8:30 PM ONWARDS	GALA DINNER	GOVERNOR HOUSE	BY INVITATION ONLY
SUNDAY 04 NOVEMBER, 2018	11 AM TO 11 PM	WORLD MEMON FAMILY FIESTA	BAHRIA AUDITORIUM KARSAZ ROAD	OPEN FOR ALL

Together for Humanity

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It has given me great pleasure to chair and organise the 2018 Business Conference, the flagship event of the World Memon Organisation ["WMO"]. I have always considered it an honour and privilege to serve our community.

The event this year has a greater significance to both the WMO and the host country, Pakistan. With prevailing changes in the geo political landscape both in Pakistan and globally and the impact of this on the economies in terms of challenges and opportunities, to say that these are uncertain times would probably be an understatement.

Where there is change on such a dynamic scale there is a need to take stock and review the key issues affecting the way forwards. The recently elected government of Pakistan has its work cut out to revive and energise its economy. Never before has there been a more pressing need for a nations government and its people both at home and overseas to focus and carve out the critical channels through mutual cooperation, improved understanding and better communications and head towards a new dawn of prosperity.

The WMO Business conference is the annual focal point for the many respected, successful, affluent and influential businessman, entrepreneurs and professionals. With a delegate list of over 400 many arriving from around the globe for this event, it is a unique opportunity for Pakistan to provide advice, guidance and incentives to attract local and foreign investment that the Memon community is capable of. We all want to see a successful Pakistan in our lifetimes and it is my desire that we seize the opportunity at this business conference to improve our understanding and confidence in Pakistan and look forward to a future of success inshallah.

**Bashir Sattar**

*Founder Trustee, B2B & Global Youth Wing Chairman*

 The banner features the WMO logo (a globe with 'WMO' in the center, surrounded by 'WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION', 'UNITE • UPHOLD • UPLIFT', and 'SERVING MANKIND') and the text 'WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION PAKISTAN CHAPTER BUSINESS CONFERENCE - 2018'. Below this is a large graphic of a globe with a bar chart overlaid, with the text 'CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY THE PAKISTAN OPPORTUNITY'. At the bottom, there is a table with event details:
 

DATE	TIME	VENUE
1ST NOVEMBER 2018	8 AM - 6 PM	MARRIOTT HOTEL KARACHI

 Below the table, it states 'THIS PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY HABIB METROPOLITAN BANK'. At the very bottom, it includes the hashtag '#WMOB2B2018', '#GlobalEconomyConference', and the contact number 'Or call us at: 021 - 34911 642-963'.

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# WMO Africa Chapter STANDS WITH INDONESIA



Mohamed Ahmad, a resident of **Palu** recalls leaving his home to attend the late afternoon prayers on Friday when the earth shook violently below his feet. Before he could rush back and warn his family, his house crumbled before his eyes, burying his loved ones under the rubble of the collapsed building. There are many more horrific tales emerging from the ravaged city of Palu as survivors recount colossal waves rising from the ocean and tearing through the city, leaving behind a trail of death and destruction.

Indonesia is reeling yet again from another natural disaster. **A powerful 7.5-magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunamis** that struck the island of **Sulawesi** on the 28th of September have left more than **1,600** dead

and around **70,000** homeless. The devastating earthquake liquefied the soil, swallowing up homes and burying thousands of hapless victims. The shifts on the ocean floor



spawned tsunamis, creating 20 feet walls of water that lashed the shore,

inundated homes and entombed hundreds of people.

Thousands are believed to be missing in the towns of **Palu**, **Baleroa** and **Petobo**, situated in the Central Sulawesi province of Indonesia. Rivers of mud swept away entire neighbourhoods in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and ensuing tsunami. Apocalyptic scenes were witnessed in Petobo where dozens of villages disappeared into the ground, soil liquefied into quicksand, making it almost impossible for rescue teams to extract bodies. The government announced that after 11th October, these decimated areas would be designated as mass graves and left untouched, causing the death toll to rise to an astounding **5000**. With thousands entombed and hundreds



critically injured, the stench of death fills the air in Sulawesi.

Nisrina, a resident of the Petobo village is living on the street opposite her home with her infant daughter. She is waiting for her husband and son to return from the mosque since they left for Friday prayers on that fateful day. Its been two days, her hollow eyes keep looking earnestly in the direction of the mosque and flicker with hope at any sign of resemblance from the emerging crowds. Nisrina is too terrified to enter her home as the walls shake under the effects of the aftershocks and could collapse at any moment. Several mosques were flattened under the dual impact of the earthquake and tsunami with many victims still trapped under the rubble. With the Government abandoning their search for survivors, Nisrina's hopes have turned to despair as the wait for her loved ones becomes endless.

WMO 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 misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.

**WMO Africa Chapter**, led by trustee **Gulaam Abdoola**, collected one million rands within a few hours towards the victims of this mammoth tragedy. The donation drive was fuelled by Mr. **Yunus Suleman** (Treasurer - WMO), supported ably by Mr. **Feizul Ayob** (VP - WMO Africa Chapter) and several members of WMO Africa who stepped up to the plate and

donated generously towards this pertinent cause.

Tens of thousands of Indonesia's earthquake and tsunami survivors are homeless, they will be living in makeshift tents and shelters for the next couple of months under the constant threat of an impending epidemic that unleashes in these squalid conditions. Much more needs to be done as our work is cut out to ensure that the survivors are met with their immediate needs of adequate shelter, food and water. Relief supplies, including hygiene kits for families, medicines and water sanitation to prevent the outbreak of disease are the need of the hour. Children have displayed signs of deep anguish and despair, they are especially vulnerable at this juncture as many have lost their parents, family members and homes hence child protection is a critical aspect of the on going rescue mission in Indonesia.

***Please donate towards this pertinent cause. Your timely contributions help us to Serve Humanity at their most vulnerable times.***

May Allah Swt reward members of the Africa Chapter for their generosity and ease the suffering of the people of Indonesia.



*WMO Africa Chapter handed over a cheque of 1.23 million Rands to the "Gift of the Givers" towards the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami that struck the Island of Sulawesi in Indonesia.*



# THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF KERALA

Since the onset of the South West Monsoons in India, torrential rains have been pummeling the southern state of **Kerala**, including the financial capital and port city of **Kochi**, heaping widespread damage across the region.

Floods ravaged the state with fields and streets lying submerged. In some areas, the incessant rains, combined with the opening of floodgates of the overflowing dams caused water levels to swell to an astounding **15 feet**, inundating houses and vehicles. The accompanying tropical storms triggered **landslides** that engulfed entire villages, buried families and homes.

The unrelenting monsoons have left in its wake, total devastation. The torrential rains affecting millions, displacing hundreds of thousands from the comfort of their homes and the death toll kept rising with every passing week.

As the monsoon fury subsided, a team led by **WMO North India Chapter VP - Mr. Ehsan Gadawala**, arrived in Kochi to monitor the situation, distribute relief aid to the flood victims, assess their needs

and understand their immediate requirements.

On the 11th of September, the WMO team comprising of Mr. Ehsan Gadawala, **Mr. Haseen Aghadi**, **Mr. Haji Lokhandwala**, **Mr. Mudassar Patel**, **Mrs. Razia Chashmawala** and **Mrs. Naseema Surty** landed at Kochi airport in the early hours



of the morning. They were greeted by the **Kochi Cutchi Memon Federation President - Mr. Anwar Hashmi** and his team who took them on a tour of the worst affected areas of the state, that had borne the brunt of the catastrophe.

The Kochi Cutchi Memon Federation have been serving Humanity in the

state of Kerala since **200 years**. They were at the forefront when the 'floods of the century' hit the state. From arranging rescue operations by helicopters and boats for residents stranded on the roofs of their homes, to distribution of food grains, relief aid and essential household items, the federation had done everything in their power to alleviate the pain and misery of the afflicted.

As the WMO team joined the federation members and visited several villages to witness the aftermath of the rains, the plight of the flood victims was heart wrenching. Most had lost their homes, their belongings and possessions, many had lost their livelihoods, some had even lost one or more members of their families. The dreaded monsoons had left them battered and bruised but their spirit remained unbroken.

The people of Kerala are self reliant, hardworking, skilled and well educated, with the state boasting of the highest literacy rate in the country. Nobody asked the WMO team for alms or charity, they just wanted to be empowered with enough tools to earn a livelihood,

in fact all that the ladies demanded, were sewing machines so that they would be back on their feet and provide for their families.

***"I salute the women of Kerala. Here was this middle-aged lady, standing in the corner of her broken down home. One of the walls had crumbled, the roof had collapsed,***

***the independent Indian woman, a liberated woman who had survived many a storms and had come out unscathed!"***

WMO members encountered many more unfortunate victims of this cataclysmic tragedy, each with their own shattering tale of loss and despair. Each one sitting in

unimaginable grief.

As the team continued its tour and witnessed the trail of death and destruction, left in the wake of the devastating rains, a decision was reached. WMO would contribute **50 thousand dollars** towards the welfare and rehabilitation of our brothers and sisters in Kerala. We will be adopting several families and catering to their every need, rebuilding homes, empowering the people with tools to earn their livelihood, providing essential household items, food grains and most importantly sewing machines to the self-sustaining, proud and independent women of Kerala.

**In keeping with the indomitable spirit of the men and women of this great state, we remain unwavering in our commitment, unyielding in our determination and undefeated in our resolve; WMO stands firm, shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters in Kerala, often called "God's own Country". And although it is facing His wrath, it will never be Forsaken.**

**A lot more needs to be done so we appeal to your hearts to donate generously towards this pertinent cause. Your timely contributions help us to Serve Humanity at the most vulnerable times. The people of Kerala have shown exceptional courage under duress, time for the Memon Community to reciprocate and display exceptional generosity in their hour of need.**

***there wasn't a single household item on the empty floor, not even a paltry stove to make food as everything had been swept away in the floods, yet she requested for a sewing machine. She wanted to resume making clothes in a dimly-lit corner of her home so that she could earn enough to educate her children, rebuild her life and home."*** states Raziya Chashmawala (Deputy Chairman of the WMO North India Chapter Ladies Wing), one of the members of the visiting WMO team.

***"I wasn't in a corporate office of maximum city where many women have broken the glass ceiling, scaled the greatest heights of success and are perched on the top rung of the corporate ladder but in a village in the backwaters of Kerala. Yet, here I was, standing next to this torch bearer, an exemplary crusader for***

their decrepit homes bludgeoned by the rains, without any worldly possessions; just their resilient spirit and stout hearts getting them through their journey of



***A hundred and seventy-five homes are being rebuilt courtesy a contribution of 4.3 million rupees by WMO North India Chapter towards the rehabilitation of the families, displaced by the Kerala floods.***

# Wedding

## Season in Bengaluru

**WMO South India Chapter**, under the able leadership of its VP - **Mr. H.E. Abdul Azeez** and **Mr. Adil Azeez** (Regional Secretary General) organised a **mass marriage ceremony** for **eight** underprivileged Muslim couples at the plush Adam's Heritage in Benson Town of Bengaluru on a scale and grandeur that were yet unheard of.

On the 26th of September, the World Memon Organisation, under the banner of Imdad E Nisa invited **800** guests to attend the solemn nikaah ceremony which was followed by a scrumptious lunch. Eight beaming couples tied the knot in the presence of their families, friends and loved ones. The Nikaah ceremony was conducted by **Moulana Maqsood Imran**, the revered Imam of **Jamia Masjid**. Political heavyweights, the Honourable **N A Haris**, Member of the Legislative Assembly and **Mr. Tanveer Ahmed**, spokesperson for the ruling Janata Dal (S) were amongst the prominent invitees who gave their blessings to the joyous couples.

House hold items including steel cupboards, wooden beds, crockery, pillows, sheets, utensils, buckets, clothes, watches and jewellery were provided by members of the **Azeez** family. The entire cost of the ceremony, including the ornate decorations and sumptuous lunch were borne by these distinguished

members of the WMO South India Chapter.

"When a marriage is fixed in a poor household, the pertinent question that arises for both families is how to raise funds for the upcoming wedding ceremony. In many cases, the expenditure of a daughter's wedding translates into the father's eternal debts. **The time has come to put an end to extravagant marriage ceremonies, rather the funds should be invested in creating a brighter future for the soon to be wedded couple.** Mass Marriages are the answer, they ease the financial burden on the families and are a step in the right direction." asserts **Mr. Azeez Muhammad Sait**, stalwart of WMO South India Chapter and the driving force behind the event.



His wife **Mrs Fareeda Azeez**, Chairperson of WMO Ladies Wing South India Chapter and Imdad E Nissa Trust adds, "The evil of the dowry system has crept into our society and weighs down heavily on the parents of the girl child, causing many parents to fall into the debt trap. It is unfortunate that many girls of marriageable age are left sitting at home, twiddling their thumbs as parents cannot afford the unreasonable dowry demands or pay for the exorbitant marriage feasts. It is our humble endeavour to assist such girls hence we have organised the mass marriage ceremony. ***We also intend to send out a loud and clear message that it is time for others to come forward and donate towards this pertinent cause. Help the weak and downtrodden, help the girl child, make it easy for children from the marginalised segments to be united in matrimony and provide the cure to the many ills plaguing society.***"

WMO South India Chapter has set the benchmark for others to follow. We hope it leads to many more happy, memorable and eternal unions. We pray that it roots out the archaic social evil of lavish spending on garish wedding ceremonies and paves the path to abolish the demonic dowry system that devours thousands of impoverished families, each year in India.



# A World WITHOUT SUFFERING



On the 7th of October, three prominent charitable organisations collaborated for a very worthy cause in Mumbai. The **World Memon Organisation**, **All India Memon Jamaat Federation** and **Sewa** organised a **Medical Camp** for the underprivileged at the Maa Hoorbai foundation in Central Mumbai.

The camp witnessed a massive turnout of **700** individuals from the marginalised section of society. A team of competent doctors and reputed specialists, including **ophthalmologists, dentists, gynaecologists, physiotherapists, orthopaedic surgeons and paediatricians** examined droves of people who came flocking to the camp. A broad spectrum of medical services were provided to the suffering including consultations, check ups of blood pressure, blood sugar, eye tests, distribution of free medication, physiotherapy and even extensive hijama (cupping) sessions. Complimentary eyewear, foodboxes and eco-friendly bags were also distributed to the patients.

The doctors who had volunteered for the camp were felicitated for their dedicated service to society. A few eminent humanitarians were also honoured for their relentless endeavours to Serve Mankind.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, **Mrs. Nazia Yusuf** (Chairperson of Maa Hoorbai Foundation Ladies Wing) stated, **"The aim of hosting the health camp is to provide medical and diagnostic facilities to the poor and helpless, so that the afflicted are not deprived of treatment due to lack of money."**

**"In spite of higher disease and mortality rates, the poor and minority groups of the Indian population make fewer visits to private physicians. We obviously need to improve our failing healthcare system where costs are skyrocketing and the poor do not have access to the healthcare they need. Healthcare is the basic right of a human being which should be available for everyone and shouldn't be treated as a commodity for only those who can afford the services,"** adds **Mrs. Fabiha Shadaab Patel** (President SEWA Ladies Wing & Deputy Chairperson - Matrimonial Wing AIMJF)

**Mrs. Razia Chashmawala** (Deputy Chairperson - WMO NIC Ladies Wing & AIMJF) concludes, **"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."**

We couldn't agree more with the three dynamic ladies who were the driving force behind this thoughtful initiative. It is our firm belief that without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.

As Margaret Mead eloquently puts it - **"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."**

**Those powerful words 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.**



# W M O

## Global Youth Wing

### Our Youth Our Future

*A journey towards uplifting, nurturing, developing & promoting our Youth for the preservation of our Tomorrow*

#### **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND:**

The World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation is a Company Incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered at the Charity Commission of England & Wales. Formed in 2002, the purpose of the WMO was to bring together under one platform all Memon's from around the globe for the common purpose of uplifting Memon's in particular but also humanity generally.

Since its inception the WMO has expended in excess of \$60 Million Dollars in various projects including educational programs and assistance, rehabilitation, housing, healthcare, micro finance schemes, disaster relief and several other forms of assistance to those most in need.



## MISSION

Shortly after my appointment as Chairman, WMO Global Youth Wing ["GYW"] embarked on developing a formal structure for Youth in April 2017. This strategic proposal and draft structures were presented and discussed at the highest level within the organisation during the summer of 2017 and subsequently approved to be formally considered for adoption at the AGM in Ras Al Khaimah in October 2017.

The WMO MC unanimously approved the formation of the new structure of the GYW including amendments to the Constitution, Standing Orders and Rules for Regional Chapters. The following paragraph was added to the constitution of WMO and is the basic premise upon which the WMO GYW was formed. The GYW vision statement reads;

*"To promote and recognise the importance of young Memon's in particular by developing the WMO Global Youth Wing with a view to preserving and protecting their sense of the value of their Memon identity and encouraging their desire to become more deeply involved in furthering the objects of the WMO in order to enable them to participate more fully in the development of their families and the Memon community worldwide". WMO Constitution - Article 7:10*

The GYW was established with the intent of strategically engaging Memon youth globally not only for their personal benefit & development through relevant programs and projects but also with the aim of providing a unique platform for communicating and harvesting Memon philanthropy, culture, traditions and language for future generations to recognize and adopt into their family lives.

During this process, the WMO would also utilize this opportunity to identify, prepare and groom, suitably qualified professional and entrepreneurial Memon youth for future leadership roles within the WMO and the wider world. The initial task of the GYW on the ground was to ensure as a team we...

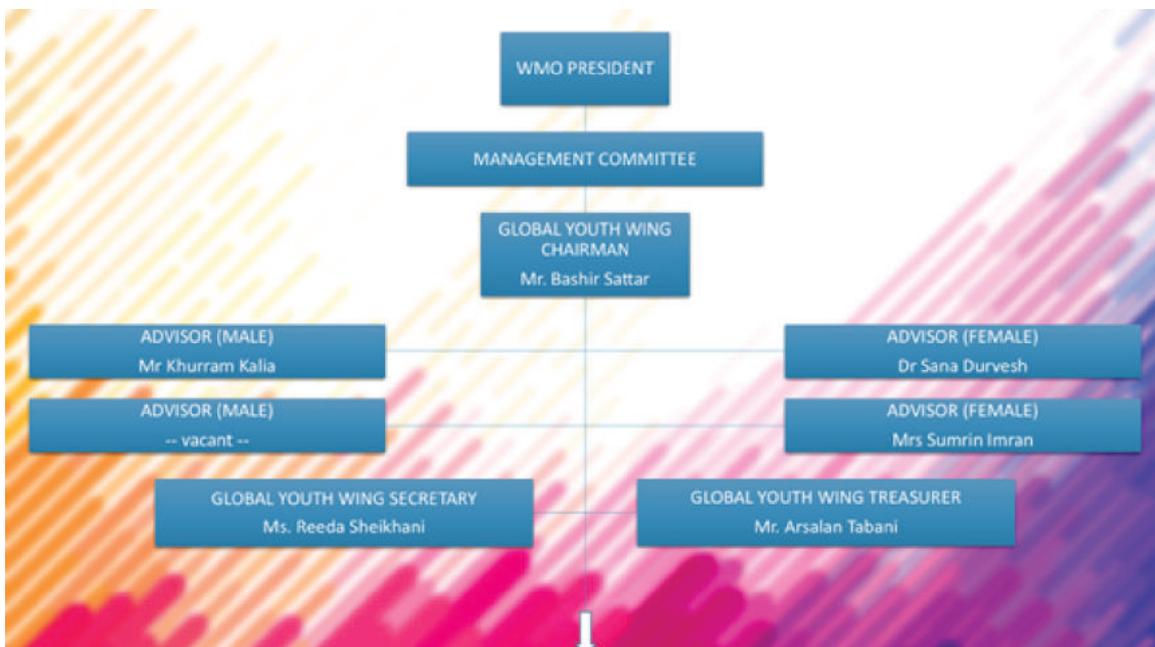
- » Start to engage with a wide cross-section of Memon youth as possible in each chapter
- » Install a suitably robust communication platform for GYW
- » Install a suitably robust administration platform for GYW
- » Identify suitable GYW projects for each chapter
- » Provide a visionary and aspirational drive to attract GYW funding on a local level
- » Rollout the regional programs

The formation of the WMO Global Memon Youth is historic, as it is for the first time ever that the Memon Youth were formally introduced into the WMO governing documentation, the MC and the Regional Management Committees ["RMC"] globally.

## STRUCTURE

The Global Youth Wing is a wholly integral part of the WMO that will work hand in hand with the Regional Chapters aiding their work and regional effectiveness – It is ultimately the Regional Chapter's that will provide the conduit to those members of GYW and wider Youth fraternity deemed to be appropriate and worthwhile candidates to go onto higher office within the WMO. Hence the responsibility of GYW as a team is as follows:

- » Implement projects and programs with the RMC that serve our youth community
- » Provide a conduit to develop visionary, aspirational and unifying leadership programs and future leaders





The GYW structure above shows how the personnel fit into the WMO hierarchy and reporting structure.

GYW Chairman – Bashir Sattar. The GYW Chairman reports into the MC which is headed up by the President Mr Solly Noor.

- » The GYW Chairman has appointed 3 advisors;
- » Advisor to GYW Chairman – Mr Khurram Kalia
- » Advisor to GYW Chairman –Dr Sana Durvesh
- » Advisor to GYW Chairman –Mrs Sumrin Imran
- » GYW Secretary – Ms Reeda Sheikhani – Administratively responsible for GYW
- » GYW Treasurer - Mr Arsalan Tabani – Treasury responsibility for GYW
- » GYW Regional Youth Vice Chairman Pakistan Chapter – Mr Arsalan Hashmani
- » GYW Regional Youth Vice Chairman Far East Chapter – Mr Muhammed Saad Iqbal
- » GYW Regional Youth Vice Chairman Middle East Chapter – Mr Kamran Ghani
- » GYW Regional Youth Vice Chairman Europe Chapter – Mr Arshad Gani

The remaining chapters have yet to have appointed their RYVC's.

Each Regional Youth Vice Chairman ["RYVC"] appointed for the tenure would have to form a team of Regional Youth Executive's ["RYE's"] and recruit the RYE's (as mandated by the WMO Constitution) to run the affairs of their respective chapter.

All the office bearers selected for the GYW must share the values and vision and possess the requisite attributes of being a Uniter & Uplifter upon which the WMO stands and wishes to disseminate its global mission. Both the RYVC's and RYE's have a term of 3 years ["the term"] to run concurrently with the office period of the MC, however one significant difference is

that all appointees are selected based on merit by the GYW Chairman and jointly approved by a team of office bearers from the MC. All GYW members appointed by the GYW Chairman have a one year probationary period to ensure that they are able to work and aspire to the objectives of serving our global community. Their appointment for the term is only confirmed after one year successful service.

Post the recruitment of the RYVCs, the GYW team had come up with a number of projects for global implementation on a regional basis - It was agreed that all projects would be tailored to address the requirements of both female & male youth. The broad categories of the projects are as follows, although as a moving feat this can and will change according to the needs of youth on the ground:

**Conferences & Workshops;** To conduct various conferences and workshops for example; Women's health & Men's health, Marriage Introductions – Family heads, Entrepreneurship / Internships - All conferences and workshops would be designed to meet regional requirements

**WMO Global Youth Wing Membership;** To conduct membership events to welcome and induct youth into WMO Global Youth Wing its work and objectives and to understand the workings of the WMO

**Business Training / Internships;** Conduct partnerships to help promote internships. There are many entrepreneurs and established professionals within the WMO membership and wider Memon community, to provide career guidance, job opportunities and even conduct a Memon's Dragon's Den entrepreneur development program

**Competitions;** Hold various competitions including all favoured sporting events, Memoni Language, Islamic knowledge, Inter chapter competition and finals held in the UAE

**Culture & Heritage;** workshops and conferences to be organized by the GYW which would promote Memoni culture and heritage

**Philanthropy Training;** Place interested Youth for volunteering at globally established humanitarian organizations for training at best practices and procedures, coaching and mentoring youth for a career in the humanitarian, aid and development sector, arrange networking with relevant organizations and arrange placements for our youth

**Training & Education;** Hold seminars for; Public Speaking & Professional Writing Skills, Basic Financial and Accounting Principles, Basic Business Management & Entrepreneurship basics, New Technologies & Software for business management & Leadership

Along with the above-mentioned projects the GYW is also working on another project which is exclusively being designed for WMO and is known as WMO Memon Connect.



**WMO Memon Connect** basically harnesses the power of the internet & the social media revolutions and will establish an exclusive “platform” for our community to connect, collaborate and coordinate. In a nutshell, WMO Memon Connect would have some of the features of LinkedIn, Facebook, What’s App & Ali Baba bundled together but exclusively for Memons. The key objectives of the WMO Memon Connect are as follows:

- A. Provide an exclusive, unique and versatile APP both desktop and mobile based to Connect Memon’s globally
- B. benefit the entire community through B2B, B2C & C2C communications in a tangible, enhanced and traceable fashion
- C. use the APP to coordinate and generate employment opportunities

- D. facilitate and structure Memon businesses and corporates
- E. provide opportunities for training and grooming our youth
- F. provide a platform for giving back to the community through social, humanitarian and disaster relief programs
- G. to allow the WMO to reach out to the global Memon Community and provide a medium for its engagement, development and protection of the preservation of the identity of the Memon Community

The WMO has come along way since its inception in the work it has conducted for the benefit of humanity and the community it serves. However there is much work to be done to unite the community and ensure the preservation of our culture traditions and language.

It is important to educate our people both old and young to demonstrate what type of people we are and who were the forefathers of the community and what they stood for and what they did for the benefit of mankind.

Memon’s generally are a philanthropic, forward looking, generous, talented, modest, gifted and most of all god fearing community of people of the Ummah of Rasoolullah (Sallalaho Alayhe Wasalaam). We must ensure our community survives the challenges it faces today for its existence and survival whilst preserving the very values that make us a community that other communities value and aspire towards. WMO GYW hopes to contribute towards this most essential of causes by ensuring:- **OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE...!!!**

**Bashir Sattar**, *Trustee & Global Youth Wing Chairman*

Performance Report by  
**Reeda Sheikhani**, *(GYW Secretary)*

The RYVCs for Pakistan Chapter, Middle East Chapter, Europe Chapter and Far East Chapter have been placed in their job roles and have already started delivering on the various GYW projects. The chapter wise performance report is as below:

**Pakistan Chapter:**

**1. GYW Launch in Pakistan:**

On the eve of 20th January 2018, the World Memon Organization (WMO) - Global Youth Wing (GYW) organized an event in Karachi’s Rangoonwala Community Center. The primary aim of this event was to launch and introduce the WMO Global Youth Wing to the Memon community based in Pakistan and highlight its background and mission. The aim was also to engage the youth with a view to organizing their involvement in their development.

The event was presided over by Mr Bashir Sattar the Founding Trustee and Chairman Global Youth Wing



Shareef Hashmani and Mr Arsalan Hashmani for the Global Youth Wing Team along with the notable business men and professionals of memon community. Few names of the highly esteemed guests which attended the dinner are; Ahmed Chinoy, Ebraheem Hasham, Amin Chapal, Siraj QasimTeli, Haroon Qasimsetc

The purpose of this dinner was twofold; firstly the main aim was to introduce the GYW to the attendees and seek their guidance and secondly but most importantly was the aim to build a sustainable GYW fund so that all the GYW activities can be supported via that including the GYW projects and GYW events.

The GYW Chairman communicated to the audience about the pipeline of projects which GYW is working on and he received a lot of praise from the guests for taking up this mission. The guests endorsed his ideas about the youth and assured him of their support as and when needed as they believed that the forward-thinking vision and mission of WMO GYW is the need of the hour. The GYW strategy was lauded by one and all. After an engaging Q&A session with the GYW team the dinner was served.

### 3. Recruitment Drive of the RYEs:

After the launch of GYW in Pakistan, the recruitment drive for the RYEs was launched in March and was open for all memons aged between 18 - 40 years. 60 applications were received for the Regional Youth Executive position. All the candidates who had applied for the position were interviewed and shortlisted. The whole recruitment process took around 6-7 weeks and as of now 8 candidates have been selected as Regional Youth Executives. The candidates who were not selected have formed a part of the volunteer pool and in case where a volunteer performs exceptionally he/she would be taken on board as an RYE.

### 4. 3 Day MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test) Training Session:



The GYW Pakistan Chapter organized a 3 day MCAT training session for intermediate/GCE A levels students.16 students attended this session and the session was designed to give the students details about the existing medical colleges all over Pakistan and the idea about preparation for their entry exam.

2017 - 2020, and was attended by Regional leadership of WMO Pakistan Chapter, Mr Hussain Lawai (Vice President), Mr. Altaf Habib Jhangda (Regional Assistant Secretary General) and Mr. Gul Mohammad (Regional Treasurer). Other notables included Mr Haroon Karim (Chairman Board of Trustees, WMO), and Mr. Shoab Ismail (Secretary General, WMO), officials from Memon Jamats, Memon Professional Forum and All Pakistan Memon Federation. The participants arrived right in time and the day saw an overwhelming attendance from young Memons of Karachi who were eager to learn about the manifesto of the newly formed WMO Global Youth Wing.

The Chairman of the GYW addressed the audience and apprised them about the GYW, its mission and vision. The GYW launch also featured a session by Ms. Shireen Naqvi, a renowned trainer and speaker and her session was titled as "Preserving the Core" in which she emphasized on how critical it is to not forget our roots as that is the core of our being. In her address she requested the Memon youth to not forget their culture as it is their identity and she engaged with the audience and instilled in them the message to remain true to their core.

After Shirin Naqvi's session, the audience had a Q&A session with the Global Youth Wing Chairman and the Global Youth Team. This segment was highly appreciated by the audience as it helped them gain further clarity on the GYW mission and vision. The event ended on a positive note, followed by a sumptuous dinner at the venue.

### 2. Dinner with Memon Businessmen in Pakistan:



After the launch of the Global Youth Wing in Pakistan on the 20th of January 2018, a dinner was hosted by Dr.

This session was held at WMO House. Over the course of three days the students were given an overview about the entrance test, its requirements and how to prepare for it. A test expert from Anees Hussain was also engaged by the GYW who guided the students on the criteria of various medical schools in Pakistan. The students were also given a mock exam and preparatory sessions on Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

## 5. 2 Day ECAT (Engineering College Admissions Test) Training Session:



In July, a session similar to MCAT was conducted but this was now geared towards the students who wanted to get admission in the Engineering Universities in Pakistan. 15 students registered for this training session.

The GYW Pakistan Chapter Team collaborated with NSA which is a group of NEDians who provide guidance to prospective NED students. This Session was based upon the preparations of entry test in the most efficient manner. The team of NSA provided presentations of each subject along with answering the queries of students and teaching them some smart tricks.

Also, students were provided by a practice paper to be solved on the same day which was also designed by this enthusiastic team. The team helped the students to solve the paper and guided them according to their queries.

This was an interactive session from the students of NED with the students; they discussed their past experiences as a candidate and as an enrolled NEDian as well.

*\*NED is one of the oldest and the most prestigious Engineering Universities in Pakistan*

## 6. Leadership Summit (Titans 2.0):

On 8th September 2018, the WMO GYW Pakistan Chapter executed the second Youth Entrepreneurship and Business Conference titled as "TITANS 2.0" at Movenpick Hotel Karachi. The purpose of this conference is to promote topics such as national finance, entrepreneurship and leadership amongst the youth of Pakistan. The goal is to connect industry and

academia with our dynamic youth, for them to learn and be inspired by industry Titans.



Some of the invited speakers/Guest of honors were Mr. Miftah Ismail (Ex Finance Minister), Mr. Altaf Bawany (DG Nab), Mr. Muneeb Maayr (Founder Daraz), Mr. Haji Rafiq Pardesi, Mr. Umair Jaliawala (Corporate Trainer), Dr. Farooq Sattar etc. The event was attended by 500 youth of the community and was greatly appreciated all. The event was a huge success by the efforts of Mr. Arsalan Hashmani (Vice Chairman), Executive Body and Volunteers of WMO GYW Pakistan Chapter.

## 7. Upcoming Activities:

(Till October 2018)

S.NO	Event Title	Type	Tentative Date
1	Bowling Tournament	Sports	End of September or First Week of October'18
2	TITANS 2.0	Youth Entrepreneurship	8th September'18
3	4th Industrial Revolution	Youth organization Collaboration	To be decided

## Middle East Chapter

### 1. GYW Launch in Middle East:



On 9th March 2018, the World Memon Organization (WMO) - Global Youth Wing (GYW) organized an event in Dubai at Roda Murooj Rotana. The primary aim of this event was to introduce the WMO Global Youth Wing to the Memon community based in Dubai and highlight its background and mission and to make the youth of the region understand how critical their involvement is in WMO. The main aim was also to engage the youth

with a view to organizing their involvement in their development.

The event was presided over by Mr Bashir Sattar the Founding Trustee and Chairman Global Youth Wing 2017 – 2020 and was attended by Regional leadership of WMO Middle East Chapter, Mr Ahmed Shaikhani (Vice President of Middle East Chapter) and also Mr Haroon Karim (Chairman Board of Trustees, WMO). This event witnessed an overwhelming attendance from young Memons of Dubai who were eager to learn about the manifesto of the newly formed WMO Global Youth Wing.

The Chairman of the GYW addressed the audience and apprised them about the GYW, its mission and vision. After the Chairman's session, the floor was open for Q&A with the Global Youth Wing Chairman and the Global Youth Team. This segment was highly appreciated by the audience as it helped them gain further clarity on the GYW mission and vision. The event ended on a highly positive note, as many youth expressed their desire of being part of the GYW Team.

### 2. GYW Memon Youth Discounts Program:

On 25th April 2018, the GYW Middle East Chapter launched the Memon Youth Discounts Program. Through this program, businesses based in the Middle East would provide their services at a discounted rate to the WMO Youth Wing Member. This was also launched so as to attract the youth to become members of WMO Global Youth Wing.

### 3. Seminar Series on Zakat:



A seminar for Zakat awareness was also organized by the WMO GYW Middle East Team on 28th April 2018. The session also featured an exclusive talk by the WMO Vice Chairman Pakistan Chapter Mr. Husain Lawai along with a religious scholar Mr. Bilal Madani. The topic was also quite relevant as this event was held just a few days before the holy month of Ramadan. This event also initiated the launch of WMO Youth Wing's Professional Seminars Project.

### 4. WMO/PBC Cricket Tournament:

The WMO GYW Middle East organized a cricket tournament in collaboration with Pakistan Business Council on 7th May 2018. Different teams from amongst



the WMO and the PBC competed against each other. This event proved to be a great bonding experience as various team members got a chance to interact with each other. The positive feedback received from the members signifies that this event was a huge success.

### 5. WMO GYW Suhoor Night:



On the first weekend of Ramadan, the GYW Middle East team hosted a dawat-e-Suhoor for the GYW members in the Middle East. Members from the RMC of the Middle East Chapter also participated in this event. This was a social event designed to gather, engage and connect with the members of the community.

### 6. RYEs Recruitment Drive:

The Global Youth Wing Launch event in Middle East, served as a launch pad for the recruitment of RYEs in the region. Applications were sourced from the candidates and with the guidance of the local Chapter Vice Chairman, the Global Youth Wing Chairman three candidates have been selected as the RYEs. The recruitment drive is currently an ongoing process.

## 7. Upcoming Activities:

(Till October 2018)

S.NO	Event Title	Type	Tentative Date
1	Growing Wealthy: Learn the skills, techniques and strategies that you need to start saving today for a wealthier tomorrow.	Professional Seminar Series	8th September 2018 (Tentative)
2	Introduction to Professional Photography: All you need to know from composition to lighting to DIY to get started professionally.	Professional Seminar Series	13th October 2018 (Tentative)
3	University Admissions and Applying For Scholarships	Education and Admissions Guidance	27th October 2018

## Far East Chapter:

### 1. GYW Far East Chapter Launch Event (Launch event to be held post AGM 2018):



The Regional Youth Vice Chairman for the Far East Chapter, Mr. Saad Iqbal has been appointed. However, the formal launch event of the GYW Far East Chapter is still in the planning phase and will be executed post AGM 2018 and though the current RYVC has a dedicated team of individuals a few more will also be recruited once the recruitment drive is formally announced.

### 2. Awareness Session on Crypto Currencies:

During the first quarter of 2018, the GYW Far East Chapter team organized an awareness session for the Memon Youth in Sri Lanka. This session was conducted in collaboration with Mahala Currency team from South Africa. The team of experts explained to the audience about the basics of crypto currency and apprised the audience on its investment prospects. The session was attended by 50 individuals and was highly appreciated.

## 3. Memon Day – Panjo Dee by GYW Far East Chapter:



The GYW Far East Chapter celebrated the Memon Day (11th April 2018) by following the motto of WMO which is "Serving Mankind"! In Wellampitiya, these young guns from the global youth wing Far East Chapter set up a General Health Camp with Random Blood Sugar level checks, Blood Pressure Checks. Health advice along with general OTC medicines was also distributed among the needy people. Vision tests were also conducted and free eye glasses were provided to 250 people. With around 500 people benefiting from this camp the Youth Wing of the Far East Chapter really captured the essence of the Memon Day.

### 4. Operation Malwana:



Since 15th May 2018, heavy rains have lashed Sri Lanka, including the capital city of Colombo, heaping widespread damage across the nation and affecting more than a hundred thousand people. As an organization the WMO has always contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and misery of those who seek refuge under such tragic circumstances. Hence bearing this mission of WMO in their minds the resilient team of GYW Far East Chapter stepped up to the plate, braved the inclement weather and unflinchingly waded in neck deep waters to bail out the victims of this devastating tragedy. The regions around Malwana bore the most brunt of the storm and hence a 3 day mission was undertaken by the youth wing which was centred on this town. The action plan for the three days was efficient and swift as they carried out the relief efforts.

**On Day 1**, a hundred families were earmarked for distribution of relief aid after ascertaining their needs. The youngsters also transported families, carrying out children and the elderly on their backs from the inundated homes and tucked them safely in the boats.

**On Day 2**, relief aid packs were prepared with separate hygiene packs for men, women and babies. These hygiene packs included towels, blankets and clothes. Essential food items and household appliances were also added. Each pack costed around 1600 Sri Lankan rupees and the bulk of the funds were provided by the GYW Far East Chapter.

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day** the relief packs were distributed and the stranded victims of the flood were transported to safer havens. The Relief aid was also distributed at several temples in Malwana where the faithfuls had gathered to escape the torrential floods. The priests showered their blessings on the gathered youth wing as they went about their task to serve all mankind.

**5. Iftar at the Orphanage:**



The GYW Far East Chapter during the second week of Ramadan organized an iftar dinner at a local orphanage. The orphanage is a home to 102 individuals and the team of GYW Far East Chapter brought joy to the faces of these orphans by celebrating Iftar with them and spending time there.

**6. A New Life**

On 24th June 2018, a project was initiated by the WMO Global Youth Wing Far East Chapter which focused on the challenges faced by people living with depression and postpartum depression. Being an interactive session it addressed the common problem of post partum depression which many youth were facing just after having a child. This session provided a good



opportunity for both young and old to understand more in this regard.

Being an informative session, the audience really appreciated this event.

**Europe Chapter:**

**1. GYW Europe Chapter Launch Event :**



The WMO GYW's Europe Chapter held its launch event on the 17th March 2018 and had an attendance of over 90 youth members. The focus of this event was to inform attendees the reasons behind which the GYW was set up and how they could play a part in shaping the future for Memon's across the Globe. A vital aspect of this event was to recruit Regional Youth Executives for the Chapter to which much interest was received.



**2. Eid-UI-Fitr Event – 23rd June 2018**

The annual Eid-UI-Fitr event was held on the 23rd June 2018 by the Memon Association of the UK and was held in association with the GYW Europe Chapter. A considerable number of Memon's attended, many of which were Youth. A lavish 3 course meal was organised along with a 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?' styled quiz to entertain. On this evening over 30 Youth enrolled to become members of the GYW Europe Chapter.

### 3. RYE Recruitment Drive:

The recruitment drive for Regional Youth Executives was launched after the GYW Europe Chapter Launch Event. The process is still ongoing as the people with right calibre need to be included.

#### Global Youth Wing Key Action Items:

S.NO	Event Title	Type	Tentative Date
1	Launch Global Youth Wing in Africa (North & South)	Calls will be made to the VCs in the Chapter and first an RYVC would be recruited who would then work on the launch of GYW in the Africa Chapter	Post AGM
2	Launch Global Youth Wing in India (North & South)	Calls will be made to the VCs in the Chapter and first an RYVC would be recruited who would then work on the launch of GYW in the India Chapter	Post AGM
3	Fundraising Mechanism to make WMO GYW self sufficient	A mechanism for fund raising has been devised where pledges from businessmen / organizations/ individuals to be collected either on a monthly or a quarterly basis.	Launch at AGM'18

#### Our Vision:



World Memon Organization is the representative body for Memon community globally. In its this capacity one of the core responsibility for WMO is to prepare the future generations for the upcoming challenges in such a way that not only are they able to tackle these challenges but are in fact able to convert them in to opportunities. This includes grooming, training, coaching, counseling and educating the youth of our community at all levels for their potential contribution in all facets of the society as well as at the various levels within WMO itself. In my opinion, GYW existence is for this single most crucially important objective- Youth Development.

As part of this holistic goal, is also to provide the community and specially our youth with the right tools and technologies. GYW has already initiated many projects and programs to this end despite being in its very first year and as we enter in to our 2nd year, we continue to reinforce our core objective with additional projects and initiatives. Our flagship project in this regard is Memon Connect, a cloud based platform exclusive for the memon community which fosters the theme of unity through connective. This is a massive endeavor to bring the best that the technology has to offer for exclusive use by Memons globally.

#### Khurram H Kalia

Chief Advisor to Chairman  
Global Youth Wing



WMO's Global Youth Wing has a crucial role to guide the community in the way we organize our services, opportunities, and supports for young people to develop them to their full potential. It also has the responsibility to develop future leaders of the community who can

take the Memon legacy ahead. The youth wing acts as a bridge between Memon Youth and the legendary Memon leadership.

I joined the newly mainstreamed Global Youth Wing in 2017 through a rigorous process. Since then the Youth Wing has been an utterly professional experience which follows the discipline and values central to the success of any prestigious organization.

The team is a combination of different expertise which ensures diversity in projects and ensuring the Youth Wing brings value to a large number of beneficiaries.

Through several Youth centered programs GYW in coming years will help young people build on their strengths and develop the competencies, values, and connections they need for personal and professional life as well as add value to the community. Memon Youth will remain our valued partners who will have meaningful, decision-making roles in our Programs. GYW plans to support and engage all youth rather than focusing solely on "high-risk" or "gifted" youth. However customization of initiatives will be ensured wherever a need is identified.

We hope to continue serving to the best of our abilities.

#### Dr Sana Durvesh

Advisor to the Youth Wing Chairman  
Global Youth Wing



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UNITY THROUGH CONNECTIVITY

## INTRODUCTION

The World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation ["WMO"] is a Company Incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered at the Charity Commission of England & Wales.

The Mission of the World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation ("the WMO") is to act as the central Memon organisation representing the Memon community throughout the world and to promote the advancement, upliftment, unity, welfare and well-being of all Memon's in particular and all Muslims in general in the world in all aspects of life and at all times in accordance with and under the guidance of Islamic principles.

The above is the opening mission statement of the WMO which was drafted by the founding fathers and Trustees of the Organisation and unanimously adopted at the WMO inaugural Annual General Meeting held on the 31st March 2002 in Dubai U.A.E. The key focus of the founders was to bring together under one platform all Memon's from around the globe for the common purpose of uplifting Memon's in particular but also humanity at large.

It is clear that the success of such an ostentatious mission has its fundamentals rooted in penetrative and simple global communication.

The WMO Board of Management and General Assembly unanimously approved the formation of its Global Youth Wing ["GYW"] in October 2017, which incorporated a

### A look in the past

The Memon Community has a history heavily associated with trade and commerce.

This is one of several reasons why the growth and progress of Pakistan's industry is credited to them.

Till date many Memon individuals are key players in businesses and trade sectors in the countries they reside



### At present ...

However, despite having a strong cultural background, the new generation are losing touch with their heritage.

As time passes the strength and identity of the Memon community is becoming weaker and will become a thing of the past unless actions are taken

Currently the youth identify themselves as Memon's solely by creed



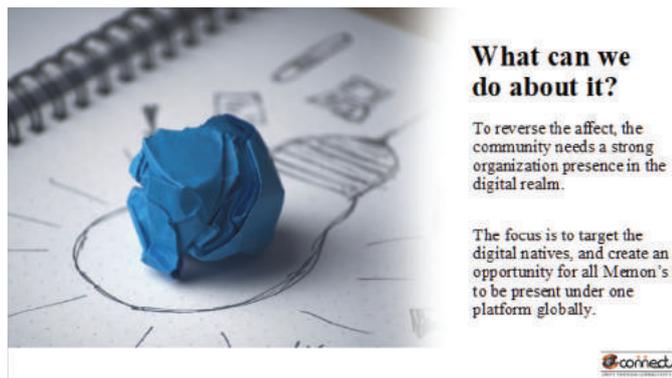
formal structure to organize, integrate and harness the talent and energy of its youth.

One of the first priorities of GYW was to formulate a method of exploiting the latest technologies and creating a foundation of communication to start organizing the global Memon Community.

Communication and effective transmission of data and notifications is now the yardstick by which the world order creates and determines success. The power of having the world Memon Community in the palm of your hands as an organization or an individual cannot be understated. It is fundamental to our success and preservation as a global familial community.

The cost of creating and maintaining such a powerful tool will never be too much. Furthermore, it is never too late to do something which is so powerfully correct.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



WMO Memon Connect is the flagship project of the WMO. It's a legacy program being built for Memon's to unite now and for future generations.

Connect provides a platform for uniting Memon's globally using the latest available technologies and techniques. Connecting Memon's and allowing them to facilitate and enable B2B, B2C C2C social, commercial and professional networking.

WMO Memon Connect will facilitate all forms of WMO management and member communications and interactions. It will allow Memon's to grow and develop professionally, socially and financially by working and collaborating through being connected. This is the future of the Memon community.

This is the platform that will deliver tangible benefits through an ocean of connectivity and also provide Memon's with a focal point of belonging to a successful, enterprising, philanthropic and generous community with honour and humility. It will create and instill the

The WMO Board under its current leadership has recognized the need to meet the challenges and adapt to the emerging world landscape to ensure its founders key objectives are met and that the Global Memon Community can organize itself in a manner for future generations to recognize, preserve and carry forwards.

The WMO GYW presents WMO Connect. An exclusive new communication APP designed by and for Memon's.

**Bashir Sattar**  
*Founder Trustee & Global Youth Wing Chairman*

realization and urgent need to protect our culture, heritage and language for future generations.

The WMO and its officers appreciate the significance of this project and program and how important it is to implement and maintain.

This document aims to elaborate on the finer details of the platform, and provide board members the background, the work done and progress, the related technologies, associated licensing as well as the short, medium- and long-term goals for this platform. It also elaborates at a high level a self-sustaining model of management, administration, operations and growth that will allow WMO Memon Connect to operate effectively and eventually finance and fuel its own existence and growth respectively.

### Why WMO Connect

The only digital platform to connect Memon communities across the globe.

To bring a strong coalition between inter-communities.

Help create business & employment opportunity for the Memon youth

Help create ease and convenience for the Memon network



## WHAT IS MEMON-CONNECT?

Memon-Connect is a cloud-based professional networking platform for the Memon Community globally. It offers a variety of features tailored to meet the needs of daily social networking, established and budding entrepreneurs, businessmen and seasoned



professionals of the Memon community to network, socialize and grow.

It is conceptualized and planned by the Global Youth Wing (GYW) of the World Memon Organization (WMO). Built on the state-of-the-art Konnectrix platform and developed by an award-winning, global Microsoft Gold partner, the product architecture has been designed with emphasis on ease of usability, scalability, privacy and security.

## WMO MEMON-CONNECT & THE WMO

WMO Memon-Connect is home to an array of functionalities and modules that make it the ideal platform for professional networking and team collaborations. The various boards including the Board of Trustees, the Management Committee, the Executive Committee, the 9 chapters and their respective Youth Wings will all be able to create dedicated communication channels to conduct their work.

## UPDATED DATABASE

With WMO Memon-Connect, tracking and maintaining a database with regular and accurate updates is no longer a challenge. It is an easy and quick tool for the organization to keep the database updated at all times. Both periodic and frequent changes made by the members are accessible at a single click.

## WMO MEMBERSHIP

Recruitment and approval of WMO members is an administrative challenge currently and many applications can be under review at any one time. The current process of filling a form and waiting for the necessary approvals needs to be streamlined for both the applicant and the organisation. If membership is cumbersome, this creates a hindrance for WMO's key objective – accessibility for Memon's worldwide. With WMO Memon-Connect, a standard and user-friendly membership process has been established and can be configured to ensure all applicants are acknowledged immediately and subject to the required screenings, be duly considered and approved.

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

In today's Memon world, we often come across youth with little or no enthusiasm towards being or becoming part of the community. There does not appear to be any interest, pride or passion about who we are, where we have come from and what type of people we are. Our youth are ignorant about such issues. This is a failing of parents and also the numerous Memon Organisations that have sprung up wherever we have settled. With WMO Memon-Connect in-place, our youth of today and tomorrow will not only regain that very lost sense of belonging but also witness opportunities on an everyday basis to engage, develop themselves and become known within the community that they were created in.



## MEMBER TO MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Together with GYW's vision for the organization the many modules within Memon-Connect are designed to facilitate communication between the various teams within the organization.

- » Internal and external correspondence becomes all the easier in the process with easy replication for other groups within the administration e.g. a group for Trustees, ExCom members etc.
- » Targeting tools allow better targeting of information e.g. a medical seminar will be directed towards the doctors in that city. A GYW seminar targeted to relevant regional membership, AGM notification sent worldwide etc.
- » Several projects currently active like MITI and other legacy projects will be publicized and acknowledged.
- » B2B, B2C and C2C marketing models provide regular stream of income which can then be used for the betterment of the organization and community at large.

- » Employment and business outsourcing tools help match suitable candidates with dream jobs and businesses with projects.
- » Professional collaboration allows 2 or more members to connect for a specific cause or business objectives.
- » Groups and pages aid in exchange of ideas, and knowledge and efficiently carry out projects with a task tracking tool.
- » Events functionality allows organizers to bring together speakers, sponsors, attendees, and supporters all in a single place.
- » Recruiters are equipped with tools to scout the next-best-match for a diverse set of possibilities.
- » Discounts offered to WMO members, communicated and executed using this platform only.
- » Advertisements and promotions allow members to target their product/services to users depending on search preferences.
- » Matrimony is a revolutionary app encompassing essential opportunities for members seeking a spouse.



Memon Connect is a game changer for the Global Memon Community and the entire board of the WMO and its members as well as the wider community can now start communications at a different level... come on... get connected with... **MEMON CONNECT...!!!**

### **Bashir Sattar**

*Trustee & Global Youth Wing Chairman*

### **Khurram Kalia**

*Chief Advisor GYW & Project Director*

## MEMON-CONNECT & WMO MEMBERS

Memon-Connect is a ground-breaking product for the organization and its members as well. On the whole, the users are able to extract all the more benefits on a day-to-day basis.

- » Profile of each member with personal and professional details maintained at all times.
- » System recommended connections based on common interests, area of residence, profession etc.



# WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION PAKISTAN CHAPTER BUSINESS CONFERENCE - 2018

## CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY THE PAKISTAN OPPORTUNITY

As part of the global nature of the WMO, its work has also been to provide a unique framework and conduit for networking. As such the WMO has a vibrant connectivity infrastructure for its entrepreneur's, businessmen, investors, professionals, ladies and youth to communicate and collaborate both on a humanitarian, social and commercial basis.

The future successful development of the community will be measured by continuing the effort of philanthropy and contribution towards humanity. These were the visions of the fathers of the Memon community such as Sir Haji Adamjee Dawood and Haji Abdul Sattar Edhi and WMO's founders including its Board of Trustees.

As part of its Annual General Meeting events to be held this year in Karachi Pakistan on the 1-3 November 2018, the WMO is conducting its second Business to Business Conference [B2B] on Thursday 1st November 2018 9:00am-6:00pm.

The WMO annual meetings attract

an auspicious and influential range of international delegates and speakers from the world of Business & Finance, Commerce & Industry and many diverse professions. Of particular interest to these delegates is the B2B event and based on last year's very successful conference held in the UAE, the attendance this year is expected to be oversubscribed, with the capacity being up to 350 delegates.

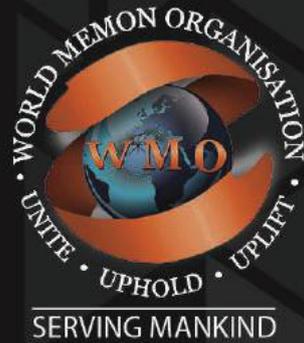
We are living through a time of immense change fuelling unprecedented anxiety and polarization. There has never been a more critical need for an established business network such as the Memon Community to evaluate the redefining global landscape to provide insight and guidance to its members about emerging threats and opportunities.

The WMO B2B conference in 2018 will assist delegates to try and understand some of the complexities and interdependencies of some of the key facets of the new world economic order and also look towards the opportunities as we

move towards and into the next decade.

With a new government now sworn into office in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the clear strategic direction of the Prime Minister Mr Imran Khan to root out corruption and reverse the bleeding of the nation's asset base, as well as emphasizing efforts to be made on attracting foreign investors to come and explore the new opportunities in Pakistan, there is a now a new hope and anticipation about the nation's prospects both at home and overseas. The government's intention to open up the Pakistan market to the overseas investment pool has generated an interest never seen before amongst Pakistanis and non-Pakistanis alike.

The WMO B2B conference will provide some insight into these key areas as seen through the eyes of some of the nation's newly appointed politicians, successful entrepreneurs, philanthropists as well as notable international speakers. The program is as follows;



## WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION PAKISTAN CHAPTER **BUSINESS CONFERENCE - 2018**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018  
Marriott Hotel - Karachi Pakistan

### **The Changing Global Economy The Pakistan Opportunity**

08:00	09:00	<p><b>Registration, Badge Pick Up and Networking – Morning Coffee</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Entrance to the conference after 9:00am will be restricted due to security. Please attend on time to avoid inconvenience &amp; disappointment on being refused entry</p>
09:00	09:10	<b>Holy Qur'an Recitation with Translation</b>
09:10	09:20	<p><b>President WMO</b> <b>Mr. Suliman Noor Mohammed</b> Opening Address</p>
09:20	09:30	<p><b>Chairman Board of Trustees</b> <b>Mr. Haroon Karim</b> Welcome &amp; Introduction of the B2B team</p>
09:30	09:40	<p><b>Business Conference Chairman</b> <b>Mr. Bashir Sattar</b> Business Conference Summary</p>
09:40	09:55	<p><b>Memon Connect Launch</b> <b>Mr. Bashir Sattar &amp; Mr. Khurram Kalia</b> GYW Chairman &amp; Memon Connect Project Director</p>

09:55	10:45	<p><b>Morning Session Key Note Address:</b>  <b>Mr. Asad Umar</b>  <b>The Right Honourable Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue &amp; Economic Affairs</b>  How the changes within the global economy and Pakistan present opportunities and how the new Pakistan Government intends to deal with the challenges it faces.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Shazad Dada</b>  Chief Executive Officer Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan</p>
10:45	11:05	<p><b>Refreshment Break</b></p>
11:10	11:25	<p><b>SPEAKER-2</b>  <b>Mr. Arif Habib</b>  <b>Chairman &amp; Chief Executive Officer Arif Habib Group</b>  “Investment Opportunities - A Pakistani perspective” – The changing global economy presents challenges as well as opportunities. With the new administration in Pakistan now coming to terms with the task ahead this talk will aim at providing some interesting guidance and insight into some of the opportunities for investors both at home and abroad.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Haroon Qassim</b>  Managing Director PharmEvo (Pvt.) Ltd</p>
11:30	11:45	<p><b>SPEAKER-3</b>  <b>Mr. Salman Iqbal</b>  <b>President and Chief Executive Officer ARY Digital Network</b>  The role &amp; responsibilities of media in economic development- A global and Pakistani perspective - Elaborate on the power and influence of Media in the development of a country’s economy in general with a special focus on Pakistan.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Mahmood Shaikhani</b>  Managing Director Shaikhani Group</p>
11:45	12:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion-1</b>  Panellists: <b>Naheed Memon</b> Chairperson Sindh Board Of Investment, <b>Ayesha Dhedhi</b> CEO Arkadians, <b>Shabana Abdul Razzak</b> Director ARY Jewellery, <b>Ms. Sidra Iqbal</b> Broadcaster &amp; Presenter  Opportunities, Challenges and contribution * Entering Family Ventures or Start Up * Role of changing IT &amp; Social Media landscape on Success * Impact of geo-political Scenarios on making key decisions * Finances and what impact that has on the opportunities that are created or available including the rise of the Sharing Economy – Crowdfunding.  <b>Moderator: Ms. Reeda Sheikhani</b>  Snr. Account Manager Special Assets Standard Chartered Bank</p>

12:15	12:30	<p><b>SPEAKER-4</b>  <b>Mr. Asif Peer</b>  <b>Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director &amp; MD at Systems Ltd</b>  <b>The Technological Landscape – How the changes/advancements in technology specially Block Chain, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics is impacting on Businesses (and employment etc) and how business can prepare as well as use this as an opportunity.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Arsalan Hashmani</b>  <b>Group CEO Hashmanis Group of Hospitals</b></p>
12:30	14:00	<p><b>Lunch Break &amp; Zohar Salah</b></p>
14:00	14:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion-2</b>  <b>Panellists: Mr. Ahmed Chinoy Managing Partner ARCH Group of Companies, Mr. Shahid Ali Habib CEO Arif Habib Limited, Muhammad Farid Alam CEO AKD Securities, Mr. Richard Morin Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Stock Exchange</b>  <b>Investment Opportunities In Pakistan Through Capital Markets</b>  <b>Pakistan Stock Exchange and brief on ‘Investment Opportunities in the Capital Market’, How to invest in Pakistan Capital Market, Investor Protection Measures by Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Farrukh Sabzwari</b>  <b>MD BMA Capital Management</b></p>
14:45	15:00	<p><b>SPEAKER-5</b>  <b>Major General Muhammad Saeed</b>  <b>Director General of Pakistan Rangers (Sindh)</b>  <b>The improvements in the security perspectives within Pakistan and how the authorities are creating a landscape of peace and confidence.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Sidra Iqbal</b>  <b>Broadcaster &amp; Presenter</b></p>
15:00	15:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion-3</b>  <b>Consul Generals From Various Developed Nations</b>  <b>An International Perspective - How major world economies view the changes in the global trading landscape and how their countries are developing trade with Pakistan.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Majyd Aziz</b>  <b>President Employers Federation Of Pakistan</b></p>

15:45	16:00	<p><b>SPEAKER-6</b>  <b>Dr. Sharif Hashmani</b>  <b>Chairman and MD Hashmanis Group of Hospitals</b>  Investment opportunities in the Healthcare Sector - Why global funds are looking at investing in the healthcare space in Pakistan and how staying ahead of the curve in terms of technological innovations and service delivery can drive economic growth.  <b>Moderator: Dr. Sana Durvesh</b>  Program Director Public Health Professional</p>
16:00	16:20	<p><b>Hi Tea &amp; Asr Salah</b></p>
16:20	16:35	<p><b>SPEAKER-7</b>  <b>Mr. Mudassir Sheikha</b>  <b>Co-Founder and Managing Director of Careem</b>  Growing the business - Power of Collaboration, B2B connections, Joint Ventures, Channel partnerships, Alliances, Mergers and Acquisitions organic vs inorganic growth.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Arsalan Tabani</b>  Director Property Network</p>
16:35	16:50	<p><b>SPEAKER-8</b>  <b>Mr. Ghulam Abdoola</b>  <b>Executive Chairman GH Group Botswana</b>  Geo Political effects on business growth and new opportunities.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Yunus Suleman</b>  Executive Chairman Sulfam Holdings</p>
16:50	17:00	<p><b>SPEAKER-9</b>  <b>Mr. Khurram Kalia</b>  <b>Chief Executive Officer Kalia Group</b>  Memon Connect The Exclusive Connectivity App for Memon's Globally</p>
17:00	17:50	<p>Afternoon Session Key Note Address:  <b>Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood</b>  <b>Advisor to the Prime Minister for Commerce, Textile, Industry, Production &amp; Investment of Pakistan</b>  "The time is now to forge ahead" – This exciting session will engage about the changes affecting the world and in particular the Pakistan economies and how investors and people can adjust to exploit the opportunities and make Pakistan a more viable and vibrant economy of the region.  <b>Moderator: Mr. Muhammad Zubair Motiwala</b>  Chairman Pakistan Afghanistan Joint Chamber Of Commerce &amp; Industry</p>
17:50	18:00	<p>Deputy President  <b>Mr. Nowsad A Gani</b>  Awards Ceremony &amp; Presentations, Vote of Thanks &amp; Duas</p>

# WMO

## NORTH AFRICA CHAPTER

### - A New Beginning

*The revival of the North Africa Chapter this year reaffirms WMO's enduring spirit to reach out and extend its global footprint in serving the community and humanity at large.*

Our founding fathers sailed stormy oceans and set foot on the shores of eastern coast of Africa in the mid-1800s in Bagamoyo and Mombasa. Glimpses into the illustrious past of various Memon settlements and the historical accounts of their struggle and sacrifice only proves that they remained firmly connected to not only their roots of language, culture and religion but also to the spirit of selflessness and service to humanity.

***Lag ke saahil se jo behta hai, ussey behne dho  
Aisey dariya ka kabhi rukh, nahin moda kartey***

Today, the journey of service to mankind continues. Sizeable and well-established Memon communities are found in Kenya and Tanzania in the cities of Mombasa, Nairobi, Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam with smaller clusters in surrounding regions, some in existence for over a century. The individual 'jamaats' have successfully structured their socio-religious, economic, education, health, housing projects and welfare services amongst others to serve both members and society at large, mostly underprivileged.

WMO North Africa Chapter will initially serve to foster collaboration and enhance linkages amongst these individual communities in the region while drafting a meaningful and practical roadmap for the chapter in liaison with them.

As the interim members of the WMO-NAF chapter committee coming from different Jamaats in the region, we would like to express our humble gratitude and thank

the WMO leadership for the trust bestowed upon us as we take up this task and the challenges at hand with enthusiasm and optimism. We are mindful of the ideals of WMO and commit to uphold the same in the course of our duties.

That the world is in crisis is understood by all and while we do not have a remedy for every ailment in the chapter, everywhere we look, there is work to be done.

There is a significant need for affordable, accessible and quality healthcare in this part of the world and this shall be given top priority. We shall collaborate with Memon Medical Association which is now reaching out to all Memon medical practitioners worldwide to tap into health expertise and to structure a Memon health referral network through digital platforms.

We shall also work as a team with all the health boards/committees and leadership of the various individual jamaats here to see how a common healthcare system can be established through boosting existing healthcare institutions and building new ones as well as putting up smaller clinics in the rural areas within the same network for the benefit of all. Likewise, our academic institutions can also become part of a proposed Memon education network for integrated Islamic and secular education collaboration through academic and student exchange programmes, quality and benchmarking from basic education through technical and vocational training institutes up to university.

There is an equally compelling need to engage youth and create meaningful and gainful business and employment opportunities as well as create educational openings

through scholarship programmes for academic and talented achievers. Youth will also be engaged through sports, technology and innovation events and entrepreneurship through training and networking.

Some families within our Memon communities are poverty ridden and we shall make efforts towards uplifting them through economic empowerment projects. The underprivileged members of the society, mostly the rural communities in the region continue to struggle with the need for clean water, food, basic education and shelter. The challenges are real.

With globalization in a fast-paced ever changing world, the "globalized memon" is larger than the sum of our individual communities. As technology platforms continue to dissolve borders, our global outreach and collaborative networks will indeed multiply our net worth in promoting peace, prosperity and dignity around the world.

While we shall always remain the guardians of the Memon legacy and have a duty to ourselves, our communities, our nations and to the world; our quest and willingness to find meaning in that which is greater than our individual selves continues. That is the price and promise of being Memon.

**"Together for Humanity"**

***Memon! Hath ne hath, kande se kando milaayun  
Saathe saathe, insaaniyat je naate, sewa karyun.***

- **Osman Varwani**, Interim VP  
WMO North Africa Chapter

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## NORTH AFRICA CHAPTER

### *Interim Committee*



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Founder of the Innovus Group, Osman is a corporate business leader with a focus in ICT strategy, innovation and entrepreneurship.

He has been the Vice Chairman of Nasserpuria Memon Jamath Mombasa and has chaired the following boards and committees – Education, Health, Foreign Affairs, Debating Society, Memon Estate, Emergency & Disaster Relief and served on various others. He is presently serving the Ministry of Education in Kenya as the Council Chairman of Kenya Coast Polytechnic and is a member of various intercommunity service Organisations.



**Mr Naeem Pasta, Regional Assistant Secretary**

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Naeem is an accounting and finance expert and is also driven by entrepreneurship. He has business interests and investments in the Logistics sector, Automotive and Spare Parts industry in East Africa.

He presently works with NGO's to create sustainable and mobile medical clinics around Kenya.



**Mr Abdulkader Bagha, Regional Treasurer**

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A qualified ACCA Affiliate and CPA(K) with over eighteen years of experience in audit and assurance, corporate finance, accounting and taxation.

Over the years, Abdul has served both Nasserpuria Memon Jamaths in Nairobi and Mombasa in various capacities – Hon. Secretary, Health Services Board Member, College Board Treasurer, Managing Committee member and Hon. Treasurer.



**Mr Altaf Ganatra, Member**

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A businessman by profession and a prominent community volunteer, Altaf is presently a Trustee and the Secretary of the Parklands Masjid Committee in Nairobi.

He holds the post of Vice Chairman of the Cutchi Sunni Muslim Organisation and is also a board member of the Young Muslim Association.



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Riaz is a businessman and presently the Hon. Treasurer of Dar-es-Salaam Memon Jamath as well as convener of the Social Services Committee.

He actively convenes the Medical and Task Force committee and serves on the Cemetery/Noorani Committee, a senior convener of the Tanzania Asian Development Association's Rapid Response Team and treasurer of the Youth Welfare Trust.



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Badriya is a professional event planner. She also does henna art for both local and international clients.

She has served as Hon. Secretary of the Ladies Wing of Memon Jamath Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania for four years. She is also an active member of the Ladies Sports Committee. Badriya was part of the organizers of the Uhuru Walk for underprivileged children battling with cancer.



# RISE OF THE NORTH

On the **9th of September**, the World Memon Organisation **North India Chapter** convened their local AGM at the iconic Islam Gymkhana, anchored on the Queen's Necklace, a scenic landmark embellishing the **Mumbai** coastline.

A capacity crowd from across India participated in the event including the top brass of the Mumbai Memon Community. **The congregation of several Jamaats under one roof was hailed as yet another shining example of uniting all Memons under the WMO banner. It further endorses WMO as the single, umbrella organisation of the global Memon Community.**

The evening had several memorable moments. Many noteworthy orations were rendered by the members of the Regional Management Committee, including another brilliant delivery by the eloquent **Suhail Khandwani** and a rousing speech by an impassioned **Raziya Chashmawala**.

An elaborate presentation was made to the gathering, encompassing the broad spectrum of humanitarian services rendered by WMO North India Chapter which elicited a thunderous applause from the appreciative crowd. Several **housing projects** in various parts of India are nearing completion. **Education and medical care** were two areas



where special attention was given including the adoption of schools in Gujarat, delivering medical equipments to hospitals and a Legacy Project to build a hospital for the underprivileged in **Palghar**, a satellite town of Mumbai.

The **Ladies Wing** continues to dazzle with umpteen projects under the able leadership of **Mrs Shabana Darvesh** and Mrs Raziya Chashmawala. Mrs Darvesh invited members of the deaf and mute community to the AGM who made a special presentation and handed over a cheque of a **hundred thousand rupees** to the **Ummeed Foundation**, a home for children with special needs.



The North India Chapter **Youth Wing** had just concluded the Memon **Football Premier League** matches a day earlier. The tournament had witnessed a record turn out with **12** teams participating for the coveted trophy. After conducting several seasons of the **MPL T20 cricket** series, attention was now being given to other sports. North India Chapter believes that **Sport has the power to unite people in a way that little else does and speaks to the youth in a language that they understand.**

The evening came to an end with a thank you note to all members of the Indian Memon Community

for their magnanimous generosity and steadfast support towards the organisation in its endeavours to Serve Mankind. As a team of the WMO North India Chapter embarked on another worthy cause and landed on the shores of **Kerala** to provide relief aid to the flood victims of the recent deluge that engulfed the state.

In the past year under the able leadership of **Mr. Ehsan Gadawala**, the North India Chapter has exceeded all expectations. The large body of humanitarian work conducted by the Chapter has attracted prominent and key members of the Indian Memon community into our fold. They are now an integral part of WMO and their generous contributions are making a marked difference to uplift Humanity in India. But a lot more needs to be done and we look forward to your unflinching support as we continue to **rise by lifting others**.

**End Note**

WMO has managed to expand its footprint in the Indian Subcontinent, established extensive projects in various cities and rural villages across the country, conducted umpteen programs to uplift the Indian Memon Community and enrolled members from all corners of India in a very short span of time.

Credit must be given to **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** (Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) who is ably supported by **Mr. Haroon Karim** (Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) to form the perfect international team to cater to the needs of WMO India Chapter.

Their constant encouragement and steadfast support to Mr. Ehsan Gadawala (VP - North India Chapter) and the Regional Management Committee have resulted in the meteoric rise of the Chapter, inspiring the most effective humanitarian work done in decades to truly unite, uphold and uplift the Indian Memon Community and Serve Humanity across the subcontinent.



## Africa Chapter AGM



## Far East Chapter AGM



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# Presidential Order of Honour

## A Utopia in Botswana

*The Honourable President of Botswana conferred Mr Satar Dada with the Presidential Order of Honour, one of the highest civilian awards for spearheading the Presidential Housing Appeal Committee.*

*The Committee was formed with the objective of providing homes to the marginalised of Botswana. The Government of Botswana believes that a simple, decent shelter is a basic human right and a primary need for all. The goal being that every underprivileged citizen of Botswana would have a roof over their head by the year 2018. Mr. Satar Dada partnered with several prominent business houses, industrialists and philanthropists to realise this dream.*

*We can only stand up and applaud Mr. Dada and his team for their tireless humanitarian services towards the people of Botswana as their utopian ideology continues to help build a better world, one home at a time.*



## A LEGACY PROJECT ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETION.



The first week of January 2018, marked the foundation stone laying ceremony of WMO Ashiyaana in Akola, a housing project which will be home to 24 marginalised families of the Indian Memon Community.

WMO Ashiyaana marks the first of the Legacy Projects envisioned by WMO President, Mr. Solly Noor. "The goal isn't to live forever, it is to create something that will, hence we continue our endeavours to build a habitat for humanity. We firmly believe that a simple, decent shelter is a basic human right and a primary need for all," asserts the WMO President.

We are pleased to report that in a short span of 10 months, the housing project is racing swiftly towards completion. We are grateful to Mr. Majid Ranani, Mr. Bilal Thekiya, the Akola Memon Jamaat and the Regional Management Committee of WMO North India Chapter who are the driving force behind the Ashiyaana project in Akola.

The word 'Ashiyaana' means a nest in the Urdu language. A fitting name to a most enduring legacy - a roof over the heads of the underprivileged families of the Memon Community - a nest for all to come home to.

## BUILDING HOMES FOR THE ROHINGYA



WMO 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 misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.

The Rohingya crisis was no different.

In 2017, a WMO Far East Chapter team visited the refugee camps in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh to ascertain the situation on ground zero and understand their needs. Till date, around half a million dollars have been contributed towards the welfare of the Rohingya community. Medicines, food, relief aid, clothing, utensils and other essential items have been distributed on a regular basis at the camps. Toilets and washrooms have been constructed, wells have been dug and hand pumps were installed to provide clean drinking water.

The latest endeavour was the construction of 'pucca' houses for our migrant brothers and sisters to provide shelter from the dreaded Bangladesh monsoons. Sturdy homes made out of bamboo were delivered to more than a hundred families to ensure the safety of their women and children.

We are grateful to all those who donated towards this pertinent cause. May Allah Swt reward you for your kindness.

## THE MAGNANIMOUS GENEROSITY OF MOHAMMED FAROOQ SAMANA.



Mohammed Farooq Samana is a very vocal advocate for the cause of education and is one of the most generous benefactors of the World Memon Organisation, having donated diligently over the years towards the Empowerment of the Memon Community. Hundreds of auto rickshaws and thousands of sewing machines have been distributed to deserving families, courtesy the Rozgar Scheme initiated by WMO Pakistan Chapter.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, the driving force behind the initiative - Mr. Farooq personally handed over a cash sum of Rs 5000 to each of the hundred underprivileged families gathered at the WMO house in Karachi. A total sum of One Million Rupees was distributed amongst 200 deserving Memon families, identified by the various Memon Jamats of Pakistan. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, the feat was repeated and another million rupees were distributed amongst 200 marginalised

families by Mr. Farooq who promised to donate another million in December. He also plans to allot 10 auto rickshaws to the less fortunate under the Rozgar scheme in the coming months.

May Allah Swt reward Mohammed Farooq Samana for his magnanimous generosity.

## EID CELEBRATIONS IN SRI LANKA



On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, the Ladies Wing of the Far East Chapter hosted a belated Eid celebration for their members at an upscale hotel in Colombo.

Mrs Shazia Sangani (Chairperson - WMO - Far East Chapter Ladies Wing) elaborated on the extensive humanitarian endeavours undertaken by the ladies wing to empower and uplift women in Sri Lanka. The ladies bonded over a scrumptious lunch and later, made a valiant attempt to belt out the Memon anthem

Kudos to the Ladies Wing for their tireless efforts to serve Humanity and for organising yet another event to bring together the Memon community.

Also a perfect 10 for your singing prowess. Sri Lanka's definitely got talent!!

## MEAT DISTRIBUTION DRIVE



On the auspicious occasion of Eid ul Adha, the WMO Pakistan Chapter (PC) distributed offerings of meat to our less fortunate brothers and sisters residing in Karachi.

“With the simple intention that everybody has the right to a wholesome meal on this joyous occasion, we earmarked poverty-stricken areas in and around Karachi.” states Mrs. Hamida Bawani (Chairperson - WMO Ladies Wing, Pakistan Chapter)

Most members of WMO PC, especially the ladies stepped up to the occasion, joined hands for this wonderful cause and fulfilled their obligation towards the community by donating 5 plump bovines. It was truly the season of joy and sacrifice.

May Allah Swt reward them for their endeavours.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Eid - ul - Adha. May Allah accept your good deeds, forgive your transgressions and ease the sufferings of all around the globe.

Ameen

## PAKISTAN LADIES WING DELIVERS SMILES



On the 11th of October, the Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter visited the Jamia Sulemania school in Karachi. The school also houses an orphanage and madressah on its premises which is home to over a hundred boys in the age group of 4 to 12 year.

The ladies brought a smile on the faces of the children by distributing toys, stationery, chocolates, chips and various other goodies. The ladies wing donated several ceiling fans to bring relief to the kids during the scorching Karachi summers and installed a water pump to provide clean, drinking water.

May Allah Swt reward the distinguished ladies for their relentless humanitarian endeavours towards the orphans and marginalised children of Pakistan.

**On the occasion of Teacher's Day, an ode to Mr. Shahid Sangani (COO - WMO)**

I distinctly remember his words when I invited him as the chief guest to India for the inauguration of the WMO youth wing in 2013.

As we walked into the hall with his name plastered on a large banner atop the stage, he nudged me uncomfortably and whispered, "I am not used to seeing my name in such big letters at public gatherings. I prefer to do my work quietly and move on from one project to the next without bringing too much attention to myself."

That is WMO COO, Shahid Sangani to you in a nutshell.

As he rose in the ranks of the WMO to become the crucial component and vital cog of the WMO machinery that make it tick. I often thought our former President, Mr Sattar Dada had made a robot with a human exoskeleton in one of his Research and Development labs for the smooth functioning of the WMO worldwide.

I cannot recall everything that he has done for the organization but I can unequivocally state that the WMO youth wing is his baby. Right from the birth, to the nurturing, guidance and the evolution of us boys to men. He has always been there for us.

He was a hard task master, set the bar very high and was very sparse in praise. But he fought equally hard for us, stood shoulder to shoulder and never let us down on any occasion.

He is one of those special teachers who you can never forget because of the important education he imparted on life. More importantly he embodies all the fine qualities that he expects you to live with.

A firm optimist, an exemplary humanitarian, a fearless crusader who always taught us to stand up for what we believed in.

For all the strength, courage and the unforgettable lessons of life.

Thank you, Sir!

*Zubair Chashmanala*

A TEACHER  
AFFECTS  
ETERNITY;  
HE CAN  
NEVER TELL  
WHERE HIS  
INFLUENCE  
STOPS.

- HENRY ADAMS



# TRIBUTES

*My father has the uncanny ability to make a connection and leave his mark on everyone he meets. He has taught me that in a world that is often cruel, real power lies in being kind to others.*

*He has taught me about humility, never to think too highly of yourself, no matter how good you are and that life is only about what we can contribute to make this world a better place. But we should always be grateful and humble in whatever role we play, however big our part.*

*When it came to business, one of the things he told me, amongst so many others that stands out, was that your company or business is only as good as your employees, make sure you treat them as equals and with respect. I witnessed this at a very early stage when I first joined the family business. My father made me start at the bottom, offloading containers. All the employees, from the men I worked with while offloading containers, to the sales team and the managers; all had the upmost respect for my father and would go the extra mile for him.*

*The most important advice given to me was that family is everything, alone you are a twig that can easily be broken but united you are like a tree with strong roots that run deep and can never be uprooted.*

*Along with my brother and sons, we all hope to carry on with his tireless humanitarian endeavours and pass on his invaluable legacy of Serving Humanity to the next generation of Haroons.*

**Shakeel Haroon**  
Son of Mr Haroon Karim



*There aren't many words I can use to describe my father. For me, his most endearing quality is that he has a kind and loving Heart. He has always taught us to think of others before ourselves. He has always encouraged me to do charity, not only by giving money but by giving my time. He has taught me to fear Allah and live for the Hereafter, not for this Duniya.*

*Whenever I have a problem he is the one I can always turn to because he is there for anyone that needs his assistance. Trying to follow in his footsteps is a task that even if I gave it my all, I wouldn't be able to fill his big shoes because Alhamdulillah by the grace of Allah, what he has achieved in his life isn't something that many can accomplish. I'm proud to call him my father and honoured to be his son.*

**Shaakir Haroon**  
Son of Mr. Haroon Karim

*My grandfather, the leader and the giver has always taught me that if you want to move far ahead in life then always remember its WE never I.*

*He has taught me the most important lesson to success is our steadfast prayer and constant humbleness.*

*I have been privileged to work alongside my grandfather, picking up his traits in life which simply don't exist anymore. Learn the things in life that cannot be taught but gained from years of experience.*

*I have witnessed my grandfather reach many a milestones in his work and most notably in his charitable work which has driven me to follow in his footsteps.*

*He taught me that this world has no value if any of our prayers are missed as we can make all the money in the world and contribute as much to charities but if we miss our namaaz then we have failed our purpose in life.*

*I have watched my grandfather scale the greatest heights of success and had the pleasure of meeting many of his friends who have worked hard in life to reach their own pinnacles. I value what I have been taught and will cherish the moments I have been able to spend with my best friend, my role model, my inspiration.....my grandfather.*

**Mohamed Suhail Haroon**  
Grandson of Mr. Haroon Karim





*The year was 1966 and I had just celebrated my 8th birthday. Uncle Major, as he was popularly known, was our neighbour. A distinct memory I have of that time is our family returning home after performing Haj. We brought back with us, the latest electronic gadgets, unheard of in our city but the irony was we did not know how to operate most of them. Uncle Omar was the one who patiently taught us how they all worked. Sometimes on the weekends, he used to take his children and my siblings fishing, either to the Beira Lake or the Breakwaters at Colombo Port.*

*I always remember him as a kind, loving, very confident and entrepreneurial man. He did not hesitate to try out any new business venture. He lived by the belief - that any failure is only a stepping stone to success.*

*He has been my role model in business and an inspirational figure in my life. I always aspire to be like him. A great mind, a mighty heart and a generous soul...my Uncle Major - the legendary MH Omar.*

**Mr Farook Kassim**  
Nephew and Son-in-law of Mr. MH Omar.



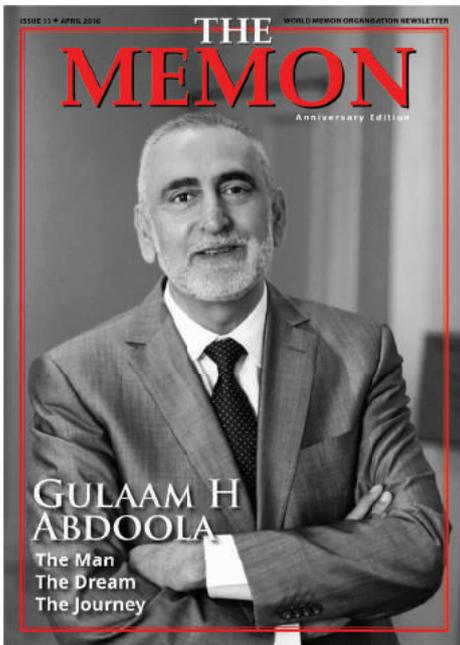
***"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give"***

*The quote mentioned above reflects the personality Shoaib possesses. It may always seem easy to look around and criticize what doesn't seem right in the World to us, however Shoaib has always been willing to act and work tirelessly by putting in monumental efforts for the betterment of society, rather than just sit back.*

*As per our religion Islam, social work is labelled as 'Huqooq ul Ibaad' and serving humanity is an essential aspect. Hence, despite the challenges that he had to face in terms of sacrificing his family time, he never gave up and has been relentlessly Serving Mankind under the WMO banner over the last 16 years.*

*Even in his personal life, he has always been the head of our family as his leadership abilities are admired by all, add to that being responsible, organized and lovable. He says that whatever he has achieved in life is also because of his (Late) mother's prayers. I pray that he continues to be an asset for society & WMO and may Allah grant him abundant success. Ameen.*

**Hamida Shoaib**  
Wife of Mr. Shoaib Ismail



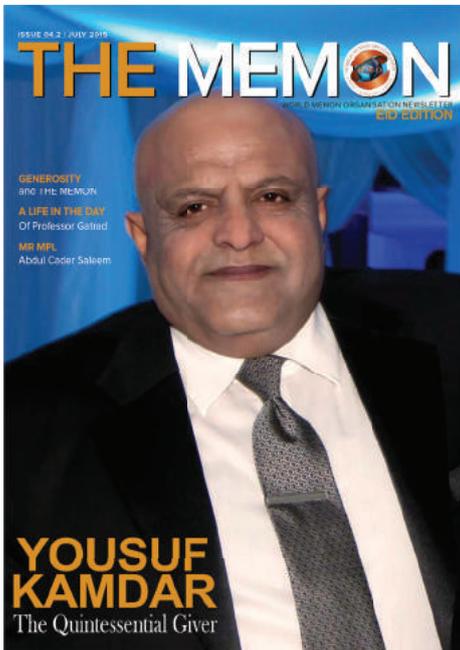
***"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it"***  
Clarence B. Kelland

*The thing that I most admire about my dad is his ability to live life so completely. With my dad nothing is unattainable. By example he shows us everyday that hard work and being unafraid to take calculated risks will get you where you want to go.*

*He showed us the world from a young age in a very real way. He taught us not to be afraid of the world, but rather to embrace it: to learn from every experience. To always be kind and considerate to those around us. He taught us to always be the bigger person and to never underestimate our capabilities and ourselves.*

*My dad is to this day, one of my best friends.*

**Tasneem Abdoola**  
Daughter of Mr. Gulaam Abdoola



*Our Hero, our best friend, our toughest critic, our biggest fan, our dad...*

*There is no greater influence for each of us than our dad. He is our strength, our weakness, our teacher, our guide. Our father is the Centre of our nucleus and we have never had to look further than his all encompassing sphere.*

*His courage, his bravery, his zest for life and most notably his incessant drive to ensure that he gives his ALL to whatever task he takes on - be it in his business, philanthropy, or family life. It is the passion that he exudes and the competence he displays that motivates each one of us everyday...*

*Dad - you are bold, you are brave and you are the perfect dad! A caring husband, a generous father, a doting grandfather, a charismatic chairman ; you have spoilt us much but you have taught us more! You are the glue that holds us all together and You are our greatest inspiration. Your achievements are exemplary and your shoes far too large to fill..*

*We know that no tribute would be complete without a mention of your heroes - your parents; and with your endless love and guiding light we hope that we can serve you as well as we have watched you serve them - and aspire for you to be as proud of us as they were of you!*

**Tahir, Tazmeen and Tehseen**  
Children of Mr. Yousuf Kamdar



*People always ask me why 'I'm so happy' all the time. This characteristic of positivity can be attributed to my father who always has a way of seeing the bright side to any seemingly hopeless situation.*

*He is not just my father. He is my role model; my inspiration; my rock. He encourages me to pursue my dreams without pressurising me and pushes me to do things I previously thought were impossible. He is the ultimate problem-solver.*

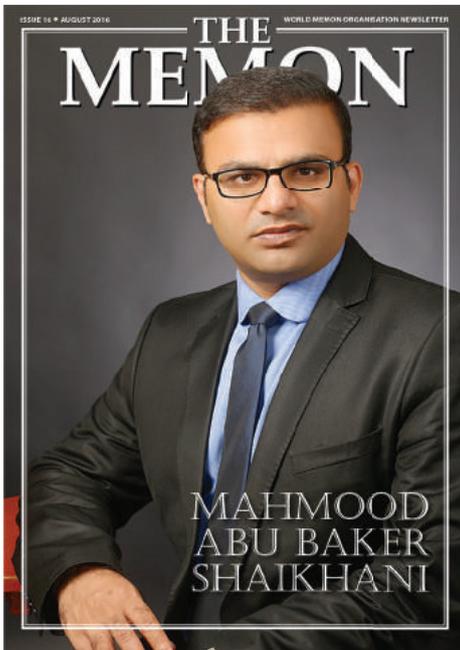
*Through his consistent positivity, unwavering faith and indomitable will, his many risky ventures have almost always been successful. He has shown me that when you believe in something to such an extent, it has no choice but to come true.*

*Recently my car broke down and the first person I called was him. He dropped whatever he was doing and came almost immediately, waiting besides my car for the three long hours it took for help to arrive, so I could attend a lecture. This is the kind of man he is. Not just a good leader by example, but also a kind man who shows his love to his family through his many selfless actions.*

*I love him to an incomprehensible level, despite his tendency towards posting the most unflattering pictures of me! He is in my thoughts, in everything that I do and I'm proud to call him my father.*

**Ameera Suleman**  
Daughter of Solly Suleman





**“Dreams & Dedication are a powerful Combination.”**

*This quote is not only inspiring but represents Mahmood as a person. Mahmood has big dreams which he works towards but these dreams are not only dreams for him but goals that he has set to accomplish. He says that having an inspirational role model to be influenced by, is one the best ways to dream ; his role model is his father, the late Abubaker Shaikhani.*

*Like his illustrious father, Mahmood too dedicates a vast amount of his time to humanity. He has been an active member of WMO since the past 10 years. Mahmood is very dedicated in his humanitarian endeavours, whether it be rehabilitation of the 2007 earthquake victims in Pakistan or feeding over 2000 people in Ramadan every year in the Middle East. Mahmood strives to be the best person he can be and is a role model for not only his family and children but the younger generation too. His love for humanitarian work has made him a role model for all.*

*In his personal life Mahmood is a great father to three beautiful children and no matter how hard he works or what might be going on in his head each day, he takes out time and talks to all three of his children about their academic and social lives. I am very proud to be his wife and we have been together for the past 16 wonderful years. Inshallah in the coming years, Mahmood will continue to be a role model and inspiration, not just to our kids but to an entire generation.*

**Marvi Shaikhani**  
Wife of Mr. Mahmood Abu Baker Shaikhani



*Alhamdulillah, I've been fortunate to have witnessed my dad's philanthropic involvement for most of my life. My earliest recollections span back to the mid-90's, before the inception of WMO, when he commenced his philanthropic journey with organizations such as South African World Memon Foundation and Memon Association of South Africa.*

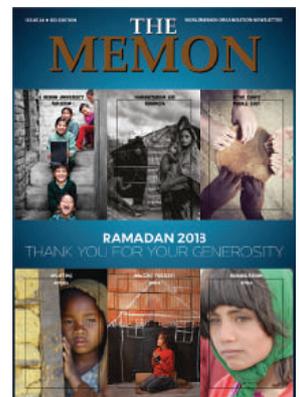
*Whilst the organizations and his role therein may have changed over the years, one thing that has never changed is the unwavering commitment, support and focus that he, together with other long-standing WMO members, continue to invest in building an equitable framework which advances the ideals of social and economic welfare for Memons and Muslims in South Africa and the broader African region.*

*Of all the instruments one can employ to effect change, the most precious is time. I am deeply privileged to have personally witnessed the historically significant, personal contribution that my dad and other members of the WMO have made to the many programmes and initiatives which have effected meaningful change in the lives of the many beneficiaries of the WMO in South Africa and on the African continent.*

*In writing this, I asked my dad how he and many others continued to remain so steadfast in their convictions over their many years of involvement with the WMO – it did not take long for his passion to overtake his words. Clearly, these are leaders for whom their social contribution extends beyond being merely an important facet of their lives, but rather their calling and a means by which they best serve their Lord - a sense of spirituality, enabled by divine guidance.*

*Alhamdulillah, it has been my privilege to witness this contribution throughout most of my life, at times as a contributor, at times as a spectator but always as a deeply grateful daughter. May the Almighty continue to guide those leaders who selflessly lead this organization, across its various chapters in making a meaningful change in this world so that we can continue to witness, to learn and to appreciate them.*

**Zafreen Feizul Ayob**  
Daughter of Mr Feizul Ayob





*My Dad - Mr. Farooq has been an institute for me through out my life and I am lucky to still benefit from his acute prudence for financial and investment planning. A sheer genius at evaluating investment prospects and an amazing ability to structure business deals. To sum him up, he is 'professionalism and tenacity personified'!*

*He received a world-class education from renowned educational institutes and has been a top professional with leading multinational companies. At a very young age he had gained international experience at the highest level in the varied fields of marketing, sales and finance.*

*Since the time I have stepped into professional life in my early twenties... I have found him highly professional, thoroughly disciplined and extremely focussed. He possesses aggression for business growth but keeps it in check with high discipline and professionalism. He stays on course because of his unflinching tenacity to achieve his targets.*

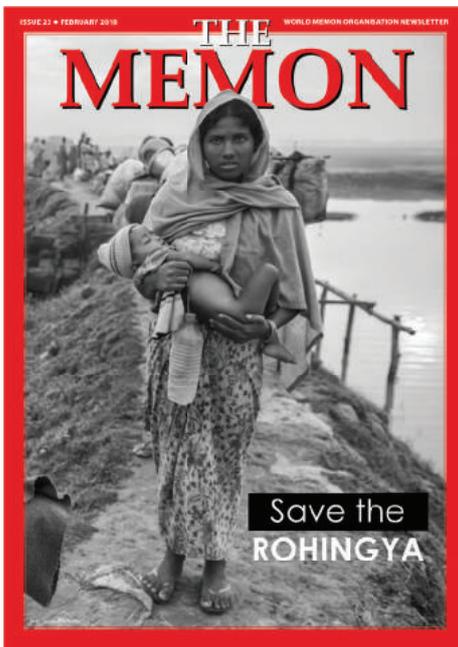
*By nature, I am a very aggressive businessman and have a knack for fast and continuous growth in business and investments, my father has always been there to keep me in check, as and when required through his prudence and discipline. Hence, he has helped our family businesses grow exponentially yet in a very steady manner. Even when markets have suffered financial crisis, our businesses and investments kept growing steadily. Diversifying into global investments was a challenge but turned out to be the right decision taken by me a few years back. Dad was both a critic and an experienced mentor during that phase, which helped me avoid risks, counter challenges and emerge as a successful investor even in the international markets.*

*I am very fortunate to have such a highly qualified, very professional and immensely experienced father. His support and influence on my life are unfathomable. He has been my mentor and the sole credit of my success story goes to him! His vast experience, expertise and calculated aggression keep us on track in our family business and in my personal life.*

*Though Dad may not be at the forefront now as he spends more time in charitable endeavours but his professional guidance, based on his acute business acumen and vast experience, help us continue to scale even greater heights of success.*

**Imraan Farooq**

*Son of Mohamed Farooq*



*An amazing person with a golden heart, a mother & a father-figure, an advisor, a dear sister and a best friend – these are the roles that Taheera has played in my life.*

*Taheera is the backbone of our family - our rock. The person you can rely on in any adverse situation. Taheera is the glue that sticks our family together.*

*There's a 10 year age gap between myself and Taheera. Growing up, I always had someone to look up to. She has influenced the lives of myself and the rest of my siblings positively and has sacrificed a lot in her life to make mine and my siblings lives better, even sacrificing her childhood to help bring us up.*

*Taheera is the eldest sibling of the six of us. From the tender age of 13, Taheera took on the responsibility to help keep our household running with the loss of our father. Taheera helped lighten the load for my mum in the upbringing of us younger siblings. Taheera was the support for my mum during this difficult time, and with us five smaller siblings ranging in ages from 10 years to just under two-years-old, she knew she had to set a good example - the decisions she would take and the path she followed in life would be imitated by the rest of us.*

*Taheera is fully committed to her family, she would do anything for us at any time, even at times to the disadvantage of herself. We always came first.*

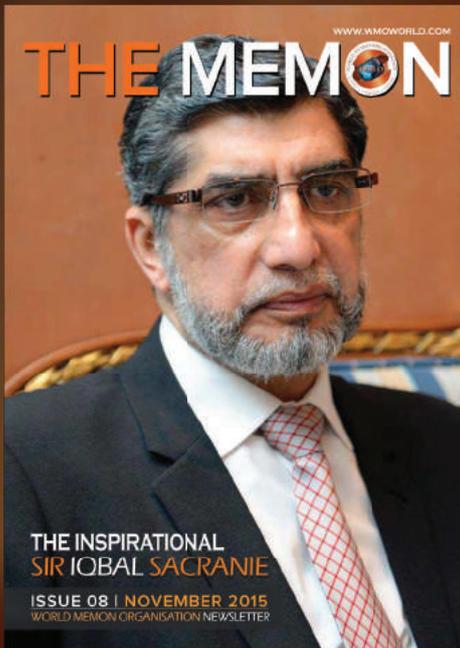
*Taheera always taught us to dream big and to work hard to make our dreams a reality, not by just saying but by doing it herself and being a role model to many. She has faced many trying times growing up, but did not let it deter her from getting to where she is today. Taheera always encouraged us to do more and to try to be the best at everything we do. Up until now there is always encouragement from her to pursue an additional goal in our careers and not to remain stagnant.*

*Taheera always has a positive attitude. She is compassionate towards both people and animals, she is generous and has a love for life – this is depicted in all the work that she does.*

*She is a resilient and strong woman, and that's what inspires me the most about Taheera - I am very honored and blessed to have Taheera as my sister.*

**Raesah Hassim**

*Sister of Taheera Hassim*



*Many of you know this man as a key leader within the Muslim Community. A man who takes pride in who we are and our values.*

*We simply know him as our father. A man who has been a constant source of support throughout our lives.*

*A time I will never forget is when my beloved Haji Kaka (Yunus Sacranie) and Aunty Nasreen passed away. It was the darkest time for our family as my cousins had lost both their parents in a short time.*

*My father shared a special relationship with my uncle. It was a father and son bond. We shared many happy memories together, most of our memories were intertwined. It was a heavy loss for all.*

*Suddenly, my father had a new level of responsibility. He became the Guardian of his late brother's four children. He provided them strength and love through those very dark days. He helped them get through & constantly reminded them of the will of Allah & to always believe in Him. Looking after them became his priority. He stepped down from many organisations during this time. And spent a lot of time at home with the children.*

*Overnight, our family had grown. It was a sad time but also a very comforting time. We spent a lot of time together. He taught us that although we lose our loved ones, the way we can keep them alive is through charitable acts - Sadqa-e-jariah. Our loved ones will hear of our kind acts that we are doing in honour of them and they will feel happy and Allah swt will bless them abundantly. Time went by & as the years have passed hearts have healed and our love for one another has only deepened.*

*This is through Allah's grace and mercy. He has watched over us, protected us & guided us through it all. Had it not been for my father's commitment and unconditional love none of us would be where we are today. He has taught us that love continues and never dies. It has taught us the value of family unity. He has instilled within us a strength that can never unravel. And for that we will forever remain grateful.*

*Sameena daughter of Sir Iqbal Sacranie & Amena daughter of Late Yunus Sacranie*



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