

UPLIFTING AFRICA





A Ramadan in Africa

**“Charity never decreases wealth.
Rather, it increases it...
it increases it... it increases it”**

Messenger of Allah

WMO [Africa Chapter] has carried out umpteen humanitarian endeavors to uplift humanity during the holy month of Ramadan. We would like to thank all our benefactors who have generously donated Lillah & Zakaat funds, enabling us to fulfil the Amaanat [Trust] of distributing it to several underprivileged families of South Africa.

The designated **Welfare Committee** appointed by the Chapter strives to ensure that all requests for financial assistance are independently assessed to establish Zakaat eligibility before contributions are made towards the respective projects and applicants. While we are able to touch lives during the merciful month of Ramadan, it is important to note that the conditions of these families continue to remain in a pitiful state throughout the year.

We at WMO Africa chapter ensure that funding of projects are not just confined to the month of Ramadan but continue throughout the year as well.

Monthly projects

FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED TO WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES

WMO Africa Chapter has identified certain orphanages and underprivileged Muslim families within the community, courtesy the welfare application process, along with assistance from several Regional Management Committee Members.



We aim to assist the orphans, whereby we provide them with their daily needs (hygiene packs, clothing, groceries etc). This includes financial assistance towards their annual stationery requirements, madressah fees etc

Several widows and needy Muslim families who need financial aid to cover daily expenses (groceries, electricity payments etc) and monthly expenses (water bills, rentals etc) have become recipients, up until they become self reliant and are able to stand on their feet again.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS EDUCATION

WMO Africa Chapter has realised that many students lack funds to purchase the necessary text books to further their studies and has since offered financial assistance towards this specific need. Even though the costs of text books are a priority, we have many students seeking assistance with conveyance as well. Since the initiation of this project, we have been able to assist several students, lightening their financial burden and allowing them to continue their studies without these additional worries.



WMO also provides scholarships, bursaries and university registration fees to deserving students.

MEDICAL CARE

In 2013, 2014 & 2015, WMO Africa Chapter partnered with the Islamic Medical Association of SA and embarked on a very worthy project of offering financial assistance and medical treatment to Muslim patients in need of Renal Dialysis. This was offered to those afflicted by kidney ailments from various regions such as Gauteng, KZN & the Western Cape. They were financially assisted over a period of 2 years until their medical aid came into effect and IMASA thereafter took over their management of medical and health care as per agreement.

In 2016 WMO explored the possibility of extending the same to patients who required Renal Dialysis treatments in the nascent stages as well as those who required medical treatment for various other ailments. Alhamdulillah, this project has allowed us to assist the afflicted and involves all costs including doctor's fees, hospital expenses and treatment.



Besides the assistance of our RMC, WMO Africa Chapter is fortunate to have three well respected Health Care Professionals on our RMC, who selflessly assist us with the medical assessments of those afflicted and go the extra mile to offer their medical skills and expertise when needed. Our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Haroon Gutta [Patron], Dr Ridwan Mia [Patron] & Dr Taheera Hassim [Patron]

IMAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME [IDP]

The Imam Development Programme [IDP] was formed to assist and empower Imams and religious leaders, help them develop and refine their skills. With the poor state of the Imams in South Africa, IDP has appealed to various organizations to partner with them to remedy the current situation. This includes medical assistance, educational training, daily needs and counselling. WMO has agreed to raise funds from individual members to help finance the Imam Projects.

OLD AGE HOMES

The Garden Old Age Home based in Laudium, Pretoria, South Africa takes care of aged Muslims, a majority of whom are Memons abandoned by their families. WMO Africa Chapter's contributions assist with their daily needs and the maintenance of this institute.

UPLIFTING THE MEMON COMMUNITY

WMO Africa Chapter has always made our Memon brothers & sisters a priority when assisting and fulfilling needs.

The needs of the Memons are vast and varied, however the daily and monthly needs such as purchasing groceries, payment of rentals, water bills & electricity [short-term goals] are first met through WMO and thereafter we set up Empowerment Projects, enabling them to seek their own independence for their future needs [long-term goals].

NEIGHBOURLY NEEDS COMMUNITY PROJECT

WMO Africa Chapter has been actively involved in spearheading this project within the Itereleng / Brazzaville community and has remained a steadfast supporter during the month of Ramadan, as well as throughout the year. The aim is to empower them, whereby we meet their daily / monthly needs and offer them opportunities to explore the potential of becoming entrepreneurial within society. In the long run, this will enable them to become economically independent by developing various skill sets thus ensuring that they, as a community are self-sustaining.

PRETORIA AND PURPOSEFUL GIVING



Over the past four years the Itereleng community and have been supported and assisted with various development projects that aim to uplift and develop the communities to become self-sustaining. Itereleng is an informal settlement on the doorstep of Laudium – through the support of our Memon families a masjid and other housing structures have been constructed for the community.

MORE CLASSROOMS NEEDED IN BRAZZAVILLE

On the 3rd of June, members from WMO Africa chapter, Purposeful Giving and Planet Mercy visited the Brazzaville West Islamic Centre.

A Madressah was initiated by members of the WMO Africa Chapter in 2004 with just 12 children. 3 years later, a Masjid was built adjacent to it and today Alhamdulillah, there are close to 200 students who are imparted with Islamic education on a daily basis.



An additional piece of land has been bought to put up the extra classrooms needed to accommodate the ever growing list of children.

SHOEBOXES

Purposeful Giving sponsored and distributed personalized Ramadan Shoeboxes as Eid gifts and gift bags, stationery packs, fruits and Chicken Licken meals to the children at Brazzaville Islamic Centre.



List of Items in each Shoebox:

- Double pack toothbrush & toothpaste
- Body Lotion
- Bar of soap
- Soap Holder
- Vaseline
- Face Cloth
- Pair of socks
- Stationery pack including colouring pencils, crayons, marker, eraser, ruler etc
- Age appropriate toys or a special gift
- Sanitary pads for girl, aged over 12 years

MASS IFTAR

WMO Africa Chapter co hosted a mass iftar for a capacity crowd of 1500 in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa on the 2nd of June. The gathering consisted of families struggling to make ends meet, widows, orphans, the aged, the infirm and our less fortunate brothers and sisters who religiously fast for the entire month of Ramadan but are not sure where their next meal would come from.



And they offer food to the needy, the orphan and the captive.

(Saying): "We feed you for the sake of Allah alone; we wish for neither reward nor gratitude from you."

The Quran 76:8-9 (Surah al-Insan)

May Allah Swt accept our humble endeavours.

WHEELCHAIR CAMPAIGN

Jona Vaughan Home is a project of Durban and Coastal Mental Health. The home caters to 84 children and adults with profound cognitive and physical disabilities. Residents receive round the clock care in a safe and secure environment. As part of their daily care, residents receive nutritional meals, medical management and participate in stimulation programmes.

Several wheelchairs have been donated during the month of Ramadaan, with the aim of alleviating the daily challenges faced by the caregivers by ensuring that the elderly are mobile. This year wheelchairs have also been handed over to the aged and infirm in Newclare, Gauteng.



ANNUAL RAMADAN ENDEAVOURS

Degs of Haleem are fully sponsored and distributed every Sunday.
Savouries for Iftaar meals are prepared and sent to various Masajids in **KZN**.
Complete Iftaar meals are prepared and distributed.
Food hampers are distributed and cash offered to purchase Eid clothing for children.
Vouchers to purchase groceries as per each families' personal requirements are handed over to needy recipients throughout the month of Ramadan.
Eid gifts and goody bags are personally packed by our team of volunteers and delivered to the following Institutes:

Baitul Hifazat - Home for the elderly
Baitul Firdaus - Home for the elderly
Baitul Aman - Orphanage
Izizwe Islamic Centre - Orphanage
Islamic Guidance centre
Kenilworth Respite Centre - Home for abused women



MADRESSA AN NOOR

For the past five years WMO has taken a personal interest in specific underprivileged areas and concentrated on uplifting our Muslim brothers and sisters. Aapa Latiffa of Madressa An - Noor, a well-known and respected woman in the Klipspruit West area of Gauteng has dedicated her life towards assisting those in need.

After obtaining a vacant plot from the government, she has aspired to assist the needy, the homeless, the orphans and the elderly. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed and WMO reached out to her and offered her unflinching support to continue the extensive humanitarian work that she has been doing for the community.

The magnanimous generosity of the Moosa Carrim family enabled WMO to purchase a mobile housing unit comprising of 8 rooms, which included a dining room, lounge, kitchen, bathroom & toilet, furnished

with an in-built geyser to provide warm water. The unit serves as a clinic and shelter for the elderly and orphans.

FRAIL CARE CENTRE

Over the years, we have assisted Abida's Frail care Centre in Mayfair Gauteng with the maintenance and furnishing of their facility. The home provides medical aid and health care to elderly and infirm Muslims.
We have also donated several wheelchairs to the residents of this Centre.



MUSLIM AIDS PROGRAMME

WMO Africa Chapter has sponsored the complete renovation of the premises of the Muslim Aids Programme (MAP). This home is based in Mayfair Gauteng and provides shelter to young Muslims who are afflicted with HIV. Separate facilities are provided for both boys and girls.

FOOD HAMPERS



WMO has once again participated and contributed towards 3000 food hampers that were distributed to the marginalised in Newclare, Gauteng. Hadjie Ludfie partners with WMO to annually distribute food hampers to our less fortunate brothers and sisters who struggle to bring food on their table in the holy month of Ramadan.

We are humbled to be a part of these humanitarian projects and will continue to extend our steadfast support towards uplifting the downtrodden.

A THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of WMO Africa Chapter, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude towards our donors, collaborators, sister organisations and volunteers. Your contributions have made a huge difference in the lives of our Muslim brothers and sisters. May the Almighty reward you for your generosity.

AAMEEN.



A MILLION R A N D S FOR THE ELDERLY

There are several Hadith which underline that caring for one's parents in the later stages of their lives, especially when they attain old age, opens the gates of paradise.

In the cycle of life, youth and old age are only a matter of time ; for one who is young must surely grow old. Islam reminds the youth of this eternal truth through a narration of the Prophet (PBUH), **"If a young man honors an elderly on account of his age, Allah Swt appoints someone to honor him in his old age."** (Hadith from At-Tirmidhi)

WMO Africa Chapter, along with 3 anonymous WMO donors donated **a million rands (Approx. 85,000 USD)** towards an old age home and frail care centre being built by **Daru Shifa** at **Lenasia in Johannesburg, South Africa**. The 18 room facility will cater to the elderly as well as the physically disabled.

On Friday, the 13th of April, two Regional Management Committee (RMC) members of WMO Africa Chapter pledged **250,000** rands on Channel Islam towards Daru Shifa. The generous contribution covered the cost for building a single room on the facility which will be aptly named WMO room. This was soon followed by a life member, a patron member and a trustee of WMO Africa Chapter who donated ZAR 250,000 each towards constructing 3 more rooms of the home. A **million** rands in total were donated to Daru Shifa, courtesy the World Memon Organisation by the end of the pledge.

May Allah Swt reward all those who have contributed to the pledge and all who contribute towards supporting the Ummah where there is a need.

Dar al Shifa translates to 'an abode of care and healing' in the Arabic language. An ideal name for a home that serves as a sanctuary for the aged and infirm.

Education for all in MALAWI

"Education is the foundation upon which we build our future." - Christine Gregoire

ASUM (Association of Sunni Madrassahs) has set up 2 boy's centres at Nkhotakota and Kasungu in Malawi, Africa which will serve as boarding schools to 120 and 90 underprivileged children. The youngsters will be provided **free education** and lodging on its pristine premises.

Imparting secular and Islamic education through its **10 Secondary schools** and **160 madrassahs** including feeding programmes; ASUM provides a broad spectrum of humanitarian services across Malawi, touching and making a difference in the lives of more than **16,000 children** and **25,000 deprived families**.

With a yearly budget of a **million dollars** and most of the funds being contributed by Memons living in Malawi, ASUM hopes to collaborate with the World Memon Organisation and do even more in the coming years for the betterment of the Community and Humanity.

Mr Haroon Sacranie (Trustee - WMO and ASUM) who is the driving force behind the project states, *"Education is the bedrock on which communities and nations rise and stand. It is the birth right of every child. And it is on this firm belief that Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the World, that a record 16,000 students received an education in 2017."*

WMO stands firm, shoulder to shoulder with ASUM in all current and future humanitarian endeavours.



ZAKAT APPEAL

AFRICA CHAPTER

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND UNIVERSITY.

USD 25,000

MEDICAL AID

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING HOSPITALIZATION.

USD 40,000

WIDOWS & ORPHANS WELFARE FUND

USD 160,000

FINANCIAL GRANTS/ SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS STRUGGLING MUSLIM BUSINESSES.

USD 28,000

WELFARE PROGRAMS

SUPPORT OF GARDENS OLD AGE HOME
CATERING FOR MEMONS AND MUSLIMS
FOOD HAMPER DISTRIBUTION
IFTAR
RAMADAN RATION BAGS (FOOD PACKS)

USD 25,000

MADRESSAH AT BRAZZAVILLE

PLEASE DONATE YOUR ZAKAT FUNDS TOWARDS BUILDING CLASSROOMS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING ISLAMIC EDUCATION AT BRAZZAVILLE.