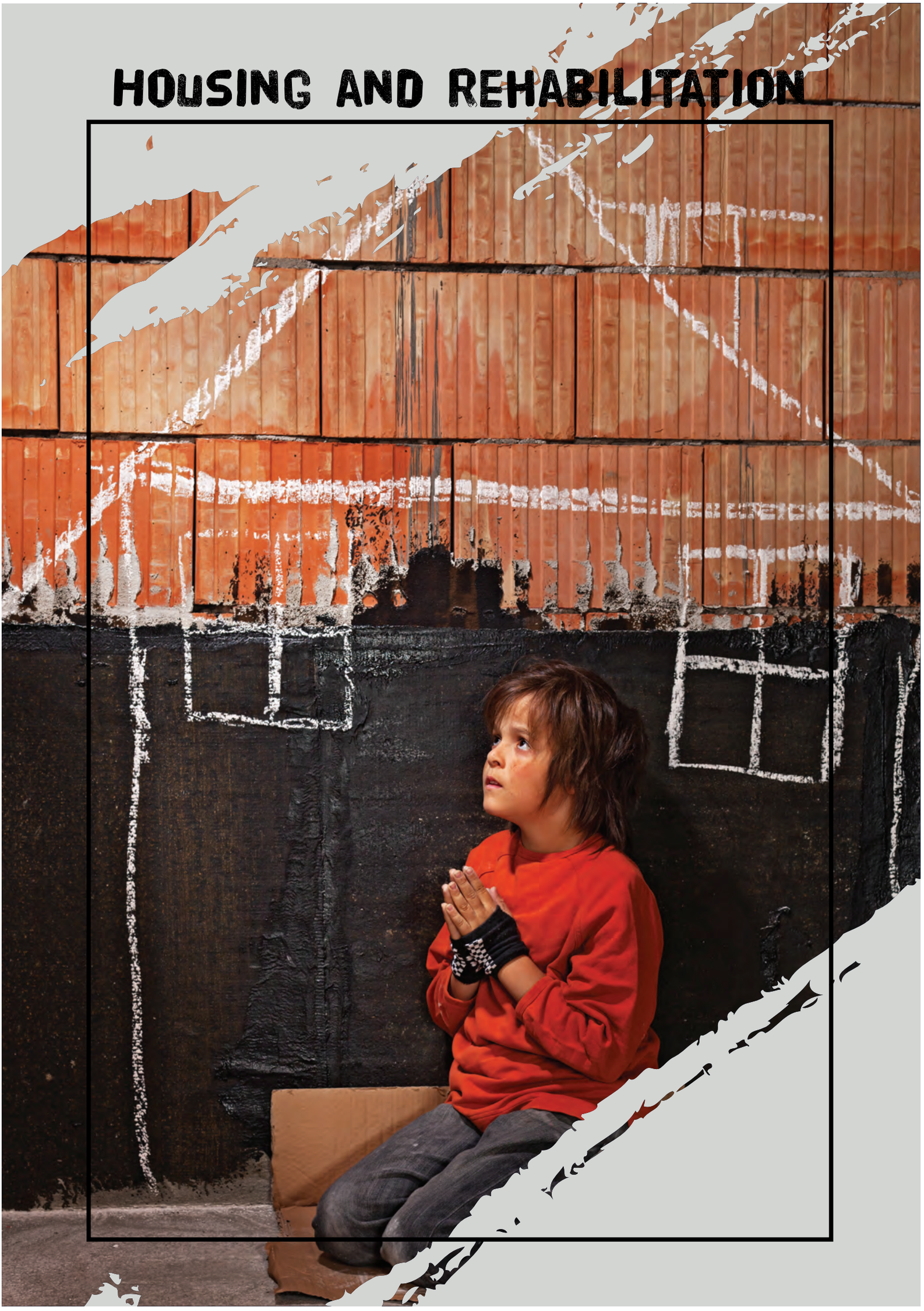
HOUSING AND REHABILITATION



WMO ASHIYAANA HOUSING PROJECTS

***31st December 2017** 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. Akola is a town situated in the state of Maharashtra in Central India with a sizeable Memon population. The ceremony was attended by prominent members of the Indian Memon Community such as **Mr. Iqbal Memon Officer** (President – All India Memon Jamat Federation) and political heavyweights including the Honourable Minister of State – **Dr. Ranjit Patil**.*

Mr. Majid Ranani, President of Welfare Memon Organisation and a WMO stalwart is the driving force behind the project.

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.

The construction of the **second** legacy and housing project consisting of **18** homes was initiated in **Malegaon** by Mr. Majid Ranani on the **15th of January 2018**. Malegaon is another town in the state of Maharashtra with a sizeable Muslim population. The housing project shares the same name - WMO Ashiyaana.

A **third** Ashiyaana housing project consisting of 18 homes is up and running in **Kodinar**, a town on the South coast of Gujarat. This project has been initiated by **Mr. Ehsan Gadawala** (VP – WMO North India Chapter) and is fast nearing completion.

The word '**Ashiyaana**' means a nest. 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.**

HOUSING AND REHABILITATION IN INDIA

For over a decade the World Memon Organisation has carried out rehabilitation projects, primarily housing which constitutes the corner stone in the well-being of a community. The organisation works towards the alleviation of poverty in the Memon community by providing homes to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

AHMEDABAD HOUSING PROJECT COMPLETED IN 2015

Housing Projects have been completed at various towns and cities in India. We seek your invaluable contributions towards building a **Habitat for Humanity**.

DONATE TOWARDS HOMES IN AKOLA

We seek your Zakat contributions towards donating **50** homes to underprivileged Memon families of Akola. At **USD 11,800** for one housing unit, the total cost of the project works out to **USD 586,000** (Five Hundred and Eighty-Six thousand dollars)

PAKISTAN INSPIRES ANOTHER MITI IN INDIA

The **Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI)** in Karachi was conferred as the top ranking Vocational Training Institute in Pakistan by the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission in 2016.

The 1st Place award is testament to the vast strides that MITI has made since its inception. MITI was established under the auspices of the World Memon Organisation on **May 31st, 2009**.

MITI is a **Vocational and Technical** centre for the youth (both boys and girls) offering a wide variety of technical, mechanical, IT, multimedia and home economic courses. MITI opened its doors for students in June 2009 with 7 Trades for men. And today, boasts of **31** courses for men and **25** for women.

Courses range from self grooming, stiching and cooking classes to CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) Diploma in Information Technology, HD Media Production and Web Development. MITI offers a professional Photography course of

6 months duration in which proficient and world class photographers of the country take out time to teach students about the sublime art of photography.

Youngsters have benefitted immensely from these creative courses and are now, not only placed in renowned organization but most have become entrepreneurs and are themselves offering jobs to other graduates of MITI from the same discipline.

MITI has always been the Flag Bearer of the Humanitarian Work done by WMO and offers scholarships to hundreds of deserving students each year. Over **140,000** graduates of MITI have secured employment or are self employed.

We can only stand up and applaud **Mr. H M Shehzad** (Former VP - WMO Pakistan Chapter) for his untiring endeavours to create a brighter future for the youth of Pakistan.

A MITI IN AHMEDABAD

WMO North India Chapter has embarked on an ambitious project to establish another MITI in **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat. Spread over a sprawling **22,500** square feet of land in the suburb of **Vatwa**, this **USD 1.4 million** project was announced as a **Legacy Project** at the 15th WMO AGM in 2017.

We seek your generous contributions towards this worthy cause.

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN

	INR	USD
Cost of Construction	69,797,235	1,090,582
Post Construction Expenses	11,900,000	185,938
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,000,000	125,000
	89,697,235	1,401,519

MEDICAL CARE IN INDIA

Dhoraji is a town in **Gujarat** which is home to a considerable Memon population. **Teli hospital** is a boon for the inhabitants of Dhoraji and the neighbouring towns and villages as it provides effective medical treatment at subsidised costs. A dedicated team of doctors attend to the patients, nursing them back to health.

Teli hospital lacks a **radiology** department which serves as an impediment in carrying out diagnostic procedures to ascertain medical conditions thus delaying treatments which could prove fatal in critical cases. Dhoraji residents have to travel considerable distances to get these tests done.

WMO North India Chapter recently donated a **3D ECHO COLOR DOPPLER** machine to initiate a radiology department in Teli hospital. It is equipped with the latest 3D imaging technology, offering high image quality with pinpoint accuracy to enhance diagnostic confidence.

The management of Teli hospital was extremely grateful to WMO North India Chapter for their generosity and profusely thanked the donors.

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

DONATE TOWARDS MEDICAL AID IN INDIA

Kindly contribute your Zakat and Lillah funds towards the pertinent cause of Medical Care in India. Your contributions make the difference between life and death.

MEDICAL PROJECTS

Palghar Hospital

A **135 bed multi-speciality hospital** is being built at **Palghar**, a city 90 kms north of Mumbai on the road to Gujarat. The noteworthy **USD 664,000** (six hundred and sixty-four thousand dollar) project is a collaboration between WMO North India Chapter and **Palghar Memon Welfare Trust**.

Radiology Department

The Teli hospital in Dhoraji needs many more state-of-the-art equipments including a **CT scan machine**, another **Ultrasound** unit and a **CR system of X ray tables** at a cost of **USD 280,000** (two hundred and eighty thousand dollars) to complete their Radiology wing.

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN

	INR	USD
Cost of Construction	25,000,000	390,625
Cost of Equipments	17,500,000	273,438
	42,500,000	664,063

COST FOR X-RAY, CT SCAN & SONOGRAPHY

	INR	USD
Ct Scan – Seimens	16,100,000	251,563
Sonography - Philips	1,800,000	28,125
CR SYSTEM of X-ray table with accessories	600,000	9,375
	17,900,000	279,688

RAZIYA *'Teresa'* CHASHMAWALA

***Raziya Chashmawala** (Deputy Chairperson - WMO Ladies Wing North India Chapter) is lovingly called **Mother Teresa** of the Memon Community. She has dedicated her entire life to the selfless cause of Serving Humanity.*

She is a special woman

At the ripe age of 66, in the blazing hot month of May, without consuming a drop of water or a grain of food, holding steadfast to her annual ritual of religiously fasting through out the three holy months of Rajab, Sha'baan and Ramadan; she often summons her indefatigable reserves of energy to relentlessly pursue her endless humanitarian endeavours.

On a sweltering Wednesday afternoon, Raziya Chashmawala was in the Butcher's bay of Kurla, a suburb of Mumbai which is home to a considerable Muslim population struggling to make ends meet. The predominant butcher community of Kurla are facing excessive hardships as the Government has passed a decree banning the slaughter of cows. It has rendered them jobless and with each passing day, they sink deeper into debt and poverty.

Hundreds of foodpacks, purses and clothes were distributed to a sizeable number of people gathered at the market. As she is jostled by the crowds swarming around her, she clambers onto the back of a truck to personally heave the Ramadan ration bags into the gathered sea of humanity. It is just another day in the life of Raziya Chashmawala as she spreads a glimmer of hope in a World gone dark.

And Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things for a certain segment of Muslims, barely managing to survive the current political clime in India.

Mass Marriages

Mrs. Raziya Chashmawala gifted a sizeable number of clothes, purses and home utility items to 50 underprivileged couples who tied the knot in a mass marriage ceremony on the 25th of February in Mumbai, India. A majority of the brides are orphaned, some have lost their fathers while the rest belong to marginalised families who are incapable of hosting even a meagre marriage ceremony for their daughters.

A special mention of **Mrs Gorie Gulaam Abdoola** for providing the clothes towards this worthy cause undertaken by the WMO Ladies Wing - North India Chapter.

Money Box Program

Another WMO initiative called the Children's Money Box program was also implemented wherein donations will be collected by the youngsters to fund the pertinent cause of **Women Empowerment**. The Money Box program is vital to accustom children with charitable causes from an early age whereby the values of giving are instilled in them from the crucial, formative years, evoking empathy and understanding towards their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Women Empowerment

Raziya Chashmawala has been a very vocal advocate for women's rights and has initiated many projects for the welfare of women. She established a sewing unit in the neighbourhood of Vasai in the year 2013. Initially only a handful of ladies had joined the workshop and were trained under the watchful eye of Raziya bai. They soon learnt the trade and started earning enough to run their daily household expenses. As the workload increased so did their income. The unit grew from strength to strength as more women joined in.

"***We teach them skills that enable them to stand on their feet, provide for their family, ensure a brighter future for their children and live with dignity***. *We have a couple of sewing and an embroidery machine to churn out the orders which are on the rise. We make scarves, uniforms, bedsheets and clothes. We are also making decorative articles and gift items like candles and diyas. We have started a catering unit, set up a food stall as Muslim women have an inborn talent for cooking . We started with just two women, but today several others have joined in and are earning a respectable livelihood,*" beams Raziya bai.

On the 27th of May 2018, two more units were inaugurated to further the cause of Women Empowerment. One will provide a beautician course and the other will be an extension of the sewing, embroidery and stitching units.

Raziya Chashmawala is the perfect epitome of a strong woman truly empowering other women. Here's to strong women. May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them.