

# Muslim Aid

Annual Review 2003



*"Whoever saved a life,  
it would be as if  
he saved the life of  
all mankind."*

(Qur'an 5:32)

One of the many  
children cared for by  
Muslim Aid in Iraq



**Muslim Aid**  
Serving Humanity

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## Chairman's message

Sadly, yet another year has passed on with countless human beings – men, women and children – suffering helplessly across the world. Much of this was due to man-made disasters and natural calamities. Especially the invasion of Iraq and the unfolding humanitarian disaster and the suffering of innocent civilians – in the absence of the UN – has been a great concern to us and many other international relief agencies. Despite this, Muslim Aid has opened a field office in Baghdad, which by the Grace of Almighty Allah helps to support the most needy with food, shelter and medical care.

However, we must not forget that most suffering in the world today is actually due to abject poverty, particularly in Africa and the sub-continent. A majority of the population there ekes out a living on less than a dollar a day. They lack food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, basic education and primary healthcare – all the basic provisions which we take for granted. Through hundreds of partner organisations world-wide and our own field offices in Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Pakistan and Bangladesh we endeavour not just to bring much needed relief but also to empower the poor.

Importantly, in 2003, more support than ever before was given to develop and improve the educational facilities in the developing world. This is one of the most effective ways to help the poor out of poverty trap and stand on their own feet. Since Prophet Muhammad (saws) said, *"The upper hand is better than the lower hand,"* (reported by Bukhari) our humanitarian work centres around empowerment and self-help, so that the poor do not have to depend on hand-outs forever, but can help others in turn. Over £3m was provided this year for delivering emergency relief, creating opportunities for the poor and needy in education, skills training and income generation, health, orphan care, and water and sanitation facilities in the developing world.

I am very pleased that Muslim Aid's trustees and staff are constantly striving to make our work more effective and efficient and again this year we have managed to keep the administration cost as low as 7%. Moving our office into new premises (see back page for details), financed through the Gift Aid scheme, will also help to make your donation go further, insha'Allah. To underline our humanitarian objective in the spirit of Islam we have also given Muslim Aid a new logo, which I trust you will agree creates a greater focus for our work in pursuit of the pleasure of Allah.

Thank you for your ongoing support and may Allah grant us all the ability to selflessly help those in need wherever and wherever they may be. Ameen.

**Farooq Murad**

Chairman, Board of Trustees

## YOUR DONATIONS

### How they were spent

ASIA	£	AFRICA	£
AFGHANISTAN	30,000	ALGERIA	34,965
AZERBAIJAN	1,481	CONGO (DRC)	3,475
BANGLADESH	714,962	ETHIOPIA	45,967
BURMA	4,500	GAMBIA	14,500
CAMBODIA	53,147	GHANA	14,181
CHINA	20,000	KENYA	47,665
HONG KONG	2,000	LIBERIA	1,988
INDIA	135,728	MADAGASCAR	1,500
INDONESIA	10,000	MALAWI	15,000
KASHMIR	80,685	MAURITIUS	1,000
MALAYSIA	10,500	MOROCCO	3,000
NEPAL	24,800	MOZAMBIQUE	12,000
PAKISTAN	193,852	NIGERIA	110,566
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	3,500	RWANDA	3,950
PHILIPPINES	52,468	SIERRA LEONE	54,540
SRI LANKA	33,919	SOMALIA	128,695
		SOUTH AFRICA	13,957
		SUDAN	321,695
		TANZANIA	47,593
		TOGO	1,500
		UGANDA	75,247
		ZAMBIA	3,460
		ZIMBABWE	7,000

MIDDLE EAST	£	EUROPE	£	AMERICAS	£
IRAN	18,880	ALBANIA	7,000	GUYANA	3,500
IRAQ	243,218	BOSNIA	9,704	JAMAICA	4,000
JORDAN	16,422	BULGARIA	2,151	MEXICO	23,119
LEBANON	46,829	KOSOVO	12,533	SAIPAN (USA)	1,471
PALESTINE	178,067	MACEDONIA	3,000		
SYRIA	6,300	RUSSIA	3,988		
		TURKEY	7,001		
		UK	83,248		
		UKRAINE	2,000		

**GRAND TOTAL**  
**£3,027,422**

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROJECTS	AMOUNTS
EDUCATION	787,157
HEALTHCARE	525,510
EMERGENCY RELIEF	466,795
QURBANI	354,879
RAMADAN	353,057
WATER	168,702
INCOME GENERATION	144,182
ORPHAN CARE	70,054
SKILLS TRAINING	66,367
HARDSHIP GRANTS	41,626
REHABILITATION	17,377
EID GIFTS	22,965
OTHER	8,751
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,027,422</b>

### INCOME RESOURCES

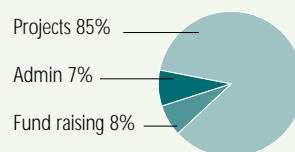
DONATIONS  
£3,533,992

INVESTMENTS  
£169,519

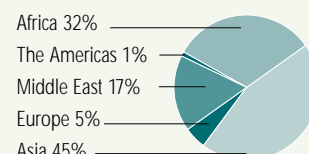
OTHER  
£796,192

**TOTAL**  
**£4,499,703**

### EXPENDITURE Graphic Summary



**Funding**



**Allocation**



## Emergency Relief

Many natural and man-made calamities have again plagued humanity this year but most certainly the suffering of the Iraqi people has overshadowed many others. Muslim Aid has now opened a field office in Baghdad to provide humanitarian support to the poor and needy and particularly widows and orphans. Our field offices and partner organisations delivered relief in 14 different countries and a total of £466,795 worth of aid was supplied.

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COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Algeria	Algiers	Earthquake relief
Bangladesh	Brahmanbaria	Tornado relief
	Northern region	Distribution of warm clothes
	Rangpur	Rehabilitation of refugee camp
	Brahmaputra	Monsoon flood relief
China	Wanchain	Earthquake rehabilitation
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Food relief
India	Tamil Nadu	Food relief
Iran	Bam	Tents and blankets for earthquake victims
Iraq	Baghdad, Kerbala and Basra	Food and medicines
	Baghdad, Khaldeyah, Al-Qaim, Haditha, Hit, Haslamiyah, Rawa and Aana	Food parcels and income support
Nepal	Krishna Nagar	Distribution of blankets
Pakistan	Sindh	Flood relief
	Kashmir	Flood relief
Palestine	West Bank and Gaza	Food and medicines
Philippines	Mindanao	Food and Medicines for displaced people
Sudan	Kassala state	Flood relief
Syria	Damascus	Relief to orphans and needy
Uganda	Mbale	Flood relief

## Food Relief During Ramadan & Eidul-Adha

In addition to relief work in response to disasters, Muslim Aid carried out seasonal food relief during the months of Ramadan worth £353,057 and on the occasion of Eidul-Adha (Qurbani) worth £354,879. This enables the poorest to enjoy a decent meal in those times.

**Education** Education and the seeking of knowledge are strongly encouraged in Islam, both for men and women. In fact the first verse revealed of the Qur'an began with 'Read' (Surah al Alaq). Muslim Aid places great emphasis on education, ranging from basic numeracy and literacy to higher education. In 2003, almost 50 education programmes were supported in 18 countries world-wide, amounting to £787,157 to help the most impoverished to a better life away from poverty and ignorance.



COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Bangladesh	Manikganj, Phulpur, Jamalpur, Tangi, Faridpur, Dhaka	School construction and IT labs
	Shaymer, Demra, Dhaka, Singair, Manikonj and Niloharmari	Non-formal education
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Improvement of educational facilities and school extension
Ghana	Kanvili, Tamale	Classroom furniture, books and computers
	Palavam, Vellore, Tamilnadu	Poor student stipends
India	Devadanaoatti, Theni District	Computer training centre
	Sayeedabad, Hyderabad	Student sponsorship
	Moosa Naqar, Guroaon	Science and computer lab for school
	Darwha, Yavatmal	Classroom extension
	Mahim, Mumbai/ Kausa	Support for needy students
Kashmir	Darwha, Yavatmal	Computer lab, furniture and clothing for poor students
	Bhimber, Poonch, Sudhnooti, Kotli, Bagh and Muzzafarabad	8 computer centres and 10 science labs
Kenya	Desa, Poonch	Education for women
Lebanon	Mandera	Computer lab
Mexico	Saida	School extension
Nepal	Teouesauitenoo, Morelos	Darassalam Educational Service Centre
	Bhokraha, Inaruwa	Construction for the hostel block
Pakistan	Shishwa Dharamour, Basantpur, Ghuski, Sunsari	School hostel building
	Maidouuri	Expansion of madrasa
	Orangi Town, Karachi	Extension of school
	Various districts of Pakistan	Renovation of computer/science labs
	Islamabad	Free coaching centres
Palestine	Rahat Abad, Peshawar	Minibus for transportation
	Mughalpura, Lahore	Education assistance for poor students
Sierra Leone	Lahore	IT equipment
	West Bank, Hebron	Computer
Somalia	Mile 71	AI-Aqsa Cultural Library
	Kakua Chieftdom, Bo	Computer lab
Sri Lanka	Bo and Pujehun	Establishment of a computer lab
	Mogadishu	School uniforms
Tanzania	Madampe	IT Lab
	Dar es Salaam	Equipment for IT training
Uganda	Kinondoni, Dar es Salam	Lab and IT equipment
	Kampala	Furniture and IT equipment
UK	Various	Primary school and holiday education for children
		Student hardship grants



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Case Study

Promoting science education in Kashmir

With a grant of £25,100 from Muslim Aid, READ Foundation established 8 computer and 10 science labs in rural Kashmir, providing education to approximately 5000 school children every year. Year 7 student Laiba Jabeen said:

*"I can never forget the moment when I stepped into our newly established computer lab. It will immensely help us to know IT and to improving the life in my mountain village. Thanks, Muslim Aid!"*





## Income Generation for the Poor

Through small interest-free loans, farm animals, seeds or donations of tools and equipment to the poor, Muslim Aid helps them to gain independence and the ability to earn an income for themselves, by the Grace of Allah. Totally £144,182 were provided to help the poor become small entrepreneurs. The beneficiaries are often widows and the landless poor who otherwise are condemned to begging or to work as day labourers.

## Skills Training

Skills training adds a further dimension to the empowerment of the poor by giving them the competence required to find employment or to run a small business. Training programmes worth £66,367 were carried out on behalf of Muslim Aid in 2003 benefiting people in the poorest countries around the world.

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### INCOME GENERATION

COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Bangladesh	Pabna, Natore, Bera, Rajshahi and Jhenaidah	Micro-credit scheme
Bosnia	Saralevo	Services for needy women
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Mini chicken farms
India	Ambathurai, Dindigul	Tailoring centre for women
Somalia	Mako/Medina, Afgoi	Seeds and fertilisers for poor farmers
Sri Lanka	Akkaraipattu	Micro-credit
Sudan	Kassala, Eastern Sudan	Agricultural project
	Khartoum	IGP for women in special circumstances
	Kalakia, Khartoum State	Computer skills training programme
	Various refugee camps, Khartoum State	Donkey carts

### SKILLS TRAINING

COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Bangladesh	Dhaka, Tongi and Satkhira	Muslim Aid Institute of Technology and vocational training course
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Training for cattle farmers
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Vocational training centre
Ghana	Tamale	Equipment and training for groundnut oil extraction co-operative
Kashmir	Sri Nagar	Sewing centre for girls
Sierra Leone	Rokon, Moyamba	Agricultural inputs for farmers
	Pujehu District	Resettlement Packages for three hundred families
Somalia	Baidoa District	Canal rehabilitation and agricultural support
South Africa	Gauteng, Johannesburg	Sewing skills training centre
Uganda	Mbale, Uganda	Computer project



# Healthcare

## Healthcare

Health is one of the most important pre-conditions for poverty relief and in the developing world many people suffer or die due to the lack of adequate healthcare. Muslim Aid carried out over 25 projects including the running of mother and child health clinics, supplying TB medication and providing better equipment for small rural hospitals. Totally £525,510 were spent on healthcare projects in 2003.

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COUNTRIES	LOCATION	PROJECT
<b>Afghanistan</b>	Logar Province	Equipment for health clinic
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Dhaka, Kulara and Pabna	Mother and Child / Community Clinics
<b>India</b>	Alipore, Gujarat	Medical equipment
<b>Kenya</b>	Malindi	Medical equipment
<b>Kosova</b>	Drenica	Diagnostic scanner
<b>Lebanon</b>	Saida	Medical services to the poor
	Tripoli	Mobile clinic
<b>Pakistan</b>	Jhelum	Clinic running cost
	Karachi	Medical equipment
	Khanpur	Diagnostic equipment
	Dadyal, Mirpur	Medical equipment
<b>Palestine</b>	Jericho	Mother and child healthcare
	Gaza	Medicines and equipment
	Hebron	Gynaecological diagnostic equipment
<b>Somalia</b>	Mogadishu	TB, Mother and Child healthcare clinics
	Jamame	Rehabilitation clinic
	Kismayo	TB centre
<b>Sudan</b>	Sinner State	Rural drug bank
	Khartoum State	Subsidised medicine for poor
	Haj Yusuf Town	Eastern Nile Medical Centre
<b>Uganda</b>	Kampala	Training for medical staff
	Kampala	Upgrading of diagnostic unit
<b>Zambia</b>	Lusaka	Shipping of medical equipment

### Case Study

#### Mother and Child healthcare in Somalia

Infant mortality rates in developing countries are needlessly high because the poor often cannot afford to pay for medical treatment. Through our Somalia Field Offices in Mogadishu and Kismayo, Muslim Aid provides vital healthcare for mothers and their children free or at a subsidised rate. In total 4 clinics are run by our doctors and nurses providing life-saving treatment, administering vaccinations and carrying out regular check-ups to ensure that both mother and child are well.





## Water and Sanitation

Water is life, and access to both clean drinking water and hygienic sanitation facilities are vital for survival. Clean water is something that many people in poorer countries cannot take for granted and consequently water becomes a matter of 'life or death'. To combat this water crisis Muslim Aid has been engaged in providing hand-pumps, deep wells, hygiene awareness and sanitary toilets worth £168,702.

## Orphan Care

Orphans, without the invaluable protection and care of their families, are one of the most vulnerable members of society. Apart from educational support, Muslim Aid's orphan care programme also seeks to create a home for orphans outside orphanages. We also provide training courses, enabling them to develop the skills necessary to stand on their own feet. In 2003 £70,054 were spent to provide care and development opportunities for orphans.

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### Water and Sanitation

COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Bangladesh	Various districts	Wells, toilets, hygiene awareness programme
Kashmir	Muzzafarabad	Water supply system for refugee camp
Kenya	Mandera	Construction of dam
	Makutano	Community water supply
Somalia	Kismayo	Digging of shallow wells
	Gebilay District Hergeisa	Borehole/water system
Sudan	Shandi District	Village water supplies
	Umyma	Installation of pumps and tanks
	Abu Domat village	Water wells

### Orphan Care

COUNTRY	LOCATION	PROJECT
Bangladesh	Bogra and Kusthia	Vocational training programme for orphans
	Jaigir	Food and clothing
	Jagotpur	Orphanage maintenance
India	Anand	Food, education and healthcare
India	Calicut	Orphan fostering scheme
Pakistan	Rawalpindi	School uniforms for orphans
Kashmir	Bhimber, Mirpur, Kotli, Poonch,	School books for orphans
	Bagh, Sudhnooti, and Muzzafarabad	School books for orphans
Sudan	Tangassi and New Haifa,	Rehabilitation of community centre
	Northern and Eastern State	

### Case Study

## Orphan care in India

In order to give orphans the kind of affection and care that they need and deserve, Muslim Aid supported the community welfare organisation *OFFER* in Calicut, India to carry out an orphan fostering scheme. Through the scheme near relatives of the orphans were encouraged to make them a part of their families and *Muslim Aid* provided a grant to help with the feeding, clothing and education of the new family member. Without this fostering scheme, orphans would be forced to stay in orphanages away from the love and care of a family.



## Working on Your Behalf

To ensure that the humanitarian work of Muslim Aid is effective, transparent, fully accountable, and true to the compassionate spirit of Islam, the organisation is overseen by a board of 17 trustees. These trustees set the strategic direction of Muslim Aid and monitor results through field visits to ensure Muslim Aid achieves its goals of bringing relief and fighting poverty. In 2003, Vice Chairman Kadhem Ar-Rawi monitored relief distribution in Iraq, and Secretary Tanzeem Wasti visited Iran after the devastating earthquake in Bam.



Tanzeem Wasti, Secretary, Muslim Aid, assessing the devastating earthquake damage in Bam, Iran

## Working for People Around the Globe



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## A new look for Muslim Aid

After nearly 20 years, Muslim Aid has decided to update its logo to reflect the growth and success that Allah has bestowed upon its humanitarian work.

Muslim Aid's new logo reflects our humble intention to serve God by 'serving humanity'. People, of course, remain at the heart of our effort to save lives, alleviate suffering, and to combat abject poverty and injustice. But it is humanity that we are seeking to reach out to, regardless of race, religion, nationality or gender.

The drop of water that is at the centre of Muslim Aid's new logo symbolises life, underscored by the crescent to emphasise the fact that we are driven by the humanitarian spirit of Islam.

We thank all our donors who have helped, by the Grace of Allah, to make all this possible and hope for your continued support for our humanitarian work.



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## Muslim Aid has moved to its new premises...

Our new office is **on the fourth floor** of the newly opened 'The London Muslim Centre' at  
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