



THE WORLD FEDERATION

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ABOUT US

The World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities is a faith-based organisation, consisting of about 125,000 community members and has existed for over 40 years.

The core values of The World Federation are:

- Strive for excellence in all fields especially in education
- Serve with simplicity, sincerity, tenacity and patience
- Engage grassroots
- Prevent duplication and support local efforts and innovations
- Respect others at all times
- Enable and facilitate all community endeavours

VISION

To be a spiritually vibrant, progressive and unified global community for the pleasure of Allah.

MISSION

To connect and lead the global membership into a unified community to represent its voice and enable them to achieve a shared vision.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members, Salaamun Alaykum

Being President of The World Federation for the past three years has been a position I have been honoured to have held. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued support in the past three years. Without your donations and encouragement, we wouldn't have been able to reach the number of people we have and made the impact that we've made.

Three years ago, when I made my first speech as WF president, I spoke of my three main objectives. I'm pleased that, with the help of my team, volunteers, staff, and my community, we have been able make an impact in these three key areas.

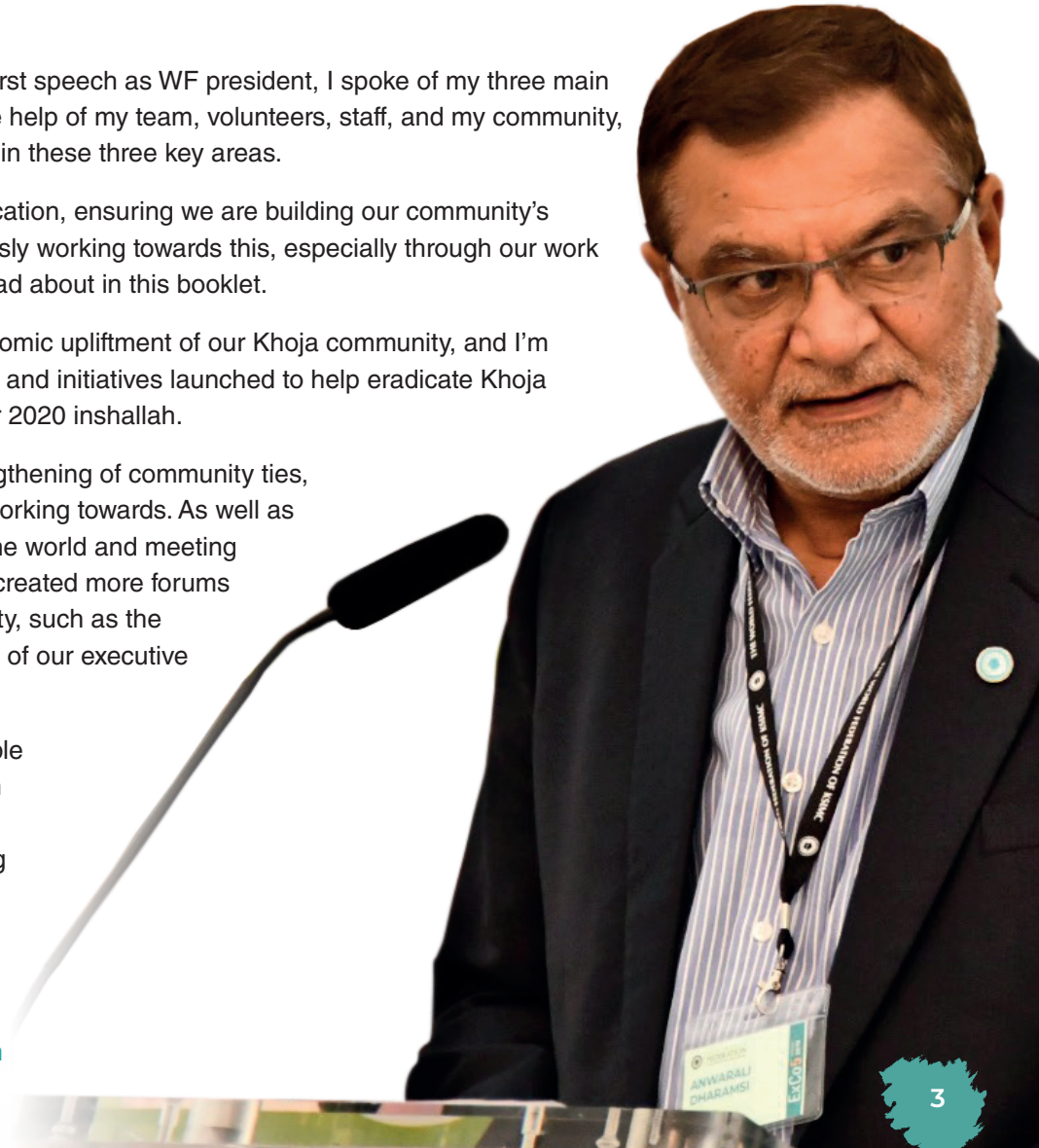
The first was regarding Islamic Education, ensuring we are building our community's spirituality. We have been continuously working towards this, especially through our work in digital services, which you can read about in this booklet.

The second was regarding the economic upliftment of our Khoja community, and I'm pleased to see a number of projects and initiatives launched to help eradicate Khoja poverty, with more in the pipeline for 2020 inshallah.

My final key objective was the strengthening of community ties, something I have personally been working towards. As well as visiting numerous jamaats around the world and meeting with grassroots members, we have created more forums for open dialogue with the community, such as the question time events we hold ahead of our executive council meetings.

In this Annual Review, you will be able to see the impact of your support on our community and the wider global community. I hope you enjoy reading about our projects and some brand new initiatives we have launched in the last twelve months.

Anwarali Dharamsi
President of The World Federation





COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SERVING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The World Federation is a global umbrella body, who exist to serve our wide reaching global community. Throughout 2019/20, our office bearers have visited a number of Jamaats around the world, strengthening our relationships within our community. Highlights include:

March 2019: The WF President attended the Conceil Regional des Khojas Conference in Madagascar, where he addressed the assembly and took part in discussions about the strategic future of the organisation. He also visited Africa Federation's Housing Development project in Antananarivo.

May 2019: Alhaj Anwarali and Shaykh Murtadha Alidina, Head of Islamic Education, attended the annual Interfaith Iftar organised by the KSI Jamaat of Dar es Salaam. The programme was attended by a number of dignitaries from various faiths and by leaders of the local government.

Shan E Abbas Hassam, Secretary General, and Mahmood Dhala, Assistant Secretary General, attended the NASIMCO conference in Ottawa and heard all about their incredible projects.

August 2019: Shan E Abbas Hassam, Secretary General, visited the Al Asghary and Amira housing projects in Dar es Salaam to see the fantastic work being done by Africa Federation.

October 2019: Alhaj Anwarali and Shan E Abbas Hassam, Secretary General, visited India and met with India Federation to discuss working together on future projects.

February 2020: Alhaj Anwarali's final trip as WF president was to Antananarivo, Madagascar where he addressed the 36th Assembly of Conseil Regional of Madagascar. He emphasised the importance of unity within our community and stressed on interfaith and inter community relationships and building bridges of strong bonds.



WORKING WITH, AND EMPOWERING, OUR REGIONAL MEMBERS

The World Federation is made up of its Six Regional Federations, which serve the local communities. We have been working on specific projects with each of our regional members, empowering them in the process. Here are some of the projects we've worked on with our regional members this year:



AFRICA FEDERATION

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, Khoja Upliftment, External Tableegh (Bilal), Housing Assistance, Strong Inventory – eg: Higher Education Loans, MCE, WF-AID Collaboration (eg: Eid Gifts, Sadaqah, Qurbani, Microfinance and Economic Development)



COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN JAMAATS

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, Reporting Design work, Charity Governance and Structure, MCE-SAN partnership, Investments (KSIMC Investment Joint Venture), Islamic Education Collaboration, WF-AID Fundraising Collaboration



FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIAN COMMUNITIES

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, MCE, WF-AID Collaboration (eg: Yemen Emergency Appeal, Organisational Development)



INDIA FEDERATION COUNCIL OF ALL KSI JAMAATS

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, Khoja Upliftment (Housing Projects), MCE, Microfinance (Uber/Ola), Support to the Community



NORTH AMERICAN SHIA ITHNA ASHERI MUSLIM COMMUNITIES ORGANISATION

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, MCE-CIL Partnership, Islamic Education Collaboration



FEDERATION OF KHOJA SHIA ISNA ASHERI JAMAATS OF PAKISTAN

Charity Compliance, Khoja News, MCE, WF-AID Collaboration (eg: Microfinance and Economic Development), Loans for life Programme

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY

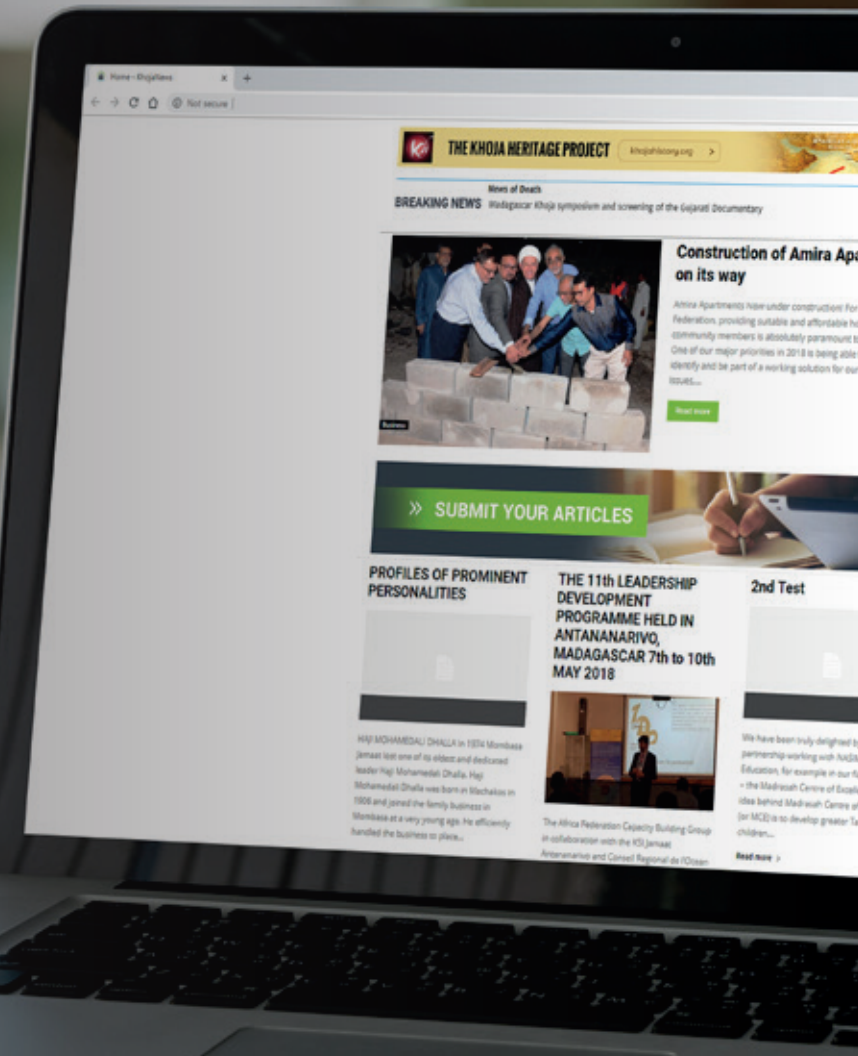


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NEWS



KHOJANEWS.ORG

Khoja News is a dedicated and community-owned website, designed for our community to share our news and celebrate our achievements. On the website, you can read about the latest news on business developments and community projects, such as achievements of Khoja institutions and Khoja individuals and items of interest to our community.

Since it's a community-owned platform, the content and news stories are all from and about YOU - our community. In total, we published **151 news stories in 2019** with contributions from community members, all submitting content that matters to the community. Topics vary from personal achievements, memorial pieces, and biographies, each bringing a new perspective and insight into the people who make up our community.

We've seen a positive response from our community towards Khoja News, shown not only through the content being contributed, but also through the views and the reach of each news story.

We have **over 2,500 unique visitors** to the site and more are discovering the platform on a weekly basis.

In 2019, we created the social media pages for Khoja News, allowing people to see the updates and new posts directly on their social media feeds. The following on each platform is steadily growing, and the engagement from our audience shows the Khoja News platform has been well received and utilised.



COMMUNITY

NEWS

BUSINESS

PEOPLE

KHOJA HERITAGE PROJECT



In order to maintain our cultural legacy, it is necessary to make a concerted effort in preserving our heritage, which includes social values, customs, dress, art and cuisine. These are all things that distinguish cultures from each other, making them unique. This is the aim of the Khoja Heritage Project - to promote and preserve the legacy and heritage of the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community.

KHOJA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In conjunction with CoEJ, a Khoja Heritage Festival was organised in Watford, UK for two days in April 2019. There was a full programme of activities, including a research seminar, a skit, and an eye-opening exhibition with photos, presentations and unique archival material. Over the two days, many people came and enjoyed the activities on offer. The festival took place in Birmingham in February 2020 as well.



KHOJA HERITAGE READING CIRCLE

The Khoja Heritage Reading Circle successfully completed its third year, where the participants discussed topics pertaining to the intellectual history of the Khoja community. So far, more than 50 sessions have been held, each led by Dr Hasnain Walji.

SECOND KHOJA STUDIES CONFERENCE

In collaboration with Mumbai University, the University of Florida and The Centre for South Asian Research (CNRS-EHESS), the WF held the second Khoja Studies Conference in January 2019. The two day event brought scholars to present and discuss over 20 papers on the development of Khoja identity over the past centuries among transnational communities in South Asia, East Africa, Western Europe, and North America.

KHOJAPEDIA

KhojaPedia is an online encyclopaedia that details the socio-religious matters of the Khoja Shia Ithna Ashari Muslim Community. This is an important step in imparting the legacy of the community's ancestors to its present-day youths, as well as promoting awareness of this community to the wider global community. Our vision is that KhojaPedia will become the virtual hub for all members of our community that wish to appreciate the endeavours of their forefathers, whilst acknowledging their current struggles, and aiming to remain united in the future.

Similarly, we have Khoja Timeline which mainly contains thematic historic timeline data derived from the reports of Conferences and ExCos of the past and is regularly updated.

KHOJA INTERACTIVE MAP

The Khoja Interactive Map highlights the basic contact details of approximately 150 Khoja Jamaats across the globe. It also offers images of the centres of our community along with their associated information like contact details, website address, email address, Facebook and Twitter handles, and is expected to prove helpful for obtaining relevant updates and information.

KHOJA HERITAGE TOUR

The third Khoja Heritage tour took place between the 4th to 14th January 2020. The participants had a lovely time getting acquainted with their past. During the course of the tour, the participants visited the Khoja Mohalla of Mumbai, the beach of Mandvi, the shrines of Pir Gulamali Shah and Allama Haji Naji as well as the grave of Edalji Dhanji Kaba in Amreli. The Khoja Heritage tour also highlighted the contribution of many luminaries who helped shape us as a community.



FATIMA INSPIRES



Our annual Fatima Inspires initiative ran for its **fifth year in 2019**, giving people an opportunity to highlight some of the incredible female role models and heroes in our community, in honour of the Lady of Light, Sayyida Fatima (sa).

We are very privileged to have so many amazing examples of strong and inspiring female role models in our community and in 2019, **32 fantastic women** were nominated for this initiative, all with inspiring reasons for being nominated.



I aspire to have her resilience and unwavering faith. I continuously pray for her reward to come in this world as well as the next for her solid faith where she submits to whatever Allah has destined for her without questioning His command.

Excerpt from a 2019 Nomination



SUPPORTING STUDENT EDUCATION

At The World Federation, one of our objectives is to empower communities through education. There are currently over 7.1 billion people on earth and the world literacy rate is just shy of 900 million people. By providing education, we can collectively overcome our toughest global challenges, like poverty and unemployment. This will create a generation of skilled individuals who will work together to lift their families and communities out of poverty.

Our priority has always been to support the deserving students of our community so that no Khoja child is ever deprived of Higher Education due to a shortage of funds. There are five different loan schemes available:

- Hiridjee Foundation Student Loan
- Ibrahim Jaffer Ibrahim Education Loan
- Ahmed Khalfan Loan Scheme
- Walji Alihai Pardhan Loan
- WF Education Emergency Top-Up Loan

In 2019, we have dispersed loans to **5 students** who are studying:

- MSc in Oral Science
- BSc Investment and Financial Risk Management
- MA in Islamic Studies
- MSc in Human Technology
- Foundation Certificate for Business, Law and Social Sciences





EXCO

ExCo

In 2019, the fourth and fifth Executive Council (ExCo) meetings of the term took place in Toronto, Canada and Birmingham, UK respectively. These meetings are invaluable, giving the Office Bearer team of The World Federation, its Regional Members, Councillors and local grassroots members to discuss matters of importance to both the organisation and the global community.

The meeting in Toronto was held in June and took place over two days. Hosted by NASIMCO and ISIJ of Toronto, the meeting covered various topics and allowed for discussion on a number of important matters, including the upcoming census project, the WF-AID delineation from The World Federation and guidelines on Leadership.

The fifth ExCo of the term was hosted by CoEJ and the KSMC of Birmingham in November 2019. The one-day meeting covered various topics related to the WF elections and included the presentation of the important paper; the democratisation of women's role in our community.

As is tradition, members from the local community in Toronto and Birmingham were presented with awards:

The Al Qamr Award for Length of Service to the Community or Humanity was presented to Maulana Syed Muhammad Rizvi, Rubab Bai Master and Mumtaz Bai Moti.

The Al Najm Award for Youth Voluntary Contribution to the Community or Humanity was presented to Sakina Rashid

The Al Shams Award for Contribution to Wider Society was presented to Hussein Walji and posthumously awarded to Marhum Afzal Sheriff Velji

The Al Nur Award for Contributions (within the KSI Community) for either voluntary efforts or philanthropy was presented to Sabira Kermalli, Shirin Sumar, Raza Hussein Mohamedali Moti, Zehra Bai Premji and Sukaina Bai Dhanji.



REAL TALK

Ahead of each ExCo, the leadership teams of The World Federation and the regional federations hold a question and answer event with the local community members. In Toronto and in Birmingham the events were attended in large numbers and we received many questions from the public. The topics included the role of women in the community, how to engage youth within the community and questions surrounding WF-AID and the humanitarian work we do.

These events are an incredible opportunity for the leadership to connect directly to the grassroots and answer their burning questions in an open and engaging environment.





ISLAMIC EDUCATION

One of the aims of The World Federation is to spread the true message of Islam as a religion that emphasises peace and upholding human values. The Islamic Education department works to achieve this through a number of projects and activities.

KEY CONCEPTS:

The Islamic Education department's strategic plan focuses on the following key concepts:

1. Modern digital services
2. Pertinent research
3. Strong ties with Maraje
4. Raising spirituality, knowledge, and skill levels
5. Tableegh in a diverse range of communities
6. Improved publishing
7. Guidelines for leadership



FUNCTIONS:

The Islamic Education department is comprised of four functions:

1. Internal Tableegh
2. External Tableegh
3. Research and Publications
4. Digital Services



ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN INDIA

YOUTH CAMPS

The World Federation, in partnership with India Federation, has been running the India Youth Camp in the winter for the last 8 years. The boys camp, for boys aged 12-16, took place from 21st - 25th December 2019 and had **32 participants**. The girls camp had **32 girls** aged 9-14 take part, and was held from 25th - 29th December 2019. The camp aimed to promote Islamic values and principles; address socially relevant topics; and facilitate personal development through games and activities.



YOUTH DISCUSSION CIRCLES

In Shahr Ramadan, two youth discussion circles were held with the objective of getting young scholars and the youth closer to each other by having an open dialogue regarding important issues concerning their lives. The topic of discussion was 'Living harmoniously in a multi-religious society as per the teachings of Islam'. A total of **62 youths**, aged between 25 and 40, participated and benefited from the discussions, where they were able to ask questions and work through case scenarios.



HAJJ TRAINING WORKSHOP

In July 2019, we held the second annual Hajj workshop for **35 participants**. The core focus of this workshop was to create an in-depth understanding of the philosophy of Hajj and its rituals. A demonstration was given on how to wear Ihram, and participants had the opportunity to clear all their doubts.



ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN DAR-AL-ZAHRA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dar al-Zahra building is used as a community centre for the local English speaking community. Programmes were held during Muharram, to mark the Martyrdom of the Holy Prophet (saw), Imam Hasan (as) and Imam Ali al-Ridha (as), and for the milad of the Holy Prophet (saw). These had various speakers and were attended by **over 250 people**.



SHORT COURSES FOR LADIES

For the first time, Dar al-Zahra, in collaboration with Jami'at al-Zahra (as), the only university in the country for women, facilitated a short course for ladies. This initiative was put into action following requests from parents who wanted their daughters to further their religious education during their gap year. The course had **8 participants from around the world**, and began on 21st December 2019.



TIES WITH MARAJE

Since its inception in 2004, Dar Al Zahra has established very strong connections with the Maraje and other high-ranking scholars. In 2019, the office manager, Sayyid Shabbar Haidershah, met with many such scholars.



MADINAH & BAB AL-ILM



The summer of 2019 marked the 17th consecutive year of the Madinah and Bab al-Ilm course. Every summer, participants from across the globe gather together to embark on this three-week journey to acquire knowledge, gain spiritual enlightenment, perform Ziyarah, and meet great personalities.

The course aims to enhance the educational and spiritual development of young people who have completed or are close to completing their Madrasah studies. Participants on the course strengthen their attachment to their Islamic cultural and religious heritage and consequently, deepen their understanding of Islam and their love for Allah (swt).

48 students from around the world attended this year's course, which included sessions on Prophetic Medicine, Self Confidence, Role of Women in Islamic Society, and Lessons on the Qur'an.



For this course even if you add each and every compliment from the English dictionary it wouldn't be enough because of the support of the Eighth Star (AS) and his Holy Sister Bibi Masuma (SA). All praise is due to Allah. All members of the World Federation and the Mentors have worked hard to meet our requirements that were more than we expected. This was a very memorable experience both spiritually and socially.

Feedback from 2019 participant

ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN IRAQ

The World Federation opened a branch office in the city of Najaf in 2018, which has provided new opportunities to serve the community. In particular, it has helped us meet our aims for higher, more effective Islamic education and spiritual guidance. Furthermore, the branch office is also acting as a much-needed liaison point for coordinating WF-AID's humanitarian work in Iraq.

MEETING WITH MARAJE

Our Najaf Office has established strong connections with the Maraje and other high-ranking scholars. This has enabled us to receive regular guidance on pertinent issues facing the community.

SHAHRIYAH FOR KHOJA STUDENTS

Through our Najaf office, we have been able to better support the student community in the city. In total, we are supporting **30 students** from **5 countries** financially and for any other needs.

MEDICAL RETREAT

In April 2019, The World Federation, through our Najaf Office, took a momentous step by organising a one-of-a-kind Medical Retreat in Najaf al-Ashraf. Participants from all over the world attended the course. The course took place over a span of 10 days and hosted a total of **26 participants** from **11 different countries**. The participants came from various professional backgrounds such as medicine, nursing, pharmacy, biomedicine, speech therapy, acupuncture and midwifery. Lectures were organised in the Holy City of Najaf over a span of 8 days on different aspects of medicine covering the religious and spiritual point of view. The participants were blessed to perform various ziyarahs in the Holy cities of Karbala, Najaf al-Ashraf, Kadhmayn and Samarra.



NORTH AMERICAN MUBALLIGHEEN SEMINAR

In collaboration with NASIMCO, we held the first ever North American Muballigheen Seminar on 20 June 2019 in Toronto. The seminar brought together more than **35 Muballigheen** of the community to discuss key spiritual and intellectual challenges facing the community in North America, formulate strategies for working together more effectively to meet these challenges and identify the support required from The World Federation to further Tableegh in North America. **9 papers** each one across **3 themes** were presented followed by constructive discussions.



THEME TWO: EXTERNAL TABLEEGH IN NORTH AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON
THEME TWO:**
How can Muballigheen in North
America better coordinate external
Tableegh efforts?



THEME ONE: INTERNAL TABLEEGH IN NORTH AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**GROUP DISCUSSION ON
THEME ONE:**
What strategies do we need to
implement to address the spiritual
challenges facing our communities in
North America?



THEME THREE: ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTHS: LATEST APPROACHES & EXPERIENCES

**GROUP DISCUSSION ON
THEME THREE:**
What strategies do we need to
implement to help us improve the
religious education of young people
in North America and address the
challenges they are facing?

SHIA WILLS

Shia Wills 

The World Federation, together with Africa Federation and CoEJ, created Shia Wills - a service to facilitate the writing of an Islamic will.

This website makes writing a will much easier. It also explains the rulings of his eminence Ayatullah al-Sayyid al-Sistani and provides a will template for you to use.

Further, there is a section that allows users to state where they want the discretionary third of their estate to be distributed. This can be split further into gifts to members of your family, friends, or charitable causes.

It is highly recommended that everyone has a will, and you can create yours easily by visiting www.shiawills.org.



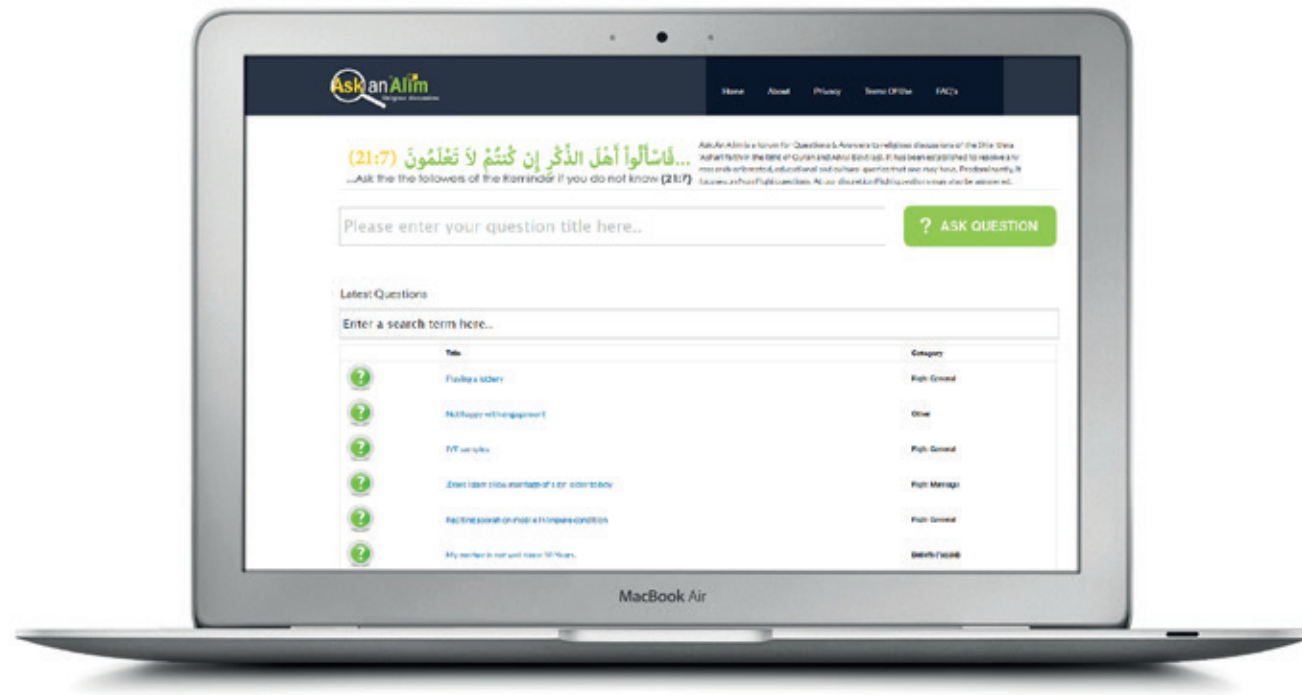
ASK AN ALIM

Ask an Alim is a question and answer forum, launched by The World Federation and Africa Federation, to help community members with any questions they may have about Shia Islam.

Questions can be submitted on any topic which are then answered by a panel of experts. The questions are either answered privately, or posted anonymously on the website which is searchable through a number of categories and questions.

The service is free to use and has a valuable archive of over 2000 questions and answers covering **38 topics**. Approximately **850 questions** were answered in 2019 by **10 Alims**.

Find out more and ask your questions by visiting www.askanalim.org.



ISISTANI

In 2019, we released the updated version of our iSistani app. The app, which is based on the rulings of His Eminence al-Sayyid Ali al-Sistani (may God protect him), provides spiritual and practical guidance for a Muslim life. This version includes the latest rulings from the book *Islamic Laws* and is an invaluable resource for all mo'mineen.

It has been designed to facilitate quick access to relevant rules pertinent to day-to-day life through intuitive and user-friendly layouts.

The App is free to download and boasts of three important resources:

ISLAMIC LAWS

An extensive range of important rulings covering all aspects of a Muslim Life, such as prayers, fasting and marriage.

A CODE OF PRACTICE

A Code of Practice for Muslims in the West offers exactly what its title suggests. It is an essential guide tackling challenging circumstances faced by Muslims living in predominantly non-Muslim countries.

A MANUAL OF HAJJ RITUALS

A detailed manual of rulings covering all aspects of the holy pilgrimage of Hajj.

The latest version of iSistani provides quick reference to important rulings whilst being easily accessible by current and future generations. The app is free to download on all iOS and Android devices.



DIGITAL SERVICES

In order to reach a wider audience and expand our online presence, we have been creating short videos on various Islamic topics in collaboration with a number of Scholars. In 2019, we produced a total of **56 videos across the year**, which were shared on all our social media platforms.

#BECOMEALAWI VIDEO SERIES

Released during Shahr Ramadan, this series of **7 videos** and daily reflections were aimed at increasing spirituality and closeness to God. As we were marking 1400 years since the martyrdom of Ameer Al Mo'mineen (as), we wanted to inspire ourselves and the community to emulate Imam Ali (as) and to #BecomeAlawi.

#BecomeAlawi

THE SPIRITUAL GEMS OF HAJJ

For the first time during the month of Dhu al-Hijjah, we released a series of **6 videos** focusing of the greatness of the month and the Hajj season. The videos were geared to highlight the spirituality behind the acts of worship performed during the Hajj. Our most popular and utilised resource in 2019 was our collection of Hajj resources, including articles, books, and recordings.



#BECOMEHUSAYNI PODCAST SERIES

In Muharram, we released a **10-part podcast series** under the theme of #BecomeHusayni. Designed to be listened to on-the-go, the short podcasts catered for the entire family with diverse topics relating to our daily challenges. The podcasts proved very successful and we received constructive feedback and encouragement to release more podcasts.

#BecomeHusayni

ZIYARAT DOCUMENTARIES: HEAVEN ON EARTH

We have been working on a series of documentaries on Ziyarah which are available on our YouTube channel. **Two episodes** have been released so far - Heaven on Earth and Ziyarah – The Untold Journey of Love, with more scheduled for release in 2020.

HEAVEN
ON EARTH
THE SHRINE OF
IMAM HUSAYN (AS)

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ARBA'EEN

During Arba'een, a time for reconciliation and reaffirming resolutions, we released **3 short reflections** to help the community reach this aim.



PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW) SERIES

Rabi al-Awwal is the month where we celebrate the birth of The Prophet of Mercy. To honour his eminence and to mark his birth anniversary, we released a series of media posts highlighting the exemplary and beautiful Akhlaq of Prophet Muhammad (saw).

FATIMA AL-ZAHRA
THE SPRING OF INSPIRATION

FATIMA: THE SPRING OF INSPIRATION

January 2020 was dedicated to commemorating Lady Fatima (sa) via a unique series of **10 YouTube audios** on the life of the Leader of all Women of all times. The short narrations aimed to give the listener an understanding of her greatness and the unique mark she left behind in the Muslim Ummah. The series was accompanied by a free e-book.



STEPS

On the auspicious occasion of Mab'ath, The World Federation launched STEPS – Shi'i Theology, Ethics and Practice Series with the aim to intellectually empower the community by providing easy to understand and comprehensive answers to pertinent issues. The team works with scholars to produce well researched articles accompanied by videos, podcasts and e-books.

We have released **two Series** under the topics of Ilm al-Ghayb (Knowledge of The Unseen) and Marja'iyyah (The Shi'i Religious Authority), each consisting of **4 episodes**. All the content and commentary is available in a user friendly and easy to navigate portal which can be found at <https://www.world-federation.org/steps>.

EXTERNAL TABLEEGH

The purpose of External Tableegh is to promote the teachings of the Qur'an and the Ahl al-Bayt (as) in communities other than the Khoja community. **In 2019, we reached out to communities in 34 countries.**

EUROPE

- We have been supporting the Shia community in Bosnia since 2005 and continued this year with a series of lectures during Muharram in order to generate interest and awareness in the lives of the 14 Masoomeen (as). **11 lectures** from Shaykh Khalil Jaffer were translated into the Bosnian language and shown at the community centre in Ljesvo to **30-40 people** and in Mostar to **15-20 people**.
- In Kosovo, we are sponsoring a fantastic initiative by a local organisation called NISA, which publishes e-magazines called VLERA Magazine four times a year. This e-publication covers important topics such as family values, good morals, and the biographies of Holy personalities. The e-magazine has now got a greater reach as a PDF version is sent to a number of institutions including libraries, schools, colleges and government officials. The Prishtina Islamic Cultural Center in Kosovo serves as an educational hub for the members of the International Research Institute, Naim Frasheri and is a convenient place for the Shia community to perform their religious rites and host events.
- Paris North Khoja Shia Ithna Ashari Jamaat held an interfaith event co-organised with a Christian organisation called EFESIA, on 6th April. The event, which had **350 attendees**, included prayers from both communities and inspiring speeches from Christian and Muslim guests. Shaykh Nadir Jaffer, Head of External Tableegh at The World Federation, delivered an inspiring talk on the deep bond between the two monotheist faiths.

SOUTH AMERICA

- In 2019, we sponsored Sayyid Muhammad Sibtain Razavi to visit Havana, Cuba and Mexico City, after receiving requests of assistance for a Muharram program from the locals there. The Muharram activities that were conducted at the centre were a daily Majalis followed by latmiyyah, with special arrangements for Dua Tawassul and dinner on Tuesday nights and Dua Kumail and dinner on Thursday nights. The Majalis were attended by men, women and children. In Mexico, apart from the Majalis programs, a water distribution drive was organised where the members of the Shia community handed out bottles of water and pamphlets about the message of Imam Husayn (as) to passers-by.
- From July to August 2019, we arranged an intensive 6-week Islamic course in Trinidad and Tobago, which aimed to educate both Muslims and non-Muslims, who are seeking to gain Islamic, academic and spiritual enlightenment within South America and the Caribbean Islands. We had of **10 full-time** and **22 part-time students** attend the course, which covered classes including Aqaid, Akhlaq, Comparative Religion, History, Arabic Reading, Hifz of Qur'an and Tafseer of Qur'an.



COLOMBIA



MADAGASCAR



NEPAL

AFRICA

- In order to commemorate the great sacrifice of Imam Husayn (as) in the months of Muharram and Safar, we collaborated with local Jamaats around Africa to organise majalis, latmiyyah and niaz during the first ten nights of Muharram. Processions on the days of Ashura and Arbaeen were also conducted where lectures regarding its significance were delivered. The response was encouraging with attendance numbers steadily rising. These lectures and nawhas were delivered in the local language of these communities and televised to different cities as well.
- In addition, several activities enunciating the great sacrifice were also carried out. This included blood donation drives in Tanzania, Rwanda and the Ivory Coast where a high number of donors were recorded; a drinking water project in Mali wherein **600 people benefited** with approximately **18,000 migrants now moving** to the area due to clean water facilities being made available; and media propagation in Tanzania, through the distribution of T Shirts and calendars highlighting the significance of the tragedy of Karbala.



IVORY COAST

ASIA

- In 2019, one of our biggest achievements in Bangladesh was stopping the closing of the Hawza in Khulna, which has so far produced **47 scholars** and seen over **25 students** move on to seek higher religious education in the holy cities of Qum and Najaf. We also held Muharram and Safar programmes in **23 centres** throughout the country in collaboration with Orison Charitable Trust. During Arba'een, approximately three thousand mourners participated in the Arba'een majalis and procession, which passed through different areas of Khulna city. They distributed leaflets containing articles on Muharram and Arba'een to onlookers.
- In Nepal, a resident Alim has been employed and a building is hired to help meet the spiritual needs of around **200 shia momineen** including **13 refugee families** in Kathmandu. Among the activities of the Resident Alim are delivering lectures, Jumu'ah prayers, conducting wedding ceremonies, funerals and running a Madrasah for children. In Shahr Ramadan, we arranged for an iftar distribution amongst patients at the Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu and distributed information leaflets to the hundreds of patients. In Muharram, functions were held at the Islamic centre in Kathmandu, which had **150 attendees** each day. Since the establishment of the Islamic Centre, this was the first Muharram Ashra that was held in the capital city of Nepal.

KHUMS

Khums is a compulsory religious obligation for Shia muslims. It refers to paying areligious taz of one fifth (20%) on, most commonly, your earnings after deducting your expenses. We are honoured to have permission from His Eminence al-Sayyid Ali al-Sistani to collect khums payments on his behalf and disperse the Sehme Imam portion on religious projects.

In 2019, we produced a concise guide which provides a clear overview of the most essential rulings on khums. The guide also explains the differences between the previous and new ruling on loans and worked examples which show how the new ruling applies in practice. You can see the guide by visiting [LNK.WF/KhumsGuide](https://lnk.wf/khumsGuide).

In May 2019, we held a Khums Seminar in collaboration with The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ). The seminar aimed to provide practical guidance on how Khums is to be calculated according to the most up-to-date rulings of Ayatullah Sistani. The seminar was conducted by Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Rizvi, Shaykh Ali Abbas Malik, Shaykh Mohammad Al-Hilli, and Shaykh Mohammed Ali Ismail. Each of these scholars made presentations on different dimensions of Khums, and then Maulana Rizvi answered questions from the audience and online viewers. **Over 500 people** attended the seminar in Stanmore, UK, and many more followed the programme online.

Each year, we produce a report, which highlights how your khums funds have been distributed across multiple projects, in line with the guidance from His Eminence.

You can see the full report by visiting [LNK.WF/KhumsReport20](https://lnk.wf/khumsReport20)



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Tableegh
Activities

42%
Madrasah Centre
of Excellence

10%
Community
Capital Projects

9%
Education

9%
Alim Grants

4%
Shahriya Grants

MCE

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

13 more madaris have implemented the Tarbiyah curriculum in 2019, bringing the **total to 45**. MCE also continues to provide support to Madaris that have already implemented the new curriculum.

DIGITISATION

To meet our aim to use modern methodologies and techniques for teaching the madrasah children, we have embarked on a project for digitising all the lessons, teaching guides and storybooks of the Tarbiyah curriculum. This will result in:

- A simple digital solution for students with a visually intuitive and interactive experience in learning.
- Lessons can be tracked allowing teachers to quickly see student progress.
- Multiple languages to accommodate students worldwide.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

The Teacher Skills Programme (TSP) has been officially accredited by NCFE, the Northern Council for Further Education, an Awarding Organisation and a leading provider of educational services. In 2019, the highest



number of TSPs were conducted in India - **153 teachers** were trained in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Mahuva.

Following a pilot version of the Spiritual Development Programme, the first 'live' programme was conducted with 19 teachers from South London. This programme will be rolled out further in 2020.

MCE 10 YEAR VISION RETREAT

The MCE held a 10 Year Vision Retreat in London in January 2020. The 3-day event was necessary to chart the way forward, and in particular the structures required to deliver the intended vision with the focus being on where we want MCE to be in ten years' time.

The MCE has now reached a level of maturity where there is a dire need for a fully-fledged institution that is run professionally with experts in all areas of work to meet the needs of our global madaris and beyond. The current demand outweighs the existing structural capabilities to effectively deliver the agenda to stakeholders.

Over 100 delegates attended from every region representing their madaris and local Islamic schools. There were excellent presentations and interactive discussions, which has given the MCE a lot of food for thought.



OVERVIEW OF WF-AID

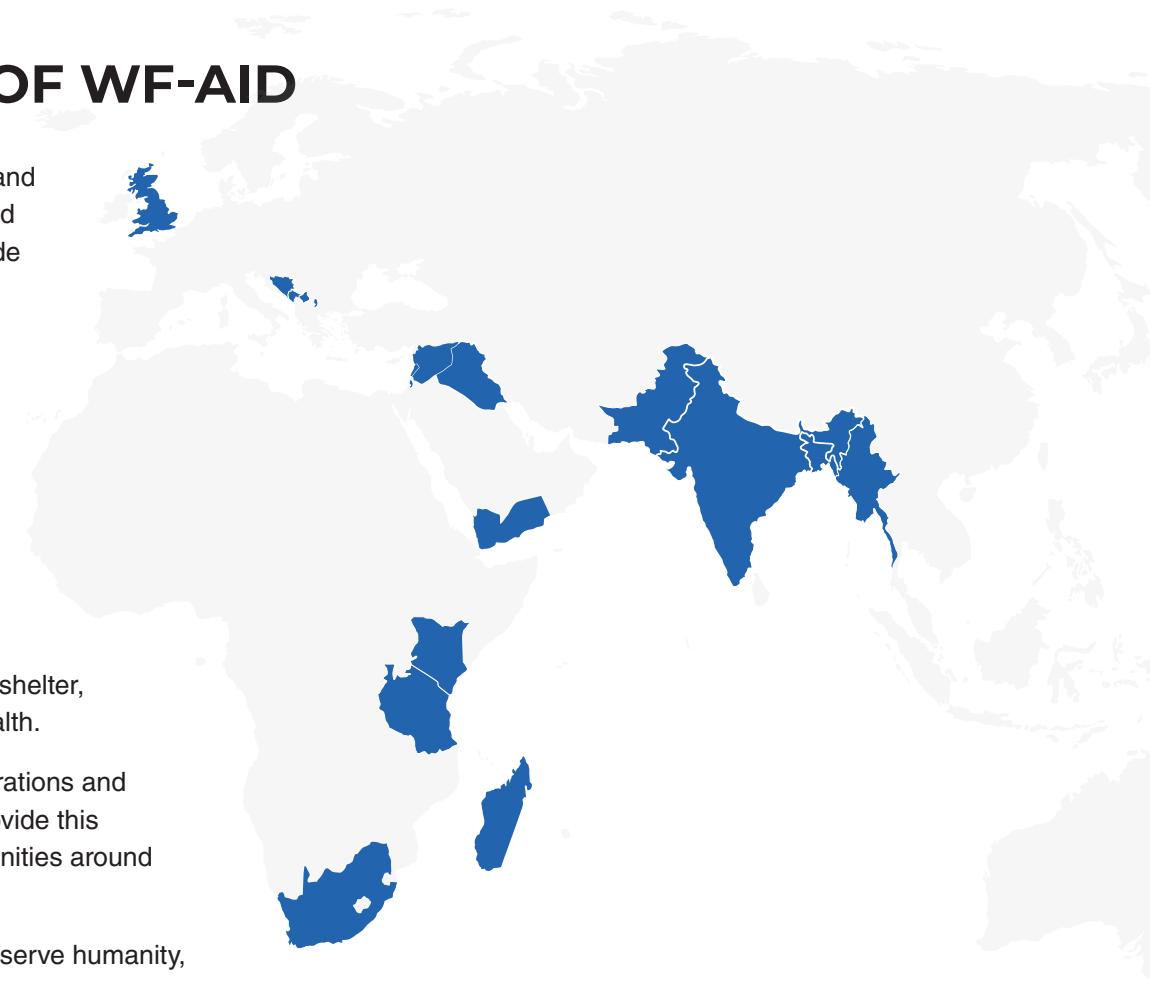
WF-AID is the humanitarian and relief department of The World Federation, who aim to provide practical and sustainable solutions for the different challenges faced by men, women and children around the world.

Our vision is to create a world free from suffering, where all human beings have access to basic human rights, like clean water, food, shelter, sanitation, education and health.

We work with Regional Federations and partners on the ground to provide this support to vulnerable communities around the world.

In line with our philosophy to serve humanity, we continuously strive to build capacity amongst the communities we work with and support international development, to encourage sustainable livelihoods, empower individuals and restore their sense of dignity.

We are committed to empowering communities by providing long-term solutions that will help deserving individuals and families, including widows, orphans, refugees and the elderly, to make a lasting change, break free from the poverty cycle and create a brighter future for the next generation.



ZERO%
ADMIN POLICY



YEMEN EMERGENCY

Through our partners on the ground, we have been able to reach the young and old in several areas in Yemen to provide continuous support to families and those suffering due to the conflict in the country.

According to a report by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen it is hard to know the full scale of food shortage in Yemen although available information shows that at least 17 million people (including children) are currently in desperate need of humanitarian food assistance.

We have been providing families with locally sourced staple items tailored to the local diet, such as wheat, rice, sugar, lentils and flour.

Due to heavy bombardment, many medical facilities have either closed or are unable to provide medical care on the scale needed. With your help, we have worked to provide basic, life-saving procedures such as dialysis treatment and minor surgeries to those in need.

Although schools are trying to continue with educating children despite the war, many teachers are not being paid due to lack of funding and therefore children are studying with next to no resources. Your donations have bought students their school bag contents including pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks and even Zam Zam water to keep them hydrated.

In the winter, temperatures can drop quite low in the country. Families who cannot afford basic winter essentials or have been displaced often have nothing other than a jumper to keep warm. We supplied 604 families with blankets and sponge mattresses to keep them off the cold floor and warm at night.

As a result of war, there is a dire lack of services such as access to clean drinking water, so we have arranged for two water tanks can be installed and maintained in areas where there is scarcity of clean water.

YEMEN EMERGENCY

20,326
People Helped

3,458
Food Packs

3,020
People with
Winter Essentials

2,010
Students with
Educational
Support

120
Rounds of Medical
Treatment



51,542
Meals Provided to
orphans & widows

1,432
School Kits
Distributed

184
Adults attended
courses

719
Winter essentials
distributed

891
Cases of health
care and treatments

SYRIA

Throughout the year, your donations to our LZHH Syria Appeal are used to support displaced Syrian widows, orphans, and families, whose lives have been thrown into turmoil due to the ongoing conflict. We support them through:

FOOD

We provide families with nutritious and long lasting food packs, which include foods such as lentils, cooking oil, rice, and sugar.

ORPHAN AND WIDOW SUPPORT

Many of the families we support have lost family members, homes, and all of their belongings. Through your donations, we are helping them to get back on their feet by providing them with rent and relocation support, as well as providing household items and clothes.

EDUCATION

Some of the young children we support have never had the opportunity to go to school. Your donations are going towards helping them receive an education, through transport to school, school kits, workshops and extra-curricular activities.

We have also run a number of workshops and vocational courses for the displaced widows, allowing them to build up their skill set and earn a steady income. One of these was a baking workshop, from which the women have already started earning by selling the foods at the local supermarket.

MEDICAL

The ongoing conflict has had a devastating impact on people's health, leaving them in urgent need of medical attention. Through your donations, we have been able to provide urgent medical care to hundreds of people, covering major and minor surgeries, physiotherapy, medication and ongoing care. Your donations also fund equipment, such as glasses, hearing aids and wheelchairs.

RAMADAN RELIEF

WF-AID's Ramadan Relief appeal works to help some of the families most in need around the world during the Holy month of Ramadan. We distribute food aid in several countries around the world, including Kenya, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

Food packs give refugees and families a rare opportunity to receive essential nutritional aid, which can sometimes be the difference between life and death. For children, the nutrition they obtain from the Foods Packs helps them grow and to pay attention in school, which is pivotal in helping them to make the most of their education and break free from the poverty cycle that has shackled many families for generations. Each pack is locally sourced, so your valuable donations not only helped those in immediate need but supported the local economy. We also made sure that each individual pack was filled with food that is tailored to the tastes and flavours of local diets.

During Shahr Ramadan, the food packs allow families to focus on benefitting spiritually from the Holy month, instead of wondering where their next meal will come from.

DISTRIBUTION ACROSS 23 Countries

UNITED KINGDOM | BANGLADESH
PAKISTAN | AFGHANISTAN | INDIA
SYRIA | PALESTINE | LEBANON | IRAQ
YEMEN | MOZAMBIQUE | TANZANIA
SOUTH AFRICA | KENYA
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO | KOSOVO
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA | THAILAND
PHILIPPINES | CHILE | MYANMAR
ITALY | NEPAL

RAMADAN RELIEF


13.3 M
Meals distributed


48,626
Food Packs
distributed


654,532
People
reached

Including
6,300
Khojas


50,259
Families helped



ALI ASGHAR
WATER APPEAL

90
Shallow Wells and
83
Deep Wells in
Pakistan

1
Water
Storage
Tank in
Pakistan

10
Water Tanks
and
1 Set of central
water tanks, sub
tanks and pipelines
in Yemen

Borehole
Maintenance
Project and Well
Building in Uganda

1
Water
Supply Pipeline
2
Hand Pumps

6
Solar
submersible
wells in
Pakistan

ALI ASGHAR WATER APPEAL

For over ten years, the Ali Asghar Water Appeal has strived to provide better access to water for many water scarce communities. Even in this day and age, 844 million people don't have clean water close to home. Every 2 minutes a child dies from infection caused by lack of safe water and an unclean environment. We are actively installing water solutions in many countries, including Pakistan, Kenya and Yemen.

Water connects every aspect of life. Access to safe water and sanitation can quickly turn problems into potential – unlocking education, work opportunities and improved health for women, children and families across the world. Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are vital for living a dignified, healthy life.

In 2019, we built 200 wells of different sorts, depending on the need in that particular location. These 200 wells have changed the lives of the families they've been installed for. Access to clean and safe water helps more than just quenching people's thirst. Clean water helps with cooking, hygiene, and growing crops. Convenient access to water prevents people having to make long and potentially dangerous journeys to get water.

We also started the construction and installation of a number of tanks, pipelines and maintenance projects, which will give communities access to clean and safe water for years to come and on a much larger scale. As well as the water solution itself, we also provide training to locals so they can maintain the installation in the future. This empowers the local community, making them self-sufficient rather than relying on ongoing support.

+ Water Desalination Plants, a Marginalised Village Project and Well Building in Kenya

MICRO FINANCE AND ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT

At WF-AID, we are passionate about empowering individuals by giving them the support and resources they need to improve their standard of living and work towards economic self-sufficiency, particularly through empowering the local economy.

In 2019, we ran more projects with sustainable and longer lasting impacts. A key objective is the eradication of poverty within the Khoja community. Through our business loan program, we have granted loans to 45 people from our community in Pakistan, who now have the means to start or develop their businesses. In 2020, we are expanding this project to help Khojas in India and countries in Africa.

We have also provided vocational training to 60 women in Pakistan, and provided a local centre with 15 sewing machines where women can be trained regularly. Similar training has been given to Syrian refugees, who sell the items they make at the local market.

In Uganda, goats were bought and distributed to 50 women including widows. The goat-rearing project is the main source of income for themselves and their families, and the intent is to breed the goats to expand the scheme and their income.

The economic upliftment team made trips to India and countries in Africa in February 2020 to further expand the programme and assist khojas who may be struggling to become economically uplifted as well as expanding the business loans programme.

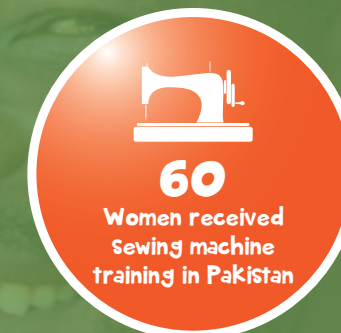
The economic upliftment team is also looking to embarking on an 'Education for All' initiative to make sure every khoja child across the world has access to good quality education.



45
Small business loans
granted to Khojas in
Pakistan



60
Khoja families
supported through
self-employment
scheme in Pakistan



60
Women received
sewing machine
training in Pakistan



50
families received
goats as part of a goat
rearing project in
Uganda

OTHER WAYS YOU HAVE HELPED

Throughout the year, your donations have supported people living in impoverished communities around the world. Each donation has gone a long way to changing the lives of those in need.

HEALTHCARE

In various parts of India, your donations have gone towards funding medication, food, welfare, clothing and essential commodities for khoja widows and elderly people who are living below the poverty line.

In Karachi, Pakistan, we have funded the treatment of 500 Khoja patients at the Fatimiyah hospital through medication, surgeries and rehabilitation treatment. We have also supplied eye surgery equipment to the hospital, which is helping local and khoja patients.

Also in Pakistan, we held a free eye clinic, which treated over 500 patients, included 15 cataract surgeries.

QURBANI

For Eid al-Hajj, your donations funded 475 goat qurbanis, which fed over 3,000 families in Kenya and Tanzania. Including these, your donations funded 1,209 qurbanis between Kenya and Tanzania.

EDUCATION

Your donations to our Iraq Orphans fund goes towards the running of a school and orphanage in Iraq, which supports over 970 students, including 820 orphans. Your donations go towards their schooling, equipment, clothing, and heaters during the winter.

Our Zainabiyya Child Sponsorship Scheme (ZCSS) is

shaping the lives of 960 students across India, Pakistan, Kenya and Tanzania. Your sponsorships are providing 720 students with primary education and 240 students with higher education. With a greater importance now on college and university education, our students are going on to study a wide range of courses including medicine, engineering and management.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Throughout 2019, we have responded to various emergency situations. As well as providing ongoing support to displaced Syrian families and Yemeni families amid the ongoing conflict in those countries, we have been responding to natural disasters around the world. These have included providing emergency food packs to over 1,500 people in Mozambique following Cyclone Idai and to 750 families in Kashmir after the earthquake in September.

WINTER APPEAL

WF-AID's winter appeal runs every year and works to provide winter essentials to families in need around the world. In 2019, your donations provided clothes, school uniforms, blankets, and heaters to 5559 people in Pakistan, Iraq, Bosnia, and Yemen. In the United Kingdom, we are working with CoEJ to support senior citizens from the Khoja community with their heating bills.

NEXT STEPS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Throughout 2020, The World Federation aims to further engage our global community through visits to various centres and countries, and running engaging initiatives on our social media platforms.

In 2020, we will be holding our first Youth Conference in Mombasa, as we aim to engage the youth of our community and encourage them to get involved with the organisation.

As part of our ongoing objective, we will also be working closely with our regional members to build capacity and ensure our grassroots are aware of and involved in our projects.

ISLAMIC EDUCATION

In 2019, we focused our attention on our digital services, producing engaging videos, podcasts, and articles, each on an Islamic topic or personality. This is something we are aiming to continue in 2020, so we can increase our reach further in spreading the message of the Ahlul Bayt (as).

Our research and publications function is currently working on six exciting new books, and we are nearing completion on our dedicated fiqh page.

WF-AID

In 2020, WF-AID aims to continue the shift towards microfinance and economic upliftment, ensuring the solutions we implement are sustainable. We aim to ensure each of our campaigns has a sustainable element to it, as we try to make a lasting change in the lives of those in need.

Another main focus for WF-AID over the next 12 months is to increase our reporting back to our donors through various media. We have put various procedures in place to increase our compliance and transparency, both with our partners and with our donors to ensure that your valuable donations are always being used to their fullest to achieve our project aims.

MEET THE OFFICE BEARERS



Anwarali Dharamsi is the President of The World Federation for the term 2017-2020. He has devoted his time and energy to social service and is incredibly passionate about helping those in need.



Shabbar Dhalla is currently in his second term as the Vice President of The World Federation. He is overseeing a number of charitable projects, including Madrasah Centre of Excellence.



Shan E Abbas Hassam is the Secretary General and is well versed on all of our relief work. He helps develop our sustainability model and also sits as a Trustee of the Muslim Charities Forum.



Mahmood Dhala is the Assistant Secretary General and oversees the day-to-day activities of the team. He is also responsible for projects, liaising with on the ground teams and donor reporting.



Mohamedkazim Bhaloo is the Treasurer and manages donor relationships, reviewing the financial strategy of the organisation and identifying new fundraising opportunities.



Muntazir Bhimji is the Assistant Treasurer and has been involved with serving the community for years and is still actively involved with key projects within the organisation.

DONATION FORM



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FULFIL YOUR OBLIGATION

DONATE TO RAMADAN RELIEF

HELP TACKLE STARVATION

DONATE WHERE MOST NEEDED

HELP DELIVER TO MOST NEEDY

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