



Annual Report 2009

*"The best house amongst the Muslims
is one where an orphan is honoured"*

Striving to Serve Humanity

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Front Cover Image: **Ummah Children Academy**
Flagship project of UWT.



The Mothers Grief

Amongst the influx of refugees from Swat (Pakistan) was a mother with her children, who had become weak due to hunger and malnutrition. The mother presented food to the children but started crying. Upon enquiry, she said,

"My stomach has been empty for many days. Yet, the morsel will not pass my throat because when we fled our home, I left behind a disabled daughter. I thought to myself, if I stay at home all my children will die, so I left her in a room with a jug of water and stale bread. Three days have passed and I don't know whether she is alive or dead. I will never forget her." The tragedy of this mother reflects and symbolises the situation of millions of our brothers and sisters affected by the crises in Palestine, Pakistan, Bihar (India), Somalia and other areas of the world. UWT has continued to provide emergency relief to such areas affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

Over the past year, various development projects have been implemented to ensure long term sustainability and economic regeneration in developing countries. Different medical projects were initiated to save lives and most notably cataract operations were expanded across South Asia to protect the eyesight. A unique initiative of group weddings in Bangladesh & India proved a huge success. In Pakistan, the Ummah Children Academy is close to completion and 400 orphans are currently enrolled.

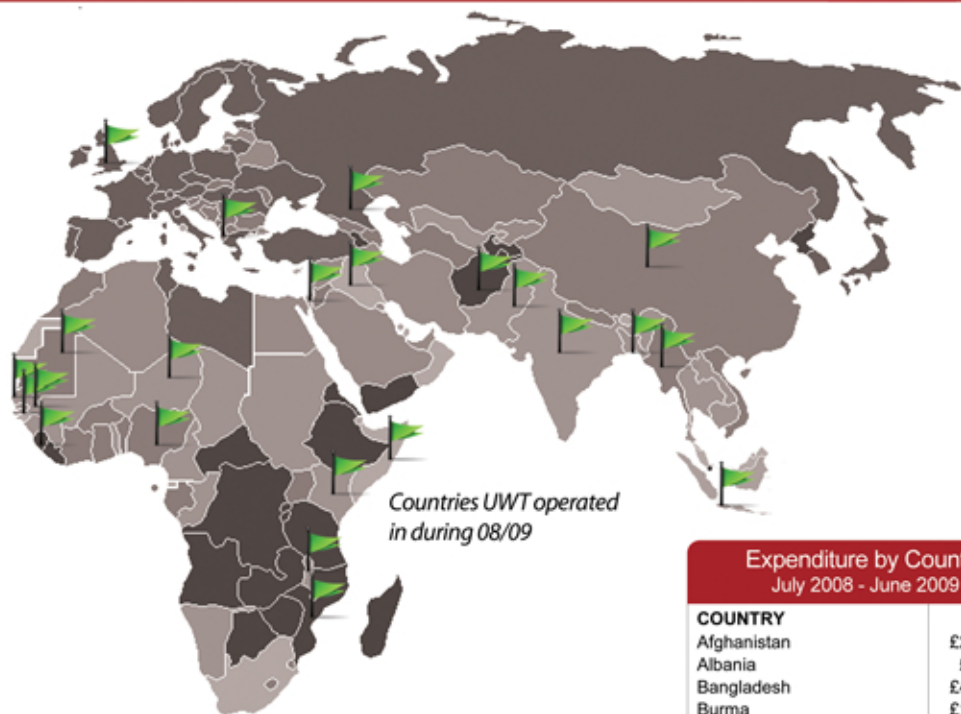
Despite the challenges of banks and the recession, the charity continues to grow at a rapid speed through the grace of Almighty Allah. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all our donors, partners, staff, volunteers, Mosques and organizations for supporting the charity. May Allah shower his mercy upon humanity, forgive our shortcomings and enable us to serve humanity with greater passion, vigour and sincerity. Ameen

Muhammad Ahmed

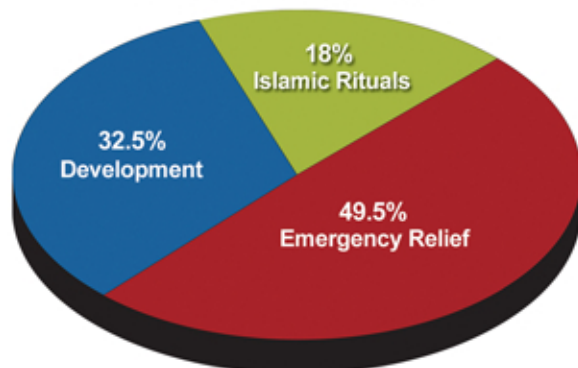


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Expenditure by Project Category



Expenditure by Country
July 2008 - June 2009

COUNTRY	AMOUNT
Afghanistan	£229,014.96
Albania	£23,300.02
Bangladesh	£438,054.97
Burma	£155,345.89
Chechnya	£20,900.00
China	£800.00
Gambia	£21,835.01
Guinea-Bissau	£15,010.00
India	£352,234.38
Indonesia	£151,644.21
Iraq	£136,122.04
Kashmir	£87,200.86
Kenya	£45,424.83
Lebanon	£10,000.00
Malawi	£10,000.00
Mauritania	£5,801.00
Mozambique	£3,000.00
Niger	£51,959.72
Nigeria	£80,000.00
Pakistan (Swat)	£1,693,661.78
Pakistan/UCA	£239,171.54
Palestine/Gaza	£612,985.08
Senegal	£13,085.00
Sierra Leone	£5,720.00
Somalia	£170,303.16
UK	£33,380.00
Grand Total	£4,605,954.45

Expenditure by Project Category

Islamic Rituals	£828,385.94
Development	£1,496,358.94
Emergency	£2,281,209.57
Total Expenditure	£4,605,954.45

Total Income

Donations	£4,725,405.10
Direct Admin Donations	£16,490.07
Recycle & Charity Shop Income	£136,687.41
Total Income	£4,878,582.58



Somalia Food Programme

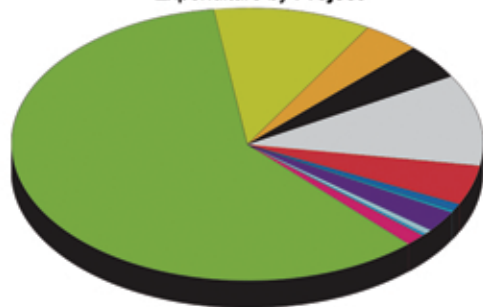


Gaza Crisis 2009 Food Aid



Swat Crisis Medical Camp

Expenditure by Project



£83,898.75	Somalia Food Programme
£247,086.32	Palestine & Gaza Crisis
£1,363,151.61	Pakistan & Swat Crisis
£30,000.00	Nigeria Food & Clothing
£10,000.00	Malawi Food Programme
£9,999.80	Kenya Food Programme
£57,213.73	India (Floods)
£9,000.00	Guinea-Bissau
£20,000.01	Gambia Food & Shelter Projects
£104,609.66	Burma Cyclone
£246,249.73	Bangladesh Cyclone
£99,999.96	Afghanistan Emergency Aid



Swat Crisis Food Aid



India Flood Aid



Guinea-Bissau Food Aid



Afghanistan Emergency Aid



Bangladesh Cyclone Aid



Burma Cyclone Aid



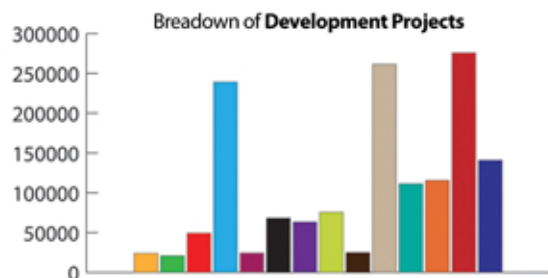
Education in Somalia Orphanage



Family Sponsorship in Palestine



House Construction in Burma



£140,999.07	Education
£275,870.97	Family Sponsorship
£115,731.57	House Construction
£111,460.66	Income Generation
£261,678.33	Medical Aid
£25,000.00	Medical Mobile Clinic
£75,652.98	Mosque Construction
£63,494.60	Orphan Sponsorship
£68,300.00	Prisoner & Family Support
£24,499.22	Tahfizul Quran
£239,171.54	UCA Construction & Running Costs
£49,399.99	Wedding Programme
£21,100.00	Well Construction
£24,000.01	Widow Sponsorship



Income Generation in Somalia



Medical Aid in Pakistan



Mosque Construction in India



Well Construction in Afghanistan

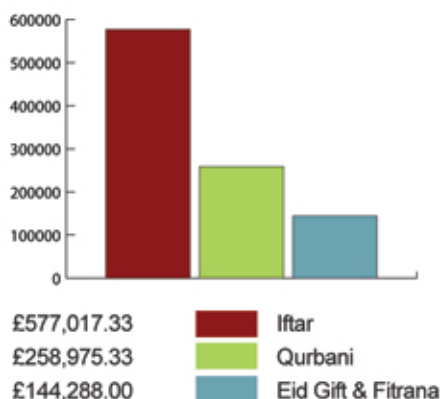


Wedding Programme in India



UCA Construction in Pakistan

Breaddown of Islamic Social Projects



Eid Gift Programme in Sierra Leone



Qurbani Project in Afghanistan



Iftar Distribution in Somalia

Donate this Ramadhan

Salman Farsi (RA) has related that our eternally blessed Prophet (PBUH) has said that, "If one breaks the fast of another, this act shall be a source of pardon of his sins and release of his neck from hellfire, and he shall earn the merit of the fast of the fasting man, but the reward of the fasting man shall not be reduced". The companion, upon hearing this submitted: "Some of us do not have enough to break the fast of another". Thereupon our Prophet (PBUH) said "Allah shall give this reward even to those who give a date or water or a mouthful of milk to a fasting man." (Sahih ibn Hazimah)

Iftari packs (1 month)

£50 per Family

Eid Gifts

£10 per Child

Countries where Iftar & Eid gift programmes will be carried out:

Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Burma, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, India, Kashmir, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Pakistan & Palestine.

HOW YOU HELPED

MOUNT SNOWDON CHALLENGE



Mohammed Wali - Blind Volunteer Climbing Mount Snowdon in Aid of the Palestinians

This year UWT with the help of "Billa of Islamic Posters" organised two successful fundraisers on the 10th of May and 21st of June where over 400 volunteers from across the UK participated in the Mount Snowdon Challenge. Each participant contributed by sponsorship donations towards the worthy causes of helping the families of Gaza and the displaced IDP's of Swat.

The events managed to raise **£22,815** and **£10,307** respectively. UWT would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and all those who participated in this worthwhile cause.

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£9,310.00 Raised so far

SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

UWT sister volunteers have been arranging fundraising events across the UK. Recently sisters from East London, High Wycombe and Reading have brilliantly organised successful events in which they effectively gathered sisters from different communities to educate them regarding the condition of the Ummah and raise thousands of pounds for the needy.



Nasheed Fundraising Event

GAZA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The people of UK rose to the aid of the innocent victims of Gaza. UWT held a dinner at the Rio Grande Hall, Bradford in February 2009. Even heavy snowfall didn't manage to hold back a phenomenally large crowd of 1100 men, women and children from attending the event. The people listened attentively and the DVD presentation brought tears to many people's eyes. Ummah Welfare Trust raised an unparalleled £200,000 in this night. We give our heart-felt thanks to all volunteers, staff & sponsors for their outstanding commitment on the day and in the days leading to the event.

WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

Alhamdulillah, UWT has been working closely with students from various schools and universities. The support we receive from students is increasing as more and more schools and University ISOC's are contacting us to organise various fundraising projects. This year alone in London and Luton, we have already held fundraising events at Gatton, Tayyibah, Downside, Rabia and Tawhid Schools as well as Queen Mary's, City, Kingston and Goldsmith's Universities. A special thanks goes out to all those brothers and sisters who despite being students, have opened up their hearts and fully supported UWT's projects. May Allah swt reward each and every one of you.





In May 2009, the conflict in Swat (Pakistan) left over 3.9 million people displaced. The crisis was described as the largest displacement crisis in recent times. UWT launched a £1m emergency appeal to respond to the crises and initiated long and short term projects.

According to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), the crises was exacerbated because people were not given the time and means to vacate. UWT provided transport from the disaster zones to the camps and hospitals. Medical camps were established and meals were provided to thousands of people. Vocational training centres were established to create self-sufficiency and prayer facilities were provided to maintain their spiritual needs.

The following table outlines the breakdown of the expenditure to date

Project	Amount
Food meals, baby food and water provision	£658,750.00
Medical camps	£150,000.00
Transportation	£15,000.00
Masjid and camp facilities	£48,000.00
Vocational centers	£128,240.00
Total:	£999,990.00





In January 2009, the Gaza conflict coupled with the Israeli sanctions created a huge catastrophe. Hundreds died, thousands were injured and became homeless. The United Nations described the situation as the 'human dignity crises' with 80% of the population dependent on humanitarian assistance. Educational centres were bombed and mosques were not spared.

As the infrastructure crippled to pieces of rubble, UWT initiated a £1 million emergency appeal. Despite the blockade, UWT provided food parcels and life saving medical equipment to thousands of desperate Palestinians. UWT also initiated a unique Cash Grants project where \$1,000 each was distributed to 350 poor families.

The following table outlines the breakdown of the expenditure to date

Project		Project	
Cash Grants Distribution	£275,870.56	Iftar & Eid Gifts	£60,000.00
Medical Aid & Generators	£247,086.56	Computer Laboratory	£10,158.11
Total:	£593,115.23		

In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) project

Recently UWT identified a crisis. Women are facing infertility in Gaza, the cause of which is unknown. Suspected causes are problems with water or the impact of warfare. The only solution was to provide IVF, which was not available in Palestine. UWT has initiated a doctor training programme to provide the service within Palestine.



Somalia

Years of violence & the worst drought in a decade plunged Somalia into a humanitarian crisis in summer '09. Hundreds of mainly child deaths from diarrhoea this April added to the 2 million suffering from famine, diseases and water shortage as per local reports.

"... hundreds of children all over the area had tubes on their faces & [saline] drips on their hands. Some were unconscious & suffering from diseases," (UWT Field Report May 2009).

UWT's emergency & development projects include food aid & medical supplies to over 1,500 families in Lower Shabelle & Bay regions. Mobile medical clinics helped cure thousands with diarrhea & other diseases. Hundreds of goats were distributed for the income generation scheme.



Water being distributed to the displaced in Somalia by UWT

Guinea Bissau

Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest countries in the world. Results from the latest Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS 2006) indicate an increase in child mortality rates and low access to primary education.

According to UWT field assessments, Cholera is endemic in Guinea-Bissau. In Oct 2008, 11,508 cases were recorded with 190 confirmed deaths. UWT responded by providing medicine and hygiene mechanisms to local hospitals. UWT also provided food aid to the families of Cholera victims, who are unable to source an income.

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Gambia	£21,835.00
Malawi	£10,000.00
Somalia	£170,303.16
Senegal	£13,085.00
Sierra Leone	£5,720.00
Mauritania	£5,800.00
Guinea Bissau	£15,010.00
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Kenya	£45,424.83
Nigeria	£80,000.00
Mozambique	£3,000.00
Total:	£422,136.99



Overview

UWT is dedicated to protect and educate the orphans of the Ummah. With this vision, the construction of the Ummah Children Academy (UCA) was started in Nowshera, NWFP in Pakistan. This pioneering project aims to establish a large residential orphanage for 1,000 orphans.

The Ummah Children Academy school currently accommodates the education for the age group 4 to 13 (Nursery to Class 7). The following subjects are taught, English, Urdu, Mathematics, Social Study, Computer Science and Arabic.

The recitation of the holy Quran (Nazira) and memorization of the holy Quran (Hifz) alongside basic Islamic teachings is also taught as part of the religious educational curriculum.

Construction Progress

The UCA complex comprises of various blocks. The Junior Academic, Darul Hifz, Student Hostel II & Teachers Hostel, Student Hostel I, Kitchen, Ablution Block and Teachers Residence are complete and 400 orphans are currently residing in the UCA. The Masjid and Senior Administration Blocks are under construction and the completion date for the whole project is January 2010. Once complete, the UCA will accommodate 1,000 orphans.

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| • UCA capacity: | 1,000 Orphans |
| • Total Project Cost: | £1,355,000 |
| • One Musalla space, Masjid Block: | £76 |



About Us

Ummah Welfare Trust is a UK registered international relief and development charity. Established in the year 2001, UWT operates in over twenty countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. UWT aims to relieve the suffering of the poor and alleviate poverty across the world.

Policies

UWT charitable expenditure is reviewed and monitored by scholars to ensure the Zakah, Sadaqah and Lillah funds are spent correctly. UWT is transparent and accountable and has a full audit trail from the donor to the beneficiary. UWT is fully committed to a 100% donations policy. There is no deduction for administration or fundraising purposes.

UWT covers its administration costs by the following means:

- Donations specified for administration.
- Income generated from recycled clothes. UWT has a wide scale recycling scheme across the UK with over thirty clothing banks.
- Profits received from The Ummah Shops operating in Blackburn, Bolton, Luton & Preston, UWT operates The Ummah Shop which has since become a high quality retailer of books, Islamic-ware, and other day-to-day items required to assist in practicing the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- Profits received from The Charity Shops. UWT operates charity shops in Bradford, Birmingham, Leicester & London.
- Tax reclaim on gift aid donations. The gift aid scheme allows donors to increase the value of their donation by 25%. This is a simple and effective way to assist the administration of the charity.



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