



A DECADE OF SUFFERING and the rays of hope







Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'The believers, in their love, mutual kindness, and close ties, are like one body; when any part complains, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.' - Muslim

mmah Welfare Trust is a UK-based international relief and development charity established in 2001. The Trust aims to alleviate poverty and suffering across the world.

Ummah Welfare Trust aims to fulfil the rights of those who are neglected and oppressed by providing sustainable development solutions relating to shelter, education, health, and spiritual wellbeing.

This is achieved by:

Providing emergency relief, such as food and medical aid, to victims of conflict and natural disasters.

■ Providing clean water by constructing tube wells, hand pumps and transporting water to areas of need.

Sponsoring orphans and widows, ensuring their rights are fulfilled.

Reconstructing and maintaining homes, masjids, orphanages and schools.

Establishing medical and rehabilitation clinics, especially for the treatment of women and children.

Implementing income generation projects to help victims break their dependence on hand-outs.

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100% Donations Policy

Ummah Welfare Trust operates on a unique 100% donations policy. Every penny of Zakah, Sadaqah and Lillah received reaches those who need our help.

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- Abu Dawood

Rays of hope

s the prophecy of this hadith unfolds in front of the world, despair and grief dominate the lives of thousands of orphans, widows and destitute in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Ummah Welfare Trust continues its mission of changing this despair into hope and the tears into smiles.

The gratitude and prayers offered by the mothers of those orphans who are being offered the love and care of a father continue to be an inspiration to this charity. Trustees, staff and volunteers see rays of hope for their own akhirah as Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala clearly states, 'The Most Merciful has mercy upon those who have mercy for others. Show mercy upon those on earth, the one in the heavens will have mercy on you.' (Muslim, Hadith Qudsi)

Since the inception of Ummah Welfare Trust in the last decade, the world has seen major disasters, wars and tribulations. We pray to Allah, Most High, to forgive our shortcomings during these testing times.

The charity would like to reaffirm its commitment to its 100% Donations Policy which has instilled a new trust and confidence in the field of charity. Ummah Welfare Trust has grown from a modest yearly turnover of £200,000 to £10 million in its tenth year of operations.

I pray to Allah to accept the efforts of Ummah Welfare Trust; its volunteers, staff and donors; and to make it a vanguard for the orphans, widows, disabled, weak and destitute of the whole world..

Ameen.

Muhammad Ahmed On behalf of the trustees

HOW DID OUR PREDECESSORS RESPOND?

During the Khilafah of Ameer ul Mu'mineen, 'Umar Ibn Al Khattab Radiallahu 'anh, the Arabian Peninsula was struck by a severe drought and famine. People flocked from the farthest deserts to Madeenah seeking a solution with the Khalifah. The year 18 AH became known as the Year of Ar-Ramadah, the Year of Ashes.

CONCERN FOR THE UMMAH

n the midst of this famine, some bread soaked in butter was brought to 'Umar Radiallahu 'anh. He called a bedouin man to eat with him and the bedouin started to wipe up extra butter with his finger after each mouthful. 'Umar said to him, 'It seems that you have not had any fat for a long time.' The Bedouin said, 'I have not eaten any butter or olive oil, nor have I seen anyone eating them, since such and such a time until today.' 'Umar forbade himself from tasting any meat or butter until Allah the Blessed, the Most High, lifted the famine.

'Umar remarked, 'How could I care for the people properly if I do not feel what they feel?'

As food became scarcer and more expensive,

Umar's exemplary attitude still did not change. 'Umar once ate olive oil to satisfy his hunger and his stomach rumbled. He patted his stomach and said, '**Rumble as much as you like, for by Allah you will not eat ghee until the people eat it.'**

'Umar's servant, Aslam, said, 'We used to say that if Allah had not lifted the famine during the year of Ar-Ramadah, **'Umar would** have died out of the concern for the Muslims.'

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Refugees came from all directions to Madeenah. 'Umar Radiallahu'anh divided the work amongst his workers and set up an institution to help the refugees. Workers set up cooking pots until the end of the night and cooked soup and bread.

The institution Dar ad Daqeeq was set up to distribute food to any refugees that came to Madeenah. Flour, saweeq, dates and raisins were distributed. Dar ad Daqeeq was eventually expanded to meet the needs of the growing influx of people. Tens of thousands of people over a period of nine months were fed until the rains came.

Abu Hurairah Radiallahu 'anh said, 'May Allah have mercy on 'Umar. I saw him in the year of famine, carrying two sacks on his back and a container of oil in his hand, taking turns with Aslam. I started helping him and we carried those things until we reached Dirar, where there was about a group of twenty families from the Muharib.'Umar said,"What brings you here?" They replied, "Hunger." They brought out to us the baked skin of a dead animal and some ground up bones that they had been eating. I saw 'Umar put down his cloak and start to cook food for them and feed them until they had all eaten. Aslam was dispatched to Madeenah and brought some camels which were given to them to ride to Al-Jabaanah.

Then he gave some clothes and kept checking on them until Allah relieved them of the drought.

HELP FROM ABROAD

'Umar Radiallahu 'anh wrote to his governors asking for their immediate help. The first to come to him was Abu 'Ubaidah Radiallahu 'anh, the Governor of Syria, with four thousand camels carrying food, and he put him in charge of distributing it to those who were in and around Madeenah. When Abu 'Ubaidah finished, 'Umar ordered that he be given four thousand dirhams. He said, 'I have no need of it, O' Ameer ul Mu'mineen. I was only seeking the reward of Allah and I don't want any worldly gain.'

From Iraq, Mu'awaiyah Ibn Abi Sufyan Radiallahu 'anh sent three thousand camels carrying food and one thousand camels carrying flour.

The Governor of Egypt, 'Amr ibn Al 'Aas Radiallahu 'anh, responded to 'Umar's call, writing back, 'To the slave of Allah, Ameer ul Mu'mineen, from 'Amr ibn Al 'Aas. Peace be upon you. I praise Allah, beside Whom there is no other God. **Help is on its way, just wait. I am sending to you a caravan the first of which will reach you whilst the last of it is still with me.** I also hope to find a way to send help by sea.' He sent one thousand camels by land carrying flour, twenty ships by sea carrying flour and fat and in addition one thousand garments.

RELIANCE IN ALLAH

'Umar Radiallahu 'anu enjoyed praying in the middle of the night and would pray as much as Allah willed. During the famine, Ibn 'Umar Radiallahu 'anh said, 'One night I heard 'Umar saying in the last portion of the night, ''O' Allah, do not destroy the Ummah of Muhammad during my Khilafah,'' and ''O' Allah, do not destroy us by famine; relieve us of this calamity,'' repeating these words.'

'Umar addressed the people at the time, 'O' people fear Allah concerning yourselves and what you do in secret, for I am being tested by means of you and you are being tested by means of me. I do not know whether this is a sign of divine wrath on me and not you, or on you and not me, but it includes both me and you. Come, let us pray to Allah to guide our hearts aright, to have mercy on us and relieve us of this drought.'

The rain arrived; first as a patch of cloud and the people said, 'Do you see that?' Then it grew bigger and was driven by the wind. Then the wind dropped and it began to rain. Subhanallah, the people did not leave until they had to walk holding onto the walls and pulling up their bottoms.

The rain poured until the land was soaked and the drought ended.

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SUFFERING IN AFGHANISTAN

Shaykh Muhammad Idrees meets refugees in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan (2001)

Eyewitness account in October 2001 by Shaykh Muhammad Idrees

I will never forget the words of the elderly mother who lost nineteen members of her family in an aerial bombardment.

"The martyred members of my family will be able to tell us on the day of Qiyaamah what catastrophe came upon them. Being alive now, I wish I had died with them. Now there is no man left in my house; only women and children including myself, my sisters, my daughters and their children.

The month of Ramadhan has approached; we have no house, nothing to eat, nothing to drink, but more than this, my concern is for the Iman of

these young children."

I was terrified that somebody will offer them pieces of bread and biscuits in exchange for their Iman.

With tears rolling down her eyes, she went on to say,

'On the day of judgement in the court of Allah I will hold you responsible for these children. You watched our houses being destroyed and burnt. Did you treat us akin to how you would treat your own mothers and sisters?'

I tried to reassure her saying, 'O dear mother,

don't be sad or distressed as I am your son. I am the brother of these daughters of yours.' But I thought to myself, where are we going to find an Ameer ul Mum'ineen like 'Umar Ibn Al Khattab Radiallahu 'anh today?

In Spin Boldak, another one of our mothers related:

'You don't know what terror I have travelled through to get to you. I have travelled for three days to reach you. I haven't eaten or drunk anything and my children are ill.' I could see the redness in the face of the child in her lap and indeed he was suffering.

There was no shadow of a man, no home, no pillar, just loneliness and darkness for her.

She said, 'These children are ill. I don't have a single paracetamol tablet; I don't have one morsel of food.'

And then I remembered the saying of our beloved Prophet Muhammad Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam:

'On the day of Judgement, Allah will say, "O servant, I was hungry, I was ill, I had no clothes but you turned away.' - Muslim

INITIAL EFFORTS

In October 2001, in response to the humanitarian crisis triggered by conflict in Afghanistan, Ummah Welfare Trust sent a convoy of 34 trucks laden with relief supplies to families in Afghanistan.

In November, successive UWT convoys

brought 700 tonnes of flour, 370 tonnes of rice, 200 tonnes of pulses and 160 tonnes of ghee. 8,000 pairs of clothing were distributed along with another 46,000 pairs of shoes.

Thousands of families benefitted from these early efforts of UWT.

UWT IN AFGHANISTAN

Ummah Welfare Trust has regularly delivered the following projects in Afghanistan for ten years:

- **Emergency Food Aid**
- Emergency Medical Supplies & Mobile Medical Clinics
 Water Wells Installation
- Qurbani and Iftar Projects
- Clothing and Sewing Machine Distribution
- Our'an Distribution

- Eid Gifts Distribution
- Orphan Sponsorship
- Widow Sponsorship
- Masjid Construction

A UWT relief convoy crossing the Pakistan-Afghanistan border (2001)

A CENERATION O E DESPAR

Ameerul Mu'mineen 'Umar Ibn Al Khattab Radiallahu 'anh said, 'If a dog dies of thirst on the banks of the Euphrates river, then I will be held accountable on the Day of Judgement.'

nce the heart of the Muslim Ummah, Iraq is now seen as a symbol of suffering.

Over a million people lost their lives since the invasion in 2003. One million women became widows and five million children became orphans. Twelve years of bombings and sanctions killed an estimated one million Iraqi children and destroyed the lives of many others.

More than two million refugees are still

homeless within the country. The great majority of these are women, children or elderly people. They live in makeshift shacks and have little access to food, employment and basic services. They are particularly vulnerable in today's post-invasion lraq.

Now a sick and debilitated nation, Iraq faces chronic development problems. The legacy of sanctions, conflict and neglect has led to a situation where issues concerning food, shelter, education and healthcare require a massive humanitarian response.

MESSAGES FROM WIDOWS

Since 2003, Ummah Welfare Trust has sponsored hundreds of widows and their children. Here is a sample of our widows' gratitude:

Maliha Yousif from Al-Salam village, Abu Ghareeb

'The orphans never stopped thanking Ummah Welfare Trust who helped them from going astray. We pray to Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala, to guide you and use you for good deeds. Our life is stable because of your help.'

Nagham Hussain Alwan from Al-Adhamiya District, Baghdad

'We ask Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala to help this charity in its work and for looking after my orphans. I am the orphans' mother thanking you. Although my father never let me down, his health is now deteriorating and I am worried what the coming days bring to us. May Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala reward you. There are few people like you these days.'

Zahraa Abdulsattar Hardan from Al-Dhubat, Fallujah

'We thank Ummah Welfare Trust for their support, hoping that they will increase the amount allocated to us. As the Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said: 'Whoever looks after an orphan, will be my companion in Paradise.' May Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala make you of those who accompany the Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.'

Zaynab Mohamad Mirza from Baquba, Diyala

'We thank Ummah Welfare Trust and we pray to Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala to reward them and to protect them from Hellfire and make their places in Paradise.'



'Umar Ibn Al Khattab Radiallahu 'anh said before he was martyred, 'By Allah, if I live longer, I will not leave any widow of Iraq in need of anyone after this year.'

- Saheeh at Tawtheeq

UWT IN IRAQ

UWT has been working in Iraq since 2003 providing:

- Emergency Food and Medical Aid
- Medical Clinics in Fallujah and Mosul
- Widow and Orphan Sponsorships
- Family Sponsorships
- Iftar and Qurbani programmes
- Clean Water distribution



 he sufferring of the people of Palestine has gone on for over sixty years.

In the West Bank, ambulances peppered with bullet holes try to rush the sick and injured to hospitals, only to be stopped at road blockades. Sisters, denied the opportunity to travel, are forced to give birth at checkpoints. Olive trees are uprooted, homes are bulldozed and families are evicted.

In Gaza, families, surrounded by impenetrable concrete walls, live in sewage and waste. They

are hungry, have little water and little medical supplies. Many live in tents and shacks where their homes used to be. 80% of the strips inhabitants now rely on handouts.

Following the bombing of Gaza in January 2009, a fieldworker described the situation:

'We were shown the mindless destruction of water treatment plants, hospitals, schools, masjids and homes. Even the dead were not spared, with graveyards bombed and tanks desecrating the sanctity of the deceased.'

ADVICE FROM 'ALI RADIALLAHU 'ANH

Some of the final advice 'Ali Radiallahu 'anh gave to his sons al Hasan and al Husayn Radiallahu 'anhuma:

'I urge you to fear Allah Subahanahu wa ta'ala and not to seek wordly luxury, even if it becomes available to you. Do not weep for anything that you have lost (of wordly gains). Speak the truth, show mercy to orphans, help the poor and strive for the Akhirah...' -Tareekh at Tabari

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Letters of thanks from a few mothers of orphans sponsored by UWT:

Allah will indeed honour you with keeping you in the company of the Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam in Jannah!

We ask Allah to bless you in your family, wealth and children and that Allah eases your difficulties and that he rewards you with all the good from this sponsorship that you provide. This sponsorship enables us to fulfill our needs and creates a smile on our face.

Lastly may Allah bless you and make you a treasure for Islam and the Muslims. Ameen.

From the Mother of the Orphan, Sujood al Batal

Whatever I write to you to thank you, it will never be enough to repay the support given to us. Indeed Allah will repay you for this great act of yours by entering you into Jannah and by placing you in the company of our Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.

We pray to Allah that He gives you good health, keeps you well all the time, that He increases your balance of good deeds and that He makes you an example for the people who do good.

From the Mother of the Orphan, Ramzi Munthir

Best greetings to you from my son Samih. Because of your help, my son prays that may Allah reward you with good for all the help you give to us. With the will of Allah all of this will be in your scale of good deeds. Ameen.

From the Mother of the Orphan, Samih Abduw

UWT IN PALESTINE

Since 2004, Ummah Welfare Trust has delivered the following relief projects:

Emergency Food Aid and Medical Supplies Diesel Powered Electricity Generators Qurbani and Iftar Projects Clothes and School Uniforms

- Eid Gifts
- Desalinated Water
- Widow Sponsorships
- Orphan Sponsorships

FAMILIES OF CHECHNYA

Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'Fear the supplication of the oppressed, for there is no barrier between it and Allah.'

- Bukhari

espite the aggressive secularism of the communist regime during the cold war, Chechnya remained relatively peaceful up until 1994.

The first Chechen war between 1994 and 1996 turned Grozny into rubble. During the fiercest fighting, 4000 bombs and mortars rained on the residents of Grozny every hour. This war claimed the lives of 80,000 Muslims and lead to the disappearance of 15,000 more.

When the Russians departed, they left behind more than 500,000 land mines and unexploded ordnance which maim and kill innocents to this day.

The second war has been fought with the same tactics, around the same gorges and same mountain villages, but with even more brutality. Estimates suggest that at least another 25,000 Muslims have been killed with up to another 5,000 missing. 100,000 are internally displaced within the region. Most of this beautiful land and its people have been destroyed in acts of violence that would shock even the hardest of hearts.

In 2007, UWT met an elderly Chechen refugee lady in Azerbaijan whose 5 sons were killed in the war. She recalled finding one of her sons in a body bag:

'My insides turned to ice and I could not breathe. I fell to the floor clutching my chest and the women ran to my aid. They tried to get me to my feet but I screamed. I screamed... I screamed. Inside was the mutilated body of my eldest son. Parts of his face were badly burnt and dried blood and deep wounds disfigured his handsome face. I held him to me. His was my blood and I felt that I was the wounded one and my blood was flowing from my wounds; slowly killing me.'

WELCOME TO OUR CLOSE RELATIVE

'Umar Ibn AI Khattab Radiallahu'anh went to the market, and a young woman ran after him and said, 'O Ameer ul Mu'mineen, my husband has died and left behind young children. By Allah they cannot take care of themselves and they own nothing, and I am afraid that the hyena will eat them. I am the daughter of Khufaf ibn Eema' al-Ghifari and my father was present at al-Hudaybiyah with the Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam.'

'Umar stood with her and did not move on. He said, 'Welcome to our close relative.'

Then he went to a strong camel that was tied near the house and loaded it with two big vessels which he filled with foodstuff and he placed money and clothing between them. Then he gave the reins to her and said, 'Take it, for it will not finish until Allah gives you some more.'

A man said, 'O Ameer ul Mu'mineen, you have given her too much.'

'Umar said, 'May your mother be bereft of you! By Allah, I saw the father and brother of this woman besieging a fortress for a long time, then we conquered it, then the next morning we shared out the booty because of their actions.'

- Bukhari

UPHOLDING A WIDOW'S HONOUR

Zeena Shakaeva is a widow. A few years ago her son, the father of two young girls, was killed in an explosion. The mother, unable to cope with the stress, walked out and was not seen again. Zeena's own husband, who was mentally ill, died some time later.

For many months, Zeena, with no family and no income, had to fend for her own children and her two grandchildren.

Upon learning about her plight, UWT sponsored the two grandchildren. With the sponsorship money, Zeena bought a new pair of shoes for each of her grandchildren for the first time. UWT also helped Zeena set up a small kiosk in the neighbourhood. She was provided with a fridge, freezer and washing products. A gas stove was also given so she could bake bread.

Alhamdulillah, Zeena could now run her own business with the help of her children. Inshallah with the income generated she can now give her granddaughters an education.

Upon receiving help, Zeena cried and prayed to Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala for the well-being of her helpers. She asked Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala to continue to assist those involved in relieving the sufferings of people like her.

UWT IN CHECHNYA

Since 2004, UWT has attempted to help the noble Chechen people by providing:

- Emergency Food Aid
- Widow and Orphan Sponsorships
- Prosthetic Limbs

- Iftar and Qurbani Programmes
- Qur'an Distribution
- Family Sponsorships

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Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'It is better that a person should take a rope and bring a bundle of wood on his back to sell so that Allah may preserve his honour, than that he should beg from people, (regardless of) whether they give to him or refuse him.' - Bukhari

To a Brighter Future

alkan Khuchieva was married and had one child. Her home was destroyed in the first Chechen war. After that she and her family moved from place to place to avoid the fighting.

Some years later in the second war, Malkan's husband was murdered. His head was cut off and thrown into the home where Malkan and her child were staying. Malkan, who at that time was expecting her second child, almost lost her mind in her grief after.

She could no longer stay in the village and left to live in the town of Mesker Yurt where her mother resided. But living on a widow's pension was difficult. She had no money for her son's school uniform or books. The school administration often threatened her son with expulsion as a result.

One day she found out about the work of UWT and approached fieldworkers to inform them of her plight. After initial assessments, Malkan's children were enrolled in the orphan sponsorship programme.



She asked whether she could be given the opportunity to start her own business so she would not have to rely on hand-outs. UWT responded and provided Malkan with a greenhouse. Here she could grow vegetables and sell them in the town's market.

Subhanallah, with the earnings of one season's produce, she made enough money to purchase her own plot of land. With this land, she could grow more and therefore sell more.

Malkan and her children are happy finally. With their new income, they hope to build their own home in the near future.

Ummah Welfare Trust believes in restoring dignity and self-respect amongst poor Muslims and has striven to provide countless struggling families with the following Income Generation Projects:

- Fishing Boats in Bangladesh, Burma and Indonesia
- Sewing Machines in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kashmir
- Market Stalls in Chechnya, Philippines and Somalia
- Rickshaws in Bangladesh, India and the Philippines
- Donkeys and Carts in Pakistan
- Office Work in Gaza
- Gardening in Chechnya and Mauritania
- Livestock in Chechnya and Somalia



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Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'I and the caretaker of the orphan will enter Paradise together like this, raising (by way of illustration) his forefinger and middle finger jointly, leaving no space in between.'

- Bukhari

Ilah, The Most Merciful and All Wise, chose the greatest of mankind, the mercy for both worlds, and the leader of mankind till the end of time, Muhammad Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam to be from the orphans and his mother to be from the widows.

As a child Muhammad Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam did not have parents who spoiled him or riches that made for a soft and easy upbringing. His hardships as a child conditioned him to be sensitive to the pains of others, for sadness purifies the soul from hardness and arrogance and increases it in softness and humility.

His parents died in their twenties not because they were physically weak, but rather because Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala decreed for them to die once they had fulfilled the task for which they were created, so that every orphan can find comfort and consolation in the early history of the Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.

Today the orphans of this Ummah are suffering. Today they are left to fend for

themselves in Palestine, Chechnya, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. In the city of Baghdad alone, there are 2 million orphans, half a million of whom are homeless.

Many of these orphans have seen their parents killed in their own home. Some have seen their families drown in front of their eyes. Others have walked for miles on bare and bloodied feet just so they can quench their thirst.

Yet through all of this, few have consoled them, hugged them or even extended a hand.





Ummah Childr

Rasulullah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'The best home among the Muslims is the one in which an orphan is looked after well, a

n 2001, in response to conflict in Afghanistan and the ensuing refugee crisis, Ummah Welfare Trust realised that many orphans of this Ummah were in great danger. Their lives and – more importantly – their Iman were at stake.

Action was required. In 2003, UWT purchased five acres of land in the district of Nowshera, Pakistan, for £30,000. The aim was to create the Ummah Children Academy. An institute, whose sole aim was to provide free shelter, food, medical treatment and the best education to the suffering orphans of this Ummah.

Alhamdulillah today, because of the concern of a few Muslims in the UK, the Ummah Children Academy stands completed as a centre of excellence and hope for Muslims suffering throughout the world.

The Academy caters for 1000 orphans from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kashmir. They all reside in an environment where they are loved and feel safe.

"The dream we once had, we couldn't imagine that one day it would become real like this. Today it's like we are sitting in the Jannah of this world."

Shaykh Muhammad Idrees UWT Trustee

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ll, and the worst home among the Muslims is the one in which an orphan is harmed.' - Ibn Maajah

A Widow's Prayer

UWT met the brother of a widow whose son just enrolled at the UCA. He describes what happened once:

'I went to see her one morning and I found her praying Salah and offering a lengthy supplication for half an hour. I asked her which prayer she was offering at this time in the morning. She replied,

"Becoming a widow, my greatest concern was for my orphan child. I did not know how we would survive and whether my child would become a labourer or a beggar.

Allah's mercy descended and my child was offered a place at the Ummah Children Academy which provides clothing, food and education for him.

I cannot repay the Ummah Welfare Trust for the service they have provided, easing my burden.

I offer prayers every day and supplicate for those brothers and sisters who have built the orphanage and continue to bring comfort to thousands of widows like myself."

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'This Ummah of mine is one upon which mercy is shown. It will have no punishment in the next world, its punishment in this world will be Trials, EARTHQUAKES and Killings.'

Mankind fear your Lord! Indeed the convulsion of the Hour will be a thing terrible! On the Day you shall see it, every nursing mother shall forget her child and every pregnant woman shall drop her load: you will see mankind as in a drunken riot, yet they are not drunk: but dreadful will be the Wrath of Allah.

(22:1,2)

yclones, earthquakes and floods are regular occurrences today. The deaths, injuries and displacement they bring are causing untold hardship for millions of people. The frequency of these disasters in the last few years should make one reflect on the Power and lofty attributes of Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala.

NATURAL DISASTERS UWT HAS RESPONDED TO





73,000 PEOPLE DEAD

ASIAN TSUNAMI 2004

The most powerful earthquake in 40 years, the Asian tsunami buffeted coastlines across Asia for hours. Cars, boats and homes flew on the shoulders of waves as if made from paper. Whole towns and villages were swept away. Thousands were dragged helplessly in to the seas never to be seen again.

230,000 people lost their lives. One third of all deaths was estimated to be children.

PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE 2005

On a Saturday morning in Ramadhan a massive earthquake rocked Kashmir. At the time, children had started their day at school, farmers were tilling their land and others were asleep following their Sehri meal. The impact on Pakistan was huge as 73,000 people lost their lives.

UWT Trustee Shaykh Muhammad Idrees travelled to the region. He recounted, 'I met a woman whose parents, brothers and husband had met their Creator.

Sitting with her two children in a tent she said to me, "Is there anyone who will feed these two children of mine and look after them. I have nothing. What can I do for them? Somebody take them from me so that the stress of seeing them hungry and thirsty is taken away; I cannot bear to see this."

This mother was desperate to hand her own children over to complete strangers! I could not imagine what state she had to be in to even consider doing this.'



10,000 Deaths



2 Million Homeless



3 Earthquakes in 12 Hours

CYCLONE SIDR 2007

On November 15th 2007, Cyclone Sidr battered Bangladesh's impoverished coastal areas. Seven metre-high tidal waves crashed into coastal areas instantly levelling villages. Powerful winds blew away houses made of tin, straw and bamboo. Millions saw their homes destroyed and over 10,000 Muslims lost their lives.

A UWT fieldworker described what he saw 'Nearby the village, we saw graves of the deceased martyrs and I could not digest the image and scene of burying 35 corpses in one day. The visit to this village was an eye opener and reflected the peak of poverty and patience side by side. Indeed, this cyclone is a reminder of the Majesty of the Almighty and there are many lessons in the signs of the Almighty for those who ponder.'

CYCLONE NARGIS 2008

On 2nd May 2008, Myanmar was devastated by massive rains and sustained winds of up to 135 miles per hour. Twelve foot waves tore through crowded villages and rural fields, killing 140,000 villagers and hundreds of thousands of livestock.

A UWT fieldworker described the situation, 'Many villages had been totally destroyed and we couldn't see a single house standing for miles. Any remaining survivors had fled. There was still a strong stench of death in the air and **twenty days later I** could still see dead bodies and carcases of animals lying around with nobody to see to their burial.'

SUMATRA EARTHQUAKE 2009

Two successive earthquakes 22 minutes apart tore through the island of Sumatra on 20th September 2009. While the island was still coming to terms with what had happened, a third earthquake struck the following morning.

Villages were completely flattened; it's inhabitants swallowed by the powerful landslides that resulted. 1,100 people died and tens of thousands lost their home.





20 Million Affected

PAKISTAN FLOODS 2010

Floods in Pakistan affected more than 20 million people. Devastating communities throughout the country, in an area the size of England, the floods killed more than 1,900 people, and damaged or destroyed nearly 1.9 million homes.

More people were directly affected by this disaster than those in the Tsunami, Cyclone Nargis and the earthquakes that hit Kashmir and Haiti, combined.

A brother and sister described to UWT what they went through,

'During the rising tides, we were not able to carry our parents onto the roof of the masjid because there were no steps. We tied them to the pillar of the masjid hoping they wouldn't get washed away. We ourselves climbed over the wall and onto the rooftop. When the masjid came under water, **we could hear the screams and wails of our parents from beneath, but we could only listen.** We could do nothing. We were rescued by a boat but our parents were left behind to drown under the water.'

UWT'S DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAMME



PHASE ONE: EMERGENCY RELIEF

- Tent camps
- Medical camps
- Food and clean water provisions

PHASE TWO: MEDIUM TERM

- Secure sheltering and kitchen utensils
- Cash grants
- Schools are funded
- Depending on the season Eid gifts for children, 'Udhiya' meat and 'Fitrana' are handed out

PHASE THREE: LONG TERM

- Homes, masjids and schools are reconstructed
- Orphans and widows are sponsored
- Hand pumps and water wells are installed
- Rickshaws, fishing boats, donkey carts and sewing machines are distributed to help break reliance on hand-outs



Rasulullah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'Indeed the believer in connection to the rest of the believers is like the connection of the head with the body; the believer pains/suffers for the believers the way the body pains due to the pain in the head.' - Ahmad

he last ten years have been particularly difficult for Muslims in Africa. They have suffered from droughts, famines, dead livestock and exorbitant food prices. Civil strife and the displacement it brings have further condemned these poor people to despair and hardship.

In 2005 UWT fieldworkers travelled to Buula in Ethiopia. The area was gripped by famine. A blind man, who had lost his sight because of malnutrition, said to them:

'We are so hungry. We are suffering from many problems because of the government. We never get any help. We need help from our brothers and sisters in Islam, whatever they can do. Please don't forget us. We need education in religious matters and schooling for our children.'



Since 2001, UWT has undertaken relief efforts in:





Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'It is not becoming of a Muslim to sleep on a full stomach whilst those around him (his neighbours) go hungry.' - Bukhari

rought and locust invasions have condemned the poor Muslims of Niger to starvation, disease and displacement. Two thirds of Niger's population survive on less than \$1 a day.

In 2010, UWT travelled to the province of Dosso. A field worker recalls:

'Our guide took us to an area which was a barren desert.We asked him about the significance of this area, thinking that it would be a place of some forgotten history.

He told us that this land was the farmland of a neighbouring village that had finished planting seeds on it. They were now waiting for the rains. If the rains came, then they would have food for the year. But if the rains did not come, the locals prepare themselves for a year of starvation and hardship.

Every family in this village had lost at least one child to the droughts.'

UWT fieldworkers came across families eating leaves and animal feed. Women with babies on their backs were walking for miles looking for sustenance. Children were lying on their stomachs sipping from pools of dirty water.



In 2010, Niger was in the midst of a massive food crisis. In the province of Dosso, which was particularly suffering at the time, UWT distributed 105 tonnes of maize and 105 tonnes of millet in one hundred villages across three districts: Birni, Koygolo and Koita.

Alhamdulillah, bags of maize and millet were delivered door to door in many villages, benefitting thousands of people.

Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'None of you can be a believer until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.' - Bukhari

ver the years, droughts, floods and conflict have destroyed the lives of millions in Somalia.

The country has no effective government and its infrastructure is in ruins. 1.5 million are homeless and 2.7 million people are now suffering in the midst of the worst drought witnessed in 60 years.

Journeys of 300 miles on bare and bloodied feet are common for many desperate mothers and their children.

UWT IN SOMALIA

Since 2005, UWT has implemented the following projects:

- Water Distribution
- Water Well Construction
- Income Generation Projects
- Masjid Construction
- House Construction
- Orphan Sponsorship



TREATMENT IN BAIDOA

In 2008, UWT assisted al-Huneyn, a locallybased Somali charity, in setting up a medical centre in Baidoa. One of the largest in the city, the centre is run by a fully equipped medical team who provide free treatment and medicine to the impoverished families of Baidoa.

The clinic has been very successful and continues to treat thousands of Somalis every year. In the second half of 2010, **4860 Somalis were treated: 3000 were women and over 1000 were children.**

WATER FOR THE UMMAH

Vater Engine Project

Sa'ad Ibn 'Ubadah Radiallahu 'anh asked, 'Apostle of Allah, what form of Sadaqah is the best?' He Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam replied, 'Water.' - Abu Dawood

Ilah's Apostle Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'While a man was walking he felt thirsty and went down a well and drank water from it. On coming out of it, he saw a dog panting and eating mud because of excessive thirst.

The man said, "This (dog) is suffering from the same problem as that of mine." So he (went down the well), filled his shoe with water, caught hold of it with his teeth and climbed up and watered the dog. Allah thanked him for his (good) deed and forgave him...' - Bukhari

Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala forgives those who quench the thirst of a dog. Imagine the reward for one who quenches the thirst of a fellow human being.

Since 2001, UWT has provided clean water in:





WATER ENGINE IN QOORDHEERE

In March 2011, UWT repaired a water engine in the town of Qoordheere. This pumps enough groundwater to cater for all the town's inhabitants.

Alhamdulillah, this project was a big success. 8000 inhabitants of Qoordheere and tens of thousands of livestock could now drink clean desalinated water. These beneficiaries are generally far from the lakes and rivers, so this project was a huge reprieve for those struggling in the ongoing droughts.

educating the ummah

Jundub Ibn Abdullah Radiallah 'anh said, 'We were youngsters almost coming of age when we learnt Iman before the Qur'an with Rasulullah Sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam. When we learnt the Qur'an, our Iman grew even stronger.' - Ibn Maajah



uring the conquest of Iraq, Sa'ad ibn Abi Waqas Radiallahu 'anh, was leading the Muslims across the River Tigris. Salman Farsi Radiallahu 'anh said to Sa'ad, 'Islam is new and by Allah the rivers and seas have been subjugated to them as the land is subjugated. By the One in Whose hand is the soul of Salman, people will leave (Islam) in crowds just as they entered it in.' Tareekh at-Tabari.

Today we are amongst the generations that have inherited Islam and its glorious teachings. Yet today, in the poverty and calamities that are afflicting this Ummah, many children are in throes of losing their Iman.

Whether they are orphans, or children whose parents have lost sight of their purpose, educating them is now fundamental to ensuring that Islam and its adherents stay strong.

Education is crucial to the broader notion of human development. With education, moral and spiritual guidance, our children can become beacons for their communities and inshallah help the Ummah deal with the struggles they currently face.

a class in Rajasthan

Rajasthan is the largest state in India. 4.8 million of its inhabitants are Muslim.

UWT found that Muslim children here were in much difficulty. The iman of their parents and inevitably themselves was suffering because of a lack of knowledge. There was a visible lack of learning in these areas.

In early 2011, upon learning about the seriousness of the situation, UWT established schools throughout the district. Alhamdulillah, today these schools cater for both the secular and spiritual needs of many children.





Over the years UWT has established and funded schools in:

- Pakistan
 India
 Burma
 Somalia
 Gaza
 Bangladesh
 Albania
 Azerbaijan

honouring the Quran

Following the establishment of the Ayubid state, Ibn Jubayr says:

'Salahuddin Ayubi Rahimahullah ordered that many places be built in Egypt, and he appointed therein teachers to teach the Noble Qur'an to the children of the poor, especially orphans, and gave them a sufficient salary.'

- Rihlat Ibn Jubayr



FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2001-2011

'Verily! Allah commands that you should render back the trusts to those to whom they are due.' (4:58)

100% Donations Policy

Ummah Welfare Trust operates on a unique 100% donations policy. Every penny of Zakah, Sadaqah and Lillah received reaches its intended destination.

Administration costs are covered by:

- Donations specified for administration.
- Income generated from clothing banks.
- Profits received from the Ummah shops and charity shops.

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Expenditure Over The Last 10 Years

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Zakah, Sadaqah & Lillah Projects

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP		WIDOW & ORPHANS S	FAMILY SPONSORSHIP		
Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Chechnya, Palestine, Kashmir, Kenya,		Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kashmir		Iraq £50 Per Month	
Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan	£25 Per Month	Chechnya	£35 Per Month	FOOD AID	
Iraq	£35 Per Month	Iraq	£70 Per Month	Most Needy Any Amount	
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	ndia Palestine	£15 Per Month £25 Per Month	
S	chool	Kits	
P	alestine	£10 Per Student	

WEDDINGS

India £200 Per Wedding

PRISONER FAMILY SUPPORT

Most Needy Any Amount

Rasulullah salallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, 'Allah has said, "Spend (on charity) O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you."

- Bukhari & Muslim

Any Amount

Lillah Only Projects

ORPHANAC UCA Kenya UCA Pakistan Burma	Any Amount	MEDICAL (Somalia Iraq Malawi	£1,500 Per Month Any Amount Any Amount		£10,500	India Palestine	£8,000 Any Amount
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Somalia	£1,200					Palestine	Any Amount

UMMAH VOCATIONAL & REHABILITATION CENTRE

Ramadhan Projects 2011

		QUR'AN GIFT		
Most Needy	£50 for the Month	Most Needy	£2 Per Qur'an	Most Needy
Most Needy	£1 Per Person Per Iftar	EID GIFTS		
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AFRICA DROUGHT APPEAL

Zakah, Sadaqah and Lillah

Any Amount

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The adversities suffered by this Ummah in the last ten years have been great. Ummah Welfare Trust's efforts in response have only been small. The little that has been done however has been done because of the support and generosity of others.

The charity would therefore like to thank its partner organisations and donors for all the support given in the past ten years. May Allah the Most Merciful accept all our efforts, however meagre, and give us greater ability in the future to earn His pleasure.

Ameen.

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