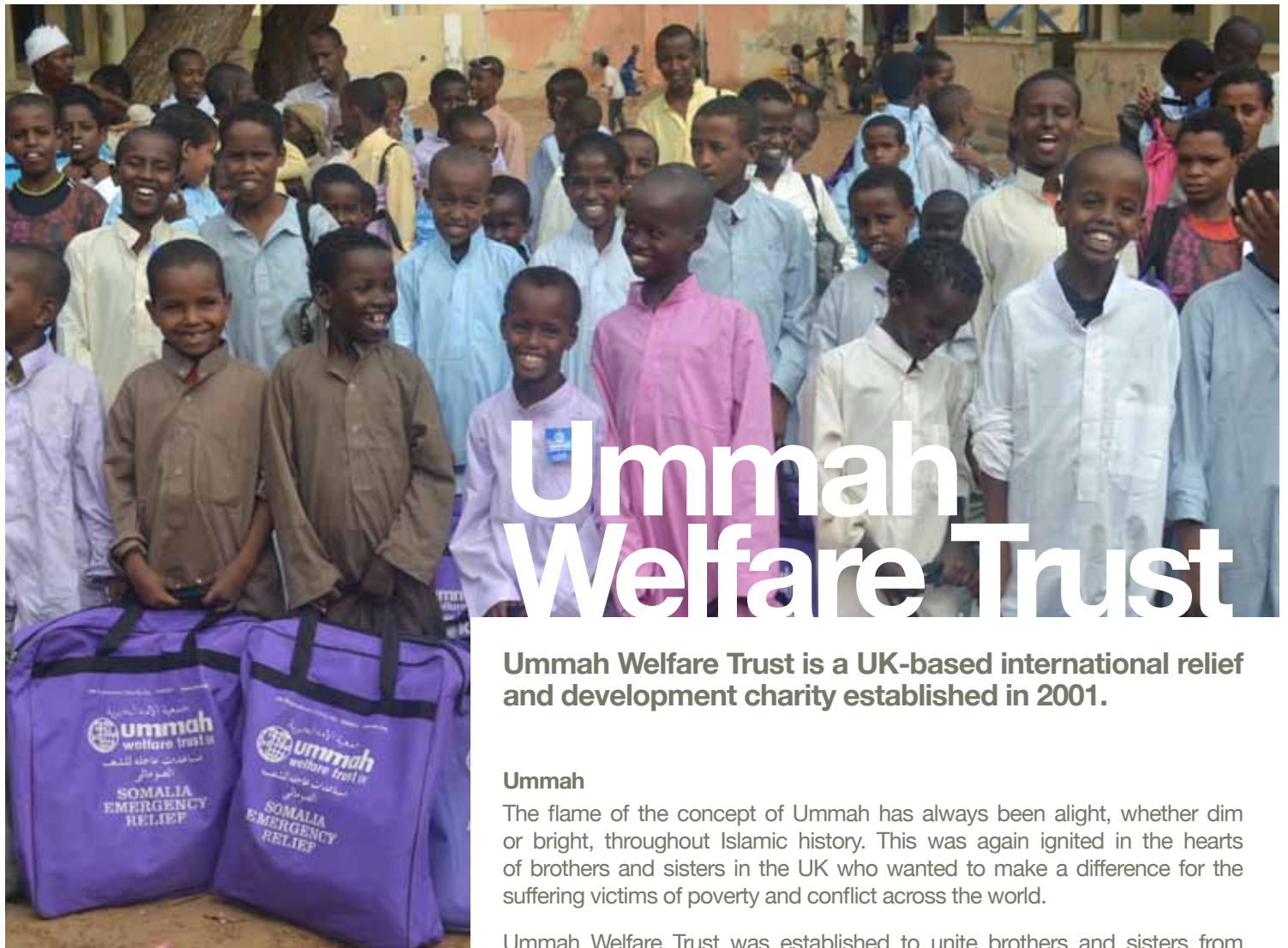




# FROM HABASHA TO SHAAM

ANNUAL REPORT 2012





# Ummah Welfare Trust

**Ummah Welfare Trust is a UK-based international relief and development charity established in 2001.**

## Ummah

The flame of the concept of Ummah has always been alight, whether dim or bright, throughout Islamic history. This was again ignited in the hearts of brothers and sisters in the UK who wanted to make a difference for the suffering victims of poverty and conflict across the world.

Ummah Welfare Trust was established to unite brothers and sisters from different races, cultures, professions and to make a difference to the lives of the poor and destitute around the world.

## Welfare

From providing help to families affected by calamities and conflicts; to taking care of thousands of orphans; to building schools, homes and masjids; to constructing wells; and to distributing food and copies of the Qur'an, the Trust succeeded in connecting the wealthy of the West to the poor of the East.

## Trust

Gaining trust from the public, scholars, organisations and governments was a challenge which has been accomplished with Allah's help.

The supervision of Islamic scholars, transparency, feedback, reporting and a 100% donations policy has instilled a fresh confidence in the minds of our donors. They can entrust Ummah Welfare Trust with their donations, knowing that this is an *amanah* which will reach the needy of this world.

I pray to Allah that He makes the millions of pounds generously donated and the du'as of the beneficiaries a source of salvation for all of us.

Ameen.

Muhammad Ahmad

Trustee

**'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.'**

**- Sahih Muslim**



## Generosity like the *Flowing Wind*

The Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam was the greatest of people in giving Sadaqah (charity) from what he owned. He would never consider anything too much or too little (to give in charity) from what Allah had granted him. His giving was without fear of poverty. Sadaqah was amongst the things most beloved to him. Happiness and joy from what he had given was greater than the recipient's joy for what they had received.

He was the most generous of people in giving. His right hand was like the flowing wind. Whenever an individual was presented to him he would always give preference to him over himself; sometimes in his food, sometimes in his gifts, sometimes by purchasing something from a person and then giving both the price and the product to the seller, and sometimes he would take a loan of something and return more and of a better and greater quality. He would buy something and give more than the price. He would accept gifts and then compensate for it with something more than it and in multitude, with affection and variety.

He would enjoin charity and encourage it. Whenever he would see a miserly person he would invite him to spend and give. Whoever mingled with him or accompanied him and saw his lifestyle (guidance) could not control himself (also) from kindness and generosity.

This is why the Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam was the most delightful creation and the most noble of personalities who possessed the softest of hearts. Indeed in charity and doing good actions there is a wonderful influence in the softening of hearts.

- Ibn ul-Qayim (May Allah have Mercy upon him)



# The virtues of *Shaam*

Zayd ibn Thabit (may Allah be pleased with him) said: We were with the Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam, collecting the Qur'an from pieces of vellum and the Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam said, '**Blessed is Shaam.**' We said, 'Why is that, O Messenger of Allah?' He said, '**Because the angels of the Most Merciful spread their wings over it.**'

-Sunan at-Tirmidhi

**H**istorically ash-Shaam consisted of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and parts of modern Iraq. Syria formed the bulk of this land. History and Islam tells us that the true message of Allah has always prevailed in this region. The Prophets of Islam passed through its hills and valleys inviting in the way of Allah and promising glad tidings.

The eminent Sahabah of Allah's Messenger Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam revived the truth here. Once the seeds of Islam were sown, fruits such as Al Hafidh Ibn Kathir, Imam Nawawi and Shaykh ul-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (May Allah be pleased with them all) were produced.

The trials that now pervade this land and the innocent blood that stains its earth is proof for us that glad tidings will be conferred here for this Ummah. Indeed every drop of blood that Shaam has given is life and blessings for the deen of Allah.

## Shaam in the Noble Qur'an

Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala refers to this land as the Blessed Land. This blessing consisted of the presence of the Prophets and the abundance of harvest and water.

Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa whose surroundings We have blessed, to show Him of Our signs. (17:1)

And We delivered him [Ibrahim] and Lut to the land which We have blessed for (all) peoples. (21:71)

And to Sulayman (We subdued) the wind, blowing forcefully, proceeding by his command towards the land which We had blessed. (21:81)

And We made the son of Maryam (Isa) and his mother a sign, and We gave them refuge on the high ground, a place of flocks and flowing water. (23:50)

By the fig and the olive, by Mount Sinai. (95:1-2).

'The fig' refers to Shaam and 'the olive' refers to Palestine, which is also in Shaam. Mount Sinai is also in Shaam.

## Companions buried in Shaam

Waleed bin Muslim Rahimahullah states, '10,000 pairs of eyes that had seen the Allah's Messenger Salallahu 'alaihi wasallam had entered ash-Shaam.'

- Ibn Asakir

Some of eminent Sahabah that are buried here include:

**Abu Ubaydah ibn al Jarrah**  
**Mu'awiyah ibn Abi Sufyan**  
**Abu Darda al Khazraji al Ansari**  
**Ubay ibn Ka'b**  
**Bilal bin Rabah**  
**Dahyah al Kalbi**  
**Zayd bin Thabit**  
**Dhirar bin Azwar**  
**Khawlah bint al Azwar**  
**Mu'adh ibn Jabal**  
**Shurahbil ibn Hasana**  
**Khalid bin Waleed**

*May Allah be pleased with them all.*

'If the people of Shaam are corrupted then there is no good in you. There will always be a group of my Ummah that will be victorious, and they will not be harmed by those who seek to humiliate them until the hour comes.'

-Sunan at-Tirmidhi



# THE TEARS OF SHAAM

Martyrs in Houla

**S**ince May 2011, an estimated 50,000 Muslims have been killed in Syria. They have been killed merely because they have *Iman*. Killed by an oppressive regime that is now scrambling for power and shed any pretence of humanity that it once had.

This blessed land is in turmoil. The cities of Homs, Deraa and Idlib lay besieged. Families, unable

to move, face arbitrary arrests and torture. They have no heat or electricity. Under so much pressure, their wounded cannot be evacuated nor can their dead be buried.

Mothers find their sons and husbands slaughtered; their throats slit and even their heads removed. Women and girls hide away as they are prey to the

barbarity of the oppressors that surround them. Children are scared to venture outside as the shelling pounds their homes and neighbourhoods.

May Allah forgive us; the situation is severe. The murder, kidnapping and torture continues. Even the child is not spared by the oppressors.

## The Suffering of Abu Sa'ad

Ummah Welfare Trust met Abu Sa'ad and his two children, Sa'ad and Zaynab. Originally from Homs, they were living as refugees in Jordan. In 2011, two days before Ramadhan, Abu Sa'ad was imprisoned for taking part in the protests.

Inside prison, Abu Sa'ad was beaten up so much that he suffered permanent injuries to his spinal cord. He saw protesters tortured in front of him, including his close friend, Hussam Sayyed Ali, who was strangled to death.

Abu Sa'ad said, *"I fled Syria to protect my honour, my wife and my children. If someone is wanted by the regime and they can not find him, they kidnap other members of the family or rape the womenfolk. I saw many imams, scholars and graduates being tortured and their beards forcibly plucked. In prison during Ramadhan, we were not allowed to fast and pray.*

*At times, the guards would say, 'Come and let us go to the Ka'abah.' The 'Ka'abah' was the name given to*

*a filthy torture room where great evil would take place. Islamic scholars were forced to lie down immediately outside the toilet and anyone who went to the toilet would be forced to walk over them. Whoever did not do so would be tortured.*

*This is what is happening and Allah is the one that is going to help his religion inshaAllah. We, the Syrian people, know who has helped us and who has betrayed us."*



## Our Obligation

We cannot leave these people to suffer. Their only crime is to believe in the truth brought to us by the Messenger of Allah Salallahu 'alaihi wa sallam. Through Allah's mercy we share this truth with them. It is therefore our obligation to respond and come to their aid.

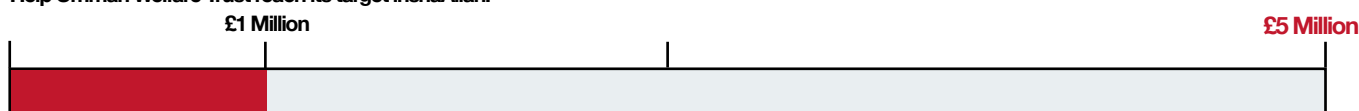
Our wealth belongs to Allah

Subhanahu wa ta'ala. He has deposited it to us to see how we behave with it. If we want success then we should consider all that is beloved to Allah in terms of His wealth. We should spend for that which Islam has encouraged and avoid spending in ways which Islam has not.

The current situation obligates us to respond – surely our wealth can never decrease when used in the aid of the Ummah.

**Ummah Welfare Trust asks you to open your hearts and remember our brothers and sisters in these sad times.**

A **£5 million** has appeal has been launched for ash-Shaam. Help Ummah Welfare Trust reach its target inshaAllah.



\* Money raised so far...

\* As of June 2012

**£150** can provide a displaced family with an Emergency Relief Pack.

One pack contains:

20kg Rice  
2kg Dry Milk  
15 Packs of Pasta  
Box of 100 Tea Bags

24 Packs of Biscuits  
2kg Salt  
12 Bars of Bath Soap  
12 Cakes of Washing Soap

2kg Washing powder  
10 Bags of Nappies  
10 Packs of Sanitary Towels  
45-Piece Kitchen Utensils Set





## Helping our Family in Bilad ash-Shaam

**Ummah Welfare Trust is working inside Syria and on the border with Jordan, providing relief to refugee families fleeing the oppression.**

**T**hough ash-Shaam is rich in goodness, it is today mired in hardship and sorrow. Across the region the truth is opposed - its proponents harassed and killed. Fathers and husbands have been taken away, leaving children as orphans and women as widows.

Islam tells us however, they are being tested and through it their ranks are increasing inshaAllah. But we are also being tested and an opportunity has been given to us to increase our ranks by spending from the wealth that Allah has given to us.

**‘Allah will remain committed to helping His servant as long as he remains committed to helping his brother.’**

**- Sahih Muslim**



# Helping refugees in Jordan

An estimated 50,000 refugees have fled across Syria's southern border into Jordan. Ummah Welfare Trust is providing relief to families fleeing the oppression.



**4,000**

Emergency Relief  
Packs

**30,000**

Iftaar Packs  
for Ramadhan

**£1.1 Million**

Spent on the  
crisis so far

## Inside Homs

**N**owhere has the oppression been more striking than in the town of Homs, western Syria. The city has been subject to daily shelling since the early days of the protests and the persecution here has been the most.

Though access to Homs has been difficult for relief workers, with Allah's help, **Ummah Welfare Trust has distributed food packages to thousands of families inside the city.**

Displaced families and those whose members have been martyred or imprisoned are being helped. Milk is being distributed

to families with children of breastfeeding age and nappy provisions are being given to families with children below two years of age.

Families have also received blankets, rugs and pillows. Ummah Welfare Trust is also meeting the medical needs of all the recipient families.

**£100,000**  
allocated for families  
inside Syria this Ramadhan

Distributions are being undertaken by volunteers. They are sacrificing their safety and well-being to ensure Ummah Welfare Trust can help families inside Homs – a city whose suffering has captured the attention of the whole world.





# Responding to the Cries of Habasha

In the summer of 2011, Muslims across south and central Somalia were facing famine. Ummah Welfare Trust responded by launching a £10 million appeal.

Donors' generosity helped Ummah Welfare Trust administer the biggest emergency relief project since its inception.



**50,000**  
Food packs distributed

**4,000**  
Eid gifts distributed

**200**  
Water wells being constructed

**8,000**  
Family sets of clothes distributed

**9,000**  
Kitchen utensil sets distributed

**2,700**  
Goats sacrificed for Eid ul-Adha

**1,000**  
Tents distributed

**£500,000**  
Worth of medical aid distributed

**5,000**  
Families fed for Eid ul-Fitr

**3**  
Water tankers deliver water to thousands everyday

**1,000**  
Patients and attendees receive cooked food everyday

**20,000**  
Iftaar packs delivered for Ramadhan

**5,000**  
Hygiene-kits distributed

**12**  
Orphanages identified for relief

**112**  
Containers of relief goods delivered to date

**100**  
Containers of relief goods due to be delivered

Last year a £10 million appeal was launched.  
Help Ummah Welfare Trust reach its target inshaAllah.



\* As of June 2012





Place wheat on the tops of mountains so it cannot be said that a bird went hungry in the land of the Muslims.

- 'Umar ibn 'Abdul 'Aziz (May Allah be pleased with him)





# newlifeproject

The New Life Project has been tailored for rural families in Somalia.  
With your support **5,000** poor rural families will be able to start again inshaAllah.

## For £700 you can provide a family with:

- A new handmade steel home - Lasts a lifetime
- A 35kg food package - Contains rice and flour
- A kitchen and wash set - 45-piece set containing a stove, pots, watercooler, etc.
- A family-set of clothes - 6 pairs of clothes and 6 pairs of slippers
- A new bedding set - Mattresses, pillows and blankets
- A hygiene set - Mosquito nets, soap, miswaaks, etc.
- A Qur'an and prayer mat
- Islamic Books

### Before

Families live in squalid conditions



### After

The difference your donation makes





# Helping Habiba

**‘The one who strives for the widows and poor is like the one who does Jihad in the way of Allah, or the one who stands in the night prayer and fasts during the day.’**

- Sahih al-Bukhari

**Habiba is an elderly widow living in Kahda. Situated between Mogadishu and Afgoye, the town has witnessed violent clashes in recent years.**

**H**abiba’s husband became a victim when he was killed in the crossfire of a skirmish that broke out suddenly. The unending war has not spared many families in the volatile Afgoye corridor. Habiba’s three daughters, despite being so young, have also seen their husbands killed.

The family live in a ramshackle hut on the outskirts of Kahda. Their home is made from branches, shreds of cloth and disposed bags of rice. They

survive on the meagre earnings of a grandson who works intermittently as a porter. Ummah Welfare Trust fieldworkers observed that the family had no possessions and would sleep on old mats.

**On the Day of Judgement, Allah Subhanahu wa ta’ala will not look at our wealth, our appearance or our achievements in this world.**

give Habiba and her family a new steel home where their honour can be safeguarded; and the essentials

Our mother in Islam has been reduced to living like this. But we can change it. Your donations will

with which to live their lives, such as bedding, kitchen utensils, food provisions, clothing and a hygiene kit.

On the Day of Judgement, Allah Subhanahu wa ta’ala will not look at our wealth, our appearance or our achievements in this world. Rather we will be judged upon our deeds, the effects of which will last forever. Sincerely helping mothers like Habiba will earn Allah’s favour and bring us success on a day when no one will be able to help us.







# WIDOWS & ORPHANS

**20 years of war, displacement and hunger means the number of widows and orphans in Somalia has spiralled upwards.**



**D**isaster or no disaster, many of our brothers and sisters always live in hardship and neglect. Widowed and orphaned families sadly fall into this category. They are granted a lofty status in Islam however and command many rights over the Ummah.

Ummah Welfare Trust has made a concerted effort to reach out to them.

Amidst the relief operations taking place, orphanages were targeted in 2012. **Food provisions have been distributed to the families of orphans studying at:**

**‘Keep an orphan close to you and be kind to him and stroke his head and feed him from your food, for this will soften your heart and you will reach your goal.’**

- Sunan al-Baihaqi

- Umm Salama Orphanage, Baidoa
- ‘Umar ibn al-Khattab Orphanage, Baidoa
- Fath ur-Rahman Orphanage, Baidoa
- Hamarweyne Orphanage, Mogadishu
- Al Birr Orphanage, Wadajir
- As-Salaam Orphanage, Mogadishu
- Tadamun Orphanage, Afgoye
- ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib Orphanage, Burhakaba
- Osama bin Zaid Orphanage, Wajid
- Ibn al-Mubarak Orphanage, Wanlaweyne
- Bedar Kubra Orphanage, Damerale
- ‘Uthman ibn ‘Affan Orphanage, Mogadishu

Provisions have also been distributed to orphaned families across the Banadir region.







# Markaz 'Umar ibn al-Khattab

Ummah Welfare Trust's orphanage in Baidoa looks after 850 children.



**T**he orphanage was founded in 1992 by local scholars keen to safeguard the *Iman* of young children affected by war.

The building was formerly a church made by Catholic missionaries during Italy's imperialist rule. In 1991 the then Somali government bought the building and handed it over to the Ministry of Education. This government collapsed however following the outbreak of war in 1992. Alhamdulillah at this point local scholars stepped in to use the building for a greater purpose.

The school itself caters for male and female orphans from the age of 5 to the age of 17/18 – the age when secondary school ends.

In primary school, seven subjects are taught: Maths, Science, GHC (geography, history and civics), Tarbiyah, Arabic, Somali, and English. In secondary school ten subjects are taught: Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, English, Somali, Tarbiyah, History and Geography.

**You can sponsor an orphan here for £25 a month.**





# Drought In West Africa

**Drought blighted East Africa last year. A similar affliction has today befallen our brothers and sisters in West Africa.**

**I**n Niger today, more than 6 million Muslims need help after drought blighted crops and decimated animal stocks. A refugee crisis stemming from neighbouring Mali has compounded the crisis. Many of our brothers and sisters have been reduced to eating wild plants to survive.

Harvests have been bad for four years now and the situation is likely to get worse. In June the lean season began, a time when food supplies typically thin out and prices rise. The problem this year is that food supplies have been thinning out since January.

**‘Indeed Allah has a creation whom he has created for the need of mankind. People rush towards them in their time of need. They (the people towards whom the needy rush) will be free from the punishment of Allah.’**

**– At-Tabarani**

**13 Million**

**People across the Sahel region face hunger**



# The Generosity of ‘Uthman May Allah be pleased with him

**T**here was a drought during the Khilafah Abu Bakr Siddique Radiallahu ‘anhu. The people came to Abu Bakr and said, ‘It has not rained and the Earth is not bringing forth its produce and the people are suffering great hardship.’ Abu Bakr said, ‘Go and be patient, for evening will not come before Allah the Most Generous grants you relief.’

It was not long before the workers of ‘Uthman Radiallahu‘anhu came from Syria, bringing him one hundred camels laden with wheat - or foodstuff. The people gathered at ‘Uthman’s door and knocked on the

door. ‘Uthman came out to the crowd of people and said, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘It has not rained and the earth is not bringing forth its produce and the people are suffering great hardship and we have heard that you have food; sell it to us so that we may give it to the poor Muslims.’

‘Uthman said, ‘By all means, come in and buy.’ The merchants went in and saw the food in the house of ‘Uthman. He said, ‘O merchants, how much profit will you give me for that which I bought from Syria?’ They said, ‘Twelve in return for ten.’

‘Uthman said, ‘I have had a better offer.’ They said, ‘Fifteen for ten.’ ‘Uthman said, ‘I have had a better offer.’ The merchants said, ‘O Abu ‘Amr, there are no other merchants in Madinah, other than us. Who has given you a better offer?’

‘Uthman said, ‘Allah, may He be blessed and Exalted, has given me a better offer, ten for every dirham. Can you offer me more?’

They said, ‘No, by Allah.’ He said, ‘I call upon Allah to bear witness that I am giving this food as charity for the poor Muslims.’

## Follow ‘Uthman’s Example

Opportunities to earn Allah’s favour continue to arise. Last year Ummah Welfare Trust appealed for our brothers and sisters in East Africa and you responded alhamdulillah. The charity is now asking again; this time for our brothers and sisters in West Africa.

Families here are waiting for the Ummah to respond.

**This Ramadhan is our opportunity inshaAllah.**



# FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

## *Two years of devastation*

**For two consecutive years, flash floods engulfed Pakistan. With your support, Ummah Welfare Trust was there to respond.**

In 2010, catastrophic floods in Pakistan affected more than 20 million people. Devastating communities throughout the country, more than 1,900 people were killed and nearly 1.9 million homes were destroyed.

Almost a year went by. Then in mid-August 2011, three

days of monsoon rains ravaged rural Pakistan once again. Eight million Pakistanis, still recovering from the devastation of 2010, were affected. Over 2.8 million acres of agricultural land was submerged, killing over 120,000 cattle and countless more poultry.

### PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF

In 2010 and 2011, Ummah Welfare Trust provided emergency relief to families whose lives had been destroyed. Your support meant that the response was swift, comprehensive and decisive, alhamdulillah.

#### 2010

**13 Ummah Tent Camps catering for 3,000 families**  
**10 Medical camps treating 150,000 patients**  
**Cooked food to 1,000 people for 10 days**  
**26,000 Food and Iftaar packs**  
**10,000 Kitchen utensil sets**  
**9,500 Winter Aid kits**

#### 2011

**2 Ummah Tent Camps catering for 5,000 families**  
**Cooked food to 15,000 people for 1 month**  
**3 Medical Camps treating 75,000 patients**  
**25,000 Food and Iftaar packs**  
**5,000 Kitchen utensils sets**  
**5,000 Winter aid kits**







# HELPING THEM START

## *Constructing Lives*

Across Pakistan Ummah Welfare Trust has built new homes, installed hand pumps and constructed masjids.

# 740

Homes Constructed

**W**ork has been relentless and new concrete homes and masjids have been constructed in Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtun Khwa.

Alhamdulillah thanks to these homes, many families remained unaffected by the monsoon rains a year later.

# 411

Hand Pumps Installed

The powerful rains of 2011 came at a time when Ummah Welfare Trust had constructed many flood-resistant homes for the flood victims of 2010.

Though many homes and masjids were demolished, much debris remained. This was reused as part of the reconstruction. Building costs were reduced and many more families were helped as a result.

# 40

Masjids Built

**‘Whoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him a grief on the Day of Judgement.’**

- Sahih Muslim

# 1.2 Million

People have benefited from the overall flood-response programme






# TAGAIN

**'Whoever builds a masjid, desiring thereby Allah's pleasure, Allah builds for him the like of it in Paradise.'**

**- Sahih al-Bukhari**





# UMMAH CHILDREN ACADEMY

**For the suffering orphans of this Ummah who have been given a chance to succeed in this life and the next.**

**T**he believers command sanctity and protection. When groups of them are in need, such as the orphans, one should strive to help them. For Ummah Welfare Trust, sponsoring an orphan means protecting his Islam, teaching him, taking care of his shelter and sustenance and guiding him to live in this world.

In 2001, following conflict in Afghanistan and the hardship that ensued after, Ummah Welfare Trust realised that many orphans in this Ummah were in great danger. Their lives and their Iman were at stake.

Action was required. In 2003, Ummah Welfare Trust purchased five acres

of land in the Nowshera district of Pakistan. The aim was to create the Ummah Children Academy. An institute, whose aim was to provide shelter, food and guidance to the suffering orphans of this Ummah.

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

The academy caters for 850 orphans from across Pakistan and Kashmir. For these children there is now a chance where there once was not. Alhamdulillah.

**'Whoever from among the Muslims includes an orphan towards his food and drink until Allah makes that orphan stand on his own feet, then for such an individual Paradise will become waajib (compulsory).'**

**- Musnad Imam Ahmad**





## Zakirullah's Journey

In 2010 Zakirullah's father died a day before floods engulfed his village Wisal Abad. He had little time to grieve however as the floods destroyed his home a day later.

Zakirullah and his mother, still in shock, found refuge in an Ummah Tent Village where they lived until the floods receded.

Once families could go back home, Ummah Welfare Trust launched its house construction programme. A senior fieldworker recalls, 'When many victims were asking for new homes, Zakirullah was serving drinks to our fieldworkers, such

were his manners. In the camps, he and his mother never once asked if they could have their home rebuilt.'

Following assessments fieldworkers announced that the first home to be constructed in Wisal Abad will be for Zakirullah and his mother.

After moving into their new home, Zakirullah was enrolled into the Ummah Children Academy. Two years on, Zakirullah is enjoying his studies and his confidence is restored. He is currently in class 2 and recently achieved 710 out of 800 in his end-of-year exams.







# Ummah Disabled C

**D**isabled people in Pakistan have traditionally received little support. The most marginalised group in the country, they are unseen and unheard. Most are left to live a life confined to the home, ignored by their families and society in general.

In response to the floods in 2010, Ummah Welfare Trust fieldworkers realised the seriousness of the situation. A rehabilitation centre was therefore established for these poor victims. The centre, situated in Rawalpindi, was designed to

empower the disabled people of Pakistan by providing workshops and teaching skills.

The level of service required has now however outgrown the centre's capacity. The demand for rehabilitation services in Pakistan means larger premises are needed to better deal with the community's needs.







# entre

## £1 Million Appeal Launched

Ummah Welfare Trust now aims to build the Ummah Disability Centre; a beacon for the disabled community of Pakistan inshaAllah. It will provide unmatched residential care for 250 disabled persons, empowering them and giving them a chance in life.

Covering an area of 52,000 square feet, the centre will have a library, a science laboratory and a computer laboratory. The vocational wings of the centre will comprise of a carpentry workshop, a welding workshop, a computer repairs laboratory, a stitching and textiles unit and a packing workshop.

One of the unique aims of this centre is to make it self-reliant. By teaching the residents of the centre a skill or

livelihood, the centre can generate enough revenue to stand on its own feet, without the need for Lillah donations. Residents will gain a sense of dignity and honour as they start to be active members of society.

The ambitions for this project are noble but cannot be achieved without your help. The project will cost £1 million. This amounts to £4,000 per student.

Our health, comfort and blessings have been decreed by Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala. We did not ask and yet Allah bestowed us with his favours. What greater way to show appreciation to our Maker than to help those who have been tested with frailty in this life.

**'Seek help amongst your weak ones, for you are given provision and help only because of the weak amongst you.'**

**- Sunan Abi Dawud**





# ACROSS

**'All creatures are the dependants of Allah. Allah treats His dependants the best.'**



**S**adaqah (charity) has been ordained for two reasons: to see to the needs of the Muslims and to help Islam and strengthen it. Alhamdulillah your continued sadaqah has allowed Ummah Welfare Trust to help thousands of our brothers and sisters across the Ummah in the past year.



From building Masjids to installing hand pumps and to providing surgery, through the grace of Allah, Ummah Welfare Trust has helped millions of people in the past 12 months. Beneficiaries from Haiti to Indonesia have been thanking and praising Allah because of your continued generosity.





## Helping Children's Studies

In the town of Chalon, in the district of Miragoane, is Haiti Education Centre. No electricity supply meant the school could not function during the dark hours. Alhamdulillah thanks to your donations, solar panels were installed on the roofs of the classrooms, kitchen and boarding house. Inverters were also installed and staff were provided with training on how to maintain the system.

Alhamdulillah the students at the school will now be able to study and gain 'ilm in the early hours of the day and in the night.

Ummah Welfare Trust is also constructing a new building for the school so more children can be provided with an education. The building will be a means of safeguarding the *Iman* of our young children in Haiti inshaAllah.

In the past year Ummah Welfare Trust has worked in:

AFGHANISTAN  
BANGLADESH  
CHECHNYA  
GAMBIA  
GHANA  
HAITI  
INDIA  
INDONESIA  
IRAQ  
JORDAN  
KASHMIR  
KENYA  
LIBYA  
MALAWI  
NIGER  
PAKISTAN  
PALESTINE  
PHILIPPINES  
SENEGAL  
SUDAN  
SOMALIA  
SYRIA

# THE UMMAH

The most beloved to Allah from all creation is he who  
-Sunan al-Baihaqi

## Delivering Water

For the past two years, Ummah Welfare Trust has been trucking water to needy families, schools and hospitals in Gaza. The water is treated and supplied by the Khubaib ibn Adiy water desalination plant. Due to heavy use of the plant however – sadly a necessity – the desalination unit recently broke down.

Your donations allowed Ummah Welfare Trust to provide a new desalination unit for the plant. With this unit, Ummah Welfare Trust can continue trucking water to needy families in Gaza.

The truck distributes clean drinking water to 150 poor families, 12 schools, 2 masjids and 1 hospital every week. Alhamdulillah, thousands – which include patients, students,

worshippers and children – receive clean water every day. The *hifz* students in Ummah Welfare Trust's *Tahfeez ul-Qur'an* project also benefit from the provision of clean water.

The truck travels to Gaza city, Jabalia Camp, Beit Lahiya and Al-Tuffah. Every month 600 cubic metres of clean water is distributed. Families are grateful to Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala for the generosity of Ummah Welfare Trust's donors and hope they will continue to remember the suffering of the Palestinian people in their prayers.



# Glad Tidings of Eid

**Ummah Welfare Trust spent £848,921 for last year's Qurbani project – the largest amount since the charity's inception.**

**L**ast year the blessings of Eid reached poor Muslim communities in 19 countries around the world. In total, 3226 large animals and 5888 small animals were sacrificed, with priority given to the disaster regions of Pakistan and Somalia.

In Somalia, an unprecedented 2,700 goats were sacrificed for families affected by war and drought. In the rest of Africa, Udhiyah meat was enjoyed in Gambia, Ghana, Malawi, Senegal and Sudan.

In Pakistan, over 2,700 animals (1080 large and 1650 small) were sacrificed for the long-standing flood victims of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Baluchistan. From Pakistan, the Udhiyah meat of over 1000 animals was transported to poor families in Afghanistan and Kashmir.

Thanks to Ummah Welfare Trust's donors, around half a million people benefitted from last year's Qurbani programme.

## Gifts For Children

As part of its response to disasters in Pakistan and Somalia, Ummah Welfare Trust launched a nationwide fundraising campaign for schoolchildren in the UK. Called 'Kidz 4 Kidz', the campaign encouraged children to raise money and help displaced children in Pakistan and Somalia.

Eid gifts have also been distributed to children in Gaza, India, Albania and the Philippines.

We ask Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala to accept the efforts of our children in the UK who, through their endeavours, have developed a sense of selflessness and generosity that belies their tender years. May they continue to serve the Ummah throughout their lives inshaAllah.







## PROVIDING IFTAR IN RAMADHAN

**'Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward.'**  
- Sunan at-Tirmidhi

**F**rom Gambia to Iraq to Indonesia, last year 350,000 Muslims benefitted from Iftar packs distributed by Ummah Welfare Trust. Alhamdulillah these packs not only fed poor families for Suhoor and Iftar but importantly enabled them to fast and receive the blessings of Ramadhan.

For Ramadhan 2012 Ummah Welfare Trust plans to distribute specially-made Iftar packs to hundreds of thousands of families across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. One million Muslims will be fed this year inshaAllah.



### Iftar in Afghanistan

Shah Muhammad lived with his wife and six children in Kandahar. He eldest son was 8 years old.

In 1994, whilst he was working for the UN, Shah Muhammad accidentally stepped on some unexploded ordnance. He lost his arm, leg and then his eyesight in surgery after.

During surveys for Iftar packs, Ummah Welfare Trust fieldworkers came to Shah Muhammad's house. He was asked about his source of income. Shah Muhammad responded, 'In order to fill the stomachs of my children, I have sold my own blood and the whole of this village is witness to this. I sold some of my blood in order to buy food for the holy month of Ramadhan.'

Shah Muhammad and his family were some of the thousands who benefitted from the Iftar relief programme in Afghanistan last year.



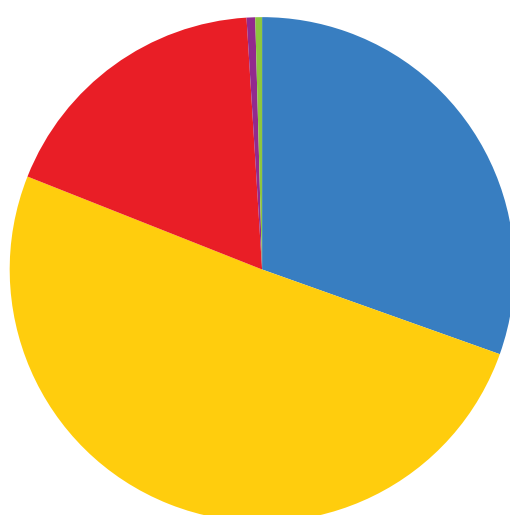
# Financial Summary 2011/2012

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

**Total Income**  
**£13,440,067**

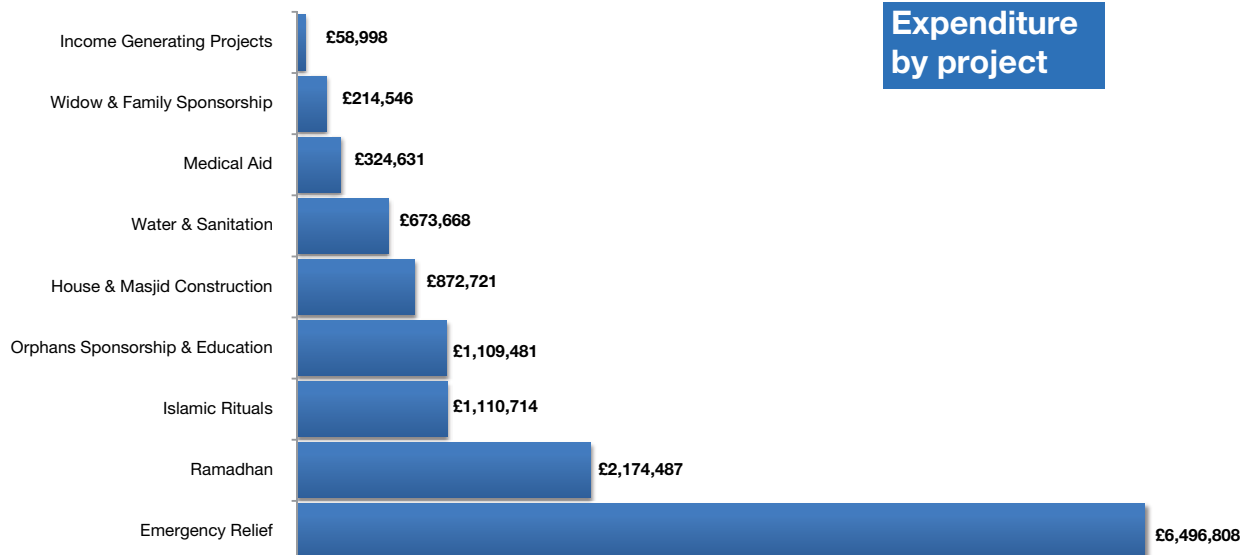
**Total Expenditure**  
**£13,036,054**

Between 1st July 2011 to 31st June 2012



## Expenditure by region

- Africa £6,590,408
- Asia £3,969,091
- Middle East £2,348,250
- Europe £71,683
- The Americas £56,622



## Expenditure by project

## 100% Donations Policy

Ummah Welfare Trust operates on a 100% donations policy. Every penny of Zakah, Sadaqah and Lillah received is allocated for 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.
- Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid. This allows donors to increase the value of their donation by 25%.



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# Help Feed A Million This Ramadhan

Feed One  
Family for  
**£50**  
this Month

Eid Gifts  
**£10**

Sadaqatul Fitr  
**£1.50**

Ummah Welfare Trust aims to provide Iftaar to **One Million** poor Muslims across Africa, Asia and the Middle East for Ramadhan 2012.

**You Can Help.**

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- Sunan at-Tirmidhi

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