

# THE ZAHRA TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

**RAMADHAN 2014 - RAMADHAN 2015**



The  
zahra<sup>(S)</sup>  
trust

"Changing Lives"

# VISION

A world where everyone has access to the basic necessities in life and living self-sufficiently with spiritual development.



# VALUES

Inspired by the Holy Household (a.s), The Zahra Trust aims to assist people in the practices taught by them with the principles of our faith.



# MISSION

The Zahra Trusts' mission is to aid those suffering from poverty and famine, by providing basic philanthropic needs, enabling them to survive and making them self-sustainable so that they will no longer require aid. The Trust also works on promoting education and spreading the truth through media outlets and has established seminars globally. We have founded key bases and contacts in various regions whilst at the same time working with existing organisations to fulfil our objectives.

# **MESSAGE FROM THE ZAHRA TRUST TEAM**

Salam Alaykum,

The Zahra Trust team has had the privilege to witness how the aid you our generous donors have provided has shaped prosperous lives for the vulnerable and needy. From Ramadhan 2014 to this Holy month The Zahra Trust has responded to emergencies including the internally displaced people of Iraq who are under threat from ISIS and the war in Syria, while at the same time supporting development projects including shaheed victims in Pakistan, water systems in Afghanistan, orphan and widow welfare programs in Iraq, Iran and East Africa and food programmes in all of the above countries.

With The Trust expanding its aid work in more countries, we look forward to continuing the progress we have already made in the fight against poverty and seeing the potential of the vulnerable come to fruition.

As always, we do not hold any of these achievements as ours alone. Each of these successes is attributed to our vital partnerships with individual donors, mosque committees, university groups and well-wishers.

We sincerely hope you continue this journey with us in assisting our fellow brothers and sisters in need.

With Salam & Duas,

The Zahra Trust Team

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# EMERGENCY RELIEF & REHABILITATION

**OUR GOAL:**

Assist people in their time of need by responding to disasters and providing continued support to help them rebuild their lives.

During the summer of 2014 many countries were going through turmoil and violence, The Trust raised crucial funds for Iraq and Syria allowing us to carry out extensive and much-needed programmes for families affected by conflict.

### **Iraq Under Attack**

The situation in northern Iraq became more dangerous as fighting intensified over the past year. Families with women and children were under threat and were fleeing their homes in the masses, escaping the terror with little or no belongings.

There has been a major influx of the displaced people from the conflict areas especially from Mosul and Telafar fleeing to Najaf al Ashraf to seek refuge in the Holy city. The Trust has distributed essential aid to the displaced including food, clothing, sanitation items, shelter and housing.

“What has happened is awful, we have suffered so much. Before ISIS forced us to leave we would receive coffins every day from the university. Whoever was Shia would be captured. There isn’t a day that passes by that we did not receive a coffin.”



### **Syria Aid Mission**

The situation in Syria continues to deteriorate and has caused the world’s worst refugee crisis for 20 years, with an average of 6,000 people fleeing the country every day. Coupled with this, over 12 million people are in need within the country with a staggering nearly 200,000 killed,

the turmoil witnessed by the people has caused them severe trauma.

The Zahra Trust took two aid missions into Syria in 2014 and one in 2015, this allowed us to distribute essential winterisation kits including blankets and large food parcels that will last a family a month.

# FOOD DRIVE

**OUR GOAL:**

To tackle hunger by providing nutritious and quality food for the vulnerable and needy.



### **Food Parcels**

The most common request from families under the care of The Zahra Trust is that of assistance with the purchase of food. Staggeringly hunger still persists as the biggest global killer in the world, and as a basic need for survival it is an essential aid requirement.

The Trust distributes food parcels in countries including Iraq, Iran, Syria and Afghanistan. The food parcels provide families essentials for a month tailored to the dietary tastes of the country with staple food including rice, chicken, oil, tea, sugar, dates and puree.

## Qurbani

During the season of Eid al Adha The Zahra Trust provided Qurbani's to the poor and vulnerable in Iraq, East Africa, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Qurbani can provide a wholesome meal to the needy whose diets lack the right nutrients to support their development. Poor diets have a knock on effect on the wellbeing of the individual, leading to low concentration during school for example and or deficient physical health during strenuous work. All of which makes it harder for people to come out of poverty and develop a more sustainable future.



## Iftar

During Ramadhan living in poverty can prove to be a difficult experience for many, and so The Zahra Trust tailored the iftar distribution to best suit the needs of the vulnerable. In Iraq where we have over 2000 widow families registered, The Trust provided a mobile iftar service. We delivered iftar to the widows homes as it was difficult for them to leave their house with the children.



In Pakistan, The Trust arranged iftar for approximately 2000 people in the remote town of Madina Ahlebait in Gilgit during the Holy nights of Qadr. The residents of this town had lost their belongings and homes during the earthquake in 2013 which had caused a significant amount of fatalities, injuries and vast destruction of infrastructure which in turn led to people losing their jobs with no way to support themselves.

The people of Madina Ahlebait were grateful for the iftars and replied with the sentiments of doing dua for the donors, with one person expressing the phrase:

اے اللہ  
اپنی رحمت نازل فرما  
ان لوگوں پر  
جو ہم جیسے بے سہارا لوگوں کا خیال رکھتے ہیں

*"O Lord bless all those people who care for the helpless and share their worries."*

## Feed 10 Orphans

The Trust started a new project in 2014 which allowed us to specifically focus on the dietary needs of vulnerable orphans. This enabled us to provide essentials to a child consistently over a longer period of time which allows the child's physical development to progress more efficiently instead of in spurts of nutritional intake.



# KHUMS PROJECT

**“If everyone paid their Islamic dues there would not be a single poor or needy Muslim.”**

**Imam Jaffer Sadiq (a.s)**

To bring about this equality in the economic condition of the people, Islam has introduced various methods with one prominent one being Khums. This important method is the transferring of

excess wealth from the fortunate sector of the society to its less fortunate members. Islam aims at eliminating the ‘need’, and elevating the needy people to the level of being ‘free from want’.

**KHUMS CALCULATOR**

SAVINGS END OF THE YEAR £ -----

ANNUAL BUSINESS PROFITS & ASSETS £ -----

UNUSED GIFTS £ -----

UNUSED ITEMS £ -----

ANY OTHER INCOME £ -----

THIS YEARS TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E) £ -----

REMAINDER ON LAST YEARS SAVINGS ON WHICH KHUMS WAS ALREADY PAID £ -----

**CALCULATION OF KHUMS**

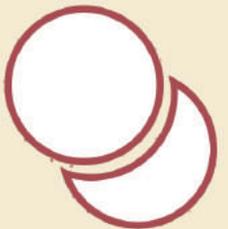
TOTAL KHUMS (£) = 61250

TOTAL KHUMS/E

SEHME IHAM -----

SEHME SADAT -----

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The Zahra Trust have written Ijaza for Khums from

- Grand Ayatullah Syed Ali Al Sistani
- Grand Ayatullah Sheikh Bashir Al Najafi
- Grand Ayatullah Syed M.S. Al Hakim
- Grand Ayatullah Sheikh Ishaq Al Fayaz



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'And give unto orphans their property and do not exchange (your) bad things for (their) good ones; and devour not their substance (by adding it) to your substance. Surely, this is a great sin.'

*Holy Quran 4:2*





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# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

**THE ZAHRA TRUST GOAL:**

To empower communities to have education and sufficient skills to achieve economic independence and self-determination.

## Sewing Machines

This year The Zahra Trust is providing assistance to widows with a micro-finance initiative, supplying them with a sewing machine, material and assistance for a year so that they are able to produce their own clothing but also if they so wish supply clothing to others and earn an income. One set of generous donors to this cause was the Shia Ladies WhatsApp group which consisted of women from different regions of the UK. The ladies of the group were dedicated in supporting and providing a long lasting change to the vulnerable women in Iraq and fundraised together to provide two sewing machines for the widows.



## Funfair

One of the important aspects of child development is actually letting the youth enjoy their childhood, and simply have some fun! After witnessing the devastating lives of the orphans, The Trust decided to bring back some enjoyment into their lives and the widows by taking them to a funfair on Eid-e-Mubahila.

The day out was an amazing experience for the children as majority of them had never been to a funfair before. The children enjoyed lots of sweet treats, amazing rides and more importantly they got to have fun!

## Live programmes from Syria

Alhamdulillah we were able to arrange live programmes from Damascus by the Haram of Sayeda Zainab (s.a) during the month of Muharram in 2014. People were able to give their Salam to the victorious lady and also witness the situation in the country and how they can assist the war stricken vulnerable people.



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# MEDICAL AID

**OUR GOAL:**

To provide treatment to those in need of urgent medical care and assist in quality medical attention for ailments.



Mariam Shabazi had complications with her pregnancy and required urgent treatment to help with the successful delivery of her baby. However her husband could not afford the medical expenses at the hospital as he was a student and received a minimal income. We were made aware of the situation and paid the full medical expenses. Alhamdulillah Mariam gave birth to a healthy child and the couple are very happy with their growing family.

Ahmad Kirmanshahi is a refugee from Syria, he is very ill with renal disease and thus cannot work. He is the only man in the family and there is no one else that can financially support them. Mr Kirmanshahi's daughter was suffering from severe dental pain and she was unable to receive treatment as the family could not afford the expenses. The Zahra Trust found out about the incident and with your help was able to pay for the treatment.



Abd Hussain Razai is completely paralysed and is in need of adult nappies and other accessories. However the costs of these items are high and his family who live on a stringent income were unable to afford to buy the necessities for him. The family requested The Trust to help them and we were able to take full responsibility of the case.

Mariam Amrani's infant cannot suckle her as she has severe allergies and pain in her chest, and so she needed baby formula to feed her new born child. As she is a Syrian refugee who escaped the country with minimal belongings her family have very little to survive on and were not able to afford the baby milk. Alhamdulillah the Zahra Trust has been able to provide milk to the baby.



# IMAMBA



## MOSQUE



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## EDUCATION CENTRE



## MEDICAL CLINIC



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# WATER AID

**OUR GOAL:**

To provide safe clean drinking water to the vulnerable & needy.



### Water Station Iraq

Najaf and its surrounding areas are densely populated with victims of violence who have escaped the horrors of ISIS in the North of Iraq. The victims are in desperate need of basic necessities including clean water.

The Zahra Trust has built a water facility that produces around 1200 liters of clean safe drinking water per hour, that's 28,800 liters per day that can be made available to over thousands of vulnerable families. The water station will also benefit millions of zawars during the Arbaeen walk from Najaf to Karbala.

### Water Tank Distribution

“We thank the respected donors who donated water tanks to us in Muharam. We find it severely difficult to find water, sometimes we have been without water for 25 days and we need to buy water for drinking and washing. We thank Allah and the donors and ask Allah to bless them and thanks also to Abu Ahmad and Syed Muhanad (The Zahra Trust representatives) who take care of the orphans and may Allah bless them too.”

**1 in 9**  
**people in the**  
**world do not have**  
**access to**  
**clean**  
**water**



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# FAMILY MATTERS

**OUR GOAL:**

All families are provided basic necessities, sufficient education and skills, food and shelter to enable them to create a successful future.



### Bracelet Making Workshop

The Trust visited the houses of the orphans and introduced them to the Loom Bands craze, where the young ones quickly learnt how to make colourful bracelets and even the adults joined in! The children really enjoyed the experience and more importantly they were happy that they were given attention to by The Trust and neighbours.

### Orphan Sponsorship

The war and now recent conflict in Iraq has had a brutal effect on the women and youth rendering nearly a million children as orphans and around 10% of the female population as widows. This



has led to long term poverty for the countries most vulnerable and has had an endemic effect on the future physical and mental wellbeing of the young. Research shows a staggering 1 in 4 children experience stunted growth, which is an irreversible outcome of chronic under-nutrition in the first few years of life.

With this in mind The Trust kept a special focus on widows and orphans during our Ramadhan 2014 fundraising activities and Alhamdulillah we were able to collect sponsorship for a year for a number of orphans and provide assistance to 200 widows. Further to this we have also collected funds from our generous donors which will

allow us to provide nutritious food parcels to over 1000 orphans during the year.



### Eid Gifts

For the first time in 2014 The Zahra Trust has been able to deliver Eid al Fitr gifts to over 200 orphans. This included a new pair of clothes, shoes and a toy. The children were invited to The Trust in Najaf where they were given sweets, played games and enjoyed spending



time with other children.

### **Social Events: Restaurant**

The Zahra Trust takes a holistic approach to development and thus aims to provide well-rounded aid delivery and programmes to the needy and



vulnerable. With this in mind we have established various social events where families in similar situations can interact with each other.

In Ramadhan 2014 we arranged for over a thousand people to

eat iftar in a restaurant where they were allowed to relax and have delightful cuisine served to them. We took a similar approach with families in Iraq in the winter of 2014 and spring of 2015 and noticed how the families enjoyed being treated

in a special way as opposed to being shown pity. These types of activities improve the confidence and dignity of the vulnerable families which results in stable emotional and social development.

### **Marriage Assistance**

Majority of weddings are costly and when you are on a low income and wishing to get married it can delay you in completing one of the greatest sunnah's of Rasulillah (SAW). The Zahra Trust has eased this burden in Iran by providing house hold appliances and furnishings to vulnerable newlyweds, and in Afghanistan assisting in preparations on the day of the wedding including in providing the Walima meal to guests.





# SKILLS & DEVELOPMENT

A pioneering, state of the art haven shared space for

## Al - Shabab Village

Children Area & Youth Zone

## The Village of Knowledge

Cultivating Independence & Growth



## The Centre for Mental Health

Children Area & Youth Zone

## The Shafah Medical Clinic

Facilitating Emotional & Physical Healing



# DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

for widows, orphans and vulnerable children.

## The Hussainia

A centre for spiritual ascension and community gatherings



Turn this  
**VISION**  
into a  
**REALITY**



## Phased Development Plan

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### Buying the Land £250,000

Land has already been selected for the centre so an immediate payment will mean we can start developing

### Planning and Development of the site (14-18 months)

### Construction of the site (14-18 months)

### Launch of Skills & Development Centre

to the Iraqi orphans, widows and families

## Cost Projection

Infrastructure COSTS	Land	£200,000
	Kitchen	£40,000
	Bathrooms	£30,000
	Building Cost	£150,000
	Generator	£15,000
	Aethetics	£5,000
	Fixtures & fittings	£15,000
Leisure Centre Al-Shabab Village £55,000	Football Pitch	£10,000
	Swimming Pool	£30,000
	Sports Hall	£10,000
	Play Area	£5,000
Education Centre The village of Knowledge £70,000	Drama Theater	£20,000
	Art Studio	£10,000
	Classrooms	£20,000
	Library	£20,000
Al-Shafah Medical Clinic £90,000	Chronic Pain Clinic	£15,000
	Dental Clinic	£30,000
	Mental Health Clinic	£45,000
Hussainia £130,000	Ladies' Hall	£65,000
	Men's Hall	£65,000

**Fundraising Target £800,000**



**#ShareOfMyWealth**

**'Allah SWT has fixed  
a share for the poor in  
the wealth of the rich.  
Consequently, whenever  
a destitute remains  
hungry it is because  
some rich persons have  
denied him (his share).'**

**Imam Ali (a.s)**



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# CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY

**OUR GOAL:**

To understand and follow Imam Ali (a.s) guidance on economic development: *'Allah SWT has fixed a share for the poor in the wealth of the rich. Consequently, whenever a destitute remains hungry it is because some rich persons have denied him (his share).'*



The Zahra Trust launched the **Be the 1 in 3** campaign, an initiative set up to promote child welfare. It is estimated that 153 million children worldwide, ranging from infants to teenagers, have lost one or both parents. The absence of a parent has ripple effects on the wellbeing of the family, from financial security to emotional support.

Female orphans are often most affected the by the loss of a father, in Iraq one of the pressing issues The Trust deals with is that of early marriage of young female orphans to considerably older men. The reason of this occurrence is that elderly men can get married to young vulnerable girls as the bride's family can benefit from the mahr (dower) given to them by the groom. Female orphan families are more likely to accept this arrangement as there is a stigma associated with girls that do not have a father, and thus for the families to have a daughter married and one less mouth to feed can seem a reasonable compromise.



### Lunch with the Orphans

The Trust arranged a lunch with the orphans and donors during Arbaeen in Najaf, so that the supporters of The Trust could engage with the people who they were assisting and also learn the reality of how the orphans live.

*"Thanks a lot for giving me the opportunity to visit this place, it was amazing, really felt sad on looking at the situation they face on a daily basis. Any help I can do please let me know."*

Fatema Kanji



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### **Birthday Surprise For Orphans**

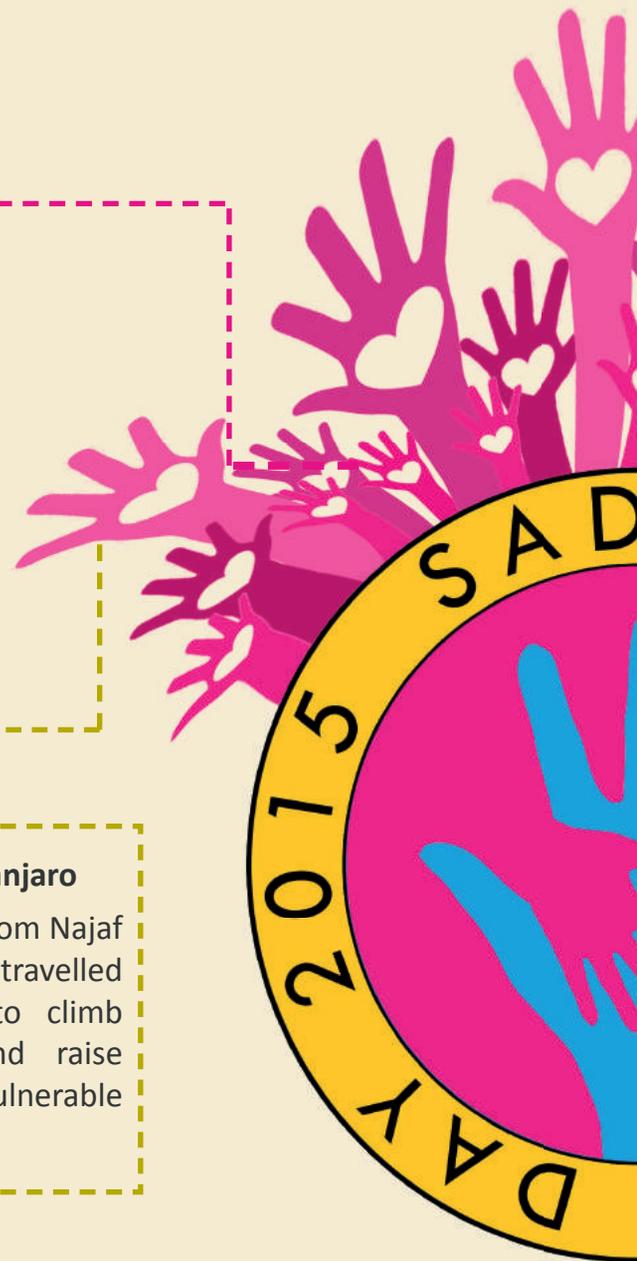
Zain Meghji decided that for his birthday he didn't want to have a big party or presents but instead he wanted to put a smile on the faces of the orphans in Iraq. He sat up the challenge of taking part in a 1200 metre run and completed it on 1st March.

### **NAJAF 2 KILIMANJARO**



### **Najaf to Kilimanjaro**

The scholars from Najaf al Ashraf travelled to Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro and raise funds for the vulnerable and needy.



Madressa's  
in London and  
Madressa  
also joined  
activities at  
school including  
selling their  
toys for  
y.



### Swimathon

Sayyeda Ismail and Fatema Datoos went for Ziyarat to Syria & Iraq in 2011, they were heartbroken to see so many orphaned children left alone on the streets. Both friends swam 1500 metres so that they could raise funds to feed orphans in Iraq.



### Feeding the Homeless

Members of the North London community got involved in making over 1000 sandwiches for the homeless.



## SADAQA : CHARITY DAY

AN OCCASION DEDICATED TO ALL TYPES OF CHARITABLE ACTS FROM SMILING AT YOUR NEIGHBOUR TO PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE VULNERABLE AND NEEDY.

# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

**OUR GOAL:**

To develop and promote the true message of Islam through the Howza system, productions, and publications.

## Howza Amir al Mo'mineen (a.s)

The Howza has been growing from strength to strength over the past year with our learned students now reciting in well-established centres. One of them being Sheikh Bilal Hussain who is born and raised in New York. After completing an undergraduate degree in business administration and working in corporate finance,

he looked to further his religious studies. Driven by the goal to provide religious knowledge and spiritual insight to the next generation of children raised in the west. Now having spent the better part of 4 years in Najaf and continuing his studies Sheikh Bilal is working to share what he's learned and promote high levels of Islamic studies in our next generation.



Howza Amir al Mo'mineen (a.s) continues to provide incredible opportunities for applicants from around the world and allows students to be able to step foot into the original school of where true Islamic ideology has been taught for

over a thousand years. Being at the precinct of Imam Ali (a.s) it allows students to focus on their studies and provides a tranquil place for spiritual growth, out of the distractions presented in our home countries.

### *Courses Include:*

**Arabic** - Covers comprehension and speaking

**Grammar** - The science of Arabic grammar is critical to comprehension of independent reading.

**Islamic Laws** - Syed Seestani's Minhaj us Saleheen offers a comprehensive view of current Fiqh issues and rulings

**Islamic Principles in Faith (Aqa'id)** - In depth courses covering centuries of scholarly works on the Fundamentals of Belief

**Mantiq (logic)** - a principle course that covers 3 books and a preliminary to the science of jurisprudence

**Principles of Jurisprudence (Usool al Fiqh)** - focusing on sources and derivation of Islamic Law

**Classical texts in Islamic Laws** - including but not limited to Urwatul Wuthka, Shariya al Islam and Luma'a Damishq

**Tafseer of Quran** - Classical and contemporary exegesis of the Holy Quran

**Ilm ul Rijaal** - Science of the transmission of hadith and learning to review and validate chains of narrators

**Ilm ul Hadith and History** - Using the 4 principle sources of hadith along with introduction to ancillary authentic sources of narrations.

## Project Majalis!

Project Majalis! was set up to teach children all aspects of the majalis process, from setting up the hall, reciting noha and marsiya to making the 'alam and tabout and even cleaning up at the end! The initiative was a tremendous success and helped to engage children in what work goes into the majalis process and familiarised them with different tasks so that inshallah they are able to conduct similar roles in the future.

The Trust focussed on Bibi Zainab (s.a) as the role model for Project Majalis! as she set up the institution of 'Aza, and thus one of the majalis' the children conducted was dedicated to this great lady. In the majalis we depicted certain parts of Ashura day and Shaam-e-Ghareeba (11th Muharram night) including the tents, heads on spears and 'alam so that the visual stimulus could help children understand the stories of Karbala & Shaam.



## Tabarruk

A creative way in which The Trust conducts tableegh is free distribution of various products that include messages associated with the Ahlulbayt (a.s). For Muharram we distributed Drink Water? Think Hussain! pendants to Islamic centres across the UK which was worn by children and adults alike.

We also took the more traditional approach in Iran where we had orphans distributing milk and cookies to the public. The children also discussed the tragic story of Ashura and wore black attire with the name Ya Hussain inscribed on their clothing.

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# SHAHEED VICTIM SUPPORT

**THE ZAHRA TRUST GOAL:**

To assist vulnerable families whose family members have been victims of religious persecution and intolerance.

Over the recent years there has been an alarming trend of faith-based minorities having severe restrictions imposed upon them. Furthermore they have also faced oppression and discrimination solely on grounds of their religion and or beliefs. Many Sh'ite Muslims have been persecuted, attacked, tortured and killed in Muslim dominated countries leaving them defenceless to the institutional Islamic court.

The Zahra Trust provides specialised focus on the needs of victims of religious persecution and intolerance. We assist victims in rebuilding their lives through food aid, financial assistance

and construction of homes. In addition to this we provide victims with support in reporting their cases or give voice to their stories.

Our physical presence in conflict & unstable areas such as Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon and Pakistan has allowed us to successfully document ongoing cases. We also keep in direct communication with victims in China, Malaysia and Indonesia which has provided insight into the advocacy work that needs to be completed in the Far East.



*Syed Ali was brought up in Tal'afar, Northern Iraq and it was his father that was the first Shia to settle in the region. His father was a learned man and preached Islam to bring people closer in their love for the Ahlulbayt (a.s).*

*Syed Ali's father managed the largest mosque in Tal'afar with a surface area of more than 2000 m<sup>2</sup> and a library which contained ancient hand written manuscripts and books that were more than 300 years old. When ISIS attacked the city they destroyed the mosque completely and desecrated the grave of Syed Ali's father which*

*was inside the mosque. They uprooted the grave and detached the head of the corpse from the rest of the body and then burnt it with the library that held important information on Shia Islamic history and laws.*

*Out of fear of his life Syed Ali escaped Tel'afar with his family and took refuge in Najaf al Ashraf where he met The Zahra Trust. We were able to provide essentials to the family and also accommodation so that he can settle in a safe environment with his family that has lost their precious belongings and witnessed their life's work destroyed.*

# ZAWAR INITIATIVE

**THE ZAHRA TRUST GOAL:**

To provide zawars assistance in the form of food, water, shelter, medical attention, and access to English lecturers.



The Zahra Trust arranged a variety of projects during the tragic months of Muharram and Saffar, all with the aim of encouraging people to take action on the life and revolution of Imam Hussain (a.s) under the banner of the Drink Water? Think Hussain! campaign.

We had two mowakib in between the blessed walk from Najaf to Karbala that served around 5 000 zawars a day. The first mowkib was stationed at pole number 470 and the second mowkib was situated at 1042. The locations were ideally placed in these distances so that each day the zawars were able to safely reach the mowakib before Maghrib and complete the walk within 3 days.



*Salaamun Alaykum WRWB*

*I had the blessed opportunity to visit and be served by the Zahra Trust Mawqib in Arbaeen 1436 and it was indeed a beautiful experience, i was so touched by the humility and servitude of the Brothers and Sisters serving there.*

*May Aba Abdillahil Husayn AS and Bibi Fatema SA grant you their protection and their mercy upon you.*

*Wasalaam*

*Sr Sabira Husein*

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# SUPPORTERS & EVENTS

## Run 14 Challenge

Arham Haidri, a community activist and madressa teacher took on the incredible challenge of running from Najaf to Karbala in 14 hours, in the name of the 14 massomeen to raise £14 000 for the orphans & vulnerable children welfare fund.

Arham Haidri previously went to Iraq over a decade ago when he was very young and so he had never experienced the walk between the two Holy shrines before. Arham's inspiration to take up the challenge came after he watched The Zahra Trust video "Through the eyes of Bibi Sakina".



His heart yearned to help the orphans in Iraq and raise awareness of the situation of the vulnerable Shia's who are left abandoned and are discriminated against because of their love of Imam Hussain (a.s).

Arham started his run at night after he prayed Maghrib in Amir al Momineen's (a.s) Haram in Najaf. During his challenge many of the locals and other walkers supported Arham by running alongside him, the army officials even let him run on a separate road that had no walkers so that it was easier for him to complete his challenge. There was one child whilst Arham was running that tried to offer him some food, however as Arham was running really fast he was unable to take the food. The child then started to run behind Arham as he was adamant to give him tabarruk and finally Arham was able to take the food offered.

As Arham approached Karbala he took off his shoes so that he could enter the sacred land barefoot, the first Haram he saw was that of Hazrat Abbas (a.s). He was overjoyed when he witnessed the dome and minarets from afar. On Arbæen

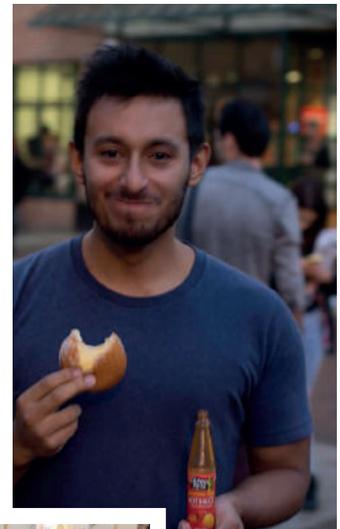
day Arham placed in the shrine of Hazrat Abbas (a.s) the names he had gathered of the donors and supporters before he left for his journey. He also placed the Hajat's (prayers) that people had requested on material and deposited it on top of the Holy shrine.

Since Arham's return from Iraq many community members have been inspired by the challenge with one group of individuals organising a run from Moor Fields Eye Hospital in North London to the London Eye, in aid of raising funds for people with vision problems. Also many children have requested that they would like to put The Zahra Trust name on their football shirts, with one child going as far as to promise that when he becomes a professional footballer he will give all his wages to charity.

## Events

As part of charity week Queen Mary's Ahlul Bayt Society set up a Chilli Challenge in an effort to raise money for The Trust.

UCL and Kings ABSOC arranged an Eid-e-Ghadeer charity dinner where they had a three course meal and recitation of nasheeds.



Nour Shaheen organised a special event entitled 'NOZISIS' to raise awareness of the despicable acts of the terrorist group and raise funds for the victims affected by their atrocities. Alhamdulillah the event raised nearly £2000.

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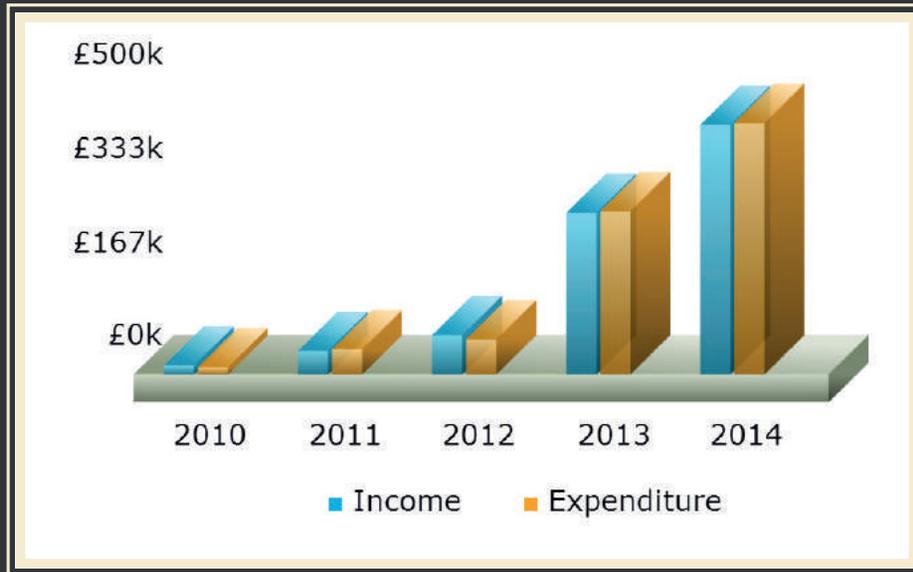
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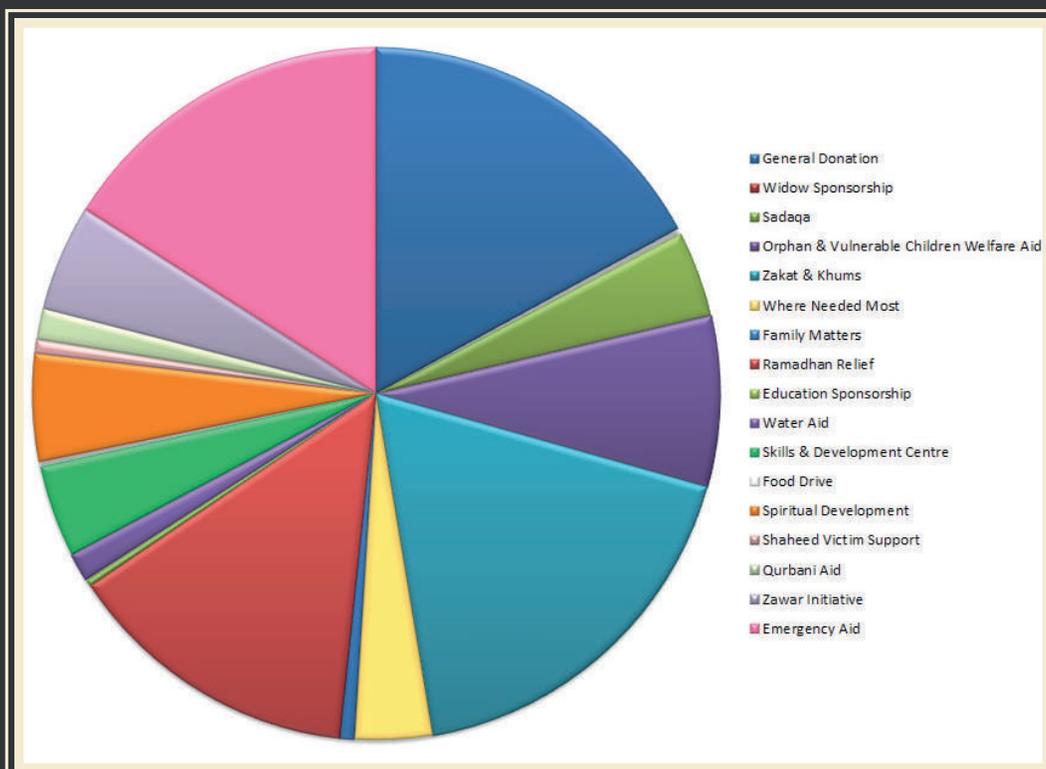
- Abu Dhar Muslim Mission (Tanzania)
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- Jabir ibn Hayyan (Pakistan)
- Organization of Ahlulbayt (a.s) for Social Support & Education (Indonesia)
- United Nations Human Rights Council
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