

RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN FOUNDATION LTD

Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2015

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation Ltd. ("the Foundation") was incorporated on 11 June 2009 as a company limited by guarantee. It was registered as a charity on 10 July 2009 and has been conferred IPC (Institution of Public Character) status for the period from 23 November 2015 to 22 November 2017.

Unique Entity Number (UEN) : 200910530Z

Registered Address : 273 Braddell Road
Singapore 579706

Management Committee:

The Management Committee comprises the following:-

Chairman : Mr Po'ad bin Shaik Abu Bakar Mattar
Director : Mr Sithawalla Haider Mohamedally @ Sithawalla Hayder Mohamedally
Mr Paiman bin Supangat
Mr Mohamed Abdul Jaleel s/o Muthumaricar Shaik Mohamed
Mrs Arfat Beebee Binte Noor Mohamed Abdul Latiff (Mrs Arfat Selvam)
Mr Syed Hassan bin Syed Mohamed bin Salim Al-Attas
Mr Zainul Abidin bin Ibrahim
Ms Suryahti bte Abdul Latiff
Mr Herman bin Cher Ma'in
Mr Naseer bin Ghani
Mr Mohamad Helmy bin Mohd Isa

Internal Auditor : NA

Banker : OCBC Bank

External Auditor : Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Corporate Objective

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation is a registered charity and has been conferred an Institution of Public Character (IPC) status. It was incorporated with the following objectives:

1. To promote and support activities & programmes that project the Rahmatan Lil' Alamin (RLA) spirit;
2. To support capacity building of community leaders, youth leaders and volunteers through skills upgrading and training to undertake the above mentioned RLA projects; and
3. To promote better understanding and cultivate stronger bonds amongst people of various faiths in Singapore so as to strengthen inter-faith understanding and race relations in Singapore through humanitarian & community development works.

POLICIES

Finance & Funding

The Foundation is financially supported by donations from individuals, corporations and organisations.

During the year, the Foundation embarked on several projects to raise donations, principally from the Muslim community for certain humanitarian disaster relief assistance. The funds received are subsequently disbursed through the partnering relief organisations for specific relief causes in the public appeal.

Staffing

As at 31 December 2015, there is no full-time staff employed by the Foundation. The Foundation is staffed by three officers seconded from Muis. They are:

- Norhayati Haron (GM, Corporate Affairs)
- Asri Aziz (Manager, Communication and Public Affairs)
- Mohd Izhar Roslan (Manager, Programme and Capabilities Development)

Activities and Programmes

The main activities of the Foundation is to provide funding support to organisations or groups that support activities and programmes that project the Rahmatan Lil'alamin (Blessings for All) spirit.

The Foundation seeks to bring together youths of all faiths to foster strong bonds through acts of volunteerism, develop sustainable capabilities and a culture of being blessings to all.

It will offer funding support to innovative efforts and initiatives of individuals, groups and institutions, Muslims and non-Muslims who are interested in conceptualising and undertaking projects that will make a real difference in the lives of challenged communities, radiate the blessings-to-all spirit and promote community bonding and humanitarian values.

The Foundation places special emphasis on funding programmes which:

- Promote the Blessings to All ethos and spirit of volunteering
- Help develop local capacity in humanitarian activities, particularly in the areas of
 - Leadership and skills development
 - Teamwork

- Fund raising
- Working with other faiths

Projects should also employ proven developmental frameworks e.g. experiential learning, and where possible also involve working to benefit local stakeholders, e.g. orphanages and homes.

Calendar of Events

i) Community Project Funding Grants

A total of \$241,980 in funding grants was approved in 2015 to 11 project teams who carried out humanitarian and developmental projects for needy communities' overseas as well as local orphanages and needy families.

Through the grants, the Foundation helps our youth acquire key skill sets as they plan and carry out their projects. These include event management, leadership and planning, and fundraising skills. With these skills, the Foundation hopes our youth will be better able to come together and serve. Our volunteers have touched the lives of the less privileged in our local orphanages as well as communities in Cambodia, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Turkey.

Our volunteers come from various sectors and all walks of life – from the mosques, the madrasahs, the universities and from schools. Working together in the projects, they develop bonds and help each other learn how to help.

True to the RLA Foundation's ethos of Blessings to All, our volunteers come from all faiths. At least 20% of our project teams are made up of our non-Muslim friends. Our projects help our volunteers bond and learn together. Most importantly, many of our volunteers express how their eyes have been opened to cherish what they have, and to share this with those who are less fortunate.

Our projects help build sustainable change for the communities we help. These expeditions are only the first step in empowering our youths in a lifelong journey of volunteering.

ii) Humanitarian Relief Efforts

A total of \$713,395 was raised in 2015 in aid of humanitarian relief efforts to the following countries:

<u>Cause/Country</u>	<u>Amount collected</u>
Nepal Earthquake	\$ 249,495
Myanmar Flood	\$ 71,707
South India Flood	\$ 104,212
Gaza Conflict Victims	\$ 1,250
Malaysia Flood (net of expenses)	\$ 286,731

The total amount collected was channelled and disbursed through the partnering relief organisations for specific relief causes specified in the public appeal.

iii) RLA Month

The annual RLA Month, funded by the Foundation, is one key initiative that spreads awareness and showcases manifestations of the “Rahmatan Lil Alamin” (RLA) spirit – a core Islamic tenet. Over the years, RLA Months have been dedicated to activities including helping others through the provision of food, aid and support for the challenged segments of society.

In addition to our focus on lending a hand, RLA also champions the protection of the natural environment, another ethos consistent with being a good Muslim. The Foundation realizes that it is the people who make up a community who are most able to create future change, and set in motion a culture of blessing that will benefit all.

The 8th Annual Rahmatan Lil Alamin Signature Event, RLA Month, was held from 6 to 26 September 2015 through the six mosque clusters. The theme was “Spirit of Caring – Communities in Harmony”, which was a continuation of the theme and works done in 2013.

The Central North Mosque Cluster organized the launch of the RLA Month programme on Sunday, 6 September 2015 at ITE Simei Amphitheatre. The Guest-of-Honour for the event was PM Lee Hsien Loong. This event also commemorated ten years of the Rahmatan Lil Alamin movement in the Mosques and the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Foundation in 2009.

The programme included several new elements such as the adoption of Ren Ci Nursing Home and Ain Society by the Foundation, appreciation of the Foundation’s partners and youth volunteers, new injection of funds, as well as contribution to the nation’s SG50 celebrations. The event culminated in a simple heritage and healthy reception for guests, who included RLA partners, volunteers, mosque leaders, the carers of the clients of the Ren Ci Nursing Home and Ain Society, other mosque-assisted welfare homes, as well as representatives of other homes/socio-religious institutions of other faith communities in the vicinity of the mosque clusters.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE AND EXPLANATION OF MAJOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

No major financial transactions done during the period under review.

REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY

No changes to the policy during the period under review.

Policy on Conflict of Interest

The Board of Trustees have established a Conflict of Interest Policy to assist in identifying and managing potential conflicts. Trustees make their declaration of interest as necessary at each Board meeting conducted during the financial year for any situations of conflict that may arise and these trustees will abstain from decision-making in such instances so as to allow a fair and transparent decision-making process. Management carry out their daily duties independently from the trustees.

Policy on Reserves

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation have considered the level of operating activity and its annual operating expenses and is of the view that there are sufficient funds to ensure that the Foundation's operational activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

There were no changes in the Foundation's approach to reserves management during the year.

The Foundation is not subject to externally imposed reserves requirement.

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CHARITY'S ASSETS ARE HELD

No Charity assets are held during the period under review.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

The Foundation is actively reaching out to tertiary institutions such as the universities and polytechnics as well as madrasahs, mosques and youths organisation to create a greater awareness of its objectives and grants for humanitarian and community development project both locally and overseas.

At the same time, the Foundation has also received a number of proposals for community development works from various organisations and institutions and it is carefully assessing them for their value in developing the targeted communities and at the same building passion and capacity for such works among the youths before approving them for project grants.

The Foundation hopes to increase its base of volunteers by increasing the pool of young activists in the Friends of RLAF Group as well as via social media. Gradually, it hopes to attract more applicants for its grants, both for overseas expeditions and local projects. Over time, it is hoped that a critical mass of volunteers would be touched by the Foundation and will strengthen the RLAF Alumni. It is also hoped that through strategic alliances with local partners, RLAF Alumni will become a self-sustaining ecology continuing to project the ethos of Blessings to All.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 is attached.