

MEDIA RELEASE

26 August 2021

SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION

Yemen Humanitarian Appeal

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings to all) Foundation (RLAF), in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), is organising a collection to provide aid in the form of healthcare, shelter and social support for vulnerable communities in Yemen.

2. Years of conflict in Yemen have caused the loss of thousands of civilian lives, destruction of public infrastructure and massive displacement across the country. At present, some 20 million Yemenis are in dire need of humanitarian assistance with over four million forcibly displaced throughout the country.

3. A majority of those displaced reside in impoverished urban neighbourhoods and over a million are living in makeshift shelters and unfinished buildings where living conditions are unsafe and overcrowded – often with little to no access to water, waste management systems, and proper drainage which bring risks of waterborne diseases and other potential harm. Hence, timely provision of safe and adequate shelter as a physical layer of protection against the elements is an utmost priority.

4. With 80 per cent of the total population living below the poverty line, the ongoing conflict, increasing displacements and deterioration of the economy further hit by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulted in communities competing over increasingly scarce resources, including livelihood opportunities or access to public services.

5. For this reason, the RLAF is conducting an online collection via multiple platforms starting **Friday, 27 August to 2 September 2021** to assist in sustaining efforts to provide vital, life-saving and protection activities to the people of Yemen.

6. Members of the public can make their donation via:

a. **PayNow** – you would need to key in **RLAF's UEN: 200910530ZCHQ** and indicate under remarks – **Yemen** (Refer to **Annex A** for QR Code)

b. **Giving.SG** – campaign at giving.sg/rlafoundationsg/Yemen

c. **Muslim.SG** – RLAF – Yemen Humanitarian Appeal

d. **Interbank transfer** via RLAF (Rahmatan lil Alamin Foundation) – Transfer to

OCBC Current Account at a/c no: 601313315001

e. Issue a **cheque** payable to 'RLAF'. State on back of cheque: donor's name, contact number and indicate "**Yemen**". Mail your cheque to RLAF (Masjid Yusof Ishak, No 10, Woodlands Drive 17, Singapore 737740) or to MUIS (No. 273 Braddell Road, Singapore 579702)

7. All collection will be channeled through the UNHCR as they are operating on the ground and working with their partners to provide protection and assistance to the communities in Yemen. For more information, please contact Ms Maryam Marhim at 6359 1433 or email at maryam_mohd_marhim@muis.gov.sg.

RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN FOUNDATION (RLAF)

ANNEX A- QR CODE FOR PAYNOW

Note: You would need to key in **RLAF's UEN:200910530ZCHQ** and indicate under remarks-**Yemen**



ANNEX B

ABOUT THE RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN (BLESSINGS TO ALL) FOUNDATION

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF) was launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in July 2009 to coincide with the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) and the official opening of the Singapore Islamic Hub.

'Rahmatan Lil Alamin' is the Arabic for 'Blessings To All' which is the inspiration behind the establishment of the RLAF as it seeks to fund activities that bring blessings to all irrespective of creed, race or religion including the environment.

The Foundation was established by Muis to provide grants for humanitarian and community development projects and initiatives. The Foundation aims to spread the message of compassion for all humanity and concretising within the Singapore Muslim community the ethos of being a community that is a blessing to all. Through the grants, the Foundation hopes to build capacity and deeper interest amongst youths, and empower them to have the skills, capabilities and passion to volunteer and participate in humanitarian work both locally and beyond.

Over the past 17 years, the mosques and RLAF have collected over **\$11 million** from the community for international **humanitarian relief projects**.