



MEDIA RELEASE

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SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION

Afghanistan Earthquake Collection

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings to all) Foundation (RLAF), in collaboration with the Singapore Red Cross, is organising a collection to support the immediate needs of survivors and communities affected by the recent earthquake in Afghanistan. These needs include food, emergency shelter, emergency trauma care, non-food items, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene items.

2. Afghanistan's deadliest earthquake in 20 years, registering a magnitude of 6.1, has claimed the lives of at least 1,000 people, and injured 1,500, with more than 3,000 houses destroyed. The death toll is expected to rise as search and rescue missions continue.

3. The disaster came at a time when the country is already reeling from the impact of a severe economic crisis, prolonged drought and famine. In addition, challenging geographical and weather conditions have slowed down efforts to reach areas in need of assistance. Besides the remote and mountainous locations, logistical challenges are exacerbated by landslides, flooded roads and weak infrastructure.

4. Our hearts go out to the casualties of this humanitarian emergency and their families. For this reason, the RLAF is conducting an online collection via multiple platforms starting **Monday, 27 June 2022 to Sunday, 10 July 2022** to support the immediate needs of survivors and affected communities.

5. Members of the public can make their donation via online:

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

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

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

OCBC Current Account at a/c no: 601313315001 or

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

6. All collection will be channeled through the Singapore Red Cross which is working with Red Cross Red Crescent partners on the ground, including the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to deliver aid to affected communities.

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ANNEX A- QR CODE FOR PAYNOW

Note: You would need to key in **RLAF's UEN:200910530ZCHQ** and indicate under remarks – **Afghanistan Earthquake**



To donate, log in to your digital banking app and scan the above QR code image under the app's Scan and Pay function.

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 coinciding 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. 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 locally and beyond.

ANNEX C

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

- 1) 2020 In Aid of Survivors of Floods in Jakarta and Fires in Australia
- 2) 2020 In Aid of Survivors of the Tragic Explosions in Beirut
- 3) 2021 Humanitarian Aid for Gaza
- 4) 2021 Yemen Humanitarian Appeal
- 5) 2022 Typhoon Rai in the Philippines
- 6) 2022 In Aid of Malaysia Flood Survivors