



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

31 Aug 2022

### **SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION**

#### **Pakistan Floods Emergency Appeal**

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 communities affected by the ongoing floods in Pakistan. These needs include food, emergency shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene items.

2. Pakistan's deadliest floods since 2010 have claimed the lives of more than 1,100 people, injured more than 1,600 and affected 33 million people – which is about 15 percent of the country's 220 million population. Floodwaters have also destroyed or damaged more than a million homes, washed away bridges and roads and destroyed vital crops, livestock and farmland. With shattered infrastructure resulting in lack of clean water, proper shelter and access to adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities, survivors face increased risks of waterborne diseases.

3. Even before the floods, Pakistan was suffering from an economic crisis facing high inflation, depreciating currency and current account deficit. Pakistani officials have estimated that the floods have caused more than USD10 billion in damages which might take five years to be repaired and rebuilt, while in the near term Pakistan will be confronted with acute food shortages.

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 starting Wednesday 31 August 2022 to Wednesday, 14 September 2022 to support the immediate needs of survivors and affected communities.

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

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

b. **Giving.SG** – campaign at [giving.sg/rlafoundationsg/pakistanfloods](https://giving.sg/rlafoundationsg/pakistanfloods)

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

OCBC Current Account at a/c no: 601313315001 or

d. Issue a **cheque** payable to 'RLAF'. State on back of cheque: donor's name, contact number and indicate "**Pakistan Floods**". 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 Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to deliver aid to affected communities. Please be informed that as per regulations by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) the donations are not tax-deductible as they are for "foreign charitable purposes". For more information, please contact Ms Zarifah Rohani at 9239 7584 or email at [zarifah@rlafoundation.org.sg](mailto:zarifah@rlafoundation.org.sg). Alternatively, you may contact Ms Maryam Marhim at 9652 1474 or email at [maryam\\_mohd\\_marhim@muis.gov.sg](mailto: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:200910530ZRLA** and indicate under



remarks – **Pakistan Floods**

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 40<sup>th</sup> 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) 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami (Aceh)
- 2) 2005 Kashmir Earthquake
- 3) 2006 Java Earthquake
- 4) 2007 Lebanon Conflict
- 5) 2007 Jakarta Flood
- 6) 2008 Cyclone Nargis (Myanmar)
- 7) 2008 Sichuan earthquake
- 8) 2008 Yemen Cyclone
- 9) 2009 Gaza Humanitarian Conflict
- 10) 2009 Typhoon Ketsana (Philippines)
- 11) 2009 Earthquake in Sumatra
- 12) 2009 Typhoon Morakot (Taiwan)
- 13) 2009 Earthquake in West Java
- 14) 2009 Karachi Flood
- 15) 2010 Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunami
- 16) 2010 Haiti Earthquake
- 17) 2011 Japan's Tohoku and Miyagi Earthquakes/Tsunami
- 18) 2011 East Africa Drought (Somalia)
- 19) 2011 Floods in Thailand
- 20) 2011 Floods in Cambodia
- 21) 2011 Philippines Floods
- 22) 2012 Victims of Conflict in Myanmar
- 23) 2012 Victims of Conflict in Gaza
- 24) 2012 Philippines Floods
- 25) 2013 Philippines Floods
- 26) 2013 Philippines Typhoon Haiyan
- 27) 2014 Syrian Refugees in Turkey
- 28) 2014 Victims of Conflict in Gaza
- 29) 2014 Kashmir Floods
- 30) 2014 School Project in Syria
- 31) 2015 Floods in Malaysia
- 32) 2015 Earthquake in Nepal
- 33) 2015 Floods in Myanmar
- 34) 2015 School Upgrading Project in Gaza
- 35) 2015 South India Floods
- 36) 2016 Lighting of Gaza
- 37) 2016 Earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan
- 38) 2016 Aceh Floods and Rakhine Violence
- 39) 2017 Winter Collections and Educational Outreach Programmes for Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon

- 40) 2017 Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen
- 41) 2017 In Aid Of The Survivors Of The Humanitarian Crisis For South Asia Flood
- 42) 2017 Special Collection For Refugees Fleeing To Bangladesh
- 43) 2018 Earthquake in Lombok
- 44) 2018 Floods in Laos
- 45) 2018 Floods in Kerala
- 46) 2018 Earthquake and Tsunami in Sulawesi
- 47) 2019 Sunda Strait Tsunami
- 48) 2020 In Aid of Survivors of Floods in Jakarta and Fires in Australia
- 49) 2020 In Aid of Survivors of the Tragic Explosions in Beirut
- 50) 2021 Humanitarian Aid for Gaza
- 51) 2021 Yemen Humanitarian Appeal
- 52) 2022 Typhoon Rai in the Philippines
- 53) 2022 In Aid of Malaysia Flood Survivors
- 54) 2022 Afghanistan Earthquake Collection