



MEDIA RELEASE

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SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION

West Java Earthquake Appeal

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings to All) Foundation (RLAF), in collaboration with the Mercy Relief, is organising a collection to support the immediate needs of communities affected by the earthquake in West Java, Indonesia. These needs include food, water, emergency shelter, and hygiene items.

Impact of Earthquake on Affected Communities

2. On 21 November, a 5.6 magnitude earthquake struck the region of West Java, Indonesia and has caused severe and widespread damage. The earthquake claimed the lives of at least 268 people and left more than 1000 people injured. More than 22,000 houses as well as infrastructure including school, hospital and educational facilities were damaged. Rescue efforts have been hampered by electricity outages and some areas remain isolated due to landslides. To date, 58,000 people have been displaced and more than 2.5 million lives affected. Our hearts go out to the casualties of this humanitarian emergency and their families.

Collection Period

3. For this reason, RLAF is conducting an online collection starting Saturday, 26 November 2022 to Thursday, 15 December 2022 to support the immediate needs of survivors and affected communities.

4. Members of the public can make their donation via the following avenues:

a. **PayNow** – key in **RLAF's UEN: 200910530ZRLA** and indicate '**West Java Earthquake**' under remarks (Refer to **Annex A** for QR Code)

b. **Giving.SG** campaign at <http://giving.sg/rlafoundationsg/westjavaearthquake>

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 '**West Java 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).

5. In addition, all mosques across Singapore will participate in this special collection through donation boxes starting from Monday, 28 November 2022 to Sunday, 4 December 2022. Members of the community can contribute their donations via these boxes which will be marked 'West Java Earthquake Appeal'.

6. All collection will be channeled through Mercy Relief which is in contact with their ground partner 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".

RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN FOUNDATION (RLAF)

ANNEX A: QR CODE FOR PAYNOW

To donate, log in to your digital banking app and scan the above QR code image under the app's Scan and Pay function. Donors would need to key in **RLAF's UEN:200910530ZRLA** and indicate **'West Java Earthquake'** under remarks.



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.

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

1. 2021 Humanitarian Aid for Gaza
2. 2021 Yemen Humanitarian Appeal
3. 2022 Typhoon Rai in the Philippines
4. 2022 In Aid of Malaysia Flood Survivors
5. 2022 Afghanistan Earthquake Collection
6. 2022 Pakistan Floods Emergency Appeal