

MEDIA RELEASE

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SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION

Turkiye and Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings to all) Foundation (RLAF), in collaboration with the Hayrat Yardim, a humanitarian aid organisation based in Turkiye is organising a collection to support the immediate needs of communities affected by the earthquake in Turkiye and Syria. These needs include but are not limited to tents, hot meals, mattresses, blankets and winter clothing sets.

Impact of Earthquake on Affected Communities

2. On 6 February 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkiye and Syria which has caused severe and widespread damage. A 7.5 magnitude aftershock then struck a few hours later, causing further damage to the region. The earthquake has claimed the lives of more than 12,000 people and left more than 30,000 people injured. More than 5,700 buildings, including apartment blocks and hospitals, have been wrecked or collapsed.

3. The winter weather, with temperatures in certain areas expected to fall to near freezing overnight, worsens conditions for survivors who are left homeless or in the open under cold weather for fear of secondary earthquake effects. It also hampers search and rescue efforts. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of casualties may rise further, and as many as 23 million people, including around 1.4 million children, are likely to be impacted by the devastating earthquakes. Our hearts go out to the casualties of this humanitarian emergency and their families.

Collection Period

4. For this reason, RLAF is conducting an online collection starting Friday, 10 February 2023 to Friday, 24 February 2023 to support the immediate needs of survivors and affected communities.

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

- a. **PayNow** – key in **RLAF's UEN: 20910530ZRLA** and indicate '**TurkiyeSyria2023**' under remarks (Refer to **Annex A** for QR Code)
- b. **Giving.SG** – campaign at giving.sg/rlafoundationsg/TurkiyeSyria2023
- c. **Interbank transfer** via RLAF (Rahmatan lil Alamin Foundation Ltd) – 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 "**TurkiyeSyria2023**". 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. In addition, all mosques across Singapore will participate in this special collection through donation boxes starting from Friday, 10 February 2023 to Thursday, 16 February 2023. Members of the community can contribute their donations via these boxes which will be marked 'Turkiye & Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal'.

7. All collection will be channeled through Hayrat Yardim 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".

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ANNEX A: QR CODE FOR PAYNOW

To donate, log in to your digital banking app and scan the QR code image under the app's Scan and Pay function. Donors would need to key in **RLAF's UEN:200910530ZRLA** and indicate **'TurkiyeSyria2023'** 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 **\$12 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
7. 2022 West Java Earthquake Collection