



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Special Collection by Rahmatan lil 'Alamin Foundation (RLAF) in Aid of Flood Victims in Pakistan

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings To All) Foundation in collaboration with all the mosques in Singapore has raised **S\$124,000** through a special collection recently organized to aid the humanitarian relief efforts in flood ravaged provinces of Pakistan. The check for this amount will be presented to the Mercy Relief at the World Humanitarian Day ceremony tomorrow 19 August 2010.

2. The collection was organized at all the 69 mosques in Singapore for one week starting Friday, 6 August to Friday, 13 August, 2010. We are pleased that the community continues to display its compassion and readiness to contribute toward this humanitarian cause beyond Singapore.

3. The Foundation wishes to offer early help to the affected communities by working with Mercy Relief, which has sent its first dispatch of relief assistance earlier. Its personnel and partners are currently on the ground in the affected provinces to administer the assistance. The fund will go towards providing essential help such as tents for shelter, clean water, medical and food supplies. This help is even more meaningful as the affected population is going through this trying time during the fasting month of Ramadhan.

4. Latest news suggest that about 1600 lives were lost and over 20 million people have lost homes, crops and properties. Of these, there is a major concern that over 3.5million children are exposed to the high risk of deadly water-borne diseases such as diarrhea and dysentery.

5. The Singapore Muslim community will continue to pray that the victims and the communities in the affected areas will be given the strength and resilience to face the adversities and for there to be a swift end to this natural disaster.

6. The Foundation hopes that this humble contribution will help ease the lives and alleviate the sufferings of some of the victims of the tragedy.

Rahmatan lil 'Alamin Foundation (RLAF)



BACKGROUND

“RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN” (BLESSINGS-TO-ALL) FOUNDATION

1. The “Rahmatan Lil ‘Alamin” (Blessings-To-All) Foundation 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.
2. It is a foundation established by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) to provide fund / grants for projects and initiatives, locally or in the region, that seek to spread the message of compassion for all humanity.
3. Its aim is also to further concretize within the Singapore Muslim community the ethos of being a community that is a blessing to all regardless of creed, race or religion.
4. Through the grants, the foundation also hopes to empower more youths to have the passion and the gain the expertise to plan and implement community development and humanitarian work both locally and overseas.