

MEDIA RELEASE

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SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN COLLECTION

Humanitarian Aid for Gaza

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings to all) Foundation (RLAF), in collaboration with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), is organising a collection to provide aid in the form of health, relief and social services for communities affected by the recent developments in Gaza.

2. Gaza has seen tragic injuries, loss of human lives and extensive destruction of physical infrastructures. Already-high levels of psychosocial stress, especially among children, have been further exacerbated. To date, 1.9 million Palestinian people living in Gaza—of which more than 70% are registered Palestine refugees—are in urgent need of UNRWA emergency humanitarian assistance. To date, more than 56,000 Palestinians are displaced in Gaza.

3. The spread of the COVID-19 virus has aggravated existing vulnerabilities and continue to impact the people of Gaza. As the number of casualties and internally displaced people climbs, Palestinian refugees are left to seek shelter at UNRWA schools, in mosques and other places during the global COVID-19 pandemic with limited access to water, food, sanitation, and health services such as UNRWA Salah Eddin School, one of 56 shelters of its kind in Gaza.

4. Our hearts go out to the casualties of this humanitarian crisis and their families. For this reason, the RLAF is conducting an online fundraising effort via multiple platforms starting **Saturday, 22 May to 30 May 2021** to contribute to efforts towards humanitarian aid for the people of Palestine.

5. Members of the public can make their online donations via the following platforms:

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

b. **Giving.SG** – www.tinyurl.com/aidforgaza (link will only go live on 22 May 2021, 0000 hrs GMT +8)

c. **Muslim.SG** – RLAF - Humanitarian Aid for Gaza

d. **Interbank transfer** via RLAF (Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation) – Transfer to OCBC Current Account at a/c no: 601313315001

e. Issue **cheque** payable to 'RLAF'. State on back of cheque: donor's name, contact number and indicate "**Gaza**". 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 donations will be channeled through UNRWA which is actively operating on the ground to provide humanitarian aid to the victims and families.

RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN FOUNDATION (RLAF)

ANNEX A- QR CODE FOR PAYNOW



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ANNEX B - ABOUT THE RAHMATAN LIL ALAMIN FOUNDATION (RLAF)

The Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF) 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.

'Rahmatan Lil Alamin' is the Arabic for 'Blessings To All' which is the inspiration behind the establishment of the RLAF as 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 both locally and beyond.

ANNEX C – LIST OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PROJECTS

Over the past 17 years, the mosques and RLAF have collected over **\$7.7 million** from the community for international **humanitarian relief projects**. They 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

ANNEX D – CREDITED PHOTOS FOR USE

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