



(4) Madagascar Cyclone Relief 1429

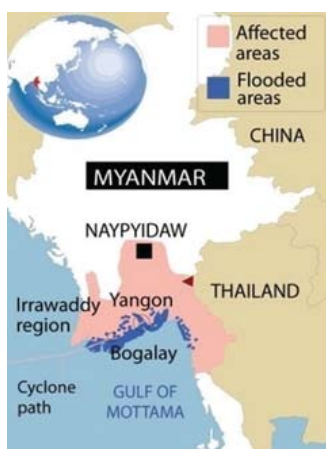


On 17 February 2008 the north-east coast of Madagascar was devastated by Cyclone Ivan. Cyclone Ivan was particularly crushing and the intensity of the storm was similar to Hurricane Katrina which hit New Orleans in 2005.

Whilst reports indicated that none of The World Federation's community members were significantly affected, fallen trees, flattened houses, floods and destruction of buildings, bridges and roadways could be seen for miles and miles.

The World Federation united with The Africa Federation to equally contribute a total of USD 20,000 to help re-establish the lives of some of these victims.

(5) Myanmar (Burma) Cyclone Nargis Relief



On 3 May 2008, Cyclone Nargis devastated the south-western coast of Myanmar (Burma) – killing and displacing thousands of people. The cyclone also caused major structural damage and destruction to the region.

The following table illustrates the impact of the cyclone on Burmese Shia Muslims:

MOST AFFECTED AREAS OF BURMESE SHIAS:



DEDAYE TOWNSHIP By far the region in which the Shia Muslims have been hardest hit by the cyclone, located in the Irrawaddy Division.	• 212 families affected by the storm • 161 casualties, including 40 dead • Most of the houses were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable; Whilst the residents have received some assistance in rebuilding their homes from government approved aid agencies, it has unfortunately proved far from adequate • To date financial support, medical treatment, medicines, blankets, and mosquito nets have been provided to the affected families to help meet their short term needs
WAKEMA TOWNSHIP: Also situated in the Irrawaddy Division, this township was spared the widespread destruction suffered by Dedaye 100 km to the south.	• 8 families lost their roofs which our agency quickly replaced.
YANGON (RANGOON) TOWNSHIP: Although Yangon (Rangoon) was not subjected to the flooding which other regions of the delta were, it bore the full brunt of the cyclone's 200 kph winds.	• The flimsy dwellings of the Shia Muslims living in shanty towns on the outskirts of the city were greatly damaged • 382 families were affected in Yangon Division and 58 casualties have been officially reported • Our agency has set up a temporary medical clinic staffed by two community doctors for the treatment of non-critical injuries. These doctors refer the more serious patients to specialist clinics, provide assistance in obtaining X-Rays, ultrasounds, and other diagnostic tests to patients suffering from severe bone fractures and/or major diseases. Additionally, the clinic has started to dispense medicines to the needy. • Our agency has also ensured that those people requiring emergency medical care are hospitalised at no cost to them.

The World Federation provided the following short-term aid to the Burmese Shias:



- Emergency financial aid to 451 families
- Rebuilding of 28 houses using low-cost materials
- Provision of temporary re-roofing on 109 dwellings
- Rental accommodation for 23 families pending their homes being rebuilt
- Repairs of an additional 291 houses to make them habitable during the monsoon season
- Financial support to enable 206 students, who would otherwise have been unable, to attend school

(6) Swat Valley (Pakistan) Relief Appeal

In June 2009, working in partnership with the Hussaini Foundation of Pakistan, The World Federation launched the Swat Valley Relief Appeal to raise funds to purchase 20,000 urgently needed insecticide bed nets for the displaced people of the Swat Valley in northern Pakistan.

In December 2008 most of the Swat Valley was captured by the Taliban insurgency. On 22 June 2009, after visiting some of the two million people displaced by devastating offensives in the country's north-west, the United Nations humanitarian envoy warned the global community that the millions of Pakistanis displaced during the military strike would "die slowly" unless the international community paid heed to the scope of the humanitarian crisis which caught everyone by surprise.

Today, millions of Swatis are living in refugee camps around Peshawar in the hopes that one day soon they will be able to return home.

It was determined that 20,000 insect bed nets were urgently needed in the region. With the imminent monsoon rains, the threat of malaria and other water borne diseases were imminent and these nets would decrease the risk of infection among the refugees.

(7) Gaza Crisis 2009

On 12th January 2009, The World Federation, along with a number of other leading Muslim organisations, was invited to a briefing on the crisis in Gaza with Secretary of State David Milliband at the Foreign and Commonwealth Offices in Westminster. Shaykh Abbas Ismail represented The World Federation.

Shaykh Abbas emphasised that whilst the government had taken some steps, the response was by no means adequate and was disproportionately small when considering the scale of the Israeli attacks. He also reiterated the community's disappointment to the meagre 3 hour corridor for foreign aid envoys and the destruction of basic infrastructure including schools and mosques, and called for the government to address basic humanitarian issues with urgency.



Partnering with UNRWA: In February 2009, as recovery efforts from the Gaza Crisis began, The World Federation made a decision to work in collaboration with UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency) to provide aid and relief to the people of Gaza. UNRWA was selected as the most suitable organisation for us to partner with to help the people of Gaza because of their extensive experience and work in the region.



Since the onset of the Gaza crisis last December 2008, donors from our communities around the world came together to raise funds to help the distraught Palestinian people. From onset of this conflict, UNRWA was monitoring the situation in Gaza to determine what kind of aid would be needed to help the people reclaim their lives.

After a thorough assessment The World Federation and UNRWA agreed to partner in the much needed **Emergency Shelter Repair and Reconstruction Programme**. Due to the lack of construction materials in Gaza, the shelter repair initiative focused on "Minor -Moderate damages" providing refugee families with a cash grant to implement the necessary repairs on the basis of the Agency's technical assessment and cost estimate.

In June 2009, The World Federation then disbursed USD \$76,000 in aid to UNRWA towards this programme to provide for shelter repairs for 21 families in Gaza.

Project Title	Securing Rapid Emergency Intervention Scheme for Families whose Shelters Sustained Minor - Moderate Damages
Target Area	Gaza City
Duration	3 Months
Cost of Project	£ 50,000 - About US\$ 73,843
Planned Starting Date	As soon as circumstances allow



21 Shelter Repairs in Gaza sponsored by The World Federation in partnership with UNRWA			
Family 1	\$1,084	Family 12	\$2,870
Family 2	\$3,804	Family 13	\$2,851
Family 3	\$3,800	Family 14	\$4,990
Family 4	\$4,921	Family 15	\$4,730
Family 5	\$4,715	Family 16	\$3,790
Family 6	\$3,770	Family 17	\$3,768
Family 7	\$800	Family 18	\$3,780
Family 8	\$3,830	Family 19	\$2,821
Family 9	\$4,620	Family 20	\$590
Family 10	\$1,072	Family 21	\$2,840
Family 11	\$1,080		

Project Rationale:

Objectives: The specific objective of this project proposal was to repair damaged shelters (that were affected during the military operation in the Gaza strip); housing 21 refugee families. These families were to receive cash assistance to carry out the repair work themselves.

Beneficiaries: The subject project will directly benefit 21 eligible refugee families (approximately 137 persons) whose homes were damaged. The project is also expected to generate circa 1,300 man-days of employment in the construction sector, facility maintenance and related trades at a time when unemployment in the Gaza Strip is more than 42%.

Implementation: UNRWA estimated an average repair cost of \$4,000 per shelter, covering minor, moderate and serious damages. Payments will be authorized on the basis of assessments by engineers and will be in the form of cash grants or contracts with local construction companies, depending on the extent of damage. For repairs under \$5,000, UNRWA will typically provide cash grants, whereas for more serious damages (usually above \$5,000), repair works may be implemented through third party contractors.



Donations: Jamaats and individuals from across the world came together to help raise funds for the Gaza Crisis:

Birmingham Street Collection - On 28th February and 1st March 2009, 89 volunteers came out on the streets of Birmingham in a unified effort to raise money for victims of the Gaza conflict. The event was organised by the Abbasi Youth Committee of the KSI Birmingham Jamaat, in conjunction with The World Federation and The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ).



Through simple bucket collections, the aim was to raise £5,000 for victims of the Gaza conflict in order to provide them with much needed food and medicine supplies. By the Grace of the Almighty, the youth raised a grand total of £6,900 over two days. The money collected was sent to Gaza through UNRWA.



(8) Madagascar Unrest

Political unrest broke out on 26 January 2009 in Madagascar. At least 135 people died over the six week period to mid March 2009. Businesses belonging to a lot of our community members were adversely affected.

The World Federation provided support to the Regional Council of Madagascar by way of encouragement, resources and USD \$10,000 for immediate emergency relief.

In addition, The Assistant Secretary General of Relief and Economic Development, Shan-E-Abbas Hassam held personal discussions with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the UK, the French Foreign Office in Madagascar, the Baroness of Scotland, former Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw and various Civil Servants to ask them to help resolve this crisis.

(9) Pakistan Earthquake 2008 – Balochistan

On 29 October 2008, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake woke the people of Balochistan Province in South-West Pakistan in the early hours of the morning.

The World Federation worked jointly with the Hussaini Foundation of Pakistan to provide assistance to those affected by the disaster.

On 2 November, a small envoy visited the earthquake site to survey first hand the devastation caused by the earthquake and then to create a needs assessment based on their findings.

On 4 November, the Hussaini Foundation arranged for the first truckload of food items to be dispatched for distribution. The cost of each truck (including food, water and transportation costs) was approximately GBP £4,000 / USD \$8,000 per truck.

The World Federation opened the Pakistan Earthquake 2008, Balochistan Fund. Donations made towards this fund were used to purchase tents, which were desperately needed. The cost of each tent was £40 GBP / \$60 USD / \$70 CAD (4,500 Pakistani Rupees).





(10) Bihar Floods (September 2008)

In August 2008, monsoon rains in and around India caused an unexpected shift in direction of a major river in Northern India – displacing millions. On August 18, a dam on the Saptakoshi burst from the torrential rains that hit the region and changed its course southwards through the state of Bihar.

After investigating the impact that the floods had on members of our community living in Bihar, it was reported that there was no significant impact on them.

4.9 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER WELLS

Imam As-Sadiq (as) said: “Whosoever provides someone water in a place where there is already water present, is like one who has freed a slave. And whosoever provides someone water in a place where there is no water present, is like one who has granted life to a soul; and whosoever grants life to a single soul, it is as if he has granted life to all of mankind.”

Policy Paper: A policy paper on Water and Sanitation has been developed and adopted by the Executive Council.

End Water Poverty: On 13 March 2009, The World Federation was awarded membership to End Water Poverty, an international campaign that aims to bring an end to the global water and sanitation crisis.

Ali Asghar Water Appeal: The AAWA was launched in partnership with CoEJ, NASIMCO, The Africa Federation and The Council of Gujarat to meet the imminent needs of our Shia Community, the wider Muslim community and humanity as a whole. The purpose of the AAWA is to raise funds to provide families and children with easy access to proper sanitation facilities as well as a fresh clean supply of water that is safe to consume. AAWA is a youth driven initiative and was launched in Muharram 1430 and is an initiative of The World Federation in partnership with The Africa Federation, CoEJ, Council of Gujarat and NASIMCO.

5 POINT ACTION PLAN - The Ali Asghar Water Appeal focuses on 5 water and sanitation strategies:

1. Building wells & water pumps
2. Setting up water tanks
3. Water Testing
4. Providing chlorine tablets
5. Installing latrines /sanitation services

Whilst the need for improved water and sanitation facilities are apparent across the developing world, the AAWA focussed its efforts initially in India, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda:



In 2008-9, Relief collected £48, 450 for the Ali Asghar Water Appeal.

A Success Story: In Bihar, India the World Federation sponsored the installation of hand pipe borings in the home of almost every deserving person of our community in the different villages of Bihar. Finally, more than 90% of the underprivileged residents of these rural villages now have easy access to safe drinking water.

Between January 2006 and July 2009 a total of £49,721 was collected. Further funds are earmarked for distribution in Pakistan, Bihar and Bilal missions in East Africa.

In October 2008, the youths of the KSIM Community of Birmingham successfully raised £1,500 to build much needed sanitation facilities in Kenya as part of The World Federation's Water and Sanitation Project. Funds were collected through donation tins which were distributed in shops all across Birmingham City Centre.



Picture: this photo is an example of a latrine for Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya, funded by The World Federation

Celebrating World Water Day, March 22

"A believer who wakes up in the morning and is not concerned about the affairs of the other Muslims is not a Muslim". Prophet Muhammad (saw)

On 17 March 2009 The World Federation wrote to the Department of International Development (United Kingdom) to articulate its commitment to the Government's efforts in providing sustainable water sources to the destitute and underprivileged worldwide by participating in World Water Day.

What is World Water Day? In December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring 22 March as World Day for Water, to be observed each year. Countries across the world are invited to devote this Day to highlight the magnitude of the global water and sanitation problem, as well as to bring all stakeholders together to apply solutions that work.



What initiatives has The World Federation carried out to date?

- Last year, The World Federation sponsored the installation of hand pipe borings in the home of almost every Shia Muslim living in the villages of Bihar, India.
- The World Federation was awarded membership to End Water Poverty, an international campaign that aims to bring an end to the global water and sanitation crisis.

4.10 NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE ELDERLY

Relief has written to regions around the world stating that we need their partnership on a needs assessment for the elderly.

A questionnaire has already been drafted which needs to be passed on to these regions who can then modify them based on their requirements.

The needs assessment needs to be carried out (a single assessment with Health, Family Affairs and Relief). The Relief section should cover the welfare aspects of the elderly.

The output then needs to be analysed and evaluated; then a paper needs to be developed for the Conference and an action plan needs to be formed for the next term.

4.11 FUNDRAISING FOR CAMPAIGNS

Relief continues to work closely with our Regional Bodies including CoEJ, NASIMCO and The Africa Federation to launch fundraising campaigns in their respective Jamaats. The support of the Regions is critical to the success of our work.

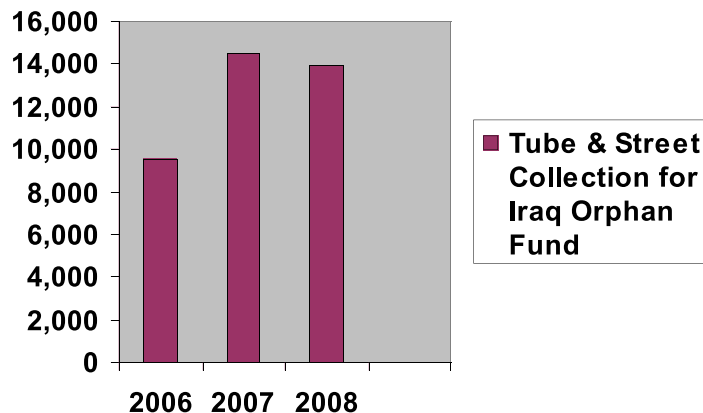
Each year, a number of appeals are launched with the help of the different regions; these include the Hadith-e-Kisa Blanket Drive, Sponsor our Seniors Campaign, Ali Asgar Water Appeal and so on.

The World Federation has joined the Fundraising Standards Board to help us increase our transparency and accountability.

Various marketing tools to build awareness are created for these appeals including leaflets, postcards, posters and multimedia presentations.

Relief also created a donor management system to target specific donors and to thank them with personalised letters. In addition, we have created an allocation database to report to donors the progress of specific appeals.

Substantial amounts were raised through street collections near London tube stations with the help of CoEJ. For instance, collection for Iraqi Orphan Fund raised (Sterling Pounds):



We still need to:

- (1) Create targeted brochures for donors
- (2) Find new and innovative ways of appealing including using CDs, DVDs

Relief needs to focus on External Fundraising via government departments; this is essential to help drive future projects.

The World Federation has developed a new way of working with our regional partners which includes:

- New reporting framework – where our partnering agencies are required to complete a reporting form on the various aid projects carried out.
- Needs Assessment – where our partnering agencies are required to complete a needs assessment form in order to receive funding for various aid projects.
- Partnership agreements with agencies – Relief drew up a draft partnership agreement between The World Federation and its partners which will help formalize partnerships with various agencies. In addition, it will provide for a clarification of rules and greater accountability and transparency.

Report and Report Framework:

1. Needs Assessment for Ramadhan Relief – this form must be completed by the partnering agency to which the Ramadhan Relief funds will be disbursed to. Information gathered from this form will help us to determine how much funding to allocate and the type of funding (ie sadaat or non sadaat)
2. Needs Assessment for Ali Asghar Water Appeal – this form must be completed by the partnering agency to which the AAWA funds will be remitted to. Information gathered from this form will help us to determine the cost of building wells and sanitation facilities as well as the location.
3. Reporting Form for Ramadhan Relief – once the Ramadhan Relief programme has been completed by the partnering agency and all funds have been utilised, the agency must provide a report of how and where the funds were used by way of this form.
4. Partnership Agreements with Agencies



5.0 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE HEXAGONS

5.1 Al-Qa'im Sponsor Our Seniors (SOS) Programme

The purpose of the SOS Programme is to address the financial needs of our elders living in poverty.

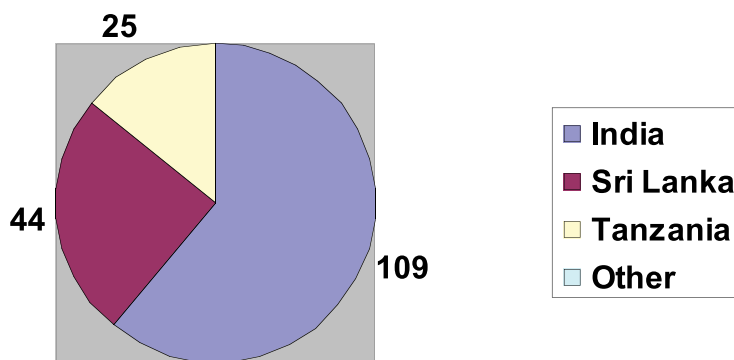
The SOS Program was launched on 15th Shabaan 1426 (marking the birth anniversary of our beloved 12th Imam, aj).

This initiative:

- Was developed in response to the silent cries of our elders living in grave conditions in developing countries
- Aims to alleviate poverty among our seniors in their old age...giving them the opportunity to age gracefully – with dignity and peace of mind
- Provides financial aid to destitute senior citizens

Sponsorships of £10 (GBP) / \$15 (USD) / \$20 (CDN) per month, allow seniors to afford some basic living essentials including balanced and healthy meals, decent clothes, safe and secure living environments and access to medical care.

2009: SOS Sponsoring 178 seniors on a monthly basis:



The SOS Program is an ongoing initiative which has been very well received worldwide and is quickly becoming one of Relief's largest and most successful initiatives. Through various appeals, we have raised a great deal of awareness of the plight of our seniors and as a result pledges and sponsorships are flowing in.

Professor Sami Askari – Bihar, India:

"For achieving any target, one needs sincerity and commitment. The project for Senior citizens financial help and Ramadhan Relief needs dedicated persons towards achieving the goals of The World Federation.
I personally appreciate the efforts of the present team."



Respecting the Dignity of our Elders: Each month, seniors who are sponsored through the SOS Program receive £10 (GBP) / \$15 (USD) / \$20 (CDN) in financial aid. Every effort is made to ensure that the funds are transferred to them both respectfully and systematically. For instance, in Bihar, India, a bank account is set up for each senior where funds are deposited into each of their accounts monthly for them to spend. This method ensures and respects their dignity, independence and security and has made a significant difference in the quality of foods that they eat, the shelters they live in, and the health benefits they can now afford.

5.2 Hadith-e-Kisa Blanket Drive

“Verily, God wishes to keep away the impurities from you ‘Ahl-e-Bayt’ and keep you purified as is the right of purity.” (33:33)

For many people, buying a coat or sweater is a common activity. But in some communities, such as those in India and other areas of the world seniors are dying from cold temperatures only because they don’t have enough funds to purchase a blanket to keep them warm in the winter nights. Small individual contributions to this cause can save the lives of our Shia Ithna Asheri Seniors.

The purpose of the Hadith-e-Kisa Blanket Drive is to raise funds to provide warm blankets to seniors living in areas where climate is extreme during winter and the elderly find it financially difficult to protect themselves against the severe cold.

Since February 2004, this drive has gained worldwide support with over 10,000 blankets distributed to our elders in the regions of Bihar (India), Gilgit (Northern Pakistan) and Skardu (Northern Pakistan). Gilgit and Skardu are both villages located in the remote mountainous area of Pakistan where the recent earthquake claimed over 200,000 lives.



October 2008 – 5th year of Blanket Drive where The World Federation gifted another 2,500 good quality blankets to our brothers and sisters living in Northern Pakistan.



5.3 Ramadhan Relief Projects

Goal:

- To lend a hand to our brothers and sisters to make their lives a little easier during this month of Ramadhan.
- To raise funds through the generosity of donors from our community so that together we can provide food rations, Iftaars, paying off debts and cash gifts to the needy.

Countries benefiting through the Ramadhan Relief Programme:

1. India
2. Pakistan
3. Bangladesh
4. Bosnia
5. Myanmar
6. Tanzania
7. Kenya
8. Sri Lanka
9. Syria
10. Thailand
11. Afghanistan
12. Indonesia

In countries where families cannot earn enough money to buy food, there is nowhere to turn for help. Ramadhan Relief can feed the most deprived including orphans, widows, seniors and disabled. Each year prior to the Holy month of Ramadhan funds are sent to agencies who organise relief efforts for the needy. This work is done ahead of time in anticipation of the generosity of donors.

Jamaat Support:



Ramadhan Relief 2006-7 - The Stanmore Jaffery's youth organisation took raised funds for The World Federation's Ramadhan Relief Fund at Hujjat Imambara, Stanmore. From dessert stalls and DVD sales, to cake auctions and sponsored Quran recitations, the centre was bustling with enthusiasm during the fund-raising activities. A grand total of £9,500 was raised in 2006 and a spectacular grand total of over £23,000 was collected in 2007.

5.4 Marriage Assistance

"The best mediation is it that you intercede between two persons for lawful marriage so that they both marry under the law of Allah." (Imam Ali, as - Al-Kafi, vol. 5, p. 331)

In August 2007, The World Federation provided 34 Sadaats and non-Sadaats from disadvantaged families in Bihar with a cash gift of INR 5000 to INR 10,000 to help



supplement their wedding costs. Arranging weddings is a big problem for individuals here simply because they cannot afford them. In Bihar, about 80% to 85% of our Shia brothers and sisters have minimal to no income at all.

In April 2009, The World Federation assisted in the nuptials of 25 Sadaat couples in Muzaffar Abad, Pakistan. Countless numbers of our brothers and sisters face such hardships in their daily lives that they cannot afford the financial costs of a wedding. Now, the dreams of 50 Sadaat families have come true. In addition, the following assistance was provided by The World Federation:

1. Wedding meal provided for 650 individuals
2. Household items for each of the 25 couples



5.5 Eid al-Hajj 1429 Qurbani

“We have appointed for you the (sacrificial) camels as one of Allah’s sacraments. There is good for you in them. So mention the Name of Allah over them as they stand. And when they have fallen on their flanks, eat from them and feed the self-contained needy and the mendicant. Thus have We disposed them for your benefit so that you may give thanks.” (Surat al-Hajj, 22:36)

The World Federation in partnership with The Africa Federation, CoEJ and NASIMCO organised Qurbani on behalf of those wishing to have this arranged. The Qurbani was performed in Kenya through the Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya (BMMK), and in Tanzania through the Bilal Muslim Mission of Tanzania (BMMT). The meat was then shared out among the needy including widows and orphans.

All Qurbani requests were automatically carried out on Goats for a cost of £20 per Qurbani. Special requests for sheep or cows could be arranged.



5.6 Visiting Jamaats and other organisations

During the course of the term, the Assistant Secretary General (ASG) for Relief had the opportunity to visit the following organisations:

- WIPAHS
- Bilal Muslim Mission of Tanzania
- Gujarat, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh (Nov 2008) – with Iqbal Bhai Panju
 - o In Gujarat, discussions were held about the need for adequate housing, economic upliftment opportunities and Water and Sanitation facilities.
 - o In Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the ASG had the opportunity to meet with the seniors being sponsored through the SOS Programme and discussions were held on economic upliftment strategies and Water and Sanitation as well.

In addition, the ASG gave speeches at the following Centres:

- Milton Keynes Jamaat (October 2008)
- Peterborough
- Toronto
- Minnesota
- New York
- London – Stanmore
- London – Hyderi
- Paris South
- Dar es Salaam
- Bhavnagar

Maulana Safi Haider – Tanzeemul Makatib, India

"It is wonderful and inspiring to see the WF run by youths, inshAllah this will continue for years to come."

5.7 The World Federation Supports World Food Day

What is World Food Day? - Each year on 16 October, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations marks World Food Day, the day on which the Organization was founded in 1945. The aim of the Day is to heighten awareness of the world food problem and strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty.

What is The World Federation doing to support World Food Day?

Throughout this past year, The World Federation has been busy assisting our worldwide communities who have been hit by cyclones, floods and other disasters. Consistently, we have received feedback from our agencies working on the ground that the drastic rise in the price of food in the developing countries is a big problem.



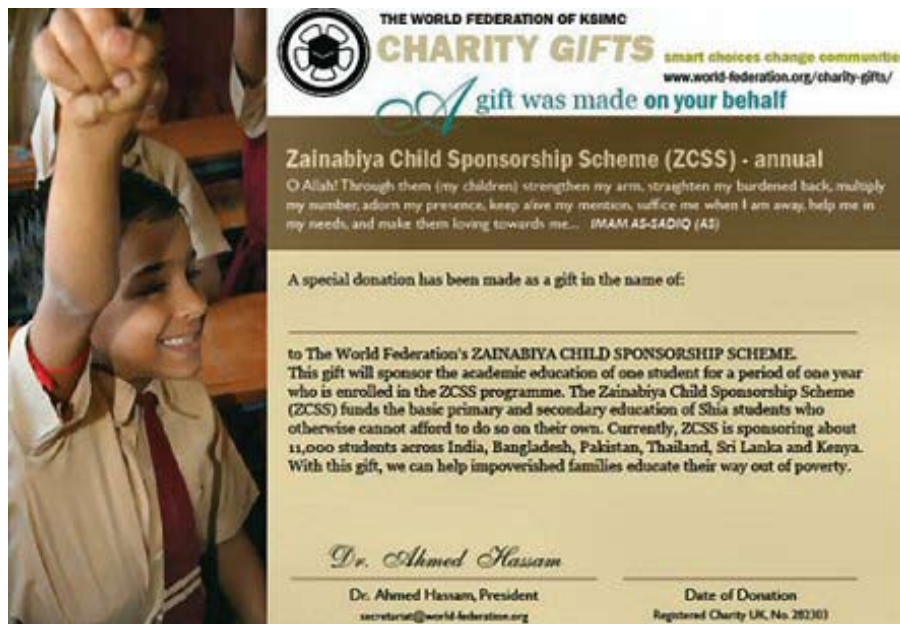
5.8 Charity Gifts Portal: Smart choices change communities

In September 2009 the Charity Gifts Portal was launched and was donated by the Mohsin and Fauzia Jaffer Foundation of Miami, Florida.

The World Federation's Charity Gifts portal allows people to shop for a gift online in your own name or on behalf of a family member, a friend or a Marhum, changing the life of a child, a senior or a family in need.

Regardless of the occasion, the Charity Gifts portal is your opportunity to give a truly meaningful gift to someone while supporting The World Federation's ongoing work in:

- Relief and Economic Development
- Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme (ZCSS)
- Health



5.9 Economic Bulletins

The global economic recession affected our community members all around the world. In order to help individuals to understand and react in a more constructive way to this crisis, The World Federation featured a series of 5 economic bulletins based on the current struggling economic climate.

- (1) Economic Bulletin No. 1 – introduced the global economic recession and gave examples of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth and unemployment reported by various countries. Momineen were given tips on how to cope with the struggling economy and were urged to pray for one another during this difficult time.
- (2) Economic Bulletin No. 2 – This article was written by Executive Councillor Br. Abbas A. Kanji who has a BA in Economics and an MBA from Harvard University.



The article explains how the world fell into the recession, how bad the recession is compared to other recessions and when it will possibly end. More tips on surviving the recession are given here.

- (3) Economic Bulletin No. 3 - Recently, deliberations on the impact of the current and evolving financial crisis, measures taken by world leaders and opportunities arising from this slump took place between a number of Canadian financial experts. This article features some of the conclusions and recommendations which resulted from this meeting.
- (4) Economic Bulletin No. 4 - Written by Br. Mehboob Lakha of Dubai, UAE, this article highlights the need to stay focussed on the well being of our communities.
- (5) Economic Bulletin No. 5 - Written by Br. Abbas A. Kanji, this article aims to focus on action and what we should be doing as community members to get through this crisis.

In addition, The World Federation provided aid to the Dubai Jamaat in 2008 as their members had tremendously suffered from this economic crisis.

6.0 Recommendations for the term 2009 - 2012

1. Greater work to be conducted for the Khoja Shia Community wherever possible in India, Pakistan and East Africa.
2. Continued support for the Bilal Muslim Missions in particular in the fields of water and sanitation, housing and food distribution.
3. Application forms to be sent out for grants utilising the NGO status for all humanitarian projects.
4. The ASG and volunteers within Relief to travel to meet more agencies, inspect work conducted and evaluate projects.
5. Relief to encourage NASIMCO, Africa Federation and all Regional Bodies to have a specific relief and economic upliftment desk for marketing and distribution purposes.
6. A CMS computer system to be used to target donors more specifically and to provide more specific reporting once projects have been completed.
7. All projects to be thoroughly evaluated, analysed and impact assessment carried out.
8. No project to be undertaken without a thorough needs analysis carried out.
9. Agency agreements to be implemented with all agencies and to be used across the WF Secretariat.
10. Relief to push for the development of agencies so that they have greater management and administrative abilities and succession planning so that the work continues and is not focussed around leading personalities who may not always be able to help so much.