



IMAM HUSSEIN DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF FOUNDATION

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Trustees Annual Report April 2019 - May 2020

Introduction and Mission Statement

Imam Hussein Development and Relief Foundation (IHDRF) was formally registered with the Charity Commissions on the 21st of May 2018.

The main objective behind the establishment of the foundation is to facilitate for the empowerment of the deprived and under privileged people in the UK and beyond.

Through our development programs, we aim to empower the underprivileged people from the very grass roots, to nurture them and equip them to allow them to become the future leaders who will lead their communities towards economic, social, political and religious prosperity.

Strategy

Due to the importance of the previous year's strategy at this challenging time, the IHDRF decided to continue with below plans:

1. Empower the youth through education by using media outlets that the youth relate to. This strategy has been executed by sponsoring talk shows that address pertinent youth issues through Imam Hussein Media Group
2. Spearhead fundraising campaigns to alleviate poverty to the victims of war residing in Karbala, south Iraq. Easy and efficient delivery of aid has been made possible by partnering up with a local renowned charity in Iraq known as Misbah al Hussein Foundation for relief and Development.
3. Imam Hussein development and relief foundation heavily relies on social media and word of mouth for advertising all its projects. Additionally, the charity is made up of trustees and volunteers who have a high level of credibility and respect within the different community centres helping IHDRF build a global pool of donors.

Keeping in mind the above strategies are incorporated within the foundation's constitution, the trustees of Imam Hussein Development and Relief Foundation embarked upon a number of exciting initiatives in their maiden financial year of operation.

We are grateful to the Almighty Lord for a successful start and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, donors and well-wishers who have continued to support us and hope that the future years of operations mark an even greater measure of success.

Rahman Mohamed Ali
Trustee



Projects

1. Sadaqa Box Initiative (Ongoing project)

Charity is central aspect of the religion and a corner stone of Islamic spirituality. It has always proved to be an important avenue through which the lives of countless people are transformed. With this in mind, IHDRF embarked upon the project of procuring and distributing charity boxes (famously known as sadaqa boxes) to a number of local households and high-street shops. A total number of 71 boxes have been distributed; in addition to collection points where charity is collected from donors and well-wishers from a number of community centres at the weekly Friday Prayers and on event days spread out throughout the Islamic lunar calendar. With the advancement of technology many doors are now moving to donating via online platforms such as computer and mobile applications. The proceeds are then used to provide food aid and necessities to as many orphans and underprivileged families residing in and around the city of Karbala.

2. Sponsor an Orphan

Iraq today is home to over 1 million orphans. With the lack of resources, government intervention and funding many of these young lives have nowhere and no one to go to. IHDRF is based in the holy city of Karbala and it is in Karbala where we shall begin to help the orphans. Your monthly sponsorships will go towards providing food, clothing, school and education equipment for these young prosperous minds, to give them a better chance at a better future.

Monthly continuous donations are collected and sent to orphanages in the holy city of Karbala sponsoring individual orphans. Each donation is to aid an orphan with food, clothing and school equipment until the age of 15.

This is an ongoing project which started March 2021 and will continue for the foreseeable future.

3. Misbah Food Card Initiative (Ongoing project)

Iraq has a pandemic when it comes to poverty and impoverished families. To aid them with a more dignifying solution to queuing outside a food bank or charity distribution van. Recipients register their names through an Identification system with our local affiliate Misbah al Hussein Development & Relief Foundation Each recipient then obtains a "Misbah food card" with credit amounts of \$20 or \$40 These Food cards can then be used to purchase groceries from vendors and supermarkets that we have partnered with. The participating vendors provide up to an extra 10% of grocery value on the card



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value giving added value to the recipients. At the beginning of each month, recipients can have their food cards renewed with minimum wait times.

Benefits:

- An efficient way of delivering food aid by minimizing overhead costs incurred by the charity by way of logistics and distribution of the food packages.
- Maintaining the dignity and self-esteem of the recipients of food aid. There will be no need to wait in long queues outside the charity premises seeking food.
- The recipients now have the choice and ability to buy the food items of their desire empowering them to be in better control of the nutritional needs of their families.
- A great initiative to promote the local economy. Instead of pre-packaged foods being purchased from out of the country or city, this initiative promotes the local economies as participating vendors and supermarkets receive a given amount of income through the purchases made via the food cards.
- A great initiative to encourage a culture of social welfare. Participating vendors so far, have agreed to top up food card values by an additional 5% worth of groceries to recipients.
- You can play a part in eliminating hunger from the city of Karbala by sponsoring an annual/monthly food card for a family valued at \$20. \$50 or \$75 per month
- Participate in an act of charity either for yourself, or on behalf of your deceased family members as a form of sadaqa jariyah
- Corporate Sponsorship: Let your company join hands with some of the greatest firms and entrepreneurs world-wide to support the impoverished citizens of Iraq starting with the Holy Lands of Karbala

4. Orphan Clothe Drive (Ongoing project)

The winters of Iraq can be pretty harsh with temperatures dropping to freezing temperature, while on the other hand, the summer months can be as severe as 60 degrees. With two extreme weather conditions, the necessity of possessing the right type of clothing becomes even more important. We at IHDRF also recognize, that the dignity and self-esteem of the beneficiaries is detrimental. Our goal is to ensure that the recipients do not feel



humiliated/ashamed in the process of receiving aid. For this reason, we have introduced a dynamic yet effective means of clothes distribution.

The charity has opened up shop style structures for the under privileged society including the widows and orphans to come into “shops” and select the clothing they need. We provide the underprivileged with the ultimate “shopping experience” accompanied with respect and dignity – the only difference being: they do not pay! The wisdom behind the drive is to distribute clothing in a respectable manner where the recipient does not feel their dignity is being compromised while being the recipients of aid/donations.

5. Feed the Needy Campaign (Ongoing project)

Through the feed the needy campaign, you can fulfil your dhabihah, nadhr (religious sacrifice obligations) or Sadaqa (charity) pledges. This will then be used to feed the impoverished Shia of Tanzania. There are a variety of meal options that one can donate. One may sponsor a ready-made meal or sponsor groceries.

6. Bring Joy to an Orphan (Ongoing project)

During festive seasons like Eid, or the birth anniversaries of any of the Pure members of AhlulBayt (S), the charity treats the orphans to a restaurant to allow them to experience the happiness associated to these religious occasions. The orphans are treated to a classic restaurant, where they are seated and served the five-course menu of their choice. This allows us to bring some sort of joy and delight to children who have seen nothing but war, bloodshed and violence since they were born. We then provide each child with a toy to remember the occasion with.

7. Ramadhan Food Basket (Ongoing project)

Every Ramadhan IHDRF helps support many families throughout Iraq. We provided a small food basket of groceries and essentials to help impoverished families have enough to open their fasts with during this holy season. Each food basket contains rice, flour, oil, vegetables, lentils, fruit, meat, dried lemons, tea and dates.

8. Spread the Warmth in Afghanistan.

During the winter times in Herat Afghanistan, temperatures can reach as low as -20 Degrees Celsius. IHDRF runs a campaign to distribute coal to these



impoverished families who are battling the cold. Money is collected and given to a third party who have all the logistics set up to help the less fortunate.

9. Arbaeen Qurbani

During the Arbaeen period millions of pilgrims visit the holy shrine of Imam Hussein in Karbala Iraq. Unfortunately, with the covid situation many were restricted from traveling. IHDRF gave a platform for people to help participate by providing meat for different organisations to cook and distribute amongst the pilgrims.

10. Hajj Qurbani

After performing the hajj rituals many Muslims sacrifice a lamb, goat, sheep, cow or even a camel to honour the sacrifice that prophet Ibrahim was going to perform on his son Ishmael. Muslims would sacrifice a traditional animal and distribute the meat amongst the poor. IHDRF was able to organise slaughtering and distribution of animal meat in Africa, Iraq and Yemen.

11. Lebanon Appeal

The Beirut blast was a shock to many and caused Lebanon to go into a spiral of crisis. With many dead and homes destroyed the people of Lebanon required some financial assistance and help. IHDRF raised funds to send to Beirut to help with the crisis.

12. Corona Food Basket

The spread of Corona Virus was affecting many Iraqis; and without work or government intervention the people of Iraq could not feed their families. IHDRF decided to continue the Ramadhan food basket to help the needy families in Iraq throughout the year 2020. In doing so 5000 food baskets were distributed to the needy families. Each basket cost £20/\$25 and included rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar, tea, tomato puree, lentils, meat, dates and vegetable as well as disposable gloves and masks.//

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Statement of Financial Activities
For Year Ended 31 May 2020

2020

Incoming resources

Members' donations	-
Other donations	140,635

Total incoming resources	<u>140,635</u>
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Resources expended

Rent and rate	2,994
Wages and salaries	17,689
Bank Charges	110
Accountancy	720
Office Expenses	4,470
Travel	237
Advertising	304
Donation	118,742
Total resources expended	<u>145,266</u>

Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year	<u>(4,631)</u>
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Total funds brought forward	<u>8,812</u>
	<u>4,181</u>

TRUST
Independent Examiners' Report

**IMAM HUSSEIN DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF FOUNDATION
TRUST**

I report on the financial statements of Refugee Aid Trust for the year ended 31 May 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), under the historical cost

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner.

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the presentation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

A. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

B. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

Have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner:
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19 February 2021