



2013 in Review

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Message from the Executive Director

Assalamu Alaikum,

As you know, for more than 30 years, IMRC has been actively working to provide relief and rehabilitation to victims of natural and man-made disasters. Your donations are 100% tax deductible which are used to help people in need.

Since the riots broke out in Muzaffarnagar in September this year, 60,000 Indians became refugees in their own homeland; 113 people were killed, many were tortured and missing, and our sisters were raped. Just last year, riots also occurred in Assam where thousands of children are out of school working and thousands of refugees are still suffering.

Within 3 days, IMRC distributed food and hygiene kits in Muzaffarnagar to thousands of victims. However, since there was enough food, blankets were distributed instead. IMRC has visited the camps to get an overview of the situation in Muzaffarnagar. After 4 weeks of the riots, an assistant team visited the camp site and saw that many people returned and of those, 20,000-30,000 were in camps with relatives. People who saw the atrocity of the condition were the poorest of the poor. A legal team has started legal work and rehabilitation for these victims; both requiring huge resources. Based on past experience, it takes time for legal work and rehabilitation and they need help now.

Winter is here and many are dying from the cold. IMRC is looking forward for your help and support to make this winter bearable for these riot victims and give them warmth. IMRC has already started our Blanket Drive where we have started collecting funds for necessities for the winter such as blankets, quilts and warm clothes.

I am aware that you receive appeals from many organizations for good causes, but I cannot think of a single cause more important than the life and education of a needy child or an organization more cost efficient than IMRC. Most of our work is done through our dedicated and selfless volunteers with support from donors like you. Please continue to donate generously today for your Zakat and Sadaqa. Leave a legacy by end of the year by donating towards our Endowment Fund.

Jazak Allahu Khair again for your support and please continue to keep the Muslims and minorities of India in your prayers. May Allah reward your generosity.

Manzoor Ghori
Executive Director

Our Mission
Help India's
Muslims &
minorities achieve
security, freedom
and equality -
Their rights as
citizens of India.

MUZAFFARNAGAR RIOTS

ASSAM UPDATE

IMRC BLANKET DRIVE

**NEXT INDIA HEALTH
INITIATIVE**

**IMRC NEW OFFICE
LOCATION**

PROGRAM: EMERGENCY RELIEF

THE MUZAFFARNAGAR RIOTS

Since Aug. 27, 2013, Muslims living in Muzaffarnagar have been victims of violence. Muzaffarnagar, which is in Uttar Pradesh, is located 75 miles northeast of India's national capital, New Delhi, and about 125 miles southeast of the Haryana state capital, Chandigarh.

The Hindu-Muslims riots have left 113 killed, more than 50,000 people displaced and homeless. The area where the violence and riots are taking place, murders, killings, and violence are commonplace. The current riots started due to several factors; the politics of hate in the state and a fight that broke out between a Jat and Muslim youth that left both of them dead. The Jats are traditionally non-elite tillers and herders in Northern India and Pakistan. Before the riots took place, the Jats and Muslims lived alongside in peace and harmony. However things soured because of political unrest and a fake video posted online by the ultra-right Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party; abbreviated BJP) showing the two youth being beaten up brutally.

IMRC swung into action and now its relief teams are helping the displaced and forcibly evicted people.

INTENSITY OF THE RIOTS

The riots have affected more than 250 villages. Muslims, employed by the Jats on their farms and homes, are left unemployed and unable to support their family. Muslim owned shops have also been torched. The two groups who are suffering the most are children and women, specifically young women. Traumatized by the riots and the violence happening around them, the children do not eat for days. Young girls are raped and then burned alive and women are being harassed. For instance, Vaseela, a mother from Laakh village, shares a horrifying story about her daughter being brutally raped by a four man gang and then burnt alive, as the family was fleeing their village to escape the violence. The family filed a police report about the incident, but no action has taken as yet. Many such cases and incidents occur daily, but many victims are too afraid to come forward or to seek government help.

WHAT IMRC HAS DONE

Within three days of the riots, IMRC distributed food, hygiene kits, and warm bedding to thousands of victims. IMRC visited the camps to get an overview of the situation. After four weeks of the riots, an assistance team visited the camp to assess needs and provided clothes, blankets and medical kits.



Relief camps made of thin fabric and tarp house the Muzaffarnagar refugees. The Winter temperatures are near near freezing and unbearable for the elderly and young children. Some have even died due to the freezing cold.

The victims are the poorest of the poor. IMRC team is undertaking legal work and rehabilitation for these victims. Both of these tasks require huge resources. Based on past experiences, it takes time for legal work and rehabilitation in India to take action.

IMRC has published a white paper on the riots, available upon request. Besides providing bedding for the winter, IMRC is starting self-employment projects (such as tailoring, weaving, and small businesses), providing legal assistance, and building houses/shelters. Inshallah, with your support these families can rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient again.



IMRC volunteers visited camp sites with supplies for the riot victims.

PROGRAM: EMERGENCY RELIEF

THE ASSAM UPDATE

It has been over a year since the riots broke out in Assam last year in July. The riots left many in refugee camps suffering from the wounds of the attacks. Women and children are the ones suffering most from these riots. Conditions in Assam are yet to change as many continue to get killed. IMRC has continued to provide relief, food, and clothing for these victims. As the winter months are approaching, IMRC plans to distribute sweaters and blankets to make the upcoming winter more comfortable.



Due to the riots, many children have lost their parents and/or all relatives. It's common to see young girls taking on the motherly role for younger siblings.

PROGRAM: EDUCATION

JIT (JAHANGIRABAD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

PLAN TO OPEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN 2014 !

The new five story JIT Engineering Building is now complete thanks to your continuous support. JIT remains a competitive institute with its experienced staff, faculty, visiting professors, state of the art facilities and resources readily available. An auditorium in the Engineering building gives our campus an advantage that other campuses cannot offer. We continue to provide programs that are high in demand in the workforce. Thus, we have expanded and will open a College of Education. Inshallah the College of Education will open in 2014 for up to 300 students.

Our next focus at JIT is to build a girls' hostel. Many girl students want to study at JIT to further their studies in higher education, however, need a place to reside while studying. Your help is needed to provide them with a safe and secure place to stay. Currently, the girl students at JIT are residing in the staff quarters.

We have collected \$90,548 of the \$250,000 needed to start the hostel project. The total cost for the hostel is \$600,000. \$3,000 will give one girl a permanent hostel room. You can choose to sponsor a girl's room or an entire floor. It can be dedicated in the name of your choice.

Please help us begin this much needed facility and give our girls the amenities they deserve.



Main gate of JIT Campus.



JIT Engineering Building

PROGRAM: EDUCATION

CHALLENGER (CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL)

PLAN TO OPEN JUNIOR COLLEGE IN 2014 & COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN 2015

Challenger International school offers a competitive curriculum with hands on activities and field trips for learning. Since the introduction of the Quran recitation program last year, the children have enjoyed learning to recite the Quran together as a class. New programs are introduced each year giving students the opportunity to practically apply what they learned in the classroom and from textbooks. Other annual activities include the science fair, picnics, field trips, and visiting instructors who offer workshops.

This year, Challenger International School participated in the 15th Science Olympiad Foundation, a national examination that test students on thinking skills and knowledge about science and technology based on an international curriculum. Five of our 7th graders participated in the exam and P. Manasa received a Gold Medal for her high scores.

Thanks to your support, these children have a bright future in front of them.



Awards ceremony held at Challenger International School.

PROGRAM: HEALTHCARE

INDO-US HOSPITAL

The Indo-US hospital was built to address the needs of the poor and destitute Indian population focusing on treating the rise of diabetes and providing medical treatments and education in Hyderabad, India. Alhamdulillah, since the new hospital's opening in January 2012, 17,000 patients were seen in one year alone. This year, 8,110 patients were seen. Of those, 685 were screened for eye diseases, 2,073 dialysis sessions were performed, 247 cataract surgeries and/or lens implants were performed, and 47 surgeries were performed. These sessions were free of cost to people living below the poverty line or at a concession low cost for those who could afford it.

It's a blessing to see dedicated doctors and physicians providing such services to the public who are in dire need of medical attention. We also provide educational courses at the hospital to the public where they are educated on their healthcare which will help them make a change in their daily lifestyle and habits.



Indo-US Hospital front entrance.

PROGRAM: HEALTHCARE

INDIA HEALTH INITIATIVE

January 23rd – February 10th, 2013 was IMRC's 4th India Health Initiative program. We conducted 11 camps in 3 locations: Hyderabad, Jahangirabad, and Kokrajhar, Assam where over 4,700 patients were treated in only 3 weeks. People living in the slums and rural areas have limited access to treatments and medications and feel that they cannot afford to see a physician or have the treatment they need. 5 medical professionals from the US who ranged from ER specialists, surgeons, ophthalmologists to geriatrics teamed up with local Indian doctors to help treat these patients. Thanks to our group of doctors who took time out of their busy schedule to help the less fortunate, these patients were able to get the treatment they needed. Our next program is scheduled for January 26th – February 14th, 2014.



Dr. Yamin Ali Javaid, volunteered at IMRC's India Health Initiative program during the January 2013 program.

CALLING ALL PHYSICIANS & MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS!

Join IMRC for one week or all three at the next IHI Program Jan. 26 - Feb. 14, 2014.
Programs held in Hyderabad, Jahangirabad, and Rajasthan
Contact us for more information

ONGOING PROJECT: RAMADAN

FEEDING PROGRAM

PROVIDED 2 MILLION MEALS IN GRAINS!

Our annual Ramadan Feeding program provides meals in grains as well as cooked meals for the needy throughout India. Each year we reach out to more rural and remote villages to provide families, children, and the needy with meals so they can have suhoor and iftar throughout Ramadan. Through your support we've been able to continue this program for over 30 years. Know that every effort made in providing a meal for even one person fasting has immense reward. Jazakh Allah khair for sharing with the less fortunate and for bringing families, communities and villages together during this blessed month. You helped us reach our goal of providing 2 million meals!



ONGOING PROJECT: QURBANI

MEAT DISTRIBUTION

4,262 QURBANI PERFORMED!

500,000+ BENEFICIARIES!

IMRC would like to thank you for all of your support in making our Qurbani program a success. Alhamdulillah we have completed the responsibility of arranging over 4,000 Qurbanis this year. From the mountains of Kashmir in the north to the lowlands of Tamilnadu in the south, your generosity brought light to over 500,000 faces. Thanks to you, families in impoverished neighborhoods had a meal with meat on Eid, which is a luxury in their lives.



Recipients received their meat package on Eid.

ONGOING PROJECT: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT REED (RURAL EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

17 NEW LOCATIONS FOR 2014

In the past five years, we've been able to construct 60 new schools/masajid with educational programs. Each site has a new community and environment where brothers and sisters can now identify with a place of worship of their own and invite others to attend as well. Due to the 30% rise in the cost of supplies and construction, each new location is now \$20,000. We provide year round programs and activities at each location to encourage the community to gather and learn together. During Ramadan, iftaars were held at the masjid. Communities have been attending halaqa and dars programs which are offered regularly. Our goal is to expand in nearby villages and continue to build one school/masjid per month. Inshallah we have now identified 17 new locations which will be in progress for 2014. Inshallah, we look forward in your continuous support to make this successful.

This year we completed the following locations:

- #48 Madrasa-e-Aqsa
- #49 Madrasa-e-Muhammad
- #51 Madrasa-e-Faseeh
- #52 Madrasa-e-Sakina
- #53 Madrasa-e-Arshad
- #54 Bait Al Salam
- #55 Madrasa-e-Farukhi
- #56 Madrasa-e-Sarwar
- #57 Madrasa-e-Abdul Hafeez
- #58 Madrasa-e-Khaja Moinuddin
- #59 Madrasa-e-Masood.



Men gather to break fast at Project REED location #57 Madrasa-e-Abdul Hafeez.



Children receive Quran lessons at their new local school/masjid.

IMRC OPEN HOUSE

Alhamdulillah with the grace and mercy of Allah (SWT), IMRC recently moved to a new building to accommodate the growing support and donations it receives from its donors. The Open House was held on Sunday, November 10th, 2013.

The event included refreshments, a tour of our new building, and a speech from Congressman Mike Honda. We invited many community leaders in the Bay Area who joined us for this special occasion.

This was a great milestone for IMRC as we saw the support the community has given us and continues to give. IMRC would like to thank all of those who made this event a success and may Allah reward our donors and supporters for their continuous support.



IMRC Board members at the new office location.

WHY ONE SHOULD GIVE WHILE STILL ALIVE

Many of us like to give our wealth to the poor and needy when we pass away. Although this is great, many of us forget that we can still give our wealth as sadaqah while we are still alive. The benefit of this is that you are able to see the effects of your wealth/contributions.

THE PROPHET MUHAMMED (S) SAID, "IT IS BETTER FOR A MAN TO GIVE A DIRHAM AS SADAQAH (CHARITY) DURING HIS LIFETIME, THAN TO GIVE A HUNDRED AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH" (REPORTED BY ABU SA'ID AL-KHUDRI).

Let us take the opportunity to give as much as possible before we pass away since life is too short and there is no limitations to how much we can give while are still alive.

Source: Giving While Living by M. Yaqub Mirza & Firas Barzinji, Islamic Horizons November/December 2013 issue

CHARITABLE GIVING

This is the best time of the year to make your gift of stock to get a charitable donation and avoid capital gains tax. One way to do this is to name IMRC as the beneficiary of your IRA. Doing this will eliminate double taxation that an IRA is hit upon with the passing of the owner. You get the benefit of the funds for your entire life, while supporting IMRC years after your passing instead of sending your hard-earned dollars to the IRS. Creating various trust structures can also help you avoid estate taxes, while at the same help the IMRC fund its charitable projects in India for years to come. The most important point I can make is that of our efforts over the last year were due to generous donors like you. We all share the same dreams and want to help create dreams, why not finish what we started? Your continuous support is needed.



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*Please do not discard and
 share it with a friend!*

URGENT APPEAL

HELP RIOT VICTIMS SURVIVE THE WINTER COLD



**Provide Warmth
 this Winter**

Temperatures near freezing!

Sponsor blankets, tents & warm
 clothes today!

Dilshana Begum, 25, is among the several grieving mothers who lost their children to the cold. Dilshana's five month old recently died in Malakpur camp. (Raj K Raj/HT Photo/hindustantimes.com)

- More than 15,000 Muzaffarnagar victims suffer from August 2013 riots.
- Winter months are approaching, young children and the elderly prone to winter diseases.
- Victims need your help to survive the winter weather.

10,000 Blankets (\$10 blanket, \$5 sweater, \$2 cap)	\$170,000
2,000 Mattresses (Razai & gadda) (@ \$20/person)	\$40,000
1,000 Tents (@ \$150/tent)	\$150,000
1,000 Self-employment kits (@ \$200/kit)	\$200,000
5,000 children school bags/supplies (@ \$10/child)	\$50,000