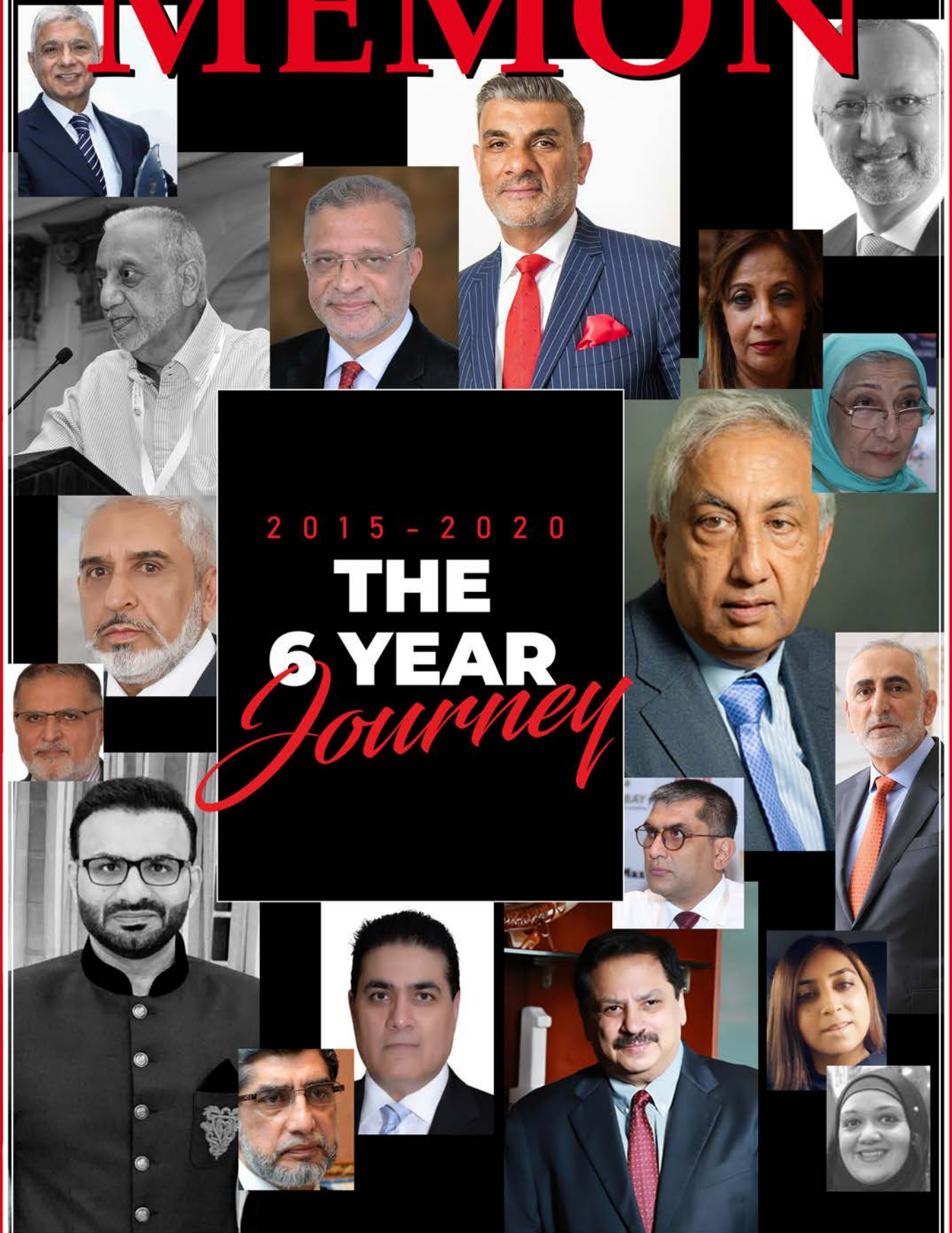


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Assalamu Alaikum warahmathula wabarakhatu

Dear Trustees, Patrons, members, brother and sisters.

As our global community adapts to the disruption caused by the effects of the COVID19 pandemic we are now forced to adjust to the so called "New Norm" as we continue to live in unprecedented times. It is very clear that what we thought was the winning formula for success, Covid 19 has brought to the fore, all organisations including WMO will have to reset and rewire. As leaders of the global community we now have to reimagine our strategy on how we deal with the changing face of the environment to ensure continuity.

Over the years the AGAM has been a much looked forward to calendar event. However, this year we will be celebrating the opportunity of strengthening our brotherhood through a virtual AGAM.

"To God Almighty we belong and to HIM is our final return", this reminds us of our true purpose in life. As the dusk begins to settle and we turn our gaze towards the horizon we are forced to account for our life's work. It is here we realise that true success is only found in the satisfaction of knowing that we have given more towards life instead of taking from what life has had to offer.

I draw comfort in knowing that, through my leadership with WMO since the inception (initially as Chairman of the Board of trustees (7 years) and then finally as president (6 years)) I have ensured that we as a global team have fulfilled our duties and have heeded to the call of our Creator to the best of our abilities. Could we have done more? The work will never be enough as it is never the destination that we should be aiming for but an unending journey that must be travelled as we hand over the baton to a new team to ensure an everlasting legacy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont...

As always, this journey has only been possible through the guidance and support that I have received from my Office Bearers, Trustees , Patrons, Management Committee, Regional Management Committees, International Ladies Wing, the International Youth Wing and Members and Well Wishers from all chapters and all corners of the world. My sincerest gratitude to one and all for the faith that you had in me and for affording me the opportunity to be your leader. It was truly an honor to serve you in my senior positions over the past 13 years. My sincerest apologies to anyone if I have hurt or offended you – please be rest assured that it was never intentional.

To our WMO community – I speak on behalf of my team when I say as your office bearers, we are proud to leave behind an organisation that is compliant and registered globally. I step down knowing that we have left behind a substantial amount of assets as security as well. I am confident that the foundation that WMO has been built upon has been strengthened and I am certain that the new team has a solid basis to build on the legacy we leave behind and will only add value.

As I hand over the baton to the new members I would like to personally thank our evergreen Sir Iqbal Sacranie, our bother who as the Election Commissioner has done a tremendous job in getting regional elections held without any shortcomings.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not recognise the support provided by the International Youth Wing Chairman, Mr Bashir Sattar. Through his guidance, he has ensured that the youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow. It is important to acknowledge their participation in transitioning the WMO organisation to the “New Norm”, through their effective use of technology. This has once again highlighted the importance of youth participation in any organisation. They should be embraced and encouraged to participate as they are an integral part of the continuity of our legacy at WMO.

Our marketing team, under the leadership of Mr Zubair Chasmawalla, have ensured that the global community was always kept abreast with the latest projects undertaken by the WMO. Thank you for all “The Memon” editions over the years. It is important to acknowledge that through these magazines You have added great value to the WMO brand.

In 2017 we launched our legacy programme and it is with pride that I can say that the programme has grown from strength to strength. I would like to personally thank Mr Majid Ranani who had made a commitment towards 3 housing projects in India and Alhumdullillah, all 3 been delivered. And finally to our stalwart trustee Mr Ismail Gadit who has carried out magnificent work as well, the likes of which should not go unrecognised. And finally, to the entire WMO community – as an organisation we can wave our flag high as it was only through your loyalty towards WMO that we have been able to build a global community and brand.

Lastly, a big thank you to our WMO secretaries who behind the scenes ensure that all the groundwork takes place. Without their dedication, sacrifice and loyalty none of this would be possible. So a special thank you to my Brothers Mr Shahid Sangani, Mr Imran Farook, Mr Anas Moswaak and Mr Aneel Ameen.

To our new Global and Regional Office Bearers I would like to wish you all the very best as you open a new chapter in service not only to our Memon community but to mankind as a whole. The journey ahead is long and there are many goals to achieve, but united and in brotherhood we can reach this with the blessing of our Almighty Insha Allah.

I am reminded by a statement made by our beloved Nelson Mandela, “ I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds many more hills to climb.”

Yours sincerely

Suliman Noor Mahomed
President

2015 - 2020

THE 6 YEAR *Journey*



««««« This is the Journey
of the World Memon
Organisation, with the
honourable Solly Noor
at the helm, steering the
organisation through new
and uncharted territory

**The expedition
spans over 6 years
5 continents
and 9 Chapters**

T*his is the story of the evolution of WMO into an organisation that not only uplifts the Memon Community but also truly Serves Mankind globally. And we have firmly underlined that sentiment on our Logo.*

This is the journey and evolution of WMO into a **corporate** structure where each penny is accounted for, all transactions are transparent and every action is guaranteed in compliance with the highest international standards.

This is the journey of WMO from the **Sea of Japan** to the **Hudson bay** as its global footprint stretches from Japan in the East to Canada in the West, thanks to its sprawling membership. It also endorses WMO as the truly global, umbrella organization which unites

Memons from across the globe under its banner.

This is a story of Delivering Hope, Creating Brighter Futures, Uplifting the Downtrodden, Uniting Mankind and Serving Humanity.

The extensive Global, Humanitarian Endeavours undertaken by WMO encompass **Education, Housing & Rehabilitation, Humanitarian Aid, HealthCare and Women Empowerment.**

This is the Story of Pakistan.



WMO believes that education is the bedrock on which communities and nations rise and stand. It is the birth right of every child. It is about a firm belief that Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the World. A record **11,000** deprived students receive an education each year under its "Education for All" program, courtesy WMO Pakistan Chapter.

WMO firmly believes in the age old adage - "**Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day but teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime**"

This is the journey of **MITI** as it has gone from strength to strength and completed **10** glorious years in 2019.

The Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI) was a dream envisioned by the legendary **Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob** (Founder President of WMO) and was brought to fruition by the dedication, passion and hard work of another force of nature – the unstoppable **H M Shehzad**.

MITI was recently conferred as the top ranking Vocational Training Institute in Pakistan. More than a **150,000** students graduating from MITI have received jobs or are self employed.

I am certain Haji Saab is smiling down upon us. His dream has been fulfilled as this noteworthy Institution continues to create brighter futures for youngsters and builds a strong foundation for a better Pakistan, a Naya Pakistan!





WMO firmly believes that a simple, decent shelter is a basic human right and a primary need for all, as it continues its endeavours to build a **Habitat for Humanity**.

This is the story of the 36 year old **Rizwan Mohammad** from Gujarat who lived with his wife and 4 small children in a Garbage dump. This is his journey from a broken down shack, surrounded by the stench of death and disease to a proper home and clean air for his family to breathe.

Hundreds of underprivileged families have a roof over their heads in **Mumbai, Maharashtra, Gujarat and South India**, courtesy WMO India Chapter. Homes have also been provided to the marginalized in **Pakistan** and **Sri Lanka** under the global housing and rehabilitation program.



This is the journey of **Mr. Abdul Hamid Nathani** who laid the cornerstone of the organization in India and gave it an identity. His selfless services towards providing education and health care to the less fortunate members of the Indian Memon community remains unmatched.

This is the story of the spirited **Ehsan Gadawala** and the tireless humanitarian services rendered by his team in all corners of India over the past few years.

Education, housing, health care, empowerment, jobs, matrimony - all boxes have been ticked off by Ehsan Gadawala. Add to that the membership roster is brimming with the crème de la crème of Memons from across the length and breadth of India.



This is the Story of Africa.



A continent which is considered the Cradle of Life and a Chapter which firmly believes that whosoever saves one life, saves all of Humanity. Be it putting themselves in harms way to save the innocent victims of the devastating floods that ravaged Malawi, standing firm with the Tsunami victims of the earthquake that shook Indonesia to its core or delivering water to the parched children, scorched by the drought in South Africa.

This is the Journey of WMO stalwarts such as **Yusuf Kamdar**, **Haroun Joosub**, **Sayed Mia** and **Feizul Ayob** who have spent an eternity, serving mankind. From providing wheelchairs to children with special needs, doing their utmost for orphanages, paying the monthly rents & utility bills of the marginalized, to conducting food distribution drives all year long. WMO Africa Chapter has set the benchmark in philanthropy.



This is the Journey of the formidable **Dr. Taheera Hassim**.

The WMO Africa Chapter Regional Secretary General is busy combating the **Corona** pandemic on the frontlines in Johannesburg. This crusader is heading her team of **Corona Warriors** in South Africa.

As an integral member of the African medical community, she unflinchingly takes every call, attends to every patient, standing undaunted on the battlefield, holding firm to her position.

WMO salutes Dr. Hassim and the medical fraternity in all corners of the World for their selfless service to Humanity.



Being a compassionate and caring human being, Taheera has been the figurehead of several charitable campaigns around the world. She has travelled to the **Myanmar** border to serve the **Rohingya** community and closer to home spearheaded many humanitarian causes to uplift the marginalized of Africa.

After the very admirable **menstrual cup** project wherein hygienic, affordable and effective sanitary products were made available to underprivileged girls, Taheera then selflessly devoted time towards the upkeep of several orphanages in South Africa to bring hope and a smile on the faces of hundreds of children who reside in these homes.

As Taheera spreads the love and transforms lives across the globe, we can only stand up and applaud her for being an inspiration to people from all walks of life.



This is the story of the Middle East.



It is the Journey of our many stalwarts, from the eloquent **Iqbal Dawood** and the magnanimous **Ismail Gadit** to the exceptional **Mahmood Abu Baker Shaikhani** who embodies the philanthropic legacy ingrained in him by his illustrious father. They epitomise the values of Giving. The same values to which the United Arab Emirates have dedicated 2017 - the **Year of Giving**. Be it paying **tuition fees** for deprived students or **serving meals** to a **100,000** Muslim brothers during **Ramadan** across the desert kingdom.

This is also a story of **brotherhood** and **camaraderie**, where the bonds between members of a Chapter run so deep that they are practically one, big family. *The Middle East Chapter personifies the core belief of WMO which is to unite all Mankind under it's banner.*

This is the story of Europe



The refugee crisis in Europe has tested the will and resolve of its people and governments, but most of all, our fellow brethren who were fleeing death and destruction in search of hope and a better life.

The World Memon Organisation has contributed **thousands of dollars** towards this pertinent cause under the leadership of its Vice President, **Mr. Imran Panaawala** and his dedicated team.



The WMO team stood firm, shoulder to shoulder with the innocent victims of this mass exodus and personally distributed relief aid at several camps across Europe.

WMO has provided meals to hundreds of refugees along the migration route, set up **soup kitchens** and distributed **blankets, warm clothing** and **shoes** to a sea of Humanity migrating into Europe. The organization has shipped **9 large containers** packed with **medical equipment, medicines, blankets** and **tinned food** to Turkey enroute to **Syria** from the United Kingdom.

This is a tale of courage, grit and determination, it is about rescuing the vulnerable refugees from the wrath of Mother nature, helping them cross borders in the freezing cold and leaving no man behind.





This is the story of the Far East and the legendary **MH Omar** who donated a **million dollars** in a heartbeat to WMO to ensure that no child is ever deprived of an education in the Sri Lankan Memon Community.

By initiating the construction of a new college wing at the **Dharussalaam Mahavidyalaya** in Colombo, Sri Lanka, they have laid down the cornerstone of an important educational institution that will create brighter futures for thousands of children and establish a legacy of an educated heart and mind.



This is the story of the rehabilitation of the hundreds who lost their homes and livelihoods in the devastating **2019 Easter Sunday bombings** and ensuing riots. The rampant mob attacks thrust the Muslim community into a spiralling vortex of horrific violence.

The WMO Far East Chapter provided immediate relief and financial aid. They rebuilt the shops and stores in record time, that were mercilessly burnt down during the riots, ensuring a swift return to livelihood.

We hope and pray that the Almighty bring an end to the violence, hatred and discord. Grant this beautiful country Peace which is true, perfect and everlasting.

This is the Journey of **Abdul Cader Saleem** whose passion for cricket spawned the **Memon Premier league**. A spectacular, world class cricket tournament which has been emulated across the globe and is the most sought after sporting event on the Memon calendar.

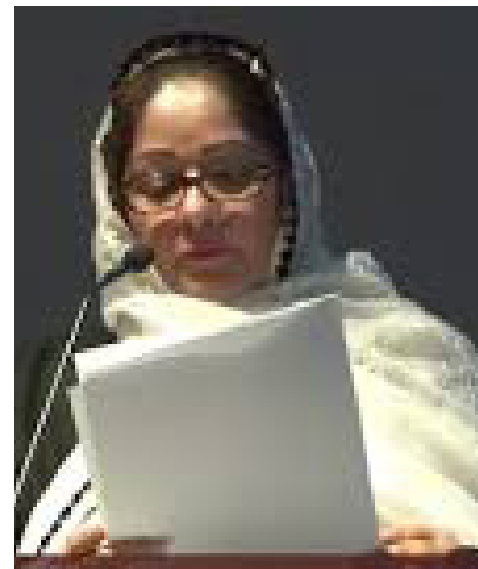




This is the Journey of the North America Chapter which has finally reached its destination and is making its presence felt in the land of the free and home of the brave, courtesy our distinguished members - **Mr. Bashir Akuly, Mr. Omar Karim, Mr. Shiraz Suleman** and the wonderful ladies wing.

This is the Incredible Journey of the ladies of the World Memon Organisation

The ladies wing of the Middle East under the auspices of **Mrs. Shabana ARY** and **Mrs Mehmoona Darvesh** have contributed immensely towards local issues like paying tuition fees, rents, arranging air tickets for stranded immigrants and footing medical bills of the afflicted.



The Ladies Wing of **India** are the pioneers of women empowerment. This is the story of **Mrs Raziya Chasmawala** who is fondly called the **Mother Teresa** of the Memon Community. Her commitment to community service remains unmatched when it comes to uplifting the marginalised of India. She has collaborated with various local Jamaats on umpteen humanitarian projects to serve innumerable worthy causes. Raziya Chashmawala works through hail, sleet or snow. Through her failing health, through her many bouts of dengue and malaria, through the Corona Pandemic with a single goal to serve humanity.

She is a role model and an inspiration for women across the globe who have joined hands to make a difference in their corner of the World, courtesy the WMO International Ladies Wing.





The **global endeavours** of the International Ladies Wing under the dynamic leadership of **Mrs Fazila AK Ismail** include arranging funds for the flood victims of **Malawi**, providing a critical ambulance service in strife torn **Kashmir**, assisting the blind in **Africa** and delivering blankets to orphanages in war-torn **Syria**.

But the most courageous endeavour undertaken by the ladies wing is matchmaking. Their **matrimonial services** are most sought after, across the globe.

This is about the journeys that have been truly inspirational and have left an indelible mark on us.

One such journey is that of the WMO Far East Chapter and Dr. Taheera Hassim. Their journey to the sprawling **Refugee Camps**, spread over acres of land on the borders of **Myanmar** to serve the **Rohingya**.

They say a picture speaks a thousand words. We take you for a walk through purgatory, step by step, frame by frame through the horrific journey undertaken by our innocent brothers and sisters who fled death and destruction in search of hope and a better life.

The WMO team that delivered hope, marched onto the front line, **set up camp on ground zero and distributed food packs, medicines, clothes and shoes** to a sea of Humanity migrating into Bangladesh.

It is a tale of **courage, grit and determination**. It is about **organising medical camps, building homes, digging bore wells to provide clean drinking water and rescuing the vulnerable refugees from death and disease**.

It is a story of **resolute and absolute faith under duress**. Amongst all the hardships and pain, the Rohingya held steadfast to their faith, gathered to offer **Salaah**, at every call of the Azaan. Their unwavering trust in the Almighty Allah Swt to take them through this most difficult phase of their lives is a lesson for all of us who despair at the slightest hardships in our comfortable lives.





This is the Journey of WMO establishing themselves as the Caretakers of Humanity for over two decades now.

"The World Memon Organisation supports Life. We strongly believe that every human being has the right to quality medical care. Our vision is a World without suffering."

The organization provides effective medical and health care to the underprivileged across the globe. WMO is resolute in its belief that quality medical care should remain firmly within the frail grasp of penury.

We have raised a **million dirhams** towards the **Pakistan Medical Centre**, a landmark project by **Pakistan Association Dubai (PAD)** to construct the first not-for-profit health care facility in the heart of Dubai. The project stands completed and has become a beacon of hope for the marginalized in the UAE.

The Far East Chapter is spreading the light with the invaluable **gift of sight**. Healthy corneas are being delivered to the visually impaired in Pakistan wherein the local Chapter conducts corneal transplants free of costs for the underprivileged.



WMO India Chapter has collaborated with the **Khidmat Charitable Trust** to provide medical aid to the underprivileged in Mumbai. From free medicines to diagnostic tests, from providing kidney dialysis to a sizeable number of afflicted brothers and sisters at zero costs to making life saving surgeries possible for the less fortunate. Everything is being taken care of, under one roof and in record time.

Khidmat means **"To Serve"** and the World Memon Organisation has firmly underlined **"Serving Mankind"** on their logo. With both organisations sharing the same ideology, it was only inevitable for their paths to align in their endeavours to uplift Humanity.

The World Memon Organisation stands firm in our support to **children with special needs**, courtesy our **Empowering through Inclusion Project** in Pakistan and the **Ummeed Foundation** in India.

If we can bring a smile on the faces of these little angels, if we can play a small role in making their lives a bit better, if we can provide them with a brighter future, if we can care for them, enough to help them learn, grow and live their lives to the fullest; then we can proudly say that we have made a **DIFFERENCE**.



And I quote..

This is the story of Ayesha..

This is the journey of a reticent and glum, 5 year old child who had hobbled into the Ummeed Foundation, a school for children with special needs in India. She had difficulty walking as her left side was afflicted, restricting and limiting her movements. She sat quietly in a corner, alone, unable to match steps with her siblings and friends.

This is Ayesha's journey, her recovery, her transformation into a bubbly and spirited child with a radiant smile, who now plays with her friends all day and enjoys being the centre of attraction.

As WMO has joined hands with the Ummeed foundation and contributed **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars** towards constructing a bigger and better school for Children with Special Needs, we were very touched when Ayesha's teacher sent us a poem. The children had compiled it and it was their way of thanking us for building them a new alma mater.

*My name is Ayesha
I sat in a corner
I couldn't play with my friends
I was alone and a mourner*

*My left leg is always asleep
It never wakes up
I plead with it everyday
Wake up! Wake up!*

*One day I went to Fairyland
They call it Ummeed
They cured me with a magic wand
It is a miracle, indeed!*

*I run with my friends
I draw ice cream cones
The magic is working
I have stronger bones*

*The Fairyland is growing bigger
We have a new friend called WMO
I am going to run even further
Nobody has to sit in a corner, anymore*

*My name is Ayesha
I run and I fly
I play with my friends
I am aiming for the skies!*

WMO firmly believes that every child, however disadvantaged, enjoys the right to play with his or her friends

Etch those couplets in your heart, remember her face, remember Ayesha in your thoughts and prayers.

This is the Journey of the World Memon Organisation **CHANGING LIVES** across the Globe.



SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

This is the story of Mumbai, a Pandemic, an Exodus and the humble migrant worker.

This is the arduous journey of **Rehman** who was a daily wage earner in Mumbai, sending money religiously home to take care of his family and ailing parents.

The many poignant scenes of migrant workers clutching to their infant children and meagre belongings as they took to the streets to walk back to their villages were reminiscent of the days of the partition. The gut wrenching pictures replete with hollow eyes, ragged feet, parched throats, empty stomachs, broken spirits and unending roads bear a striking resemblance to the massive exodus of 1947 when the country was divided into India and Pakistan.

On the 24th of March 2020, the Prime Minister of India had announced a comprehensive and impetuous lockdown to arrest the spread of the Corona virus, leading to the hurried shut down of the country and killing the city's throbbing lifeline - the public transport system.

No trains, no busses, no metro services, no cabs, no auto rickshaws, just deserted roads. Mumbai was a ghost town. Restaurants, shops, offices, construction sites and all businesses across the city shut down. The migrant workers and daily wage earners who helped build and run the city were its first casualties.

Millions of migrant workers come to Mumbai from far off villages in the hinterland of India to earn a livelihood. The city has always embraced them and has been a generous benefactor, providing them with jobs, a steady income and a better life. But this time Mumbai had turned her back on them.

And then it began. As the jobs evaporated, money trickled to a halt and the hunger pangs grew, the country witnessed the greatest exodus since the partition. With no available mode of transportation to take them home, the roads were lined with families embarking on these never ending journeys on foot, to reach destinations which were several hundred miles away. Many never reached their villages. Rehman was one of them who succumbed along the way.

When the Corona pandemic ends, statistics will prove that the people in India who lost their lives to extreme poverty will far outweigh those who succumbed to the virus. Most migrant workers revealed scant symptoms of Covid-19 but yielded to the far more prevalent and fatal disease that has ravaged the country for years - hunger.

And while the citizens of Mumbai keep washing their hands with soaps and sanitizers, I doubt that they will ever be able to wash off the blood of the migrant workers. The exodus has left an indelible stain on the soul of Mumbai... and its deep red!

This is the story of Rising to the Challenge.

WMO has always answered the call of the unfortunate victims of a humanitarian crisis or a natural calamity in any part of the World. The organisation has been on the forefront and has contributed in every possible way to alleviate the pain and misery of those who seek refuge under these tragic circumstances.

The coronavirus crisis has upended the lives of millions, with no clear end in sight. The number of unemployed around the World has hit an all time high. The numbers are staggering.

As all industries and businesses across the globe go into a lock down, swaths of workers are being sent home. For many, the uncertainty looms large, as to when they'll see their next paycheck.

The COVID-19 pandemic marks an unprecedented time in modern history that will require the best of humanity to overcome.

When the World is battling this fatal pandemic, the most important priority is your family's health and safety. As most countries are under a lockdown and all businesses are shut, several WMO Chapters are providing immediate funds to the unemployed, the daily wagers and the less-fortunate so that they can take care of their families during these uncertain times. Chapters have also distributed packs containing **essential food items, sanitizers, masks and other hygiene material** to underprivileged families to carry them through these difficult times.

On the medical front, **Personal Protective Equipments (PPE), N95 masks, testing kits, ventilators and beds** have been provided to hospitals across the globe. Several awareness programs and virtual seminars were conducted to keep the community abreast with the perils of the pandemic while dispelling false information and unwarranted fears.

WMO applauds and firmly supports the first responders and the medical fraternity for having selflessly and unflinchingly stood on the frontlines of this alarming health crisis.

WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION
MIDDLE EAST CHAPTER

SUPPORT DRIVE

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE PACK

Rice	10 Kg
Flour	5 Kg
Sugar	5 Kg
Chana dal	1 Kg
Mung dal	1 Kg
Masoor dal	1 Kg
Chick peas	1 Kg
Milk Powder	1 Kg
Tea	1 Kg
Oil	1.8 Ltr

WMO Middle East Chapter Food Drive campaign is a preventive measure support initiative against CoronaVirus.

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MIDDLE EAST CHAPTER

COVID-19 TESTING KIT

A significant number of Covid-19 Testing Kits are being procured by the ARY group in a joint campaign with the Middle East Chapter to supply diagnostic kits to Pakistan.

WMO MIDDLE EAST CHAPTER
COVID-19 Support Initiative

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WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION
PAKISTAN CHAPTER

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE
Corona
VIRUS AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

The WMO Pakistan Chapter with the support of WMO International and ARY Digital has come forward to provide relief necessary to mitigate adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The relief initiatives are as follows:

- PKR 5,000 cash assistance per month for 3 consecutive months for thousand Memon families who have lost their livelihood due to lockdowns.
- Supply of COVID-19 Testing Kits to selected hospitals.
- Distribution of ration packs during and after the holy month of Ramadan.
- Contribution towards the cost of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - gowns, masks, gloves, etc. - for medical staff in hospitals designated for COVID-19 treatment in Karachi. WMOIC will also supply the rest of the medicines required by the Flood Isolation Centre being set up at Karachi Expo Centre.
- We appeal to the community to come forward and support these efforts. An estimated PKR 50 million is required for this relief program.

For more information on how to donate to the fund, please call:

☎ 0300-5853023 (Mr. Ali Yaqub) ☎ 0321-2773622 (Mr. Munir Raza)

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY LIVING ASSISTANCE

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WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION
NORTH INDIA CHAPTER

Corona
PANDEMIC
SUPPORT DRIVE

AN APPEAL FOR HUMANITY

The coronavirus pandemic has upended the lives of millions, with no clear end in sight. With the lockdown in India being extended in several states till the end of the month, the distribution of food packs to the underprivileged becomes even more imperative.

Please step up to the plate for Humanity and donate generously towards the benevolent cause.

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE PACK

Rice	10 Kg
Wheat Flour	5 Kg
Dal	3 Kg
Tea	250 g
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COST OF EACH PACK ₹999

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COVID-19 MEDICAL AID

Diagnostic Kits • N95 Masks • Body Suits

The COVID-19 pandemic marks an unprecedented time in modern history that will require the best of humanity to overcome.

A significant number of Covid-19 Testing Kits and N95 masks are being procured by the ARY Group in a joint campaign with the World Memon Organization to supply diagnostic and safety kits to Pakistan.

The paramedics, nurses and doctors are battling on the frontline against the Corona virus. They work in high risk environments, unflinching answering every call, attending to every patient as they work tirelessly to combat the disease.

The ARY group and WMO shall provide protective gear in the form of full body suits for all medical professionals so that they can continue their work unabated. We salute these Corona Warriors and pray the Almighty keep them safe during these difficult times.

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This is a story of connecting people.

WMO firmly believes that your **Network** is your **Net worth** hence the **WMO Business Conferences** present to you the perfect opportunity to grow your global network and increase your net worth.



This is the story of Empowerment

and a gentleman called **Mohamed Farooq** who has provided rickshaws and sewing machines to hundreds of families in Pakistan so that they could earn a livelihood, provide their children with an education and live with dignity.

This is the story of Mr. Farooq Kassim

who is one of the most thoughtful individuals in the organization, always obliging and reaching out to members who need his advice or assistance. As a valued board member on several financial institutions, the **Deputy Secretary General of the Board of Trustees** brings his professionalism, astute business acumen and perfectionism to the fore in his endeavours to corporatize WMO.





This is the story of a visionary who served as an inspiration to hundreds of youngsters and resurrected the youth wing - **Mr. Yunus Suleman**. With a sterling background in finance, the **WMO treasurer** has been an integral part of the journey and evolution of WMO into a corporate structure where each penny is accounted for, all transactions are transparent and every action is guaranteed in compliance with the highest international standards.

Yunus Suleman has also been on the frontlines of the **MealSA** program. This extraordinary humanitarian campaign was a Covid-19 Response supported by various charities across Africa.

A **hundred and fifty thousand meal bags** containing 12.5 kilograms of maize were donated by the people of South Africa to feed a million families of the rainbow nation. That is the MealSA program in a nutshell as their apt slogan so effectively states - **"Feeding our Nation"**

This is the journey of Doyens of Industry and Business Magnates such as **Gulaam Hussain Abdoola** who have scaled the greatest heights of success. As **Chairman of the Zakat Committee**, he has put his money where his mouth is and has spearheaded several charitable campaigns including initiating crowd funding for the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunamis that devastated Indonesia.



This is the Journey of one of the greatest humanitarians of our time, **Mr Abdul Satar Dada**. A torch bearer for humanity in his corner of the World.

Satar Dada is one of the tallest pillars of the World Memon Organisation. His generosity remains unparalleled, as do his leadership qualities which came to the fore when he helmed the organization as the WMO President for several years. His recent contribution of a sprawling piece of land in one of the most coveted addresses of South Africa towards the building of a Legacy project is testament to his legendary generosity.

Thank you Sir, for your generosity, your leadership, your compassion, as we are compelled to pen another tangible tribute to the humanitarian heart of Mr. Satar Dada.



This is a story of faith, friendship and camaraderie where a man stood tall, shoulder to shoulder with those whom he believed in. It is about the birth of a new chapter called **South India** and the efforts of a man called **Ashraf Sattar**. This is a story of embracing all and adding to the ever-growing WMO global family. **This is the man of the people, for the people and by the people.**

As **Chairman of the Membership Committee**, Ashraf Sattar has increased the global footprint of WMO which now stretches from the Sea of Japan in the East to the Hudson Bay in the West.



This is literally a journey to all corners of the globe of one of the greatest ambassadors of WMO, Mr Nowsad Gani. This charismatic **Deputy President** of the World Memon Organisation has carried the WMO flag high and charmed members in every part of the World with his **encyclopaedic intellect, sharp wit and motivational leadership abilities**. One of the most generous benefactors of the organization, Mr. Gani is also an orator par excellence who captivates his audience and delivers the most emphatic speeches to inspire generations.

It beggars belief that he is going to be 75 years old this year, cancel that 75 years young. This powerhouse of energy has been physically present at every endeavour, at every event and has guided India Chapter every step of the way. Those late night flights from London to Mumbai, the overnight train journeys to the hinterlands of India, Haroon bha has stood firm, shoulder to shoulder with the regional team and fuelled India Chapter to unimaginable heights.

He is the Citizen of the World with his footprint in all 5 continents. A most committed individual whose organizational skills came in handy while planning many memorable AGMs. This Chairman of the Board of Trustees never faced a shortfall in his Zakat targets as he received funds from several benefactors who held him in high regards. He is one of the most respected personalities who is always looked up to, by all members and Chapters - **the honourable Haroon Karim**.



This is the journey of our proficient Secretary General - Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangrora. He is the vital cog that makes the WMO machinery tick.

The **2018 AGM** hosted by the Pakistan Chapter in **Karachi** was a celebration of Memon brotherhood and a watershed event in the history of WMO. The grandeur and scale of the proceedings were previously unmatched.

The highlights of the AGM were the **conclave** with the honourable **Prime Minister of Pakistan**, the well organized **Business Conference** and the sublime **Gala dinner** which was attended by the political heavyweights of the country including the **President of Pakistan**.

The driving force behind the meticulously organized AGM was the dependable Shoaib Ismail who also authored the landmark book "World Memon Organisation - The Incredible Journey".

The honourable **President - Mr. Arif Alvi** and the charismatic **Prime Minister - Mr. Imran Khan**, both launched the historic book on two separate occasions.

It is indeed a matter of great pride for the World Memon Organisation that the heads of state of Pakistan have inaugurated this magnum opus and accorded the honour to its ingenious author.





This is the story of a patriot

Mahmood Shaikhani is a good friend, a better humanitarian but hands down the most patriotic citizen of his motherland - **Pakistan**.

All through the Corona Virus Pandemic, he has been on the frontlines, delivering messages to create awareness about the disease, distributing food packs to thousands of deserving families, initiating endeavours to provide funds to those who have lost their jobs in the current crisis and supplying protective gear to health care workers.

The **Deputy Secretary General of WMO** has also pledged a significant sum towards the Prime Minister's relief fund to combat the Corona pandemic in Pakistan.

In fact, the entire Shaikhani family is busy flying the Pakistan flag high in their neck of the woods. Be it Pakistan, the Emirates or the United Kingdom.

As the famous quote goes, "**When a nation is filled with strife, then do patriots flourish.**"

All we can proudly say is "**Patriotism, thy name is Shaikhani**"

Then there is the story of youth and leadership.

Since the prolific **Bashir Sattar** has taken on the mantle of the Youth Wing in 2017, he has been instrumental in infusing new blood into an aging organization. As the famous quote goes, "**True leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders**". The impressive Global Youth Wing team bears testament to the remarkable leadership abilities of Mr. Sattar. Bashir bha has groomed the next generation leaders who can bear the WMO cross and take this organization to greater heights in the coming years.

Youngsters from across the globe are lining up to join WMO and the admirable projects being conducted by the youth are on the rise. Leadership summits, youth conventions, sports events, matrimonial alliances, endeavours to uplift the community...the list goes on. We must single out the youngsters from Pakistan Chapter, they deserve special praise as they have set the bar and we expect the youth from the rest of the Chapters to raise it further in the coming years.

Mr. Bashir Sattar has been a founder Trustee of the World Memon Organisation since its inception. He has been a loyal and dedicated foot soldier of the organization. As he assumes the role of General and creates a new frontline with his young troopers, he leaves an enduring legacy.



Which brings us to the legend of the distinguished Solly Noor.

There are leaders and then there are those who can lead. We follow them, not because they are in a position of power or authority but because they inspire us.

This is the story of formidable and visionary Leadership. It is about his legacy and the values he has instilled in future generations to continue with the benevolent work of Serving Mankind under the WMO banner. The honourable President of WMO has been the recipient of several awards including the 2019 prestigious **3G – Global Good Governance Award** which was conferred upon him in a glittering ceremony in Djakarta, Indonesia.

“The goal isn’t to live forever, it is to create something that will.”

It is on this firm belief that Mr. Solly Noor has envisioned and announced the WMO Legacy Projects in 2017.

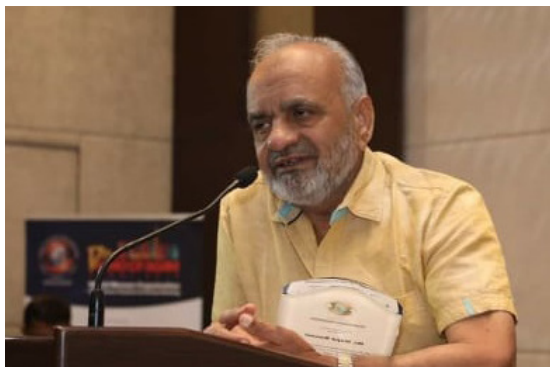
In a short span of 18 months, two **Ashiyaana** housing projects undertaken by the magnanimous **Majid Ranani** stood completed in the towns of **Akola** and **Malegaon** in India, welcoming **50** families into her fold. The legacy projects were aptly named Ashiyaana . The word ‘Ashiyaana’ means a nest. A most enduring legacy - a

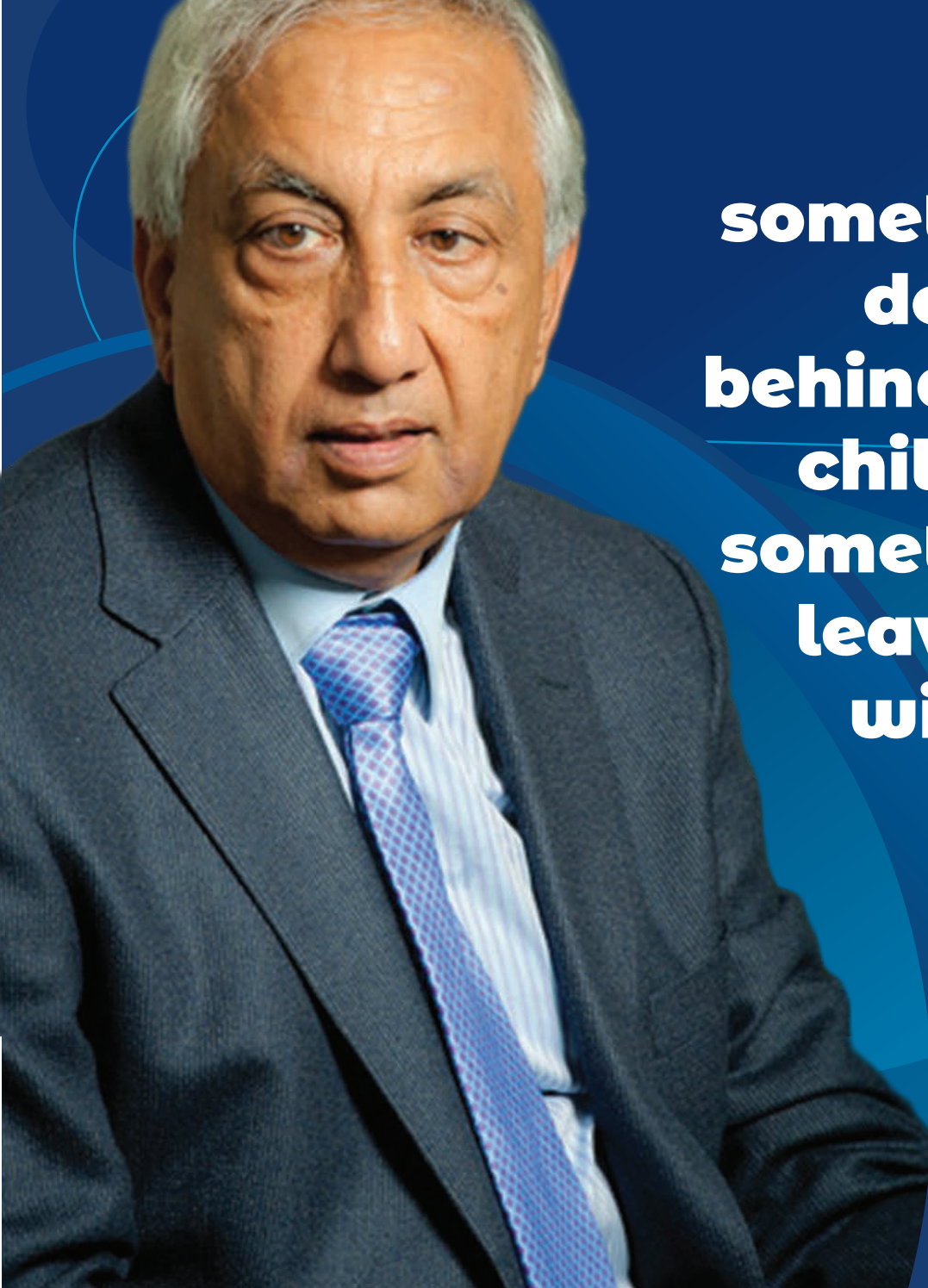
roof over the heads of underprivileged families of the Memon Community - a nest for all to come home to.

After completing the housing projects in India and initiating the construction of a **multi-specialty hospital in Palghar**, Mr. Solly Noor announced the construction of a girl’s **nursing college and hospital**, which are currently in progress in **Pakistan** under the watchful eye of our stalwart, **Mr. Ismail Gadit**.

As we build these Legacy Projects that will endure the test of time and stand testament to the unparalleled philanthropy and generosity of the Memon community, we mustn’t forget **“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others”**

The greatest Legacy project undertaken by the tallest pillars of WMO, our stalwarts Mr. Solly Noor, Mr. Haroon Karim, Mr. Nowsad Gani and the exemplary Executive Committee is to inculcate the values of empathy, kindness and generosity in our future leaders. These invaluable traits will serve our youth well as they continue to unite, uphold and uplift Mankind under the WMO banner.





Legacy is something you don't leave behind for your children, it is something you leave behind within your children.

As our elders leave their indelible mark and firmly entrench their footprints in the sands of time for our youngsters to follow, **they have set WMO on the path to immortality, they have made this organization eternal.** This will be their most enduring Legacy towards the organization. **WMO will always be grateful and history will be kind to them, as they have created it.**

The most noteworthy evolution under the Presidency of Mr. Solly Noor has been brought about by his firm belief that although the World Memon Organisation was created to uplift the Memon Community, we must follow the Holy Quran and care for all Mankind.

Mr. Solly Noor's term personifies his core belief that the measure of a leader is not the number of people who serve him but the number of people he serves.

Thus the name **Suliman Noor Mahomed** will remain firmly engraved in the hallowed halls of immortality for his selfless and unparalleled service to Humanity.

The Editor's Corner

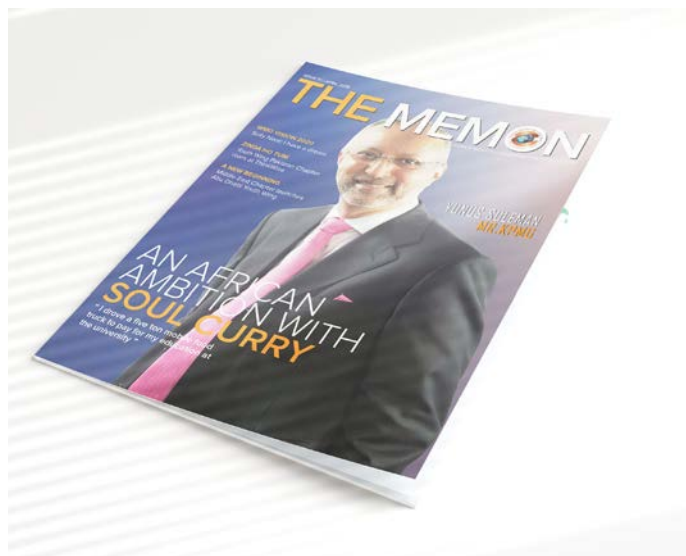
As my term as Editor in Chief of **The Memon** magazine draws to a close I can proudly say that I leave an enriched and fulfilled person.

Since taking on the mantle of Chairman of the WMO Marketing and Communications Committee over 6 years ago, I have revisited my love for reading, writing and storytelling.

It has been an incredible journey and wonderful teamwork. I have made life long friends along the way and WMO remains my extended family.

It has been the constant endeavour of the team to increase the global footprint of WMO via our website, app and social media. We are glad that the World Memon Organisation is now a global brand and the goals we set out to achieve during our tenure have been accomplished.

April 16th 2015 was a significant date as it marked the release of the first edition of **The Memon** magazine.



It has been a memorable journey thus far with many distinguished personalities gracing the cover. From corporate gurus, entrepreneurs, visionaries,

humanitarians to icons and legends, all have shared their absorbing life stories, encompassing tales from their childhood, the growing up years, their struggles, trials & tribulations, accomplishments, relationships, philanthropy, humanitarian endeavours and glories.

On several occasions, they have tugged at our heart strings with intimate details of incidents that changed their lives forever. Each of us experience a deep range of emotions, motivated by our own individual desires and fears, so writing about personalities with the same nuances has the power to draw us in and make us feel. I felt the anguish and pain when **Mahmood Shakhani** lost his beloved father. I experienced pride when **Sir Iqbal Sacranie** was knighted by the Queen for his relentless humanitarian endeavours. I shared his fears when he landed in strife-torn Bosnia and drove in the dark of the night to deliver Eid gifts to orphaned Muslim children. I am instilled with patriotic fervour when **Mr. Satar Dada** realises a country's dream and builds a home for every underprivileged citizen of Botswana. I was filled with the unbridled joy of giving when the legendary **Abdul Sattar Edhi** gave away each day of his life to uplift Humanity.

As we experienced a gamut of emotions while we unfolded important chapters of their lives, we learnt, we bonded, we celebrated a life less ordinary, a life lived for others, a life that inspired us to follow in the indelible footprints that they have left behind in the sands of time.

**To all the extraordinary men and exceptional women;
For all the inspiration, motivation and lessons;
Thank you!**

The Memon magazine is perhaps the greatest gift from us to all future generations. It will serve as a documented record, preserved in the annals of history, giving a detailed account of the extraordinary lives and noteworthy accomplishments of the distinguished men and women of the Memon community that lived during our time.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM



I am deeply indebted to my co-creators of The Memon magazine, my remarkable team of **Farzana Mahomed** and **Shazly Makeen** for being the lofty pillars of the Editorial Committee. They have raised the bar with every edition, always carried me on their shoulders and deserve all the accolades.

Farzana, a fierce feminist, philanthropist and business woman is constantly juggling her work and social responsibilities with that of being a loving mother to her four children and a caring daughter to the President and First Lady of WMO. This ingenious multi-tasker took out precious time from her busy schedule to get involved in every aspect of the magazine - from writing riveting articles, designing each page to refining and polishing all the write ups. Her editorial skills make the difference between a good edition and a great one. A perfectionist by nature, she is passionate about her vision for the magazine and this drives her to seek the best from everyone at all times.

Shazly Makeen has been a designer par excellence. His masterpieces brought every story to life as he conjured up the most magical canvases for each article. He has constantly reinvented and enhanced the visual appeal of The Memon by his own distinct brand of simple, understated yet elegant styling.

I am grateful to all the youngsters who have contributed towards the magazine including **Salman Hussain**, **Reeda Shaikhani**, **Tazmeen Ibrahim Essa**, **Dania Hanif**, **Arshad Gani**, **Raees Abdoola**, **Zahraa Noor**, **Noor Mahomed** and the Pakistan Youth wing. It is time to step up to the plate, take over and build on this wonderful platform. A special mention of Reeda Shaikhani who took on the mantle of Editor and has done wonders with the magazine.

I remain indebted to the extra ordinary men who comprise the Editorial Board. **Mr. Yunus Suleman** is an exceptional mentor, **Mr. Gulaam Abdoola** is a wonderful friend, **Mr. Nowsad Gani** is someone I always look up to and as for **Mr. Solly Noor**, we share a special father-son bond. He has believed in me and allowed me to unleash my creativity while always having my back.

I must make a special mention of **Mr. Shahid Sangani** and **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** who recommended me for this job and have been at my side since I joined the organisation as a member of the youth wing, over a decade ago.

To all the stalwarts who graced the cover of The Memon magazine and made each edition special - Thank You!

It is a distinguished list of illustrious personalities including **Mr. Haroon Karim**, **Mr. Satar Dada**, **Mr. Iqbal Sacranie**, **Mr. Mahmood Shaikhani**, **Mr. Ashraf Sattar**, **Mr. Yousuf Kamdar**, **Mr. M Farooq**, **Mr. Shoaib Ismail** amongst many others. Each edition was noteworthy because you obliged us by gracing the cover.

Here's looking at a very successful 18th WMO virtual AGM as we proudly present to you the 31st edition of The Memon - my final tribute to this glorious organisation.

It has been an honour and privilege.

Mohamed Zubair Chashmawala

GEMS FROM THE EDITORIAL TREASURE TROVE



A young Mahmood Abubaker Shaikhani with his illustrious father.



The suave Satar Dada



The dashing Gulaam Abdoola atop his car during his rally car days.



Nowsad Gani - always the rock star

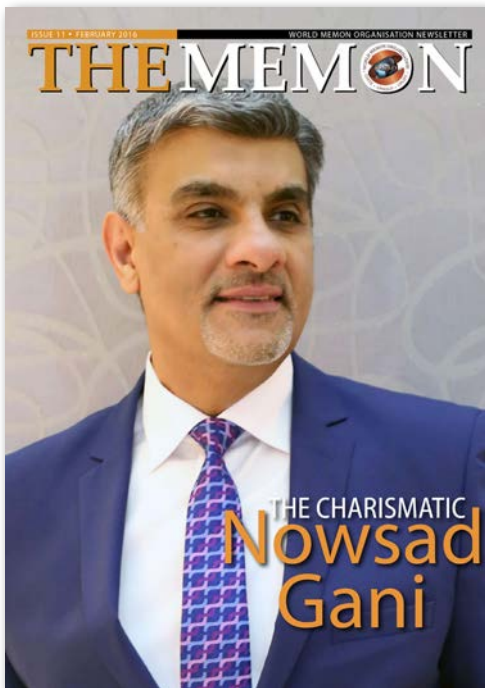
NOTES *from the Exco*



As I end my six years tenure as chairman of board of trustees, I take this opportunity to thank Solly Bha, the President of WMO, the members and the trustees for the confidence they have placed in me. I am indebted for their commitment they have given over the past six years for the success of WMO to represent Global Memon Community.

I attended the first International Memon Convention in Dubai in 2001 which paved the way for the formation of WMO in 2002. I agreed to be one of the founder trustees and since then, I have not looked back with my commitment for the upliftment of the organization to the best of my abilities. My best wishes to my successor and his team that they have all the success in meeting the new challenges that lie ahead.

Haroon Karim
Chairman of Board of Trustees



We must also acknowledge with the utmost humility that perhaps we could not entirely fulfil all our duties and obligations and that perhaps we could always have done better! A pre-requisite of community work and good leadership has to be self-evaluation and criticism.

In the 20 years of this organisation, whilst we may have collected and distributed millions of dollars in Zakaat and assisted the needy of our community in education, housing, medical requirements etc. The undisputed success, in my opinion, is the Networking opportunity that this organisation has afforded to Memons all over the world, the opportunity to come together under one platform.

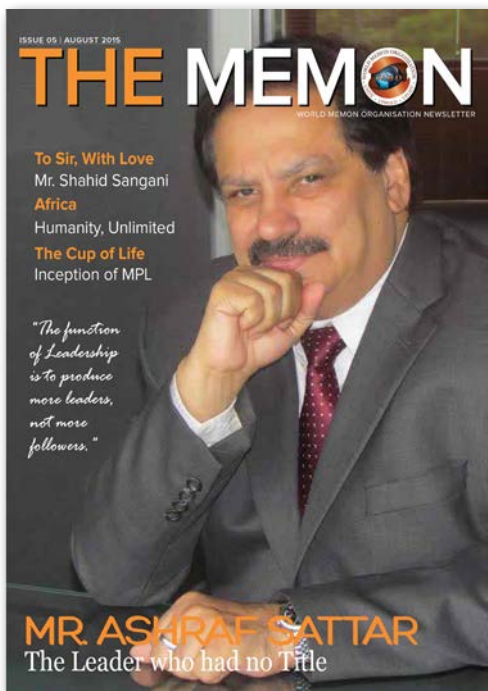
Whilst the Membership list may not have run to hundreds of thousands, the awareness of the existence of our great community and the wonderful individuals and their successes be it in Business, Professions and Social Work could never have been highlighted and celebrated without the existence of WMO.

We have certainly achieved a sense of belonging and pride to be a part of our great Memon community and the challenge to the new administration must be in bringing our youth to the fold to carry the flag hereon with a greater zeal!

Nowsad Abdul Gani
Deputy President

It is said that ***"All good things have to come to an end"***. I reflect back at the past 6 years of our tenure as Office Bearers of this great organisation and reflect upon this period and reminisce with the utmost pride at being entrusted to this great office and at the friendship and camaraderie with which all of us approached our responsibility.

As we now approach the moment when we pass on the reins to others, we do this with the satisfaction that we deployed our time and effort entirely for the sake of Allah SWT and for the cause of our great community.



I have served as an executive of WMO for last 6 years as Deputy Chairman of Trustee board. During this period I completed my task as Chairman of Membership development committee to my satisfaction with VPs of each of chapter midst many challenges.

As our President Solly Bha 's envoy for India I had dissolved WMO Welfare which was non functional and later assisted WMO to form its Indian chapters - North India chapter and South India chapter.

I believe we are truly a global body now ,well known brand name worldwide , among our Memon community , with members from different countries ,cultural background, different continents, and still legally compliant in each country.

WMO is still in its infancy ,but will reach great heights as a charitable organization and will bring Memon Worldwide together. Inshallah.

I take opportunity to thank President Solly Bha and OB brothers for their steadfast support in my endeavors.

Thank you

Ashraf Sattar
Deputy Chairman of Board of Trustees



The WMO is a dream that has come true. As we know, our thinkers and elders had long felt the need for a global organization that would represent and work for the entire Memon Community scattered across the world. Now, 18 glorious years have passed with great milestones to the credit of WMO. Never before in the 500-year history of the Memon Community have such achievements been recorded. Masha Allah.

Memons anywhere in the world can now link up

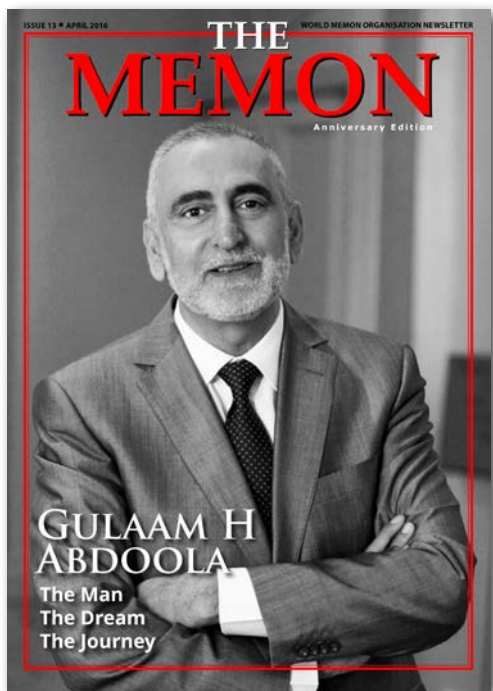
with WMO, no matter what their profession, social background or country of residence may be. WMO is the only platform which is a truly representative organization of the Memon Community and bridges distances between Memons from all walks of life, from all corners of the world, on a single unifying platform. Indeed, this is a remarkable achievement.

Since the Uplift of the Community is a major Aim & Objective, WMO believes in "TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More." Every Memon individual and every Memon establishment are unique and have their own plus points. Every stakeholder is doing his bit under WMO and the results of collective effort are clearly evident from the improvement in the quality of life of thousands of beneficiaries. Unity in spirit and purpose is what WMO has been able to achieve.

WMO is a now big global family which is also striving to uphold the rich and varied traditions, culture and values of the community and pass it on successfully to the future generations. But WMO is still in its infancy and has a long way to go and achieve many more milestones.

May Almighty Allah guides us all to serve humanity in the most befitting manner. Aameen.

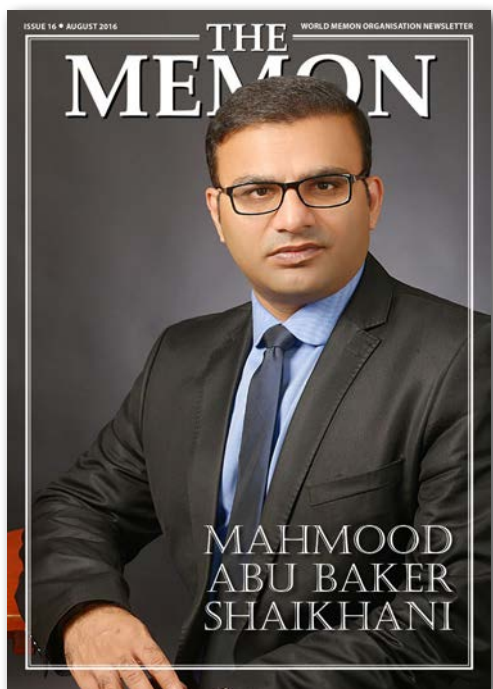
Shoaib Ismail Mangroria
Secretary General



AssalamuAlaikum, Dear Friend, Colleagues and fellow members, Alhamdulillah, I have served on the executive of WMO for last 6 years. I joined WMO in 2005 as a trustee. During this period I have witnessed the formation and transformation of WMO as each year passes. It is truly a global body which is now a brand known worldwide. To run an organization that deals with members from different countries, cultural backgrounds, different continents, multiple currencies and still be legally compliant in each country as a global organization is a remarkable achievement.

WMO is still in its infancy, but maturing and learning as each year passes. I believe WMO will reach great heights in being a charitable organization and a tool to bring memons together worldwide. Inshallah.

Gulaam Husain Abdoola
Secretary General of Board of Trustees



It was a gratifying learning experience working with the highest intellectuals in business and how we shall work for the betterment of our community.

WMO is blessed to have seniors like Solly Bha and his team and there is no doubt in the fact that Allah chooses great people to get his work done.

Solly Bha has raised the bars and set a bench mark for the new team to achieve.

May Allah SWT keep us united always.

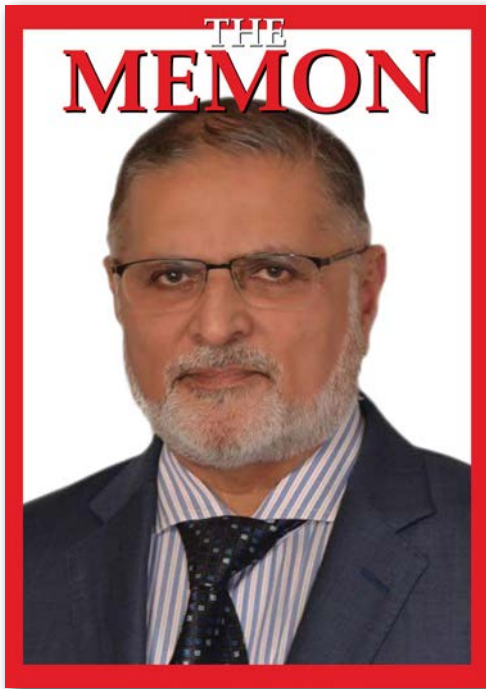
Mahmood Shaikhani
Deputy Secretary General

I have been an integral part of the World Memon Organisation over the last decade after my father, the late Abubaker Shaikhani passed away.

Whilst working with Solly Bhai and the elders of the Exco team, they have never made me feel that I lost my father, they never made me feel that I was the youngest amongst them.

Solly Bha taught me so much, personally. For me I felt as if I was in a university where I was learning every minute of my life.

Solly Bha is an entire encyclopedia of knowledge, wisdom, philanthropy.



Alhamdulillah my experience has been very different compared to being on other boards. During my years with WMO I have witnessed the organization, becoming more popular with the Memons and the transformation into a very well known worldwide charitable organization.

The networking opportunities that were afforded me to interact with people from different countries has been the most invaluable experience for me.

Though we are all Memons and speak the same language it was interesting to see how different we were.

Though it has been 2 decades since the inception of WMO it still has lots of room for improvement to bring it to a more professional level.

I hope WMO will remain a global charitable organization & unite all Memon's from all the continents.

Farook Kassim

Deputy Secretary General of Board of Trustees

I have been a member of the WMO since its inception from 2001 in Dubai. I became a trustee in 2014, and a member of the Executive Committee for the past 3 years.



I am thankful to our CFO - Anas Mowshook, our Deputy Treasurer - Mr. Ismail Gadit and all members of the Audit, Finance and Zakaat Committee for delegating the tasks assigned to us and accomplishing the goals we set out to achieve.

I am also grateful to all the Office Bearers for their steadfast support and owe a debt of gratitude to all the Regional Treasurers for their unwavering commitment and dedication to quality reporting of the audited Financial Statements over the past six years.

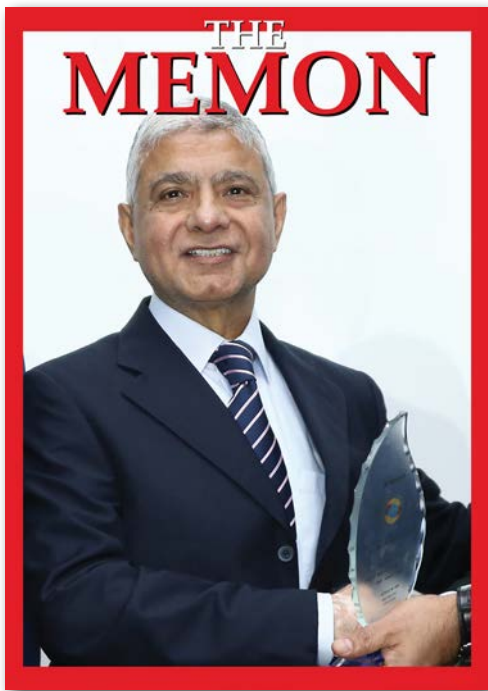
I end by expressing my admiration for the visionary leadership qualities exhibited by our President - Mr. Solly Noor. The bar has been set and I hope the new team can raise it even further.

Yunus Suleman

Treasurer

As Treasurer, I am glad we were able to implement several policies to streamline our finances, bring greater transparency in accounting and make the organization self sufficient courtesy our prudent investments.

We have made very good progress towards a stronger Finance Function for the next Committee to build on.



I am privileged to be associated with WMO since its inception in 2001 as a Trustee. During the last 6 years, I have had the opportunity to serve as an Executive in the Central Body. In all these years, I have found WMO as a beacon of unity to the global Memon Community. WMO has established several legacy projects that have grown over time into successful ventures in the organization's ultimate goal of helping our community and humanity at large. Over the past 6 years, I have associated particularly in the Treasury. It is with great satisfaction that we have established our accounting systems and procedures with utmost efficiency and clear transparency.

Kind Regards,

Ismail Gadit
Deputy Treasurer



Were it not for limitations and shortcomings within the team, much more could have been achieved. That is my personal regret for this great man and selflessly dedicated humanitarian.

Solly bha has served his two terms with dignity and grace and leaves behind fond memories of the many passionate discussions and debates we had about how to improve and change the WMO to meet the opportunities and challenges we face as a community.

Solly bha has set the standards of leadership within the WMO. His legacy will live on and be used as an example for many years to come.

Bashir Sattar
Trustee & Global Youth Wing Chairman

It has been a great pleasure working with Mr Solly Noor, our President. Solly Bha is an Ambassador who has operated with master skills of diplomacy and tact.

The WMO has seen some good progress in Administration, Finance and its Global Youth Wing.



Background

An outcome of the Strategy discussion held by the Executive Committee in Dubai at the beginning of our tenure resulted in a delegation of responsibility to a number of sub-committees of which Audit, Finance and Zakaat committee was one of them.

The Power Devolution through the Sub-Committees has resulted in tremendous improvement in performance at the Central level.

Appointment of CFO

WMO recruited a full time CFO to the Centre who assists the Treasurer and the COO in aligning the chapter financial framework, book-keeping and accounting. In line with completing the book-keeping function we have implemented the SAGE online (cloud based) accounting platform during 2016/2017.

For the first time we were able to present the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Europe, Pakistan and Middle East chapters for the Financial Year Ended December 2015. We have also presented Audited Compiled financial statements (including the rest of the Chapters not legally part of the consolidation) since the FYE December 2017. With this we have brought the accounting records of the chapters at the fingertips of the Treasurer and his team. Our Transparency is at a level like never before and the Audited Accounts and the Sub Committee Reports are testament to the strides we have made in this area.

Audit Finance and Zakaat Committee

The Audit, Finance and Zakaat Committee has done a wonderful job in getting the finances of the organisation streamlined and on One Single Accounting Platform. The Global Balance Sheet is a great achievement after 12 years of existence, and now WMO is self-sufficient wherein we can manage our current expenses with the return on investments. However, in order to better improve efficiencies across the chapters we need to hire qualified staff at all chapters and this will require more funding which we need to raise from the members.

In order to promote good governance and consistency of operational procedure across the all Regional Chapters, we developed a set of Policies and Procedures for the major critical areas of operations of WMO. These policies are designed to regulate and control the processes of WMO throughout the chapters globally in a consistent manner. The finance team headed by the Treasurer, implemented the said Policies & Procedures throughout the chapters starting from year 2016. With the implementation of these policies we have improved our internal control levels, segregation of duties and transparency in the book-keeping and accounting areas significantly.



Yunus Suleman
Treasurer

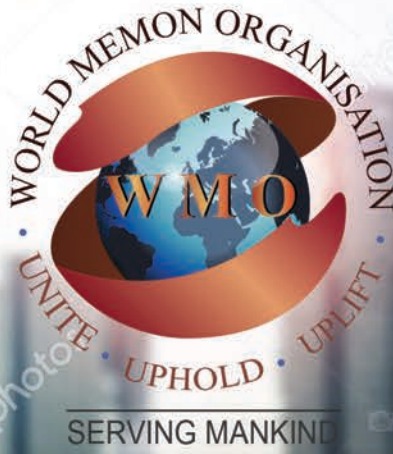
The Zakat committee implemented a Project based Zakat distribution strategy where the Donors have the option of selecting the projects they want to support from a list of projects submitted by the Chapters and approved by the Zakat Committee. In order to facilitate this, the Marketing and Communication Committee has listed these projects in the Website and Mobile App since 2017. The Donors have the option of selecting the chapter and the project to route their Zakat to or pay to the Central Zakat Fund and the Zakat Committee will have the option of disbursing these funds based on need and priority. The monitoring and supervision of the Zakat distribution and the accounting & finance of these projects is done by the COO & CFO, who make half yearly visits to the chapters with the significant amount of collection and distribution.

Property and Investment Portfolio

WMO holds 30 properties in Dubai. Initially, only 11 were in the name of WMO. The remaining 19 properties were held in Trust in the name of Trustee Mr Ismail A Gadit on behalf of WMO. In 2018, we were able to navigate the regulatory framework of Dubai and transfer the 19 properties held in trust to an offshore company, "WMO Investment Ltd". This was a major accomplishment of the finance team. The next stage is to bring all 30 properties into a single DIFC Company. This proposal is currently pending discussion and approval by the Board of Trustees with hope to finalize it in 2021.

The seed money of WMO, i.e. the Trustee funds are being separated from the General Funds and disclosed separately in the AFS. These Trustee Funds and other excess cash equivalents are invested only in Sharia Compliant Instruments, throughout the chapters and at the central level. Trustees and Patrons with long outstanding subscription dues, were recategorized in order to implement an effective collection practice as per the constitution.

Overall very good progress towards a stronger Finance Function for the next Committee to build on.



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DECEMBER 2020



Assalaamu Alaykum

In what has been a very difficult year for everybody, we have witnessed an unprecedented change to our daily lives. Due to the prevailing global conditions, uncertainty of air-travel and safety concerns surrounding the Coronavirus Pandemic we have created an online meeting platform so that we can continue to meet as a global organisation. Therefore whilst we will not be able to meet up this year as normal, the entire board hopes to meet you all on our virtual meeting platform In-Sha-Allah. Our gratitude and thanks go to our Global Youth Wing Team led by its Chairman Mr Bashir Sattar for their efforts in making this possible during these difficult times.

Suliman Noor Mahomed (Solly Noor)

President, World Memon Organisation

IMPORTANT NOTE:

To maintain everybody's personal safety this year's annual meetings will be held online using the WMO Meeting Application. This is a unique online application designed and created specifically for the WMO.

As a bona-fide registered member of the WMO you will receive an email prior to the date of the meeting/s to register and sign up to the WMO Meeting Application. In order to be able to attend meetings Members will be required to respond to the said email by registering prior to the date of the meeting.

In the event you have any questions or queries, please email WMO General Manager Mr Imran Farook on gm@wmoworld.org

AGAM 2020 Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY

6th Management Committee Meeting	16 DEC 2020	3:00 PM (GMT)
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THURSDAY

18th AGAM	17 DEC 2020	3:00 PM (GMT)
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FRIDAY

Ladies Wing Meeting	18 DEC 2020	1:00 PM (GMT)
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Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting	18 DEC 2020	3:00 PM (GMT)
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SATURDAY

1st Management Committee Meeting	19 DEC 2020	3:00 PM (GMT)
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SUNDAY

Global Youth Wing Meeting	20 DEC 2020	3:00 PM (GMT)
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