

# RAHAT WELFARE TRUST

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## MUSLIMS IN A MAELSTROM

**MUSLIMS IN A MAELSTROM.** Over the past years, all over the world, the key issue now appears to be: Who you are? What is your name? If you are wearing a *hijab* or are sporting a full-flowing beard or if your name happens to be **Sakina** or **Abdulla**, the chances are that life will not be very easy for you these days. This deep rooted inner urge to belong to a distinctive, identifiable, ethnic group is nothing new. But in present times related to their identity, Muslims all over are being "targeted" just for being Muslims. **Muslims** are caught in an unending **maelstrom**. Firstly, **maelstrom** means, a violent **whirlpool**, and secondly, a confused state. This noun perfectly describes the state in which Muslims find themselves in today. We are all of us caught in an unending **whirlpool** of poverty and backwardness from which we are unable to rescue ourselves; and live in a perpetual state of confusion and despair.

**EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS.** We are not in a position to provide any definitive answers to this situation, what we can say is that Muslims, must make extra-ordinary efforts to change the way the **world looks at them today**. In the time to come, Muslims must find a new direction. And this direction can only be the direction that leads them to schools, colleges, universities and to centers of learning and education. They must acquire liberal and secular education of the highest standards which will lead them out of the abject poverty and backwardness in which they are now living. In India, they are at the bottom of the heap by all social indicators. In India only about 5% Muslim children reach secondary school levels. But simply acquiring this education will not be enough, what the Muslim youth need is a reaffirmation of Islamic values. Their personality but must be embedded in the Islamic character. And then at some time in the near future, in an age of enlightenment, the name **Abdullah** and **Sakina** will become synonymous with scholarship and learning; with reliability and trustworthiness; with honesty and integrity; with forgiveness and compassion; with piety and righteousness; and with forbearance and fortitude. This is the only way to live with honour and dignity. Inshallah, all else will follow.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** But for this to happen, we need to launch a mass-movement of affirmative action in which tens of thousands will have to be involved. Thousands of organizations, trusts, societies and NGOs will have to be established to achieve this task. We will have to focus on a single-point agenda: To impart **education** of the highest standards to our children, particularly, the poor the needy and the orphan child. And for this movement to educate Muslims we have to take help from like minded people of goodwill from all communities and religions.

**TOTAL SUPPORT.** Rahat Welfare Trust, a registered Trust based in Mumbai is one such organization working primarily to promote the welfare of Muslim women and children, particularly that of widows and orphans. In August 2010, is helping over **One Thousand** students an **ongoing** basis under its **Total Educational Support Scheme (TESS)**, under which a child once sponsored receives almost everything required to go to school. School, bus, computer fees, uniforms, books, shoes, socks, bags, raincoats, stationery – almost everything is provided by **Rahat**. **Rahat** provides total support to the family to ensure that the child goes to the school properly. Educating these children is now **Rahat's** responsibility. (**Rahat** also gives a small monthly allowance for food and ration to several families). After eighteen years of work at the grassroots, in the slums and the chawls of **Mumbai**, scores of **Rahat** scholars are now self-reliant, earning a decent livelihood, supporting their families and **volunteering** to help others. These are the **role models** who have shown that a better world is possible. These are the shining stars who have enriched our lives and have given a meaning to our work.

**ZAKAT COLLECTION.** **Rahat** activities are funded mainly through the **Zakat** collection in **Ramzan** every year. And **Rahat** does need funds on a consistent and larger level if it is to change into a movement. We therefore request you to send **Rahat** a part of your **Zakat** this Ramzan. (Donations are also welcome). No amount is too small not to be of help. Please ask at least **two** other persons to do the same. **Zakat/Donations** may be sent by a payee's account **cheque/draft** in favor of **Rahat Welfare Trust** to our Administrative office address at : Row House 5 A, Asmita Hillview CHS Ltd, Shrikanth Dhadway Marg, VIP Area Mira Road East 401107. Maharashtra. INDIA. Donors in Mumbai may contact us on **9022411786** or **98923 09785**, we will collect the **Zakat** from their home, office or shop. (**P.S.** Our Certificate under **Section 80 G** of the Income Tax Act, 1961, is under renewal with the I T Authorities, and is expected by 15th September 2010.). **Thank You. May God Bless you.**

IRFAN MERCHANT  
President

**ZAKAT PURIFIES YOUR WEALTH**

**ZAKAT HOTLINE 9022411786 10.00 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT**

# YOU CAN BE OF GREAT HELP TO RAHAT READ, REFLECT AND RESPOND TO OUR APPEAL

**YOUR RESPONSE WILL HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR, THE DESTITUTE  
AND THE ORPHAN TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE INSHALLAH.**

As an office-bearer, member or trustee of an organisation you can help **Rahat** through  
you students, teachers and parents association.

As an individual also you can be of great help by forming a small group of family  
members, friends, neighbours and colleagues to help **Rahat**.

## STATUTORY STATUS OF RAHAT WELFARE TRUST

**Rahat** is a Registered Charity, registered with the Charity Commissioner's  
Office, Mumbai, India, under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.  
Registration No. E-13435 (Bom)

**Rahat** is registered with the income Tax Department, Mumbai under  
sections 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

**Rahat** is registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.  
New Delhi, under the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act, 1976,  
Registration No. 083780680

**Rahat** accounts are audited by M/s Paresh M. Parekh and Co. Chartered  
Accountants, as required by law.

*Rupees Three A Day*



Supposing you set aside say Rupees Three a day... and also encourage your children to do the same.....  
What happens after one year? You can send **Rahat** a Cheque of at least **Rupees One Thousand... (Rs. 1000/)**  
to help educate orphan children!!! It's a small idea, but it can make a BIG difference. In the time to  
come **Rahat** hopes to enrol thousands of such donors who can make a big difference.

*Write a small cheque today. Make a **BIG** difference.*

The President

**Rahat Welfare Trust**

Row House 5 A, Asmita Hillview CHS. Ltd.

Srikanth Dhadway Marg,

VIP Area, Mira Road 401 107

Maharashtra. India.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir,

We have read with interest about **Rahat's** educational assistance efforts particularly for the orphan and the needy child and we would like to help. We are enclosing our contribution as under :

<input type="text"/>	<b>ZAKAT CONTRIBUTION</b>	for which we are sending	<b>Rs.</b> _____
<input type="text"/>	<b>PATRON DONOR</b>	for which we are contributing	<b>Rs. 5000.00</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>STUDENT SPONSOR</b>	for which we are contributing	<b>Rs. 10000.00</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>LIFE-TIME DONOR</b>	for which we are contributing	<b>Rs. 1000.00</b>

Our DONATION of RS. \_\_\_\_\_ for Feeding the Poor/Part Sponsorship is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque/Draft for Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Drawn on

(in words)

(Name of Bank)

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Signature

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**OFFICE RECORD**

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ D.S. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please draw Payee's Account Cheque / Draft in favour of **Rahat Welfare Trust**



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*So Many Ways To Help Rahat !!!*

1. Send **Rahat** a part of your **Zakat** this Ramzan.
2. **Sponsor** and orphan or needy child under **Rahat's Total Educational Support Scheme**. Annual Sponsorship is **Rs. 10000/-** per child. Under **TESS** a child receives almost everything required go to school. Educating this child is now **Rahat's** responsibility. Create some shining stars !!!
3. Become a **Life-Time Donor** of **Rahat**, contribute **Rs. 1000/-** as a Donation.
4. **For the Trust Fund**, Donate **Rs. 5000/-** to become a **Rahat Patron**.
5. **Feed** the poor and the destitute. Contribute, **Rs. 300/-** every month. **Rahat** gives a small monthly allowance for food and ration to some deserving families.
6. **Educate** poor and needy children. Send us **Rs. 1000/-** to help give **Uniforms** and **Books**.
7. Send us names and addresses, (including email addresses) of your friends, relatives and colleagues who maybe in a position to help **Rahat**.
8. Just talk about **Rahat** amongst people of goodwill. Ask them to visit our website **www.rahاتفelfaretrust.org**

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