

# Serving Humanity and Bridging the Divide

#### **MIWF PROGRESS REPORT**



#### Founder's Message

#### "IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, The Most Compassionate, The Ever- Merciful

I greet you with the Islamic greetings of peace. Firstly, I want to appreciate the Minhaj Interfaith & Welfare Foundation team, staff members and volunteers for all the work they have done over the past years.

One of the key and foremost reasons for the establishment of Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation is to establish a network of schools and educational institutions that will provide quality education that will be accessible to the economically deprived communities, help the poor with basic necessities by establishing self-sustaining economic model, provide disaster relief to victims of natural disasters and also to begin a new chapter in inter-religious relations by conducting interfaith programs based on common shared values among various religions.

Our Education program provides a holistic education that empowers children to lead productive and successful lives. In all of our work, our primary accountability remains to the children, women and the old who live in extreme poverty. Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation will continue supporting the destitute in society and help provide orphan and vulnerable children with quality education. We believe that education is the only means to end the cycle of poverty.

The Islamic faith, being a religion of peace, is characterized by the teachings of respect for humanity and its promotion without any discrimination. Islamic history is replete with countless examples where fundamental rights of people of every segment and faith were protected over and above any discrimination of caste, colour, creed, race, language and culture. It is about time that dialogue is initiated to ward off any possibility of clash of civilizations. The need for interfaith dialogue and harmony cannot be greater and more acute than it is today. An important responsibility of this organization is to develop better socio-economic relations between the followers of Islam, Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism and Zoroastrian faiths. MIWF will take practical steps to promote religious harmony. It intends to hold regular gatherings and joint programs in order to highlight the mutually shared values of various faiths and promote inter-religious cooperation and harmony.

I pray for the solidarity of all those who support this cause and effort and remind ourselves of the Prophetic example: "The righteous in society is the one whose action benefit others."

Yours Sincerely, **Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri**(Founding Leader)

#### **Our Mission**

The main focus of the Minhaj Interfaith & Welfare Foundation is upon consciously and proactively serving those in need, be they of **any colour, creed or religion**.

In fact Islam admonishes those who fail to see and address the needs of the poor, weak, elderly, oppressed, orphans, widows, refugees, travelers and prisoners.

Islam does not differentiate between Muslims or non-Muslims in this regard but treats it as it should be; a humanitarian issue which should be dealt with humanely without any prejudices or hatred surfacing or dictating the course of assistance, help or aid.

#### **Our Purpose**

Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri has been at the forefront enhancing understanding between the Non Muslim and Muslim communities and building bridges between their respective followers.

Through his personal statements, numerous lectures, rhetoric and publications, he has created an environment of tolerance and universal brotherhood and love and the same is being propagated by Minhaj-ul-Qur'an centres throughout the world, with interfaith partnership and friendship being extended to all major faiths, and events organized involving followers of Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh or Hindu faiths



#### Our Projects

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#### O2 for India

There is a crippling shortage of oxygen across India due to ongoing Pandemic. At a time when oxygen cylinders are hard to come by and the few that are available, are being sold in the black market, MIWF is refilling oxygen cylinders and supplying them for free to help in the treatment of Co-vid patients.

Our teams have helped refill oxygen for needy families in Mumbai, New Delhi, Lucknow and Allahabad and are also guiding people to authentic sources through MIWF Medical Helpline number 1800-258-4777.











Relatives of Co-vid patients under home isolation can get oxygen cylinders refilled after filling the form, providing a certificate from the doctor treating them, and an Aadhaar card.

The form can be filled on - http://www.miwf.in/o2

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MIWF teams worked in 66 cities/districts across India to help feed poor and daily wager families impacted by COVID-19 lockdown. The cities where our volunteer teams are working include: Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Bhiwandi, Thane, Pune, Nasik, Malegaon, Amalner, Lonawala, New Delhi, Prayagraj, Lucknow, Kashmir, Pulwama, Srinagar, Bandipore, Pratapgarh, Pali(MP), Kanpur, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Karim Nagar, Cachar, Aurangabad, Jalgaon, Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hassan, Hyderabad, Bhuj, Dhrab and Mundra.





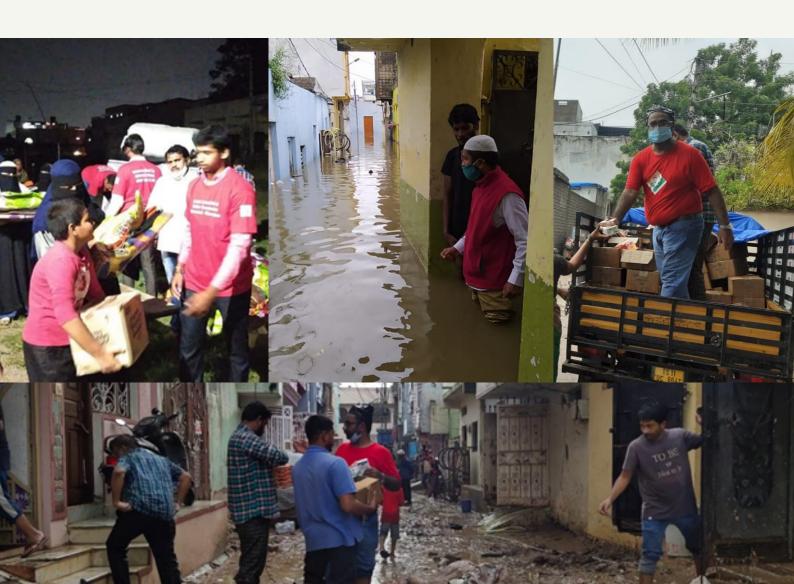




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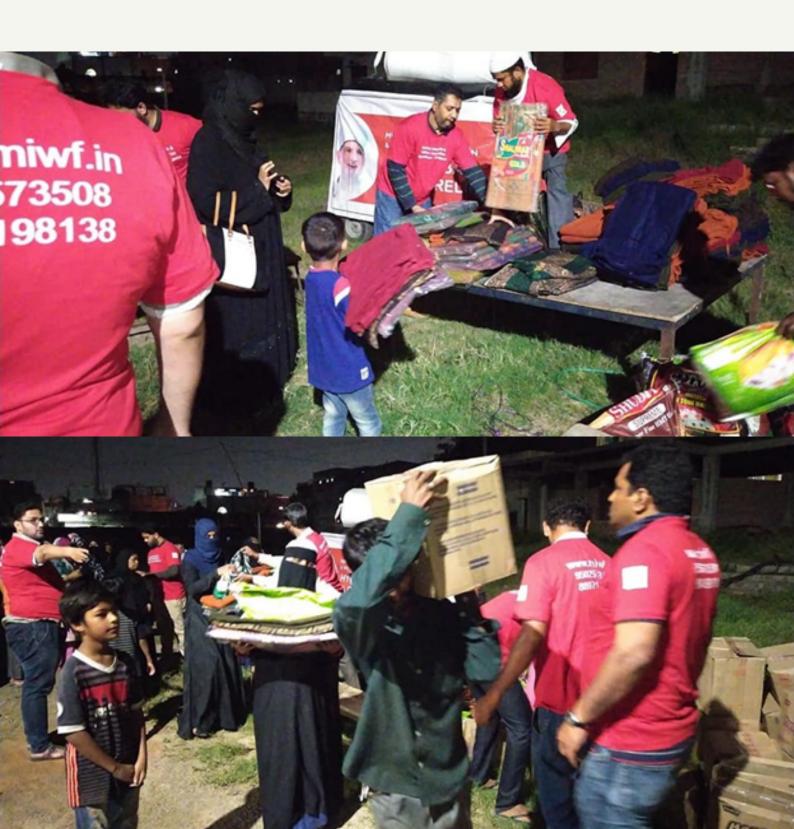
Record breaking rains in Hyderabad and surrounding areas had caused chaos in the region. At least 15 people lost their lives due to incessant downpour since last night and many homeless families were been shifted to temporary shelters. As the city experienced one of the worst floods in decades, thousands of people living in low lying areas and slums were in desperate need of food and other essentials. Many Roads and buildings have caved in and the affected areas had come to a standstill.

Alhamdulillah MIWF teams have been worked to support flood-hit families of Hyderabad. The flood victims whose all belongings and homes have been washed away by floods are being helped on priority under relief operations of MIWF. The relief goods were distributed at Yakhutpura, Jalpally Talab area, Aman Nagar, Al-Jubail colony, Osman Nagar areas. A total of approx.1300 families have been helped by MIWF team with essential goods so far.



On 26/10/2020 (Monday) MIWF - Hyderabad team distributed 130 Ration kits, blankets and floor mats to the needy people who lost their belongings in recent floods at Ashraful Madaris (Yakhutpura) area. Our teams also helped in reconstruction and repair of damaged homes.

The team members who have participated in the flood relief events so far are Md.Shafi Uddin Qadri, Md.Fazal Qadri, Md.Maajid Qadri, Md. Maajid Shuttari,Ibrahim Qadri, Md. Lateef,Muzammil Qadri and local MIWF representatives of that area who supported them for the events.



## Mawlid un Nabi se celebration with Cancer patients

MIWF Team visited Noori Hall, Parel on 25th November and conducted a welfare event for Cancer patients. More than 150 patients benefited from this event which was held in collaboration with Cancare foundation.

Maulana Ali Muhammad started the event with recitation of Holy Quran and said that the true spirit of Mawlid is to serve humanity and look after the poor. He said that Prophet (peace be upon him) was sent as a mercy to all of humanity and there is a need to demonstrate it today through such events. Counselling the patients at the occasion he said that disease is a test from Allah and every disease including cancer is curable because our traditions inform us that Allah has sent down cure for every disease. He stressed that patience over the troubles of disease brings immense reward and good behavior with relatives prolongs life and he congratulated the volunteers who are fulfilling the sunnah of our Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) by serving the patients.

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### Religious Leaders take Pledge Against Extremism at Interfaith Iftar

An Interfaith Iftar and Prayer Meet was hosted by Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation on 2nd June at Diwan-e-Khaas,Islam Gymkhana in Mumbai on 3rd June, 2019. It was attended by religious leaders from Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh and Parsi faiths. Members from reputed NGO's and personnel from Police also graced the event with their presence. The books on Anti Terror curriculum authored by Shaykh ul Islam Dr. Tahir ul Qadri were presented to the guests. All the religious leaders took pledge against extremism and terrorism and vowed to promote peace and brotherhood. Full text and signatures of guests attached with the mail.

Sajeed Shaikh anchored the event and introduced all the chief guests to the audience.

Acharya Shukla ji congratulated MIWF for bringing religious leaders from different faiths together and implied that Interfaith dialogue is not a luxury but has now become necessity.

Bodhhishil Bhante Ji quoted Buddhist teachings which mention that establishing peace within ourselves through spirituality is the first step in establishing peace and harmony in the societies. Unless there is peace within us there can be no peace outside us.He said that humanity doesn't need more wars but needs love and spirituality so that our souls are able to receive Divine light.

Maulana Ali Muhammad explained the importance of serving humanity without the discrimination of caste, religion and creed. He quoted Quranic verse which implies that those who fail to serve people in distress are worse than animals because the feeling of kindness and soft hardheartedness are what differentiates a human being from animals. He quoted incident from life of Imam Hasan(RA) who left his place of Itikaf (Seclusion in Mosque) to fulfill the needs of a needy person. He mentioned that without peace in religious communities, the Global peace is not possible.



Father Rosario Vaz mentioned that if leaders of different faiths come together the violence related to religion will automatically come down. He emphasized the need of discussion with other faiths through interfaith dialogue.

Dr.Homi Dhalla mentioned the works for peace being carried out by scholars like Dalai Lama and past personalities like APJ Abdul Kalam and Mother Teresa. He emphasized the importance of Sufism in restoring peace to humanity and quoted Sufi authors like Al-Ghazali, Shaykh Sadi and Nizamuddin Awliya whose teachings are still relevant today and can help restore peace. He also mentioned the importance of both Interfaith and Intrafaith dialogue in establishing peace. He suggested introducing courses like Course on Kindness, Course on Meditation, etc. for students.

Maulana Anis said that there is a need to restore humanity among religious people by promoting teachings of mercy. He quoted various Islamic traditions about serving humanity and said that mercy is the essence of Prophetic teachings.

Amol Madame ji highlighted the importance of Interfaith dialogue and said that youth should be targeted for such conferences. He said that in the present environment of hate we can become the beacons of hope through such efforts. He also said that fasting is a way to cure negativity among human beings as it teaches us to get rid of Anger and greed.

The event concluded with National Anthem.



#### **Health Checkup Camps**

Dharavi is a locality in Mumbai, India.It houses one of the largest slums in the world. It is home to more than a million people.. There is a serious sanitation problem in Dharavi which causes the spread of diseases and serious public health problems.

Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation volunteers in collaboration with Cipla held a free medical checkup camp at Gopinath Colony, Dharavi for checkup of Asthma, ECG, Blood pressure and Sugar.

More than 200 people got benefitted from the camp . Medicines would be suggested to those people who don't have a normal count after the report is generated.

The volunteers who did the testing included : Dr. Firoz Ansari, Parvesh Baid , Satish , Ajay Mishra , Mohsin Shaikh

The volunteers and beneficiaries included both Muslims and Hindus.

MIWF member Dr. Firoz practices at Dharawi and treated many patients during the COVID Pandemic.



## Peace & Anti-terror curriculum promotion activities in Mysuru

As part of Minhaj Dawah project, Peace and Anti Terror curriculum books are being promoted by Mysuru team. The Mysuru team set up book stall and gifted books to police personnel and government officials as part of this effort.

Minhaj Books Stall was setup at Aimman Function Hall, Siddiqa Nagar, Mysuru during Eid Milan program gathering and was visited by Muslim and Non Muslim brothers. Notable visitors at the stall were Alhaajj Hafiz o Qari Moulana Muhammad Maqbool Ahmed Nizami, Al Haajj Tanveer Sait (Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Minority Welfare and Wakf), Mr. Shahid Ahmed (All India Milli council general secretary), Mr. Ayyub Khan (Present Corporator and Ex-Mayor), Swami Gyan Prakash (Hindu Religous Leader from Mysuru).

Members gave Introduction of Anti Terror Curriculum and the efforts of Shaykh ul Islam Dr Muhammad. Tahir ul Qadri in promoting peace around the world to visitors at the stall.



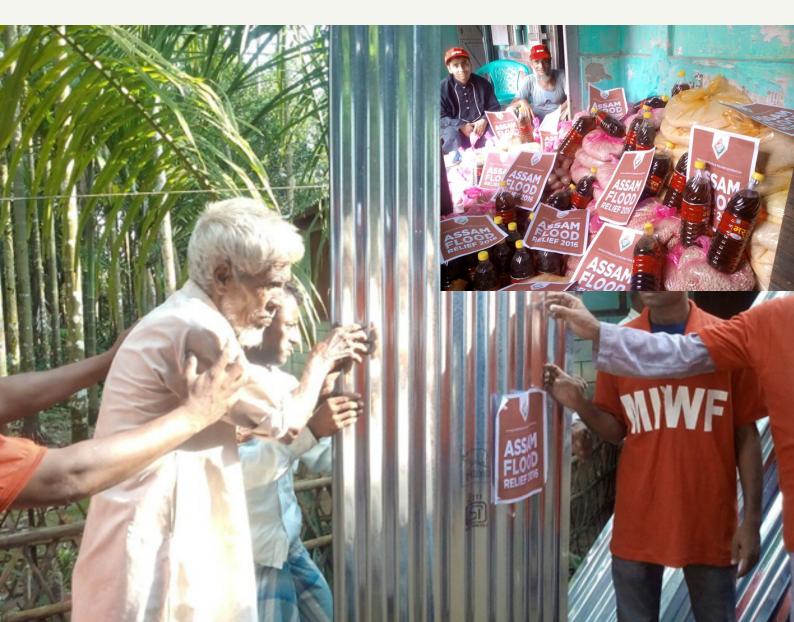
#### **Assam Flood Relief**

The incessant rains and overflowing rivers caused heavy flooding in the state of Assam. The floods washed away houses and caused heavy losses to crops and livestock. As the people affected by the floods are trying to come to terms with the loss, Minhaj Interfaith & Welfare Foundation is providing relief material in the worst flood-affected areas. MIWF team delivered Relief consisting of Ration food packets and Tin shades to families in the following areas:

- Patarkandi (Karimganj District)
- Levarputa (Cahaer district)
- Algapur (Hailakandi district)

The relief materials are the first batch reaching Assam with the help of MIWF volunteers from Kolkata. The MIWF team coordinated the relief effort with the help of local MQI teams.

The beneficiaries of the effort included both Muslim and Hindu families.



# How can I support MIWF?

You can support us by being aware of your surroundings and identify if your neighbors need any help in critical situations. You can contact us on social media, or the **helpline 1800-258-4777** or use the contact form listed on **www.miwf.in** 

Alternatively you can help us by volunteering in our projects or giving donations that are well distributed across our projects.

Minhaj Interfaith & Welfare Foundation is calling for donations to provide food and oxygen supply for most vulnerable families in India.

You may send your donations to:

Account name: Minhaj Interfaith & Welfare

Foundation

Account: 917010063779354

IFSC Code: UTIBOO00294

Bank: Axis Bank

Branch: Crawford Market Mumbai

Or Visit www.minhajconnect.com





#### MinhajConnect.com - The New Website and Android App

MIWF has developed a new portal having address www.minhajconnect.com. This site is meant for fund raising and fund disbursement for Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation.

The website includes the following:

- Membership features
- o Membership Mgmt./Fees Collection/ Certificate-ID issuance/Payment Reminders,Payment receipts with Sl. No PAN India, End of year, summary of donation, Tax benefits with 80G.
- Fundraising Programs
- o Minhaj Coin Box, 1PP (One Percent Project), Zakat, Transfer of Bank Interest, Food for Hungry Project, Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), General Donations, Donations with Condition
- Fund Disbursement Schemes
- o Educational Scholarship schemes, Schemes for economic upliftment, Schemes



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