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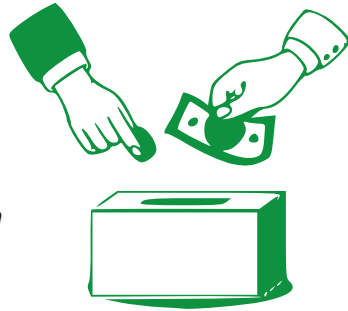
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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

The mission has developed into a dynamic and versatile charitable organization working across various sectors to facilitate sustainable development in underserved communities in and around the coastal region of Kenya. As we come to the end of 2023, I am honored to present the mission's annual report, which highlights our work this year. Islamic propagation remains an elemental function of the Mission and together with striving to disseminate valuable and authentic knowledge, we have focused on promoting understanding and fostering unity between people. Intra-faith gatherings and a multiracial procession commemorating the honorable timeless sacrifices on Ashura 61 A.H attested our commitment in this regard. Young children are an extremely valuable resource, the nation's future and this year we continued to invest in the early years and address the inequalities in opportunities and access to services for them. This included renovating their classrooms, providing playgrounds and new furniture and ensuring they were well-fed during the learning day.

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Bilal Kenya organized programs to distribute food as well as serve cooked meals when possible in necessitous communities, especially during special seasons like the Holy month of Ramadhan and the mourning months of Muharram and Safar and at other times of the year as well. Our commitment towards improving health and hygiene practices and alleviating water related challenges manifested in the construction of completely new washrooms at some centres and the installation and launch of two new water desalination plants. The success of our work is dependent on our partnerships with various donors, supporters and well-wishers and the rural communities whom we serve. I also recognise the contributions made by so many of you by way of general Sadaqah and Khums payments. We hope to continue with centre renovations and propagation work, intensify afforestation efforts and keep moving ahead resolutely in the education, food security, economic development and clean water sectors

Mr. Iqbal Sunderji
Chairman Bilal Kenya Board



MISSION INTRODUCTION

“Those who give, out of their own possessions, by night and by day, in private and in public will have their reward with their Lord”

Quran 2:274

ABOUT US

Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya is a locally registered charity established in 1971. In addition to engaging in religious activities centered around the mosque, madrasa and Husseiniya, we work towards enhancing Muslim dignity through supporting holistic human development. Bilal Kenya fully supports 15 Shia Centres in and around the Coast region and partly supports a further 40 other communities around the country. Total population supported includes 5,000 families and 1,000 children in nursery schools

WHAT WE DO

Below are some of our key departments at the mission. Each department carries out various programs throughout the year.

- **Tabligh (Propagation)**
- **Education**
- **Economic Upliftment**
- **Agriculture & Food Security**
- **Maintenance & Renovations**
- **Media & Online Production**



MISSION'S DATA REPORT



School Sponsorship

200 students fully sponsored for secondary and tertiary studies.



Families Reached

7,195 family dignity food parcels distributed/families benefitted.



Ramadhan Iftar

A total of 216.56 tons of food were distributed by way of family dignity food parcels.



MISSION'S ACTIVITIES

PROPAGATING THE DIVINE MESSAGE

This remains an elemental function of the mission and programs inclusive of lectures, seminars and workshops. The Holy month of Ramadhan and the mourning season marked in the months of Muharram and Safar were commemorated with exceptional spiritual energy and dedication.



HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN

Family dignity food parcels comprising non-perishable food items were distributed at all 15 Bilal centres and 22 independent centres. We arranged for Iftaars to be served throughout the holy month at all our centres as well as 26 independent centres 4 prisons and 7 secondary schools.



MUHARRAM

To allow communities to receive this shining light and board this ark, we organized several majaalis sessions throughout the two months at all our centres and at the Bilal Hall in Mombasa. Emphasis was placed on the first 10 days of Muharram, Ashara Zainabiyah and Ashara Sajjadiyyah which culminated in the day of Chehlum.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AFED's CAPACITY BUILDING GROUP led by Mr. Shabbirhussein Khalfan ran a Leadership Development program held at the Jaffery Academy in Mombasa from the 13th of December to the 16th of December. 24 of the mission's staff participated in the highly interactive and successful event which was the first of its kind to be conducted almost entirely in Kiswahili. The closing ceremony was attended by Bilal Kenya office bearers and other dignitaries.





SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS

School feeding programs offer a much-needed and welcomed relief for numerous low-income households struggling to make ends meet, resulting in substantial savings for families with several children. They are crucial nutrition and learning support nets and play an impactful role in the wider social safety system of a community. These programs make a significant contribution towards our vision to provide a holistic education at our institutions.

FILL MY CUP

A delicious milky millet porridge was provided during the mid-morning break to over 700 learners at our 14 pre-primary units and over 3,000 madrasa students over the weekends. This program was conducted over the 3 academic terms.



LUNCH PROGRAM

Fresh and nourishing lunches comprising important food groups were prepared at Bilal centres and independent centres. Rice, Maize meal, Lentils beans and meat protein were enjoyed by pre-primary and madrasa students on learning days throughout the year.





SPONSORSHIP/EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

The education assistance depends on different donors who facilitate the funds. Furthermore, Mission's education assistance has positive effects on students' performance in that it has reduced cases of students being sent home now and then because of school fees. Apart from the mission paying school fees also in this year over 15 students were also provided with school requirements since they were under county or national government scholarships or other scholarship schemes.

DIGITAL LEARNING

In 2023, the Mission purchased 50 more Tablets making a total of 126 Tablets since this program started. This has enabled our pre-primary centres to achieve one of the Core competencies under the new Kenyan Education curriculum (CBC). The use of Tablets has also enabled continuing Expansion of the program to 14 more centres.



GRADUATION

In this year, three of our centres i.e. Miamba, Burani and Chengoni had graduation ceremonies. Headteachers from nearby primary schools were invited and given a chance to address the audience. The aim of having graduation ceremonies is to mark the end of pre-primary education and advertise our pre-primary schools to increase the enrolment of the learners



CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Our centres are vibrant locations hosting religious, social, cultural educational and economic activities. Naturally, over time there has been gradual deterioration of the facilities and this year extensive renovations were carried out at several locations. Further, completely new buildings were also constructed this year at some centres including modern washrooms and ghusl khanas.

WASHROOMS

Integral to our clean water and sanitation program, completely new washrooms were constructed at five centres this year as we strive towards the provision of adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for facilities for children and adults accessing Bilal centres. The aesthetically pleasing new structures were built within a six-week timeframe.



GHUSL KHANA

On the 2nd of February 2023, for the first time in our history we embarked on the construction of ghusl khanas at five of our centres in the villages of Samburu, Burani, Kichakamkwaju, Moyeni and Masongaleni. The newly constructed facilities are a means for local communities to wash and shroud their deceased in a dignified manner and as specified in Islamic Law.



RENOVATIONS

The mosques, existing washrooms, centre-in-charge homes and classrooms were extensively renovated at four centres this year. New ceilings, lighting and fans include some of the amenities now available in the newly remodeled buildings. Playground equipment was provided to allow the children some enjoyable physical activity when outdoors. Additionally, new classroom furniture was provided for 9 pre-primary units in March.

DESALINATION PLANT

The 14th of February saw the launching of a fully operational solar-powered desalination plant at the An-Nabi centre in Nzavoni Village. Later in the year on the 22nd of August another plant with the capacity to generate 4,000 litres of potable water every hour was launched at the Al-Mahdi centre in Samburu village.





ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT PROJECTS

Historically it has worked for the betterment of women in marginalised communities, however it is now being opened up for male youth as well. Microfinance schemes and tailoring classes are the most active areas.

MICROFINANCE

This project has assisted many deprived women residing in the rural centres to alleviate poverty and be empowered through access to various income generating activities.

EVALUATION EXERCISE

112 women belonging to ten different women groups based at eight Bilal centres partook in an evaluation exercise conducted by Mr. Evance Chipindi, an advisor on Community Microfinance Groups in Tanzania.



TAILORING CLASS

We have 6 tailoring classes in 6 Centres managed by the Mission. Students sit for a government trade test exam and receive a certificate acknowledged nationally. 15 Tailoring graduates received loans and grants to startup / boost their businesses.



MISSION'S VISITORS

AFRICA FEDERATION

2023 saw Bilal Kenya graced by the Africa Federation President and Tabligh board members. The Al Ridhwa Islamic Centre Mtongwe visits offered unique insights, solidifying support for Bilal's role in Kenya. This insightful encounter fostered collaboration and reaffirmed a shared commitment to progress.

MAINSTAY FOUNDATION

Mainstay Foundation delegates visited Bilal Kenya to see their funded projects in action. From water projects to community initiatives, they witnessed the positive impact their support has made.



YEAR 2023 VISITS

We extend heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Hamid Pirbhai, Mr. Mustafa Pirmohamed, Mr. Mohsin Meghji and all the distinguished visitors who came to Kenya and enriched our community in 2023.



OUR CENTRES & ACTIVITIES

Inspired by our religious beliefs, it is incumbent for every Muslim to spread the message of Islam and assist the less fortunate people.

15

centres

Activities at the centres

- Operating shia centres, Mosques and madrassa.
- Pre-Primary School (Lunch & Porridge program).
- Microfinance for economic development projects, business, agriculture.
- Water & Solar Energy

ADOPT

Aimed at providing an opportunity for individuals and organizations to participate in Thawab Jariyah. Join us in maintaining the centres and promoting the objectives of Bilal Kenya.

So far six (6) centres have been adopted
For more information

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FIELD TESTIMONIAL

The mission always gathers feedback from the beneficiaries to understand their needs.



Juma Bakari
Mosque Renovation - Ahlul Kisa Centre Kichaka

“I really appreciate Bilal Kenya and its donors for coming and renovating our mosque here in Ahlul Kisa, Kichaka/Mkwaju. Before our mosque had faded paint, no fans and unstable electricity”.



Mshai Wanyiga
Feeding Program - Ahlul Bait Centre Moyeni

“This porridge program has helped a lot. Kids were struggling during class session. They used to sleep in class because of hunger”.



Saumy Ngando
Pre-Primary Section - Alhujjah Centre Chengoni

“We are praying that this school continues to expand. It is one of the best schools in the area constructed by Bilal and its partners”.



Mwanakombo Makoti
Microfinance Women Group


“My name is Mwanakombo a widow and entrepreneur and currently a member of the women group in Moyeni. I am one of the cofounders of the microfinance women group that was formed in 2009. In 2022, I took a loan constructed my home and some rental houses”.

APPRECIATION

Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya sincerely appreciates the continuous financial aid we have received from World Federation of the Khoja Shia Ithnasheri Muslim Communities, The Khoja Shia Ithnasheri Jamaat of Mombasa, the Federation of Khoja Shia Ithnasheri Jamaats of Africa, the Central Bilal Board and all other organizations and individual donors for supporting various activities conducted throughout the year. We pray that your generosity for the welfare for those in dire need endures for years to come. We also appreciate the valuable advice and support given to the Mission by the enthusiastic members of Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya, Managing Committee members, Trustees, devoted Muballigheen and the Secretariat for their dedication.


May Allah (S.W.T) reward them abundantly for their efforts

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