

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**BILAL MUSLIM MISSION
OF KENYA**

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Chairman's Message

Salam alaikum, may the peace and mercy of Allah be with you all. I am greatly honored to present our annual report for the year 2024, which captures the breadth of our projects and their transformative impact across rural Kenyan communities. Through detailed narratives, high-quality pictures and key statistics, we hope to share the story of a year marked by steadfast support from corporate and individual partners, cooperation from the communities we serve and dedicated commitment from Bilal Kenya staff and stakeholders. Propagation of the pristine Islamic message remains at the heart of what we do. Through 16 community centers, we provided spaces for worship and knowledge seeking for young and old. From madaris classes, daily prayers, and special supplications to meaningful gatherings and majalis throughout the year, our efforts focused on nurturing faith and fostering a deeper understanding of Islamic teachings. Our commitment to education remained steadfast, with comprehensive support for students through feeding programs, tuition sponsorship and more. This year, we established the Ar-Ridha Educational Complex in Mtongwe, a milestone achievement for Bilal as it marks the first institution of its kind under our administration. This pioneering initiative offers a unique blend of Islamic studies and vocational courses, aligning with our mission to provide holistic education that empowers communities spiritually and practically. Our commitment to local economic empowerment was reaffirmed and livelihood initiatives ranged from specialized training programs and accessible financing options to livestock-based support. Building on these initiatives, our determination to uplift communities was reflected in various development projects. This included providing clean water access in areas previously reliant on unsafe sources and lacking reliable infrastructure, as well as significant upgrades and renovations at our rural community centres. Simultaneously, we engaged in purposeful tree planting and land restoration efforts. A mass wedding function strengthened the social fabric and a new house ensured a struggling family received the support they needed. Looking ahead, we are excited about the expansion of our housing project to provide dignified living spaces for more families in need. We also plan to establish a hawza to offer advanced Islamic Education. With the continued support of our stakeholders, I have full faith that 2025 will see us take bold steps forward, strengthening the foundation of lasting change, empowering future leaders and creating pathways for self-reliance and progress.

Mr. Iqbal Sunderji



Our organization at a glance

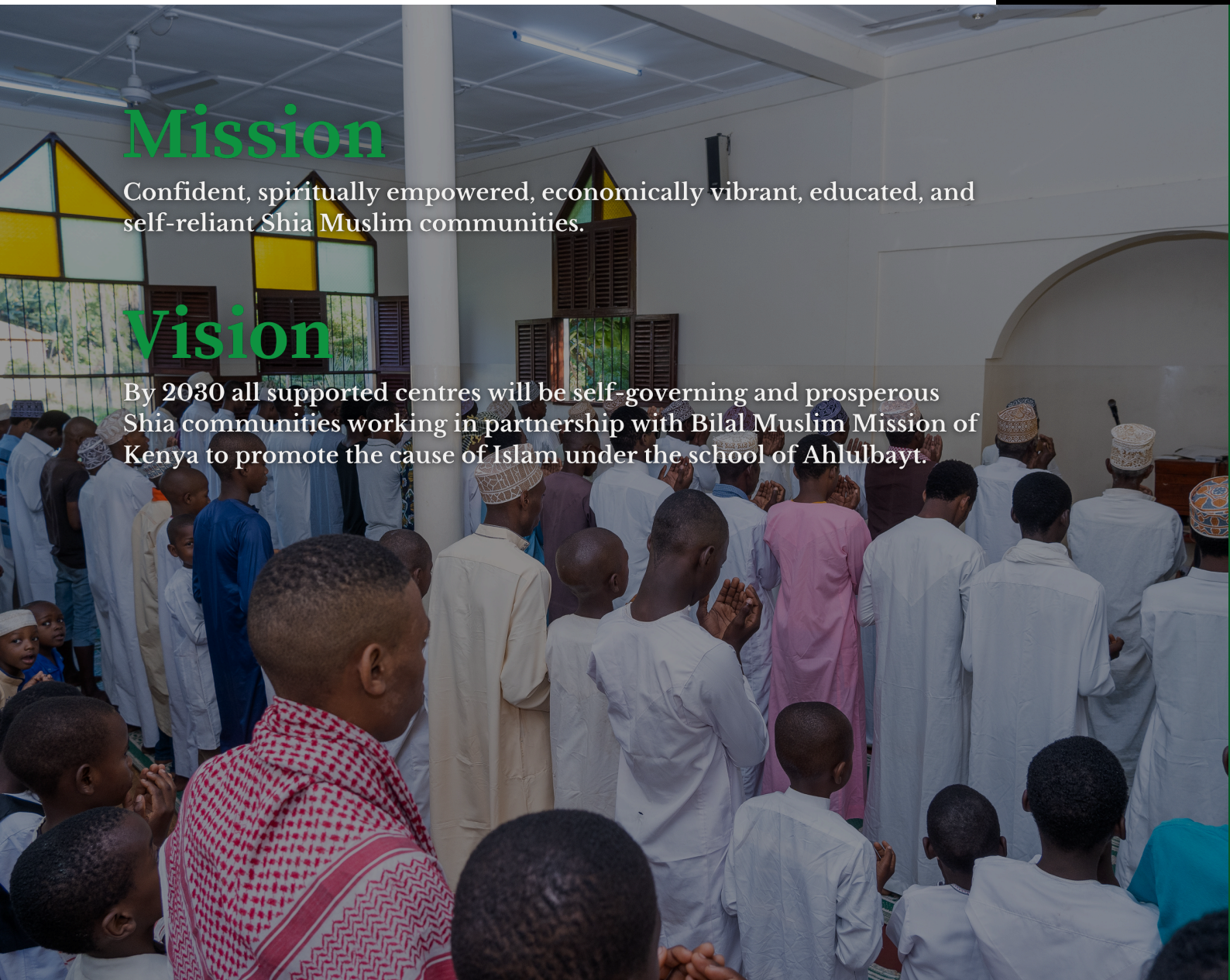
Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya has been a driving force in uplifting Shia Muslim communities throughout Kenya for over five decades. Drawing inspiration from the profound teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and adhering to the principles of the Ahlulbayt, we strive to foster Muslim communities that are robust and spiritually vibrant. Our ongoing efforts are aimed at promoting autonomy and well-being. With 16 centers and assistance for 40 closely coordinated facilities, our commitment is to ensure these groups thrive, reflecting the rich traditions and spiritual insights of the Shia Ithna-asheri faith.

Mission

Confident, spiritually empowered, economically vibrant, educated, and self-reliant Shia Muslim communities.

Vision

By 2030 all supported centres will be self-governing and prosperous Shia communities working in partnership with Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya to promote the cause of Islam under the school of Ahlulbayt.



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Projects

Tabligh

Majalis throughout the year on shahadat and wiladat, with special emphasis in Muharram and Safar. Holy Ramadhan programs. Daily salah in Jama'ah at 16 masajid. Recitation of Dua Kumayl on Thursdays and Dua Tawassul on Tuesdays. Jumuah Salah on Fridays. Madrasa programs include daily madrasa for younger children and weekend classes for older children aged 10–18 with additional sessions during school holidays. Adult religious classes on Friday afternoons and Saturday morning sessions for women at Zahra Madrasa in Mombasa. Curriculum covers Aqaid, Quran, Fiqh, Tariqh, and Akhlaq.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Construction of washrooms at community centres, installation of water storage tanks at schools and centres, drilling of boreholes, shallow wells and water reservoirs, provision of solar powered water purification plants, renovation of existing facilities.

Education

Construction and administration of pre-primary schools free or fee subsidized for learners, school kitchen gardens, sponsorship for secondary and tertiary level learners, library set-up, holistic education programs, distribution of books, distribution of solar-lamps to students, classroom construction, classroom furniture and renovation, school feeding programs, tertiary level education scholarships, vocational training programs, student accommodation, leadership development programs.

Economic and community upliftment

Animal husbandry, microfinance, support and training, group marriages, solar lamp distribution to women-run businesses

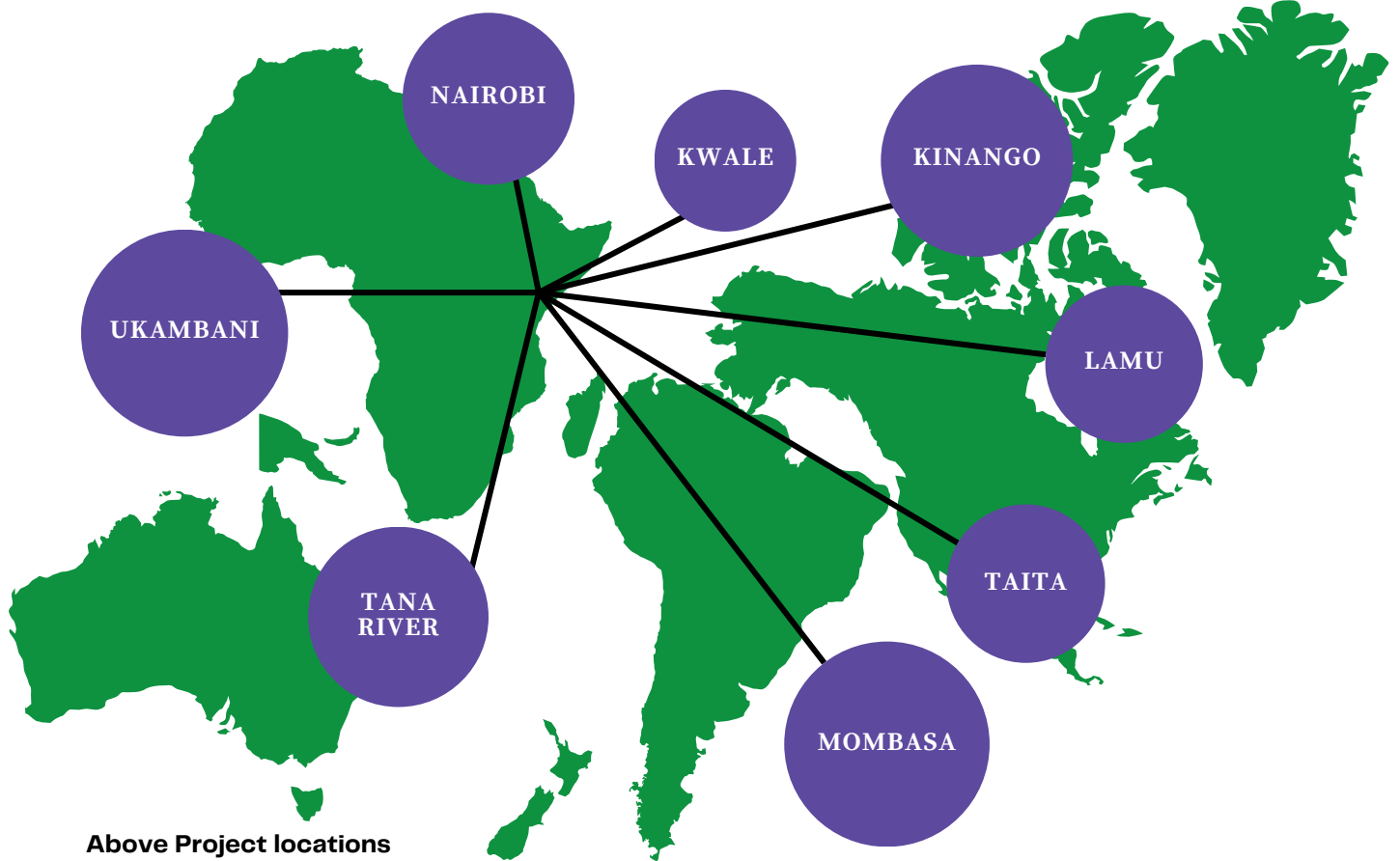
Environment

Tree planting, tree nurseries and mini forests, support and training.

Humanitarian

Food aid during drought emergencies, Holy Ramadhan Iftar parcels and Muharram Niyaz facilitation.





Above Project locations

Impact – summary of achievements in 2024



FOOD SECURITY	School and madaris feeding programs	No. of lunch program beneficiaries	3,723
		No. of porridge program beneficiaries at madaris	3,569
		No. of centres supported	35
	Food Aid for communities	No. of food parcels distributed (including Holy Ramadhan)	8,028
		No of location at which Holy Ramadhan iftaar was served	49
		No of centres at which Eid Lunch was served	15





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)	Digging of shallow wells	Wells dug	3
	Construction of modern toilets	No. of toilets provided	34
	Installation of water purification plants	No. of plants installed in 2024	1
		Total no. of plants installed to date	13
EDUCATION	Scholarships	No. of beneficiaries	223
	Construction of classrooms	No. of new classes constructed	2
	Running of learning facilities	No. of centres	16
	Extensive renovation of classes	No. of existing classes fully renovated	5
	Provision of furniture	No. of desks provided	50
		No. of computer tables provided	15
	Provision of computers	No. of computers provided	15
	Provision of storage furniture	No. of cupboards provided	3
	Provision of solar lamps to students	No. of students provided with lamps	10
	Tailoring classes	No. of students enrolled in 2024	112
		No of students graduating at level 3 in 2024	30



CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	Construction of new centres	No of new centres established	1
	Renovation of entire facility	No of entire centres renovated	1
	Renovation of sub-facilities	No. of mosques renovated	2
		No. of houses renovated	2
	Construction of housing	No. of low-cost houses built	1
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT	Provision of solar lamps	No. of solar lamps provided to women-run businesses	5
	Microfinance loans provided to women through women groups	No. of women provided with loans	35
	Microfinance loans provided to individuals	No. of women provided with loans	8
	Microfinance loans for community projects	Loans provided for poultry farming	1
	Live goat handover programs	No of goats distributed	937



The legacy of Hussein



The Legacy of Hussain was honored throughout the months of Muharram and Safar. Programs included lectures, amaal and processions. Gatherings in Mombasa and at numerous rural centres highlighted Kerbala's timeless lessons of struggle, spiritual growth, and ethical reflection, honoring figures like Imam Sajjad and Lady Zaynab. Community engagement through meals, tabarruk distribution and a blood donation drive exemplified the Mission's dedication to integrating spiritual teachings with social impact.

Holy Ramadhan

The month of generosity and unity – Holy Ramadhan – was marked by vibrant activities across Bilal Muslim Mission centers, including food distribution, community iftaar gatherings and spiritual programs. Over 8,000 food parcels were delivered to families, while iftaar meals united communities at more than 40 locations. A YouTube lecture series, Zoom sessions with

Sheikh Ayub Rashid and a Quran reading competition enriched spiritual understanding and encouraged communal participation. Laylatul Qadr nights featured Quran recitations and prayers, while Eid Al-Fitr initiatives supported widows, distributed gifts to orphans and hosted prayers and celebrations.



Tabligh

Competency in Islamic thought

In August 2024, Bilal Muslim Mission organized a two-week youth seminar titled Competency in Islamic Thought, in collaboration with the Noor Mobin institution. The program engaged 40 participants from various centers, covering Islamic theology, ethics and history. Led by renowned scholars, the seminar fostered spiritual growth, peer connections and a deeper understanding of Islamic principles. Its impactful content has inspired plans for future sessions to build on this success.

Pedagogy training for muballighs

A pilot program on Pedagogy training was offered to all muballighs at Al-Mahdi Centre in Samburu, Al-Hujjah Centre in Chengoni and Jaffery Centre at Mackinnon Road and nearby independent centres between October and December 2024. This comprised on-site refresher and training

programs on modern teaching methodologies in madrasa. Based on the evaluation results, the program will be expanded to include all Bilal and Bilal-supported independent centres in the new year.

Outreach Efforts

The Mission's outreach programs inspired 200 individuals to embrace Islam under the school of Ahlulbayt. These efforts reinforced the Mission's commitment to spreading Islamic values and fostering spiritually enriched communities.



Economic upliftment

Unlocking Entrepreneurial Potential - SIYB Training Program

In 2024, Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya organized the Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) training seminars at Al-Mahdi Centre in Burani, led by Sheikh Hassan Rocky and Sheikh Khamis Chimvatsi. Both trainers had attended the International Labour Organization's (ILO) SIYB Training of Trainers (ToT) program in Dar es Salaam, where they gained advanced tools and methodologies to mentor aspiring entrepreneurs effectively. Additional seminars followed at other centres, where women entrepreneurs – supported through our Economic Upliftment Program – received further support to strengthen marketing strategies and improve business models.

Transformative Livelihoods

The Economic Upliftment Program fostered financial independence by disbursing over Kshs 1 million in microfinance loans with a strong recovery rate. The Live Goat Initiative supported 261 beneficiaries with 937 goats. Training on goat care and housing was provided. These initiatives offered sustainable income sources to hundreds of individuals, laying a strong foundation for long-term progress in rural Kenyan communities.

The Power of Microfinance

Mwanasiti Mwahozi, a 40-year-old mother of 7 from Moyeni, has transformed her life through resilience and entrepreneurial spirit. As a madrasa teacher and active Ahlulbayt Women's Group member, she began a tailoring business in 2017 with just Kshs. 10,000. Over time, she expanded her skills, built a trusted reputation and saved enough to construct rental properties. Supported by Bilal's Economic Upliftment Program, Mwanasiti received interest-free loans totaling Ksh. 550,000, enabling her to complete multiple rental units now generating income. Her hard work not only supports her family but also inspires her community, exemplifying the impact of financial empowerment and dedication.



Supporting education & transforming lives

Comprehensive Support

In partnership with WF-AID, the mission provided a cup of nutritious porridge daily to more than 2,831 learners at our pre-primaries and madaris. Additionally, 3,723 madaris students received hot lunches throughout the year. Over 200 students received sponsorships for primary, secondary and tertiary education, while Shia college students facing housing and living expenses also received support. Young scholars studied at no cost at 13 of our pre-primary units, which we equipped with essential learning materials and teaching resources. These initiatives reflect the Mission's commitment to expanding educational opportunities and promoting student success.

Tailoring Schools

Our tailoring schools offered practical hands-on education to 112 students, including 30 who successfully graduated at Level 3. New tailoring schools were established in Bahakanda and Nzavoni, expanding capacity and opportunities. Since 2012, a total of 231 students have graduated, acquiring valuable vocational skills that empower them economically and socially. By offering practical hands-on education, these schools continue to foster self-reliance and promote sustainable livelihoods within the community.

Advancing Digital Literacy: The Launch of Al Mahdi Centre's Computer Class

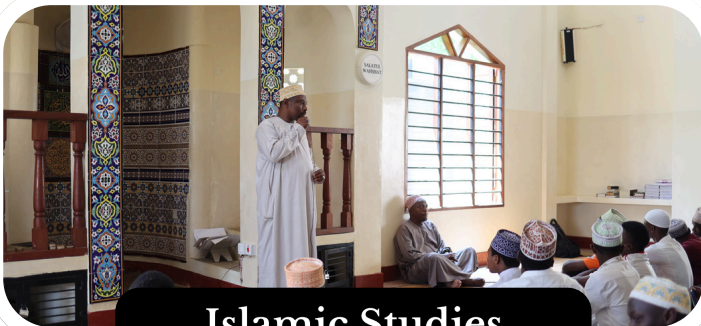
On 30th November 2024, a computer class was inaugurated at Al Mahdi Centre in Burani. Pursuant to a basic course in IT literacy, selected students will be trained on computer coding on the Python programming platform. The launch event was attended by our CEO, Mr. Murtaza Jaffer, along with donor representatives, parents, teachers and centre management. Currently, 23 students are enrolled in this new educational facility.



IMAM RIDHA EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX



Vocational Training



Islamic Studies



Dormitory

Nurturing Future Leaders

The Imam Ridha Educational Complex was established in early 2024 in Mtongwe. The institution integrates vocational training with Islamic Studies. Furthermore, students are supported with food, accommodation, computer classes and sporting activities, ensuring the provision of a well-rounded educational experience. Motor vehicle mechanics, Hospitality management, plumbing, masonry and electrical installation are some of the disciplines taught and students include both males and females.

The Islamic Studies program focuses on spiritual growth and key subjects such as Islamic Law, Arabic, and Islamic History. It also includes computer literacy and research skills to prepare students for modern challenges. With plans to improve library resources and teaching quality, the Complex is dedicated to shaping capable, ethical and independent individuals.

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Community Development Initiatives

Clean Water Accessibility

Our focus on clean water access in 2024 continued through the maintenance of existing infrastructure and launch of new projects. A solar-powered water purification plant was installed in Kichakamkwaju Village, with housing to ensure its sustainability. Additionally, three shallow wells were dug in underserved Malindi settlements, reducing the distance families had to travel for water and allowing children to attend school.

Improved Sanitation

Modern washroom projects were completed at seven centers, replacing old pit latrines with well-ventilated, aesthetically designed facilities. Constructed using local labor and sustainable materials, each washroom includes amenities like Asian toilets and washbasins, greatly improving hygiene and health standards. These projects also promoted community involvement and skill development.

Welcoming and Functional Centres

Husayni Centre in Bahakanda was renovated to enhance its classrooms, washrooms and mosque. The six-week project included installation of new ceilings, paint works and electrical upgrades, creating a more welcoming and functional space for education and worship. Meanwhile, renovations at Al Hujjah Centre in Chengoni are nearly complete, with the masjid expanded to accommodate ladies, along with improvements to the tailoring classes and center-in-charge house.

From trees to forests

Despite challenges like adverse climate and agricultural issues, we've successfully advanced our environmental efforts. This year, we used seedballing to restore degraded lands at our centres, earning recognition from Seedballs Kenya. We established tree nurseries and mini forests in Kwale and Makueni counties, where shade and ornamental trees, as well as wood and fruit trees are thriving. Our goal is to plant a mini forest at every Shia centre. Additionally, we marked key Islamic dates throughout the year, as well World Environment Day with tree planting and clean-ups, blending our spiritual heritage with Ecological stewardship.

Group Marriage

According to legal reforms, Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya is now authorized, through the appointment of several of its Shayukh as Shia Marriage Officers, to conduct Shia marriages and issue legal marriage certificates. A Group Marriage event, preceded with a counselling seminar, was held at the Al-Mahdi Centre in Burani on the 28th of January, sponsored by AFED and Orison Charitable Trust. A walima meal was provided and we supported couples in mahr payments and procuring marriage certificates, as well as with some essential household items.

Building on this effort, planned future initiatives aim to further support couples through housing projects, counselling sessions with qualified personnel, and the distribution of carefully curated, medically reviewed reading materials designed to address key aspects of marital life.





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 Muballighees and the Secretariat for their dedication.



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