

MAJLISUL ULAMA ZIMBABWE

FOOD RELIEF DISTRIBUTION - 2008

Report Outline for Donation from Brisbane Muslim Community

Overview

With the entire country being affected by the hyper-inflation that has hit the economy, Majlisul Ulama Zimbabwe found that the majority of the families, especially in the rural & outlying areas, were finding it increasingly difficult to acquire basic commodities. Hence, Majlisul Ulama Zimbabwe embarked on an extensive distribution exercise of these items - to the underprivileged and less fortunate families across the country. The exercise commenced in January 2008 and is expected to continue indefinitely – until the general situation improves. Alhamdulillah this was a timeous decision considering that the situation only seems to worsen as time is progressing.

Implementation

We despatch our Roving Duaat (Field Da'awah Officers) to the areas, where they arrange Da'wah programmes and at the same time assess the situation. They distribute coupons to the families in the areas and the official team from Harare goes out on the set date to the respective areas for the actual distribution.

The distribution trips are coupled with Da'wah programmes – thus utilising the opportunity to maximise the benefits. Officials volunteer to give time and take out vehicles for these trips. Separate donations are raised locally to cover the costs of trucks for transporting the goods to the areas.

Areas where relief was distributed – utilising the donation from the Brisbane Muslim Community

No.	Area/Place & Location	Date	No of Families
1.	Intensive Tarbiyah Programme, Daarul Ilm, Waterfalls, Harare	03/05/08	118
2.	Nyabira & surrounds 40kms north west of Harare	22/10/08	79
3.	Trelawney & surrounds 105kms north west of Harare	22/10/08	86
4.	Golden Valley – beyond Kadoma 163kms south west of Harare	25/10/08	64
5.	Chakari – beyond Kadoma 180kms south west of Harare	25/10/08	95

Composition of hampers distributed (per family)

10kg M. Meal (in 2 areas we gave 20kg due to the dire situation)
2kg Sugar
1kg Soya Mince
2lt Cooking Oil
500g Dried Fish
500g Sugar Beans
500g Salt
500g Washing Soap Bar

Achievement

The beneficiaries being in critical need, particularly the unemployed, widows and orphans, sincerely welcomed the timeous assistance.

Alhamdulillah, with the donation from the Brisbane Muslim Community we have served a total of 442 families, having distributed a total of almost 8 tonnes of food items

Alhamdulillah, the exercise is having a major impact in all the areas where the distributions have been conducted thus far.

As far as the beneficiaries are concerned it has helped to:-

- i) Alleviate the suffering in their areas at a crucial time
- ii) Provide good balanced nutrition for their families
- iii) Strengthen the solidarity within Muslims
- iv) Remind them of the need to turn to Allah
- v) Create hope for survival

Follow up & feed back

Our Roving Da'wah Officers in the provinces continue to make follow up visits and have been giving positive feed back from the communities in all areas.