



# THE LATEST FROM MUSLIM HANDS

2021 Roundup

The Prophet (saw) said,  
'He who does not thank the people is not thankful to Allah'. [Abu Dawud]

Looking back at 2021, we cannot help feeling immense gratitude and admiration for all our generous supporters. For many people, this has been a year of stress, hardship and loss – yet you always came through for the Ummah.

Whenever we reached out to you, you gave your Zakat and Sadaqah without hesitation – to orphans, refugees, struggling families and more. On behalf of everyone at Muslim Hands, we'd like to say a huge JazakumAllahu khairan to you all. May Allah (swt) accept all your efforts in 2021, put even more barakah in 2022 and make you from the people of charity, amin.

*Syed*

Syed Lakhte Hassanain, Chairman



This year, you gave  
over £2.5 million to our  
Where Most Needed Fund

Your Donations  
in 2021:

You planted around  
**70,000 trees**

You gave **water to**  
**270,000 people**

You provided **2.1 million**  
**meals** in the UK

## FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

The Prophet (saw) said,  
**'He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while his neighbour goes hungry'.**  
[Bukhari]

For many families in the UK, 2021 has been a year of hardship and worry.

With the impact of the pandemic, higher energy costs and rising food prices, more people are struggling to put food on the table. But your donations ensured millions of people didn't go hungry this year.



In 2021, you provided over 2 million meals through our partnership with FareShare, the UK's longest-running food redistribution charity.

[muslimhands.org.uk/mightymeals](https://muslimhands.org.uk/mightymeals)



**THE Open KITCHEN**  
In 2021, you provided over 100,000 hot meals through our community kitchen in London!

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**'They treat us like family. On my birthday last year, they came out with a birthday cake which had my name on it. It was very touching. If you want a jar of coffee or bag of sugar, they are happy to provide it for us. After I fell ill, they asked for my address and they delivered food directly to my door'.**

– Graham,  
regular guest at The Open Kitchen



## For the BLESSED LANDS

This year, you continued to give towards the blessed lands of Yemen and Shaam with overwhelming generosity.

As well as emergency relief, you are giving long-term support to war-torn communities, including:

1. Opening a new school in Aden, Yemen
2. Rehabilitating water networks in Aden and Ma'rib, Yemen
3. Building houses for displaced Syrian families in Idlib, Syria
4. Establishing bread factories in multiple cities (Syria and Yemen)

### KEY FACTS

Over **1.8 million** beneficiaries in Yemen

Over **107,000** Syrian IDPs and refugees supported

*May Allah bless you for your continuous compassion towards Yemen and Syria – and may He grant you the means to give even more, amin!*

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**Did you know?**  
The word Ansar literally means 'Helpers' or 'Supporters'.

## FOR THE FUNDRAISERS

In 2021, we launched the Ansar Team – a community of volunteers dedicated to supporting our brothers and sisters for the sake of Allah. If you haven't joined in yet, please do! They are an amazing group of people and you won't regret it.

**'The launch of our Ansar Team is a groundbreaking initiative which will increase the sense of family spirit in our volunteer group, in sha Allah. We hope to reflect and spread this throughout the communities we work in – just as the Ansar did at the time of our beloved Prophet (saw)'.**

– Bilal Ismail, Events and Volunteers Team

## GAZA WINTER WALK

Around **£57,000** was given on this virtual walk – to repair shelters for Gazan refugees. SubhanAllah, it was truly amazing to see everyone staying connected for a good cause during lockdown!

## SNOWDON CHALLENGE

Our first live event of 2021 had such an amazing response that we had to invite you twice. In the summer, you raised **£135,000 for Gaza**; and in the autumn, you raised **£22,000 for our Syrian bread factory**.

## BEN NEVIS CHALLENGE

Through climbing Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, you gave **£23,000 towards Food 4 Kids**, providing nutritious school meals for vulnerable children.

**JOIN THE ANSAR TEAM:**  
[muslimhands.org.uk/get-involved](https://muslimhands.org.uk/get-involved)

# FOR THE FUTURE

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,  
**'If the Final Hour comes and one of you has a sapling in their hand, then let them plant it'.**  
[Bukhari]

Islam is a religion of hope. Despite the hardships of this year, you continued to follow the Sunnah by investing in your own future – and in the future of humanity.



## Planting trees

This year alone, you planted over **67,000 olive trees in Palestine**, as well as over 2,290 fruit trees elsewhere. This amazing Sadaqah Jariyah is not only providing food and livelihoods to farmers, it is also purifying the air, stabilising the soil and providing nourishment to wildlife.

**Aladdin is a farmer living near Hebron in Palestine. As a father of eight, he is constantly worried about not being able to cultivate his land to provide for his children. He fears that his land will be confiscated and he is also concerned about drought and lack of water.**

By giving him olive trees, you have not only protected his land, you have also given his family a source of income and food. The olives and olive oil will cover their needs throughout the year, while any surplus crops can be sold to help them pay for other vital expenses.

Our team told us that, like many other Palestinian farmers, Aladdin has a strong love for olive cultivation. He is extremely grateful that he can continue to make a living from his land while providing for his family.



**DONATE AN OLIVE TREE:**  
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## Giving water

You continued to build water wells, solar-powered boreholes and rainwater harvesting systems, providing clean water in an environmentally-friendly way. SubhanAllah, you gave this life-changing gift to over 270,000 people, transforming whole communities.



## Helping orphans

You sponsored over **4,100 orphans this year!** Ma sha Allah, for the first time, we could offer sponsorships in Yemen and Somalia – and we even opened a new school in Yemen! You are giving these children the resources to fulfil their potential and break the cycle of poverty, in sha Allah.

**'May Allah grant you success. May Allah reward you with good and put what you offer in your good deeds'.**  
– Aladdin's du'a for you

# FOR YOU

It is truly a privilege to be able to facilitate your Zakat and Sadaqah. Alhamdulillah, below are some of the ways we are giving back to you:



## AL-AQSA HADITH COLLECTION

It includes over 40 hadith in Arabic and English, as well as commentary in the footnotes.

Ma sha Allah, we learned so much while preparing this collection and we hope you benefitted from this knowledge too.

FIND OUT MORE: [muslimhands.org.uk/aqsa](https://muslimhands.org.uk/aqsa)

## SUNNAH STREAM

Exploring the Prophetic way

Alhamdulillah, we launched our podcast this year.

There are now eight episodes of Sunnah Stream available – and since the holidays have begun, it's the perfect time to catch up! From the importance of Tawbah to advice on Islamic finance, there are so many fascinating topics to learn from.

LISTEN NOW: [muslimhands.org.uk/podcast](https://muslimhands.org.uk/podcast)

## Islamic WILLS LIMITED OFFER

We've teamed up with Islamic Finance Guru, an organisation dedicated to serving the financial needs of the Ummah.

Create your legally-binding Islamic Will in 20 minutes!  
just **£35**

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# COMING UP IN 2022!

## Water for Life

Our team are rehabilitating water networks in Aden and Ma'rib, providing **WATER FOR LIFE** to 3.5 million people in Yemen, alhamdulillah!



## Blessed Bakeries

Thanks to your donations, we have **TWO** more bread factories on the way – in Afrin (Syria) and Seiyun (Yemen).

## Dome of the Rock

So far, you have **given over £1.1 million** towards illuminating this blessed site. We still have **£1.5 million left to raise** – wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reach our target by the end of 2022?



## The Open Kitchen

We've **just opened a new community kitchen in Nottingham**, providing cooked meals from 11am to 2pm. We pray it will be as beneficial as the first one, amin!



## Djenne Masjid

We are **planning to build an institution for Islamic learning** in the historically significant city of Djenne, Mali. Alhamdulillah, we will start fundraising for this soon – so keep an eye out!

Follow us on social media @MuslimHandsUK to stay updated. Let's keep making du'a, saying 'in sha Allah' and sharing these exciting projects with everyone we know!



We will build the learning centre on this available land near the Djenne Masjid.

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