

#### FOREWORD FROM THE CEO

#### Dear Friends.

2017 was a challenging year for humanitarian organizations facing the new political realities, both internationally and within the United States, that saw significant decreases in foreign aid and reductions in certain countries accepting refugees. At the same time, the Syrian refugee displacement continued, the humanitarian crisis for Rohingyans increased, and several natural disasters hit the United States. UMR not only continued all our established programs and aid from previous years but increased our work to meet new challenges with your support. We were able to increase the benefit of each dollar donated through the use of partnerships and in-kind donations. Part of our work in 2017 focused on contributing back to the community through trainings in our newly established UMR Institute, creating educational partnerships with the UN, Red Cross, and Indiana University to train our young in how to run humanitarian organizations and continue the vital work of helping humanity through sustainability and self-reliance. Part of that effort was with our university chapters volunteers. Representatives from 30 UMR university based chapters were invited to attend a chapters' retreat in August where they received a variety of introductory trainings for leadership and program development. UMR chapters were also given the great opportunity to attend the 'I Am Ali' Festival in Louisville, KY and attended fellowships and lectures with other organizations celebrating the humanitarian life of the late Muhammad Ali (may Allah have mercy on him).

Syrian refugees continued to be one of our focuses as their situation has deteriorated greatly. In Jordan last year, UMR supported thousands of Syrian families through monthly food packages, provided six medical and surgical missions, primary health consultations as well as cataract surgeries support to orphans in selected communities with inside Jordan for Syrians, other refugees and local poor individuals

Our efforts for Rohingya refugees included providing food and water, emergency medical care, clothing, tents and Last, but certainly not least, we began our work in hygiene supplies in Cox's Bazaar camp on the border of Bangladesh impacting over 100,000 people. Inside Myanmar, we distributed essential food items to internally displaced support the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX Rohingyas in the townships of Maungdaw and Sittwee directly benefitting 38,000 individuals.

UMR also provided medicine, medical supplies and equipment worth \$72 million for underserved and needy communities in the Middle East and African regions, benefiting around 1.4 for those marginalized through poverty, war and disease, million people through our partnerships in those regions. We rehabilitated water sources along with the provision of sanitation and hygiene facilities to benefit 2,500 internally displaced persons and host communities in the Gedo region and continue to make our voice heard in Washington D.C. of Somalia.

We have also increased the number of beneficiaries in continued support and trust. our Ramadan food baskets distribution, which included over 67,000 of the most vulnerable people in 11 countries during the month of Ramadan. In addition, a Soup Kitchen Project provided over 100,000 nutritious meals to poor and Abed Ayoub vulnerable beneficiaries including the disabled, women and Chief Executive Officer, United Muslim Relief

children in Chitral, Pakistan. UMR also provided Qurbani meat for over 26,000 individuals in 18 countries.

Our work with orphans has also increased. UMR provided monthly cash stipends that enabled their access to food, shelter, education and healthcare. UMR provided monthly sponsorship support for 616 orphans in nine countries.

domestic disaster response. UMR formed a Muslim Relief Coalition, that was comprised of four organizations, to and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico that benefited around 13.500 individuals

As part of our mandate, as not only a relief and development organization, but as an advocate and voice we continue our work to engage with elected officials and influence national and international policy. We joined humanitarian coalitions, attended international forums and the United Nations. We will continue the struggle on behalf of our stakeholders and we thank you for your

#### Abed Ayoub



I am proud of the strides we have made as an organization to increase our impact while improving the lives of more than 2 million people around the world in 2017.





#### WHO WE ARE

At UMR we believe everyone has a right to live free of poverty in a secure and more equitable world where they are able to fully realize their potential.

It is the inspiration we derive from our Islamic ethos that drives us to be open-minded and pluralistic. We believe that all people, regardless of race or religion, should have access to clean water, to healthcare, to earn a sustainable livelihood and to have access to basic social services.

#### **OUR VISION**

To be a world leader in uniting partner organizations' relief and development services to assist underserved communities in achieving the dignity of self-sustenance.

#### **OUR MISSION**

UMR integrates our global partners' services to provide comprehensive relief and development aid to underserved communities around the world. UMR accomplishes this humanitarian mission by blending advocacy, youth mobilization, disaster response, aid delivery, and empowerment through education.

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

As an international Islamic charitable organization, we believe that everyone across the world is entitled to clean water, health and dental care, and to have access to basic social services no matter their race or religion.



We firmly believe that programs are the lifeblood of a successful NGO. UMR's incentive to end poverty is the leading driving force for each of our programs to achieve sustainable growth for the impacted communities.

In 2017, we implemented a range of projects from providing food security (food and water) to impoverished communities to developing long-term solutions to empower beneficiaries to build a better quality of life. We also delivered

global and domestic humanitarian relief to some of the world's most impoverished communities affected by natural disasters, disease outbreak and conflict. UMR developed significant seasonal campaigns such as Ramadan and Qurbani to raise funds from the Muslim communities in the US specifically to fulfil their religious obligation of Udhiya, Zakat and Sadaqah (Charity) and help people across the globe through UMR.

We delivered humanitarian aid to Rohingya

We delivered humanitarian aid to Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh, providing a one-month supply of food and water to 12,000 beneficiaries.

Refugees in Bangladesh, providing a one-month supply of food and water to 12,000 beneficiaries.

UMR distributed food baskets for 12,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees in Jordan and 10 tons of quality dates to 4,680 vulnerable families.

Last year alone, UMR delivered Qurbani meat to over 26,000 beneficiaries in 17 countries.



#### **FOOD SECURITY**

Eradicating hunger and malnutrition is at the forefront of our mission towards alleviating poverty worldwide. Food is a fundamental need for human survival, and we are only food secure when we have constant and sufficient access to safe and nutritious food at all times.

Despite the fact that we produce enough food to feed everyone in the world, one in nine people go to bed hungry every night, and one in three suffer from malnutrition. While some of us are fortunate enough to have never felt the pain of starvation, 815 million people do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life<sup>1</sup>.

One of our key priorities is to provide the necessary requirements for food security to poverty-stricken communities around the world.

## Food Security in Pakistan

Pakistan struggles with food insecurity on a daily basis. Over 39% of its population lives in severe poverty with many communities facing threats of hunger and malnutrition<sup>2</sup>. Maintaining adequate food access and production is a challenge, especially when the population continues to grow and the demand for nutritious food increases.

UMR supported a feeding center in the Chitral Langar region in the Northwest of Pakistan, near the Afghanistan border. The project provided over 100,000 nutritious meals to impoverished and vulnerable beneficiaries including women, children, and the disabled from January to December 2017. The initiative also delivered food to the district headquarters hospital to serve the dietary needs of its patients.



## SEASONAL PROGRAM: RAMADAN AND QURBANI



#### RAMADAN - UMR JORDAN

UMR distributed food baskets for 12,000 vulnerable Syrian refugee family members in Jordan. Each food basket contained rice, sugar, ground lentils, grouts, cooking oil, tea bags, spaghetti, salt, dry beans, tuna fish, tomatoes cans, flour, olive oil and jam.

UMR arranged 3 Iftar events, benefiting 300 orphan children and 80 mothers at Baqa' Camp. 142 orphan children received coupons to purchase clothes of their choice in Jordan.

We also distributed 10 tons of good quality dates (1217 boxes) to 4680 low-income families living in the following areas:

- Northern Jordan: Mafraq Governorate, Gaza and Souf Camp, Irbid Governorate
- AL-Kora, Northern Valley & Ramtha.
- South of Jordan: Tafila, Madaba,
   AL-Karak and Agaba Governorates.
- East-Northern Desert: Az-Zarga Governorate.
- Capital city of Jordan, Amman

The project benefited around 23,400 individuals; 65% of whom were Syrian refugees and 35% were from the host communities.





#### **RAMADAN: FEED THE FASTING PROGRAM**

In 2017, UMR assisted around 18,000 beneficiaries in eleven countries (excluding Jordan) by distributing food parcels that contained items suitable for Suhur & Iftar meals for the entire month of Ramadan.

During the project implementation, impoverished and vulnerable individuals (e.g. pregnant mothers, widows, persons with disabilities) and households benefited from the distribution of the food packages comprising of culturally appropriate content.

In addition to food distribution, UMR provided 1000 sheep to the poor and vulnerable families in 13 villages benefiting 7,000 individuals in Kenya.

UMR Ramadan distributions helped the needy in 11 countries:



#### **Bangladesh**

**4,250**No. of Beneficiaries



#### **Pakistan**

1,020 No. of Beneficiaries



#### India

960 No. of Beneficiaries



#### **Palestine**

**2,176**No. of Beneficiaries



#### Iraq

1,600 No. of Beneficiaries



#### **Somalia**

5,160 No. of Beneficiaries



#### Kenya

**11,000**No. of Beneficiaries



#### **Syria**

1,305 No. of Beneficiaries



#### Lebanon

1,200 No. of Beneficiaries



#### Yemen

1,235 No. of Beneficiaries



#### **Myanmar**

1,725 No. of Beneficiaries



#### We delivered Ramadan food distribution to almost

**71,000** vulnerable people around the world in 2017.







## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Water is the driving force of all living things. There is no life without it, and for far too many people living in vulnerable and displaced communities, it remains a rare luxury. Preserving the quality of clean water is vital for good health as contaminated water can cause infectious diseases. A staggering 844 million people are living without access to safe water, and one million people die each year due to poor sanitation and hygiene practices<sup>3</sup>. As the global population continues to increase, the demand for clean drinking water is overflowing.

The water crisis coincides with the urgent need for better sanitation and hygiene practices. Women and young girls are disproportionately affected by the water crisis with 64% (almost two-thirds) of households relying on women to fetch the family's water4. For some, the arduous journey can last up to 6 hours in extreme hot weather conditions<sup>3</sup>.

UMR understands the worth of water, and we believe that everyone has a fundamental human right to fresh water. Clean water not only influences the survival and development of children, most marginalized communities have limited or no access to safe clean drinking water. In today's world people are still living without the basic necessity (water), 1 in 9 people do not have access to safe drinking water, many children are forced to go without this basic human need<sup>4</sup>.

The water crisis is a severe issue in Somalia with just 45% of Somalis having access to sufficient water sources. 75% of the population don't have access to improved sanitation or hygiene practices, which can lead to diseases such as cholera among women and children<sup>5</sup>.

Below average rainfall in 2016 paired with El Nino-induced weather extremes which had a serious impact on the livelihoods, as well as the food and water systems, across the Horn of Africa. The water shortage led to a humanitarian crisis in these countries, including Somalia.

UMR WASH Projvect focuses on improving the availability of clean water and sanitation to 2,500 vulnerable households located in IDP camps and host communities in the Gedo Region, Somalia. This program will be achieved through the rehabilitation of existing water sources, providing water treatment systems and the provision of adequate hygiene facilities including latrines. Hygiene promotion sessions will also be carried out by trained hygiene promoters to push for positive behavioral change.





#### **HEALTHCARE**

Poor sanitation and hygiene kill an estimated 1.7 million people every year<sup>6</sup>. It's one of the most significant threats to global health with up to 21,000 children under the age of five dying every day from treatable diseases such as malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea<sup>7</sup>. Those from socially disadvantaged populations excluded from the distribution of global and national wealth are forced to endure the burden of inadequate healthcare, demonstrating an urgent need for practical action<sup>8</sup>.

The right to healthcare isn't a reality for millions around the world, leaving one billion people without access to healthcare each year<sup>9</sup>. More often than not, it's the poorest of the poor who have the worst health, demonstrating how critical it is that proper healthcare be readily available on a global scale.

Chronic hunger and severe malnutrition is a leading cause of disease and death in underprivileged communities. Some estimated 101 million children under-five years of age are underweight and susceptible to the consequences of severe malnutrition<sup>10</sup>.

To strengthen the resilience of the health system while improving the nutritional status of children in Niger, UMR delivered training and established MoH (Ministry of Health) staff to enhance their knowledge on how to prevent and treat malnutrition of under 5's and pregnant women in the area. We also delivered sensitization sessions in villages across the districts and provided medical and nutritional supplies to health and treatment centers for severely malnourished children. Over

#### 28,000 individuals benefited from this project.

UMR helped to restore the gift of sight to curable blind cases by providing quality medical care services to some of the most underprivileged and poor in Jordan. In coordination with the Jordanian Ministry of Health, IMANA and SEMA, we were able to conduct 3 Cataract Surgery Missions to Jordan. Each mission lasted for five days and involved a dedicated group of highly qualified and experienced doctors from the US travelling to Jordan to conduct surgeries with their counterparts at the Shami Eye Center, Amman. Under this initiative, a total of 480 cataract surgeries were successfully performed.

In 2017, UMR launched the Save-Syria Medical Mission and conducted 3 Medical Missions to deliver primary health consultations and services to 6,400 patients from impoverished communities in Jordan.

Locations in Jordan served by the Medical Missions:

- Mission 1 (Feb 2017): Zarqa Governorate, Mafraq Governorate and Amman-Wehdat
- Mission 2 (May 2017): Zarqa Governorate, Jerash Governorate, Around Amman (Huteen Camp)
- Mission 3 (Nov 2017): Mafraq Governorate (Za'tari municipality, randomly camps) and Zarga Governorate.





Education is a vital human right with the power to advance social and economic development. It's a powerful instrument in which an individual who bears the hardships of a war-torn region or growing up in the lowest socio-economic status; can build a prosperous future. Sadly, not every child has the opportunity to attend school. An estimated 476 million children and young people aged 3 to 18 live in 35 countries facing war, violence and other crises. Many of these young people are out of school with girls being 2.5 times more likely to be forced out of school than boys in countries affected by conflict11. In the past five years, funding requests for education in emergencies has risen by 21%, emphasizing the growing need for education funding in marginalized and displaced communities<sup>12</sup>.

Restricted access to a good education is an assured way of transmitting poverty and destitution from one generation to the next. Escaping poverty is achieved by giving communities and individuals the tools needed to improve their quality of life and build a secure economic

future. However, more than 150 million children from age 3 to 5, still don't have access to pre-primary education 13.

Through donor-driven capacity development, UMR strives to recognize and fulfil considerable gaps in education aid. We aim to work alongside families to find suitable economic solutions and enhance the technical skills and expertise of our principal beneficiaries. We achieve this by implementing a more systemic approach to improving education by providing and administering tutoring both in the classroom and in the education

In 2017, at home our principal education campaign was Tutoring School Children and Adult Literacy in VA, United States. UMR provides tutoring support to over 200 students from the Ethiopian community living in Virginia.

The project aims to help children from low-income families discover their real potential and keep up with other school children in essential subjects such as math. By putting a strong focus on education, we help reduce poverty and promote gender equality and peace in areas that need it most. UMR also offers adults with limited English skills the opportunity to improve their literacy abilities through the use of informative books and educational videos.

In partnership with Center on America Muslim Philanthropy, UMR carried out a domestic project titled, "Building Capacity of Muslim Non-Profit Organizations" in Indianapolis-Indiana. This Capacity Building project

successfully strengthened the abilities, skills and competencies of Muslim Non-Profit Professionals in the community by providing professional development support to their staff. This project consists of at least eight professional development webinars for Muslim non-profit professionals and will conclude in June 2018.

# **LIVELIHOOD**

We invest in the livelihoods and sustainable development of those in need. In our efforts to improve the living conditions and economic status of displaced communities, UMR Jordan implemented a project of breeding goats and poultry in the Al- Sahab area. The location was suitable for breeding livestock as the land is very fertile.

Ten needy families benefited from a herd of 60 female goats, two male goats, 100 poultry and 10 Roosters. Each family received six female goats, ten poultry and 1 Rooster. The project has contributed to improving the monthly income of some of the most impoverished families from both Syrian Refugees and host communities.



#### **GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE**

Losing one or both parents is a child's worst nightmare, but due to conflict, poverty, war, disease, natural disaster or accidents, it's a heartbreaking reality for more than 140 million children worldwide<sup>14</sup>. Without the mental, physical, emotional and financial support from a parent, many orphans are displaced and struggle to live with dignity. They face unimaginable hardships and are often forced to quit school. Many children find themselves alone, afraid and in some cases, they become victims of exploitation or abuse.

UMR provides support to these orphans with monthly cash interventions that enable their access to food, shelter, education and healthcare. UMR also organizes periodic medical check-ups for

orphaned children through qualified healthcare providers in their communities. In 2017, UMR provided monthly sponsorship support for 616 orphans in 9 countries.

UMR also provided one-off cash assistance (\$105 each) to 1,388 orphan families to meet their urgent needs in Jordan in 2017.

Sponsoring an orphan can provide long-term security, food, shelter, education, healthcare and clothing for a child in need. When you sponsor an orphan, they become an integral part of an extended family and receive the opportunity to build a brighter future for themselves.

Number of sponsored Orphans in 2017:

Jordan	Kashmir	Sri Lanka	Kenya	Senegal
181	12	2	150	12
Orphans	Orphans	Orphans	Orphans	Orphans
Yemen	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Lebanon	
13	26	22	1	
Orphans	Orphans	Orphans	Orphan	









#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Emergencies impact the lives of millions around the world, leaving people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. The demand for emergency aid has escalated in recent years, and while some emergencies, such as the 2010 Haiti earthquake and hurricanes Irma, Jose and Maria in 2017, gain widespread media coverage, many low-profile cases are scarcely publicized and receive little public attention.

2017 witnessed an agonizing sequence of detrimental crises from rapid-onset natural disasters such as tropical cyclones and disease outbreaks to slow-onset emergencies including

large-scale food insecurity, severe drought and mass displacement due to conflict and violence. War and destruction of our planet have exacerbated both natural and manmade disasters. Upheaval not only hinders developmental progress in critical areas, but it also means that facing a monumental disaster has become the "new normal" for many countries. Sadly, 87% of people in extreme poverty reside in countries that are environmentally susceptible to such tragedies<sup>15</sup>.

UMR provides global and domestic humanitarian assistance to people suffering due to natural disasters and the outbreak of violence. Despite conflict and other constraints, our mission to deliver emergency response and rapid lifesaving aid to people in need was implemented successfully.

#### International Humanitarian Response – Aleppo, Syria

An estimated 13.1 million people are in need across Syria and according to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (2017), 82% of Syrian informal settlements and camps depend on humanitarian assistance to meet essential WASH (water sanitation and hygiene) needs<sup>16</sup>. Those most in need are often from regions with large numbers of IDPs (Internally Displaced Person), with 85% of the IDP and refugee population unable to meet the minimum monthly food requirements without support.

Despite efforts to address gaps in assistance provision, there are still persistent unmet needs. UMR executed emergency response projects to address the issues of food insecurity, lack of access to hygiene and sanitation facilities, and the shortage of medical services. We also created an emergency response to help continue the necessary services for the improvement of the Syrian IDPs affected by the conflict.

We provided at least 10,000 IDP family members

with core relief items (CRIs) in the form of cooked meals. Groaning stomachs finally ceased when a mobile kitchen was built in A'zaz, producing more than 50,000 cooked meals per day. Volunteers worked 24h shifts, and each meal cost just \$1.40.

At a time when displacement levels were through the roof, Nonfood items (NFI's) Distribution helped to alleviate the suffering of 985 households. With a mission to provide life-support and first aid services to the displaced vulnerable population, UMR delivered a mobile clinic in Aleppo which benefited 2,000 families. The clinic offered essential primary healthcare services, mental health screenings and nutrition assessments.

We selected the locations for setting up the mobile clinics according to two criteria: firstly, the existence of a large number of displaced people; and secondly, locations where primary health care centers are closed or partially active.

We also provided hygiene kits for 3,342 households to address the poor hygiene related issues among IDPs. The packages were also used to improve the knowledge, attitude and practice amongst targeted school-aged children concerning their sanitation and hygiene. UMR also distributed communication and awareness-raising materials.



Zarqa



#### **EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ROHINGYA** REFUGEES, BANGLADESH

UMR is among the few international agencies that have access to vulnerable Rohingya IDPs in Myanmar and Rohingya refugees in the Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Refugees have escaped terrible torments with harrowing accounts of parents brutally killed in front of traumatized children, villages burned beyond repair and countless rapes of women and young girls. UMR provided humanitarian relief to the Rohingya refugees and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

Here are the highlights of UMR supported projects:

In partnership with Human Appeal, UMR provided humanitarian relief in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh in the form of food, water, shelter and medical aid. In September 2017, we supplied 12,000 Rohingya refugees with food and water supplies for one month in addition to emergency medical care support, clothes and hygiene products for men, women and children. Furthermore, UMR also provided shelter in the form of tents to 100 refugee families in Cox's Bazar area in Bangladesh.

UMR distributed essential food items among the internally displaced Rohingyas in Maungdaw and Sittwee Townships within Myanmar. 5,100 families (38,350 individuals) benefited from this and got additional items including hygiene products and shelter kits.

The Bangladesh government placed restrictions on food distribution among the Rohingya refugees by Non-Governmental Organizations. Therefore, we focused on projects concerning health, hygiene, shelter and the delivery of non-food items. UMR supplied 67,200 people from Rohingya families with necessities for improved living conditions and better personal hygiene.

With the mission to provide the Rohingya refugee families in the Cox's Bazar area with emergency healthcare services through mobile service delivery, we have collaborated with HA and IMANA to offer immediate healthcare service to the refugees such as psycho-social support, maternal and child health care.

This three-month project will contribute to reducing the morbidity and mortality rate among Rohingya refugee families, who not only lack access to healthcare but are also vulnerable to the deadly outbreak of infectious diseases like measles and diphtheria. An expected total of 30,000 Rohingya refugees will benefit from this project.





## DOMESTIC HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In late 2017, UMR reached out to 3 Muslim humanitarian organizations; Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA), Pure Hands and Baitul Maal, and formed a Muslim Relief Coalition to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX and Hurricane Maria in Peurto Rico.

The Muslim Relief Coalition worked with our local partners (Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH), American Red Cross (ARC) and Triangle Network (Beaumont, TX) and completed the following relief interventions:

- Distribution of three truckloads of food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies – ISGH.
- Distribution of one truckload of drinking water carrying 16,000 bottles Beaumont.
- Distribution of two truckloads of juice containing over 2000 boxes ISGH.
- Delivery of one truckload of medical supplies, hygiene items, comforters, wheelchairs etc. – ARC
- Provision of Snacks, fresh fruit, and water to around 3000 people at 4 FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Houston.

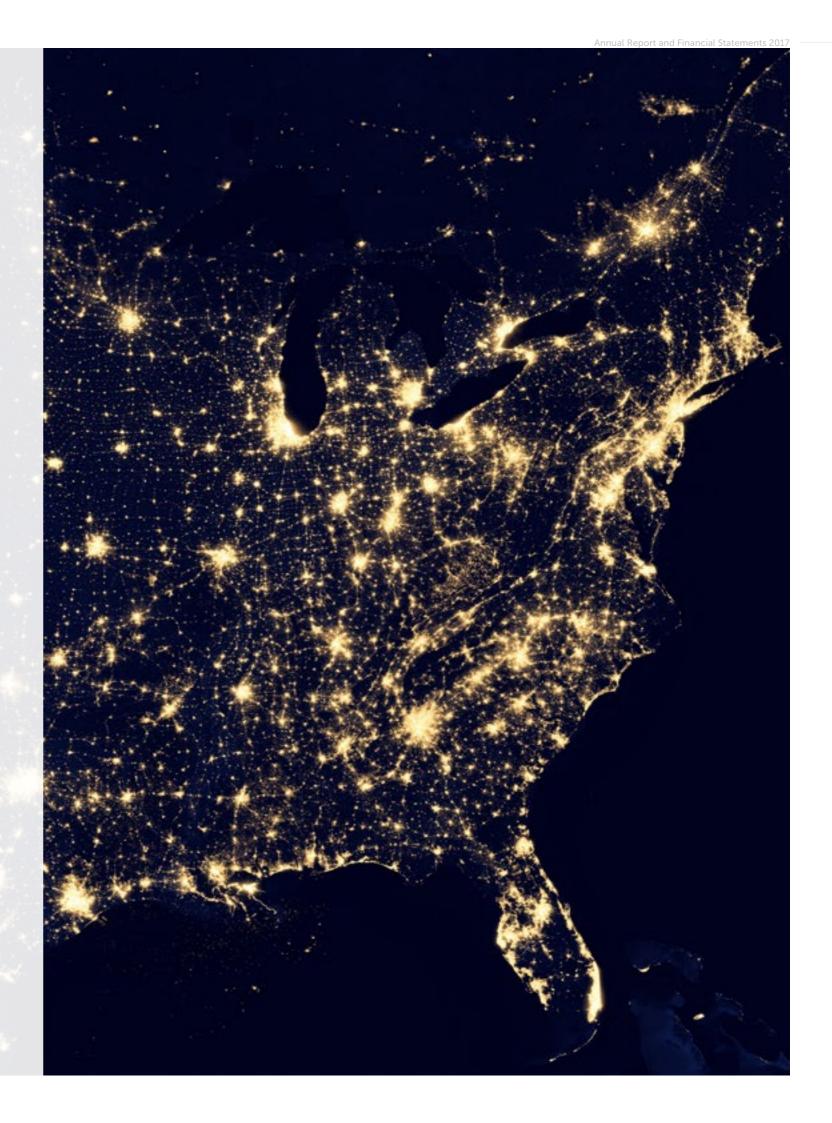
Here is a list of organizations that were provided with food and NFI supplies by Muslim Relief Coalition in Houston, TX:

· Catholic Charities of Fort Bend

- Westbury Baptist Church
- Brookside Village Community Center
- Masjid Tawheed
- Islam in Spanish
- Alliance Refugee Services
- Houston Texas Peace Officer
- Earnest Montgomery Elementary
- Talent Bilingual-Spanish Depot
- Impact Stone HM Millennials
- Islamic Society of Triplex in Beaumont
- Common Threads Lamar CISD
- Missionary Baptist Church Wharton
- Afghan Texan Association
- Masjid Attaqwa
- Pearland Masjid
- Burmese Community at Muhajireen
- Masjid Warithdeen Mohammed

UMR immediately responded to Hurricane Maria in Peurto Rico and were the first Muslim organization to arrange the distribution of food in San Juan; benefiting over 300 families.

The support provided by UMR volunteers and BOD Members proved to be critical in coordinating our response and development of linkages with the City Mayor, Carmen Cruize, who sincerely appreciated our support for the victims of the hurricane. UMR also established contacts with the key officials in the Department of Health, PR, which facilitated IMANA Medical Missions to the affected region.



## UNIVERSITY CHAPTERS

UMR is the leading Muslim NGO that invests in a national network of university chapters across the United States. Each chapter comprises of students who are passionate about community service and development. Chapters aim to serve their local communities and support UMR's international initiatives through leadership, advocacy, campaigning, youth mobilization, training and fundraising.

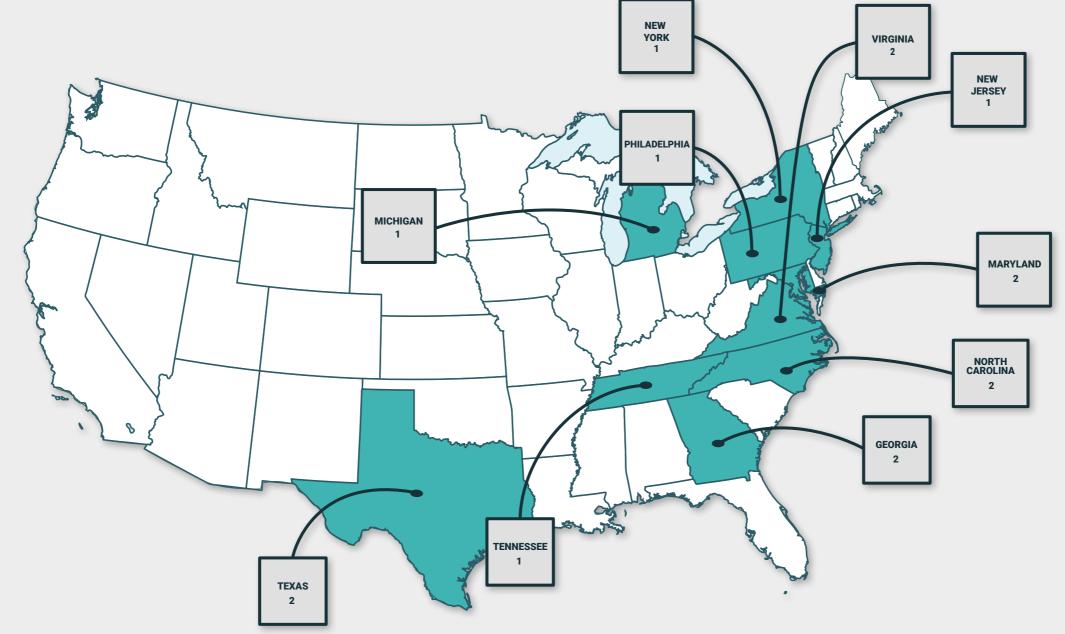
In 2017, UMR focused on rebuilding communication with our chapters located in several states. All chapters were invited to attend a chapters' retreat in August 2017. During this retreat, they met with UMR staff and received various introductory training for leadership and programs. UMR chapters also had the opportunity to attend the "I Am Ali" Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, and attended fellowships and lectures with other organizations.

**NATIONWIDE** 

UNIVERSITY CHAPTERS

Chapter members worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds for various UMR campaigns including orphan sponsorship, Rohingya emergency campaign and family sponsorship. Students came up with a range of creative ways to help raise funds for these programs such as fundraising dinners, sports tournaments and bake sales.

One of the most influential programs our UMR chapters organized was Project Downtown. Countless food packages and hygiene kits were distributed among the homeless and needy in major cities across the country. UMR hopes to expand on this program for 2018 and establish it as the signature event for UMR chapters.







**Events in 2017: 150** 



**General Body Meetings: 30** 



Event attendees: 15,000



**Total Volunteers: 4,000** 

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### **Project downtown**

Feeding the homeless in local communities

is something our chapters really focus on during their time at UMR. Homelessness and hunger is a real local issue and our chapters across the US tackle the issue head on.

People fed/meals prepared: 13,000

#### **Sports Tournaments**

UMR sports tournaments are a great way

to raise funds and awareness about UMR programs and initiatives. Not only do these

tournaments bring communities together but they raise funds for causes our chapters are passionate about.

Funds raised: \$10,000

#### Impact and Outreach

Total volunteers: 4,000 Social Media followers: 30,000 The project benefited around 23,400 individuals; 65% of whom were Syrian refugees and 35% were from the host communities.

## GIFT IN KIND - 2017

UMR provided medicine, medical supplies and equipment worth \$72 Million for deprived and needy communities with help from partner organizations in the following countries:

No	Description	Country	Partner	Value	Shipping & Handling fee
1	Doctors Travel Pack	Jordan	Direct Relief	\$442,284.00	
2	Emergency Kit, Tents & Solar Suitcase	Jordan	Direct Relief	\$15,167.10	
3	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	UMR – Jordan	\$503,320.00	\$13,450.00
4	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	UMR – Jordan	\$508,040.00	\$13,450.00
5	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	UMR – Jordan	\$730,000.00	\$13,450.00
6	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	WMR/SRD	\$692,860.00	\$13,645.00
7	Medicine	Ethiopia	ADA	\$351,480.00	\$7,800.00
8	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Somalia	WMR/ARC	\$372,940.00	\$16,950.00
9	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Ethiopia	WMR/Ethio Gulf Association	\$502,640.00	\$19,495.00
10	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$504,080.00	\$14,730.00
11	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$503,300.00	\$14,445.00
12	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$512,880.00	\$14,445.00
13	Medical Supplies & Medicine	Jordan	UMR – Jordan	\$311,480.00	\$13,472.50

14	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Somalia	Amoud Foundation	\$511,360.00	\$16,995.00
15	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Libya	Ossat Medical Civil Society	\$517,790.00	\$13,945.00
16	Medicine	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$2,747,169.03	\$65,000.00
17	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	UMR – Jordan	\$421,639.00	\$13,472.50
18	Clothes and other related items	Jordan	Islamic Center of Pacific	\$500,000.00	\$3,645.00
19	Inventory Supplies	Jordan	Baitulmaal	\$501,640.00	\$13,472.50
20	Inventory Supplies	Jordan	Baitulmaal	\$501,300.00	\$13,472.50
21	Inventory Supplies	Jordan	Baitulmaal	\$569,476.00	\$13,472.50
22	Inventory Supplies	Jordan	Baitulmaal	\$551,030.00	\$9,945.00
23	Hygiene Kit Distribution	USA/Houston	Coalition	\$50,000.00	\$3,700.00
24	School Back Bag	Jordan	UMR – Jordan		\$1,500.00
25	Winter Blanket	Jordan	UMR – Jordan		\$1,000.00
26	Gaza Medicine	Gaza	Globus Relief	\$490,632.27	\$56,000.00
27	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$556,260.00	\$13,450.00
28	Medical Supplies & Equipment	Yemen	Pure Hands	\$502,160.00	\$13,450.00
29	Medicine to Yemen	Yemen	Globus Relief	\$57,988,604.45	\$125,000.00
30	Medicine, Supplies & Equipment	Jordan	Direct Relief	\$616,645.88	
	Total Value			\$72,976,177.73	\$536,333.00

# United Muslim Relief Financial Statements December 31, 2017

(with comparative financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016)

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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To The Board of Directors of United Muslim Relief

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of United Muslim Relief (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2017 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating

the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Muslim Relief as of December 31, 2017 and the change in the net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in United States of America.

#### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited United Muslim Relief financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 28, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and of the year ended December 31, 2016, is consistent in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Raya CPA & Consulting Services, LLC. Chantilly, Virginia 4/27/2018

# **United Muslim Relief Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2017**

(with comparative financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016)

#### with Independent Auditor's Report

		2017		2016
Assets	Unrestricted	Temporary Restricted	Total	
Current Assets				
Cash	\$693,876	\$526,127	\$1,220,003	\$1,041,657
Pledges receivables	4,805	670,930	675,735	407,642
Field offices	-	15,651	15,651	18,522
Prepaid expenses	13,100	-	13,100	-
Total current assets	711,781	1,212,708	1,924,489	1,467,821
Fixed Assets				
Property, equipment and furniture	44,805	-	44,805	43,905
Accumulated depreciation	(18,919)	-	(18,919)	(11,034
Fixed assets - net	25,886	-	25,886	32,871
Total Assets	\$ 737,667	\$ 1,212,708	\$ 1,950,375	\$ 1,500,692
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 29,190	\$ 358,429	\$ 387,619	\$ 161,516
Due to partners	-	626,555	626,555	774,608
Payroll liability	47,971	-	47,971	33,413
Payroll taxes liability	5,565	-	5,565	3,718
Total current liabilities	82,726	984,984	1,067,710	973,255
Net Assets	654,94	227,724	882,665	527,437
Total Liabilities	\$ 737,667	\$ 1,212,708	\$ 1,950,375	\$ 1,500,692

# United Muslim Relief Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2017

(with comparative financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016)

#### with Independent Auditor's Report

		2017		2016
	Unrestricted	Temporary Restricted	Total	
Revenue and Support				
Contributions	\$ 1,604,293	\$ 6,045,204	\$ 7,649,497	\$ 5,408,803
In-kind donations	- -	72,976,177	72,976,177	23,475,520
Net assets released from restrictions	79,170,839	(79,170,839)	-	-
Total revenue and support	80,775,132	(149,458)	80,625,674	28,884,323
Expenses				
Programs	79,170,839	-	79,170,839	28,627,789
Management	878,103	-	878,103	1,683,184
Fundraising	221,504	-	221,504	382,762
Total expenses	80,270,446	-	80,270,446	30,693,735
Change in net assets	504,686	(149,458)	355,228	(1,809,412)
Net assets, beginning of the year	150,255	377,182	527,437	2,336,849
	654,94	227,724	882,665	527,437
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 654,941	\$ 227,724	\$ 882,665	\$ 527,437

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# United Muslim Relief Statements of Cash Flow

# Statements of Cash Flow December 31, 2017 and 2016

(with comparative financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016)

#### with Independent Auditor's Report

	2017	2016
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 355,228	\$ (1,809,412)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	7,885	7,886
(Increase) decrease in pledge receivable	(268,093)	614,110
Field offices	2,871	(14,890)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(13,100)	48,126
Increase in accounts payable	226,103	2,349
(Decrease) increase in partners' balance	(148,053)	718,102
Increase in payroll liabilities	14,558	33,413
Decrease in grants payable	-	(34,368)
Decrease (increase) in payroll taxes	1,847	(13,493)
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	179,246	(448,177)
Investing Activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(900)	(12,980)
Net cash used by investing activities	(900)	(12,980)
Net increase in cash for the period	178,346	(461,157)
Cash at the beginning of the period	1,041,657	1,502,814
Cash at the end of the period	\$ 1,220,003	\$ 1,041,657

# **United Muslim Relief Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2017**

(with comparative financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016)

#### with Independent Auditor's Report

	20	17			2016
	Supporting Services				
	Program Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Total	
In-kind donations	\$ 72,976,177	-	-	\$ 72,976,177	\$ 23,475,520
Donations	4,164,549	-	-	4,164,549	3,455,273
Salaries and benefits	924,703	505,897	-	1,430,600	1,974,152
Travel	339,370	18,658	6,974	365,002	393,794
Contractors and sponsorship	6,000	91,738	199,356	297,094	462,395
Printing and office supplies	283,796	55,273	4,224	343,293	335,305
Advertising and promotion	85,314	3,375	2,270	90,959	125,622
Conferences	194,338	-	-	194,338	148,078
Telecommunications	4,600	11,832	836	17,268	45,050
Rent	61,889	94,684	7,664	164,237	123,850
Equipment	14,123	4,415	-	18,538	17,895
Bank charges	103,321	2,507	180	106,008	95,353
Depreciation and amortization	4,996	2,890	-	7,886	7,886
Licenses and dues	6,041	6,426	-	12,467	3,595
Gifts	-	-	-	-	100
Insurance	-	1,212	-	1,212	1,316
Professional services	1,622	79,196	-	80,818	22,215
Other	-	-	-	-	6,336
Total	\$ 79,170,839	878,103	\$ 221,504	80,270,446	\$ 30,693,735

# United Muslim Relief Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### 1. Organization's Background

United Muslim Relief is an exempt (501) (c) (3) non-for-profit organization established in July 2010 after the earthquake in Haiti under the name Muslims Without Borders, located in Falls Church, Virginia. At that time, the mission of the organization was a student-based relief agency dedicated to helping alleviate suffering from natural disasters throughout the world. In September 2013, the organization changed its name to Untied Muslim Relief (UMR) and widened its mission to focus on building humanities coalitions to tackle development needs all over the world. The organization responds to the emergency situation arising from natural disaster and conflicts across the world by providing medications, clean water, food and shelter. The organization also provides sponsorships programs to orphans and orphanages in Asia, Africa and Middle East to help communities lift themselves up from poverty. The main source of its revenues are driven from donations and fundraising.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of preparation

The Organization prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting generally accepted in the United State of America. Under this method, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

#### Basis of presentation

UMR follows the Not-for-Profit Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the Codification). Under this topic, UMR is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net asset and temporarily restricted net assets.

#### · Use of an estimate

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### · Cash and financial risk

Cash and cash equivalent include cash on hand and checking held with banks. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which at times may exceed federally insured limits of \$250,000. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the uninsured balance was \$1,080,768 and \$757,681, respectively. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risks on cash.

#### Other current assets

Other current assets consist of prepaid expenses and transfers to foreign field offices' bank accounts. Expenses are recognized in the year to which they relate.

#### Property, furniture and equipment

Property and equipment purchases are recorded at cost and, if donated at fair value, depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis.

#### · Restricted and unrestricted revenue

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted revenue, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

All donor-restricted revenue is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose of restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Unconditional promises to give are measured at fair value and reported as increases in net assets. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

#### · In-kind donations

UMR receives substantial support from its pharmaceutical partner suppliers to accomplish the organization's purpose. In recording contributions of pharmaceuticals, UMR relies upon a third-party independent appraiser to ensure independent valuation. Both branded and generic pharmaceuticals are recorded using the method of evaluation known as the Sales Comparison Approach for goods commonly sold in the marketplace. The market used in this evaluation is based on the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) in the United States.

In 2017 and 2016, the organization provided in-kind pharmaceutical donation to the following countries:

	2017	2016
Yemen	\$ 63,314,453	
Jordan	6,864,882	
Somalia	884,300	
Ethiopia	854,120	
Libya	517,790	
Palestine	490,632	
USA	50,000	39,751
Syria	-	21,056,147
Nigeria	-	1,941,000
Morocco	-	438,621
Total	\$ 72,976,177	\$ 23,475,520

#### Cash donations

UMR has directly donated cash to programs activities in various countries worldwide, directly implemented by UMR or through partners, to cover various humanitarian needs in healthcare, emergency response, orphan care, clean water, food packages, education, and economic empowerment. In 2017, the organization provided the below cash donation during the years 2017and 2017:

	2017	2016
Jordan (Syrian and Palestinian Refugees)	\$ 900,899	\$ 1,101,744
Syria refugees (Turkey and Lebanon)	771,134	12,444
Palestine	519,160	588,173
Burma/Myanmar	355,220	29,280
Orphans in Multi-countries	309,731	804,939
Yemen	276,498	12,485
Somalia	262,738	14,147
USA	220,609	120,045
Kenya	151,799	163,782
India	111,392	14,663
Sudan	97,595	6,483
Pakistan	39,977	38,975
Ethiopia	27,770	246,424
Lebanon	27,270	162,181
Bangladesh	21,595	14,176
Nigeria	19,425	39,938
Niger	19,425	35,086
Nepal	14,145	14,145
Turkey	-	6,080
Central African Republic	-	2,254
Others	18,164	27,828
Total	\$ 4,164,546	\$ 3,455,273

#### Revenue recognition

UMR had cost-reimbursable grants with Johanniter Foundation. Revenue from these grants is recognized as allowable costs are incurred on the basis of direct costs plus allowable indirect costs. Direct and indirect expenses incurred, but not reimbursed, under these grants are reported as grants and receivable in the accompanying statement of financial position. In January 2017, UMR delivered the project successfully and closed the grant. Therefore, no receivable to be reported related to the grant spending.

UMR recognizes unrestricted contributions as revenue in the period received or when the unconditional promise to give is made. UMR reports contributions as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor or grantor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the accompanying statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### · Contribution receivable

The unconditional promise to give is recorded in the statement of financial position in the account receivable line. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the organization had a balance of \$675,735 and \$407,642, respectively of pledge receivable that is expected to be collected within 12-month period. The organization has not recorded allowance for doubtful amount.

Contribution pledged or committed by the donor during the year that have not been received are reported as pledges receivable in the accompanying statement of financial position

#### Grants to recipients

UMR issues grant funds to recipients to implement programs worldwide, under the terms of the grants agreements and records these amounts as grants. Any amounts due to recipients are reflected in accounts payable as grants payable in the accompanying statement of financial position. In 2017, UMR expanded its programs rapidly, and granted to partners domestically and internationally \$1,366,056, with a considerable portion toward its orphans' sponsorship, winter relief, and refugees (mainly Syrian and Yemeni) programs worldwide, comparing to \$2,025,361 in 2016. The reduction in grants is that UMR started to expand its capacity in its in-house program implementation. The program department carried out direct implementation, specially in field offices, mainly Jordan, in 2017. The Organization recorded \$626,555 and \$774,607 payable to recipients as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### Transactions in foreign currencies

UMR conducts many of its programs through field offices in foreign countries, and accordingly, transacts in the local currencies of those countries. These foreign currency transactions are translated into U.S. dollars at the appropriate exchange rates when each transaction is executed.

#### · Foreign operations

UMR continued supporting and strengthening its field offices, in Jordan and Kenya by expanding its field programs, to serve Syrian and Yemeni refugees, as well as conducting relief work in parts of Africa through Kenya office. UMR also responded to the Rohingya crisis through various partners with direct donations, as well as medical and medicine relief shipments. The future of these offices, however, may be adversely affected by a number of potential factors, such as changes in the political climate. As of December 31, 2017, UMR continued the implementation of number of programs directly through these offices, mainly through public donations. UMR-Jordan office, in partnership with Johanniter foundation, was able to implement a psycho-social support program for Syrian

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# United Muslim Relief Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017

refugee children, as well as establish two safe spaces through "Child Friendly Spaces" program in northern Jordan for Syrian refugees' children affected by Syrian war. The grants revenue was recognized on spending basis, recording the funds as liabilities and recognize the revenue monthly based on the funds spent and allocated to the programs in accordance with the grants contract conditions. These grants completed in early 2017 and the programs were delivered successfully.

#### · Functional allocation of expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Costs which could be directly identified with a specific program were charged to that program, but items for general use or not directly identifiable were allocated to Management & General. Costs, which directly identified with fundraising, including fundraising labor costs, are allocated to fundraising expenses.

#### Tax Exempt Status

United Muslim Relief is incorporated exempt from federal income tax under section (501) (c) (3) of Internal Revenue Code (IRC), though it would be subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purposes. Contributions to the organization are tax deductible to donors under Section 170 of the IRC. The Organization has no uncertain tax position that requires recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### Subsequent Events

The management has evaluated the subsequent events in consideration of the financials through April 27, 2018 the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Organization has no material recognizable subsequent events.

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