

**WORLD MEMON ORGANIZATION
PAKISTAN CHAPTER
PROGRESS REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 2007 TO 30TH NOV. 2007.**

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WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION (PAKISTAN CHAPTER)

INTERIM REPORT OF WMO PAKISTAN CHAPTER

From 1st April, 2007 to 30th November, 2007.

1. NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (PAKISTAN CHAPTER) FOR 2006 AND 2007

1.1. The present Board of Management of WMO PC, after taking into account those persons who have expressed their desire to become Trustees and Patrons, is as under:-

1.	Mr. Pir Mohammed A. Kaliya	Trustee / Vice President
2.	Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria	Trustee / Asstt. Secretary General
3.	Mr. Muhammad Yasin Saya	Trustee / Deputy Secretary General
4.	Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Adil	Treasurer
5.	Mr. A. Rauf Haji Yakoob	Trustee
6.	Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi	Trustee
7.	Haji A. Majeed Pardesi	Trustee
8.	Mr. Irfan Patel	Trustee
9.	Haji Jan Muhammad Yaqoob	Trustee
10.	Mr. Abu Bakar Sheikhani	Trustee
11.	Mr. Muhammad Aslam Pardesi	Trustee
12.	Mr. Shabbir A. Pakta	Trustee
13.	Mr. Ebrahim Qasim	Trustee
14.	Mr. Ashraf Machiyara	Trustee
15.	Mr. Peer Muhammad Diwan	Trustee
16.	Haji Ghani Usman	Trustee
17.	Mr. Muhammad Munaf Attara	Trustee
18.	Mr. Muhammad Amin Chappal	Trustee
19.	Haji Muhammad Rafiq Pardesi	Trustee
20.	Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Pirwani	Trustee

21.	Mr. Imran Sharif	Trustee
22.	Mr. Noor Muhammad Hashim	Trustee
23.	Mr. Abdul Aziz Kath	Trustee
24.	Mr. Ilyas Muhammad	Trustee
25.	Haji Kassam Khanani	Patron
26.	Mr. Muhammad Ebrahim Hashim	Patron
27.	Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman	Patron/Representative of All Pakistan Memon Federation
28.	Mr. Muhammad Hashim Patel	Patron
29.	Mr. Abdul Rauf Essa	Patron
30.	Mr. Muhammad Bashir Latiwala	Patron
31.	Mr. Qasim Lawai	Patron
32.	Mrs. Aisha Anwar Gani	Patron
33.	Mr. H. M Shehzad	Patron
34.	Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil	Patron
35.	Mr. Shoaib Jan Muhammad	Patron
36.	Mr. Mehboob A. Rauf Gandhi	Patron
37.	Mr. Farooq Faria	Patron
38.	Mr. Ahmed Jaffer Kudia	Patron
39.	Mr. Yahya Polani	Patron
40.	Haji Masood Parekh	Patron
41.	Mr. Arif Punjabi	Patron
42.	Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Nini	Patron
43.	Mr. Hanif Ishaq	Elected Member
44.	Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani	Elected Member
45.	Madam Bano Katchi	Elected on Ladies Quota
46.	Ms. Hawa Abdullah	Elected on Ladies Quota
47.	Mr. Abdul Razzak Thaplawala	Co-Opted
48.	Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Saboonwala	Representative of United Memon Jamat of Pakistan
49.	Mr. Abdul Majeed Abdani	Patron
50.	Mr. M. Younus Abdul Sattar	Patron

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| 51. | Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon | Patron |
| 52. | Mr. Junaid Amin | Patron |
| 53. | Mr. M. Yaqoob Tabani | Patron |

Note: In view of the Amendments in the Constitution, all the Patrons have now become members of the Board of Management.

1.2. The following members from Pakistan Chapter were elected as Office Bearers for the year 2006 and 2007:-

1. **Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya** **Vice President**
2. **Mr. Muhammad Yasin Saya** **Deputy Secretary General**
3. **Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria** **Assistant Secretary General**
4. **Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil** **Treasurer**

2. OBITUARY

- 2.1 During the period under review, Alhaj Abdul Rahim Pardesi, father of Haji Abdul Majeed Pardesi and Haji Muhammad Rafiq Pardesi (Trustees of World Memon Organisation) passed away on 14th June 2007. Alhaj Abdul Rahim Pardesi was a renowned Philanthropist, was very caring & loving to the needy and down trodden of the Memon Community. He excelled and surpassed in his services to the Memon Community, Muslim Ummah and the mankind. He was always ready to give a helping hand to needy people. Mr. Ghulam Ahmed Ismail also passed away on 21st June, 2007. He was one of the senior most life member of WMO and a good donor. Mr. Yahya Hashim Bawany, a renowned researcher and writer, particularly about the Memon Community and its history passed away in the holy month of Ramadan on Friday, 12th October, 2007. His contribution in preparing the script of the social and welfare work of the Memon community which was the basis of the WMO Documentary Film titled as “Diya Jalai Rakhna” is noteworthy. This documentary was prepared for the special occasion of the 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting and CDs of this film were distributed to the guests.
- 2.2 We pray to Almighty Allah that He may shower His choicest Blessings upon the departed souls and also pray that He may give courage and solace to the families of the deceased to bear the unbearable losses.

3. BRIEF REPORT OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, TRUSTEES' MEETING AND THE MEETINGS OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

3.1 In the meeting of the Board of Management of World Memon Organisation held in Dubai in December 2006, it was unanimously decided to hold the 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting, Trustees' Meeting and the Meetings of the Board of Management from 12th to 16th April 2007 at Karachi, Pakistan.

The foreign delegates started arriving at Karachi from 7th April, 2007. Since the venue of the meetings was Karachi Sheraton Hotel, most of the foreign delegates decided to stay at Sheraton.

On 12th April, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at WMO House, 32/8, Street No. 6, Muslimabad, Karachi. Transport arrangements were made from Sheraton to WMO House to bring the foreign delegates and the Trustees of World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation for the Trustees Meeting.

The meeting of the Trustees started at 4.45 p.m. at WMO House. More than 25 Trustees attended the meeting and Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Report of the Zakat Fund and Trustees' subscription, which were prepared by Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya and Mr. Gulaam Hussain Abdoola were presented before the members and the issues relating to Zakat Fund, its collection and disbursement were discussed in detail so as to enable World Memon Organisation to fulfill its commitments for different projects in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

A very important and far reaching decision was taken regarding extending the period of payment of Trustee's subscription from three years to five years. It was decided that any new Trustee would now be required to pay the subscription in five years. However, the existing Trustees would pay their subscription within three years.

The Secretary General of the World Memon Organisation Charitable Trust, Mr. Bashir Sattar, expressed his inability to continue as the Secretary General of WMOCF. Mr. Gulaam Hussain Abdoola was, therefore, appointed as the Secretary General of WMOCF, Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya as Deputy Secretary General and Mr. M.H. Omer as Treasurer. It was also decided to form an Executive Committee for implementing the decisions of the Board of Trustees.

The Committee consisted of :

Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY) (President)
Mr. Gulaam Hussain Abdoola (Secretary General)
Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya (Deputy Secretary General)
Mr. M. H. Omar (Treasurer)

At the conclusion of the Trustees' Meeting, the members visited WMO House which had been acquired by WMOPC as its Liaison Office. The Trustees and other members congratulated the WMOPC for acquiring an ideally located office premises for WMO.

3.2. DINNER IN HONOUR OF FOREIGN & LOCAL DELEGATES BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF ISMAIL MANGRORIA

A sumptuous dinner was hosted in honour of the foreign and local delegates by the family members of Late Mr. Ismail Mangroria, on 12th April 2007. The dinner was attended by over 400 guests. On this occasion, Mr. Shoaib Ismail Magroria, Mr. Pir Muhammad A.Kaliya, Mr M.Yousuf Adil, Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Haji Abdul Razzak Yakooob (ARY) and Mr. Shahid Ismail Mangroria expressed their views emphasizing the members of the Memon Community to join WMO to strengthen it to achieve its mission and objectives. The Program was well organized. Mr. A.K. Memon was the Master of the Ceremony.

3.3. 3rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF 2006/07

The 3rd Meeting of the Board of Management of 2006/07 was held on 13th April 2007 at Sheraton Hotel at 9.30 a.m.

The President of World Memon Organisation, Haji Abdul Razzak Yakooob (ARY) presided over the meeting.

After the confirmation of minutes, a brief welcome address was presented by Haji Abdul Razzak Yakooob (ARY) , President of World Memon Organisation , who thanked the World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter, for making elaborate arrangements for holding the 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting, Meetings of the Trustees and Meetings of the Board of Management in a befitting manner.

In his brief welcome address, he appealed to all the members of Memon Community to unite under the banner of WMO for the welfare & well-being of the Memon Community , its posterity and the entire mankind. He was happy to note that the WMO was gaining strength day by day.

The morning session was chaired by Sir Iqbal Sacranie, whereas the afternoon session was chaired by Mr. Pir Muhammad A.Kaliya. The different Chapters presented their reports highlighting the achievements and pinpointing the areas where lot more was required to be done. The members of the Board of Management committed a donation of US \$ 100,000 for WMO House, Karachi. Two far-reaching decisions were taken. New Trustees and Patrons were allowed to pay their subscription fees in 5 Annual equal installments instead of three annual installments. It was hoped that many new Trustees and Patrons would be enrolled.

3.4. INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

On 14th April 2007, the Inaugural Session of the 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting was held in Hotel Sheraton. The Prime Minister of Pakistan was the Chief Guest and the Governor of Sindh was the Guest of Honour. This session was attended by many Federal

and Provincial Ministers, members of the National & Provincial Assemblies, the elite of the Memon Community, Trustees, Patrons, other members of the WMO and other distinguished guests.

While addressing the distinguished gathering, the Prime Minister appreciated the positive role played by the Memon Community in the creation of Pakistan and thereafter in the economic development of the Country. He also narrated the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan for encouraging the foreign investors in Pakistan. He appealed to the foreign delegates to invest in the mega projects in Pakistan for strengthening the country. Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya , Vice President of Pakistan Chapter, then welcomed the honourable guests and highlighted the contribution of the Memon Community in the economic development and humanitarian services. Sir Iqbal Sacranie , Deputy President gave a brief introduction of World Memon Organisation with particular reference to the milestones achieved in the initial years of its formation. Mr. A. B. Muhammad was the Master of the Ceremony.

Haji Abdul Razzak Yakooob (ARY) President of World Memon Organisation highlighted various services of the Memon Community for the alleviation of poverty in the country. He stated that the Memon Community is serving the people of Pakistan without any distinction of caste, creed, or colour for uplifting the deteriorating living conditions of the masses, providing health care and educational facilities.

At the end of the Inaugural Session, shields were presented to the following members of the Memon Community who were recently honoured with civil awards of Sitara-e-Imtiaz and Sitara-e-Eesar by the Government of Pakistan.

SITARA-E-IMTIAZ:

1. **Dr. A. Ghaffar Billo**
2. **Mr. Ahmed Chinoy**

SITARA-E-EESAR:

1. **Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi**
2. **Mr. Salman Iqbal Gandhi (ARY)**
3. **Mr. Faisal Edhi**

A life Achievement Award was conferred on Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi for his life long selfless services to humanity.

3.5. THE 5th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION

In the afternoon, the 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting was held at Hotel Sheraton which was presided over by Haji Abdul Razzak Yakoob Gandhi (ARY) and chaired by Sir Iqbal Sacranie.

Certain constitutional amendments were approved whereby the election for the Board of Management would now be held in person in the respective chapters. Only those members would be allowed to vote and contest who would have been members of WMO at least 365 days prior to the date of election. However, for the sake of election in 2008, those persons would be allowed to contest and vote who would become members by 14th October 2007. Moreover, voting by proxies would not be allowed.

The other important amendment was to give the privilege to all Patrons to become automatic members of the Board of Management. Previously, only 10 Patrons were elected as the Members of the Board of Management.

3.6. MEMONI GET-TOGETHER

A great 'Memoni Get-Together' was arranged at D.J. Ground at 9.00 p. m. on 14th April 2007. About 4000 members of the Memon Community, distinguished guests including the foreign delegates attended the program. It depicted the solidarity and unity of the members of the Memon Community. Shields and souvineers were presented to the President, Deputy President, Vice Presidents of six regions, Prime Sponsors and the members of the Organising Committee. Mr. Junaid Iqbal of ARY and Mr. Shabbir Abu Talib were the Masters of the Ceremony. Mr. Shabbir Abu Talib had made arrangements of Boy Scouts and Okhai Memon Jamat had arranged volunteers for which WMOPC is grateful to them.

3.7. MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

On 15th April 2007 a meeting of Board Of Management was held at 9.30 a.m. at Hotel Sheraton in which various important decisions were taken. Regarding the raising of Zakat Funds to fulfill the commitments made by WMO for projects in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, the different Chapters have taken upon themselves to raise the funds. Hopefully, the required fund would be raised and the collected amount would be disbursed to the beneficiaries as per commitments of the WMO.

It was noted that WMO has been registered in San Francisco as a Charity which would boost humanitarian activities of WMO in America too.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of Board of Management in Bombay in December, 2007.

3.8. DINNER IN HONOUR OF FOREIGN AND LOCAL DELEGATES HOSTED BY MR. AQEEL KARIM DHEDHI

A dinner was hosted by Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi, a Trustee of WMOCF in honour of the foreign and local delegates of WMO on 15th April 2007, which was attended by the WMO delegates and other dignitaries of the Government, including Ministers and Nazim of Karachi Syed Mustafa Kamal. Mr. A. K. Memon was the Master of the Ceremony.

3.9. VISIT TO MMI, PATEL HOSPITAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

On 16th April 2007, a visit was arranged to an upcoming huge mega project of the Memon Community, namely, Memon Medical Institute, which has been sponsored by WMO. The members were impressed by the state of the art Medical Complex, which was being constructed at Safura Goth. Haji Abdul Razzak Yakoob Gandhi (ARY), President of WMO, announced to pay the balance of the outstanding amount committed by WMO to Memon Medical Institute by the end of December 2007. Many foreign delegates also committed funds for the project. Thereafter, the foreign and local delegates visited Patel Hospital. The members appreciated the appropriately equipped Hospital and most of the members agreed to help the Hospital's Medical team in its endeavours to serve the distressed humanity. In the evening, foreign delegates visited the 3rd International Exhibition organized by the All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) at Expo Center, Karachi.

3.10. DINNER IN HONOUR OF FOREIGN & LOCAL DELEGATES BY MACHIYARA FAMILY

In the evening of 16th April, 2007, a dinner was hosted in honour of foreign and local delegates by the Machiara Group at its project known as Karachi Children Hospital, which is being established on University Road near NIPA. Syed Mustafa Kamal, Nazim of Karachi was the Chief Guest. Leaders of WMO agreed to assist the Sponsors in their endeavors to build a modern hospital for the children of the City.

New Trustees & Patrons :

During the course of various meetings and programs, 16 members of the Memon Community expressed their willingness to become new Trustees and 14 as new Patrons.

WMO wholeheartedly welcomes them and hopes that their decision would strengthen and help WMO to achieve its objectives.

4. MEETINGS OF BOM (PAKISTAN CHAPTER)

During the period under review, four (4) meetings of the Board of Management (BOM) of WMO Pakistan Chapter for 2006 and 2007 were held.

5. FORMATION OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES FOR 2006 & 2007

The Board of Management decided to continue the following Committees for the year under review:-

- i. Rehabilitation Committee
- ii. Census Committee
- iii. Education Committee
- iv. Media & Publicity Committee
- v. Fund Raising Committee
- vi. Membership Committee
- vii. Youth Committee
- viii. Ladies Wing

6. REPORT OF REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

6.1. Twelve (12) meetings of the Rehabilitation Committee were held during the period under review.

6.2. During the period under review, fifty (50) applications were approved for grant of finances for acquiring the flats for which we have already disbursed Rs.41 million for the Rehabilitation Scheme.

6.3. Scheme for Converting Pugree Flats into Ownership Flats

(i) We are grateful to WMO Headquarters for pledging US \$350,000 for the purpose of converting Pugree houses to ownership basis. The Pakistan Memon Educational & Welfare Society has pledged a sum of Rs.10.5 million (US \$175,000) and the balance of Rs.10.5 million (US \$175,000), i.e., 50% falls on the shoulders of WMO to contribute.

(ii) We have already disbursed Rs.9.6 million for the Conversion Scheme for 153 flats.

PROGRESS REPORT OF REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Up to November 30th 2007

	Description	No. of Cases
	Total Applications Received	7225
	Total Applications Scrutinized	1551
	Total Pending Applications for scrutiny	5674
	Financial help approved for Flats/Houses	436
	Financial help approved for conversion of Pugree Flats to Ownership	153
	Applications approved for providing rented premises	59

Total Applications approved	648
Accommodations provided to successful applicants :-	
On Ownership Basis	285
Conversion of Pugree flats to Ownership Basis	153
On Rent	50
Accommodation provided to successful applicants	488
Pending successful Applicants	160

Note:

Out of the pending successful applicants, **37** applications are under consideration by the respective Jamats for their approval. Fifteen (**15**) applicants are in the process of completion of the legal formalities and the balance applicants are in search of suitable accommodation.

7. REPORT OF CENSUS COMMITTEE

- 7.1. A joint committee of WMOPC and All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani, WMOPC, and Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani as Co-Chairman representing APMF, to carry out the census of the Memon community in Pakistan. Meetings of the committee were held with various Jamats/Welfare Organisations to expedite data collection of the community.
- 7.1. Printed Census Forms are available from the offices of WMOPC and APMF. Besides, the Census Form has also been put on our website (www.wmopc.com). The members of the Memon Community can download a printable form, fill-in the details and submit it to the office. They also have the option to fill-in the forms online.
- 7.2. The Committee has requested all Memon Jamats to make it compulsory for all its members to fill-in the census forms for availing any benefit from the Jamat. This decision will go a long way in the collection of population data of the Memon Community.
- 7.2. The census work has been accelerated as a separate department has been established within WMO PC and full time employees have been employed for distributing Census Forms, its collection and recoding in the computer data.
- 7.3. We have already collected more than 15,000 forms from different sources. According to our estimate, the census work completed is hardly of 15% of the Memon community residing in Pakistan. The work is moving in the right direction and we hope to complete sizable part of the census by the end of 2009.

8. REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 8.1.** A committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Razzak Thaplawala and Co-Chairmanship of Mr. Ebrahim Qassim to award scholarships to the talented students of the Memon Community for higher studies, more specifically in the professional fields. The Committee has already started functioning at an even keel.
- 8.2.** During the period under review, 25 applicants have been given scholarships in the amount of Rs.2.8 million (US \$ 46,700) out of which Rs.1.91 million (US\$ 31,311) have been disbursed. Since the inception of the Scheme, total scholarship awards amounted to Rs.5.1 million (US \$ 85,000) to 46 students out of which an amount of Rs.4.29 million (US\$ 70,328) has been disbursed. Remaining ten applications are under process.
- 8.3.** We have to inform the Members that the amount sanctioned in 2006 to the tune of US \$ 100,000 by WMO (HQ) has not yet been received. We had pursued the matter in the last meeting of the Board of Management and also in the meeting of Trustees. We hope that the amount would be received in due course of time.
- 8.4.** The BOM of WMO PC has now decided to give extra emphasis on the education of students of the Memon community with particular reference to higher and professional education. Advertisements have been published in leading newspapers and Memon magazines inviting applications from talented and deserving students of the Memon Community for financial assistance for higher and professional education. The applications are processed within a short period of ten days with the least possible hassle to the students.
- 8.5.** We appeal to the honorable Members of WMO to please donate generously for providing financial assistance for professional education to the talented youth of the Memon Community.

9. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT OF WMO TOWARDS REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION:

The following amounts are receivable from WMO Headquarters for Rehabilitation and Education Projects for WMO PC :

Balance Receivable for Rehabilitation committed in 2005	US \$350,000
Amount committed for Rehabilitation for the year 2006	US \$ 800,000
Amount committed for Conversion of Pugree Flats to Ownership in 2006	US \$ 350,000
Amount committed for Education for 2006	US\$ 100,000
Total:	US \$ 1,600,000

Less: Pakistan Chapter to Contribute as per decision in the BOM Meeting dated 20-05-2006 in Colombo	US \$ 100,000
Less: Pakistan Chapter to Contribute as per decision in the BOM Meeting dated 24-12-2006 in Dubai	US \$100,000
Less: Pakistan Chapter to Contribute as per decision in the BOM Meeting dated 15-04-2007 at Karachi	US \$ 150,000
Net Amount Receivable from WMO Head Quarters	US \$ 1,250,000.
Less amount received on 01-06-2007	US \$ 200,000
Less amount received on 23-08-2007	US \$ 400,000
Net amount receivable	US \$ 650,000

We urge the WMO and WMOCF to please release the balance amount of US \$ 650,000 at the earliest. It would not be out of place to mention that we have already approved various applications for providing finances for houses in anticipation of the amount committed by the WMO.

10. FUND RAISING FOR 2008 AND REQUEST FOR GRANT

10.1. REHABILITATION

In the last Ramzan, the Fund Raising Committee started a vigorous campaign for Zakat Fund for Rehabilitation project. The Committee called upon various donors and philanthropists and explained to them the Rehabilitation Scheme in detail.

For 2008, the Rehabilitation Committee has targeted to provide flats to 250 needy and distressed families of the Community for which Rs.200 million (US \$ 3.3 million) would be required.

Al-Hamd-O-Lillah, Fund Raising Committee received Commitment for Rs.86.7 million (US \$ 1.44 million) out of which we have already received an amount of Rs.31.31 million (US \$ 0.52 million). The Fund Raising Committee expects to raise over Rs.100 million (US \$ 1.65 million) very soon. World Memon Organisation Pakistan Chapter requests the World Memon Organisation (HQ) to grant a matching Zakat for US \$ 1.65 million for 2008.

According to an estimate of the Rehabilitation Committee, there are at least 2000 families of the Memon Community who are living in miserable conditions requiring immediate financial help for their rehabilitation.

10.2. CONVERSION OF PUGREE FLATS INTO OWNERSHIP

The scheme of the conversion of pugree flats into ownership has been very successful. We have already financed conversion of 143 flats into ownership with the support of World Memon Organisation and Pakistan Memon Welfare & Educational Society. For 2008, we propose to provide financial assistance to 200 families for conversion of pugree based flats into ownership for which we need Rs.20 million (US \$ 340,000) out of which Rs. 10 million (US \$ 170,000) would be raised locally and for the balance amount, we request World Memon Organisation (HQ) to sanction.

10.3 EDUCATION

We have to inform that the number of students needing financial assistance is increasing day by day. So far, we have provided financial assistance to 46 students for higher and professional education. For 2008, we estimate 150 students (which includes new and old students) who would be seeking financial assistance of at least Rs. 150,000 (US \$ 2500) per student per annum. Thus, we would require Rs.22.5 million (US \$ 375,000) out of which Rs.11.25 million (US \$ 187,500) would be raised by World Memon Organisation Pakistan Chapter and for the balance of US \$ 187,500, we humbly request World Memon Organisation (HQ) to sanction.

10.4. SUMMARY OF THE FUNDS REQUIRED IS AS UNDER:

All amounts in US Dollars in million

	<u>Total Amount Required</u>	<u>WMOPC to raise</u>	<u>WMO is requested to sanction</u>
For Rehabilitation:	3.30	1.65	1.65
For Conversion of pugree based flats to ownership:	0.34	0.17	0.17
For Education:	0.375	0.187	0.187
Total:	4.015	2.007	2.007

11. NEW OFFICE PREMISES OF WMO AT KARACHI

- 11.1. A property measuring 240 square yards situated on Plot No. 32/8, Street No. 6, Muslimabad, Karachi was acquired by WMO PC at a total consideration of Rs.17.70 million (US \$295,000) in June 2006, with the approval of the President of WMO.
- 11.2. The property comprises of two floors i.e. Ground plus One. The covered area is over 3000 square feet. The possession of the Property was taken on 10th August 2006. The Property was registered in the name of World Memon Organisation on 29th June 2006 vide Registration No. 1475.

11.3. The Property has been named as ‘WMO HOUSE’. Necessary modifications were carried out and now it is a well furnished office premises having a spacious Board Room with a capacity of 24 persons, rooms for Office Bearers, Committees and the Staff members. The Liaison Office, Kharadar, has now been shifted to WMO HOUSE.

12. FUNDING FOR WMO HOUSE:

12.1. WMO granted a donation of Rs.2.5 million (US \$40,984). Members of BOM PC and other well-wishers have so far committed Rs.7.7 million (US \$126,230) out of which Rs.7.2 million (US \$118,033) have been received.

12.2. WMO has granted a sum of Rs.2,500,000 (US \$40,984) for WMO House.

12.3. An amount of Rs.12,00,000 (US \$19,672) has been transferred from the 5th AGAM Sponsors’ Fund.

12.4. In the meeting of the Board of Management held in April, 2007, the Members have pledged US \$ 100,000 (Rs.61,00,000/-) for the WMO House out of which Rs.30,00,000/- have been received. The balance committed amount will be received in due course of time.

The fund position is as under:-

Cost of the Project

	<u>Pak Rs.</u> <u>(million)</u>	<u>US \$</u>
Land and Building	17.70	295,000
Registration & Brokerage	0.68	11,333
	18.46	306,333

FUNDING

	<u>Pak Rs.</u> <u>(million)</u>	<u>US \$</u>
Grant Approved by WMO	2.50	40,984
Donations committed Rs.8.7 million out of which Rs.8.2 million have been received	8.7	145,000
Amount transferred from 5 th AGAM Sponsor’s Fund	1.20	20,000
Amount committed in the BOM Meeting held on 14 th April 2007 (Committed Rs. 6 million, less amount received Rs. 3 million: balance to be received Rs. 3 million)	6.00	98,361
	18.40	304,345

13. MEMBERSHIP

On account of 5th Annual General Assembly Meeting, other meetings and Programs, response for Membership was very encouraging. 14 persons have expressed their desire to become Trustees and 19 persons have expressed their desire to become Patrons. The total Membership is as under:-

Membership Category	Number of Members as on 31.12.06	Number of Members as on 15.11.07	New Members during the period under review
Trustees	9	23	14
Patrons	4	23	19
Life Members	46	86	40
Annual Members	319	408	89
Apex Bodies	2	2	0
Jamat & Institutions	6	7	1
Total	386	548	163

Those Members who had not cleared their dues for 2004 and 2005 are excluded from the list of the Members.

14. LADIES WING

- 14.1 The Board of Management of Pakistan Chapter appointed Ms. Sher Bano Kutchi and Ms. Hawa Abdullah as the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Ladies Wing respectively. Regular monthly meetings of the Ladies Wing are held at WMO House , Karachi.
- 14.2 Various sub-Committees have been formed for various activities such as Marriage Bureau, Jahez Committee, Scholarship, Membership and Zakat Collection Committee.
- 14.3 WMO Membership: Collection on renewal of membership was made in the amount of Rs.78,000/- while new membership contributed Rs.130,000/-. One lady member, Mrs. Aisha Anwer, is a Patron of WMO PC.
- 14.4 After having a successful get together in February 2007 at the Karachi Gymkhana, the Ladies wing is planning to hold an Exhibition-cum-Sale on 15th December, 2007, at Rangoonwala Hall. For the first time the ladies of the Memon Community will meet on one platform. The reason to hold this Exhibition is to promote, encourage, introduce and sell the products made by our Memon sisters.
- 14.5 The Ladies Wing has been successful in persuading many ladies to become members of WMO. Out of the total membership of 549, ladies members are 217.

15. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

- 15.1. On 16th April, 2007, a meeting was held between the representatives of World Memon Organisation with the City Nazim regarding the establishment of Vocational Training Institute on lines of Ibrahim Bawani Training Institute Baroda, India. Haji Abdul Razzak (ARY) President, Mr. H.M Shahzad and Mr. Usman Ghani represented the World Memon Organisation. It was agreed in principle that a suitable land along with constructed Building would be provided to WMOPC for this project. A site at Korangi Civic Centre III has been selected and offered to WMOPC.
- 15.2. Another meeting was held with EDO Investment where the first draft of MOU was discussed. Several amendments were proposed by the WMO team. The representative of CDGK promised to consider the amendments proposed by WMO. Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Mr. Yasin Saya, Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil, Mr. H.M. Shahzad, Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil and Mr. Ashraf Machiyara represented WMO.
- 15.3. A draft of the Memorandum of Understanding has been sent by CDGK for our approval. According to the direction of the President, the draft was evaluated by Mr. Anwer Ahmed Khan who was then the Advocate General of the Province of Sindh. The Revised Draft of the Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to CDGK.
- 15.4. The matter is being followed up with the City Government and hopefully the Memorandum of Understanding as approved by WMOPC would be signed in due course of time.

16. PLOT OF LAND

- 16.1. Our application for allotment of 500 acres of land is lying with the Chief Minister of Sindh. Mr. Ghulam Hussain Kaliya a representative of WMO is constantly following the matter.
- 16.2. Haji Abdul Razzak (ARY) has also requested the Chief Minister for allotment of land as approved by the President. The Chief Minister has agreed to do the needful in due course of time.
- 16.3. In spite of the vigorous follow up, no decision has been taken by the Chief Minister, Government of Sindh. The President of WMO, Haji Abdul Razzak is urged to use his good offices so that the matter is resolved.

17. REHABILITATION WORK FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

- 17.1 175 houses have already been constructed out of which 70 houses have been built in Thala (Biroat – situated at 7000 feet above sea level) and 70 houses have been built in Shanghreri (10,500 feet above sea level). And 35 houses have been constructed in Kala-Dacca (Tha Kot – 7500 feet above sea level).

- 17.2 We have planned to construct 200 houses at Osiah (Biro) in NWFP. The cost of one such house is Rs.100,000/- out of which Rs.50,000/- shall be borne by WMO and the balance by the local residents. We have already started construction of 50 houses and hopefully this would be ready by the end of March, 2008.
- 17.3 A school which was completely destroyed in the earthquake affected area of Thala, Biro is being reconstructed. A mosque situated at Thala, Biro, which was badly damaged has been rebuilt. A small dispensary for the benefit of the local people has been built in Thala, Biro.

18. Memon Relief Fund

WMOPC received zakat amounting to UK £75,000 (equivalent to Rs.8.4 million) from UK based anonymous donor for providing financial help to the needy families. WMO PC has recently received US \$205,000/- (Rs.12.3 million) from WMO Headquarters. This help is being given to the needy families for medical, food and other necessary items without any distinction of caste, colour, creed or religion. WMOPC has disbursed this amount to **MEMON RELIEF FUND** in accordance with the wishes of the donor for onward distribution to deserving and distressed families. During the period under consideration, an amount of Rs.10 million (US \$ 166,000) has been spent for charitable purposes. The remaining balance is Rs. 10.7 million (US \$178,000).

19. Tax Credit

The World Memon Organisation has been approved as a 'Non-profit Organisation' under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. By virtue of the said approval, the donors are entitled to tax credit according to the provisions of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 on the amounts donated to WMO through crossed payee cheques. The validity of the said approval will remain in force unless withdrawn by the Income Tax Department. (Approval accorded vide Letter No. CIT/COS.V/2006/858 dated 27-07-2006)

20. Website of World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter

As we all know, in today's age of information explosion and instant communication, it is absolutely necessary to have a website to provide information quickly and easily to the members of WMO and all concerned.

The official website of the World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter, www.wmopc.com, has nearly completed two years of existence. Recently, the website has been given a face-lift. Every effort is being made to make it more informative, useful and user-friendly.

From this regularly updated website, one can read reports and view pictures of activities of WMOPC, get the latest list of Members and Board of Management of WMOPC. Application forms for Membership, Memon Population Census, Scholarship, etc., are also available for download.

21. THANKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The office bearers and the members of the Board of Management are grateful to the Trustees, Patrons, Apex Members i.e. All Pakistan Memon Federation and United Memon Jamat, Life Members, Annual Members, Jamaats/Institutions for the confidence they have reposed. Whatever has been done was due to the teamwork of the members of the Board of Management Pakistan Chapter and other well-wishers.

We thank the members of the different committees, particularly Rehabilitation Committee for their devotion and hard work in discharging their duties. We acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the skeleton staff of WMO PC.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to our President, Haji Abdul Razzak, Deputy President, Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Mr. Abba Ali Yousuf, Secretary General, and all the office bearers of WMO, without whose support we would not have been able to achieve our vision to serve the community selflessly and with dedication.

We are also grateful to WMO Headquarters, Members of the Board of Management of WMO, donors, philanthropists and well-wishers for their constant financial support, guidance and encouragement.

In the end, we bow our heads to Almighty Allah for His blessings and guidance to all of us for working for the welfare and well being of the Memon Community. We urge all the Members of the Memon Community to join WMO for serving the Memon Community at large.

For and on behalf of WMO, Pakistan Chapter,



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Vice President



SHOAB ISMAIL MANGRORIA
Assistant Secretary General

Karachi, dated 30th November, 2007