

# PIOUS PROJECTS



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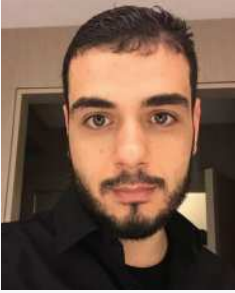
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## IMAM ALMOUSTAPHA SANOGO

I was born in 1960 in Mali and studied Islam. I was able to travel to Al Madinah Almunawara, where I graduated from an Islamic University. I spent 11 years in Saudi Arabia, learning and teaching. I then travelled back to my home town of Sikasso Mali, where I became a parliament member and also worked as an Imam and teacher. Later, I found an opportunity to work with a few charitable organizations in order to bring relief to the people of Mali.

In 2015, I met the Executive Director of Pious Projects of America, Mr. Fahim Aref. During his visit to Mali, I showed him the needs of the Malian people. I can now proudly say that Pious Projects is in the forefront of charity

organizations in Mali with their multiple charity work in building of villages, which include classrooms, mosques, medical centers and artesian water wells. They have made it possible for us to open up over 400 wells in this short amount of time. They have also helped with periodic aid and food relief. I am happy to be the one to implement the charity actions on behalf of Pious Projects. They have stood by the Malian people with all this development, and for this reason Pious Projects deserves continued support to help the poor populations of the world be in safe hands.

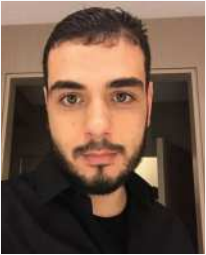
Together we have changed the landscape and spirit in Mali for the better. Looking forward to working with you in 2017 and beyond.



## IMAM OUSMANE DRAME

As an imam in Chicago at Masjid Al Farooq for nearly 15 years, I've had the distinct pleasure of working with many organizations that foster good will while extending assistance and relief to impoverished nations around the world. One such organization that has worked tirelessly in offering such assistance is Pious Projects of America based in Chicago. With the help of Allah, they have been successful in bringing goods and services to those who are desperately in need in the country of Mali. As a native son of Mali, I know the hardships the Malians face and how these trying times have been burdensome. Pious Projects has championed the cause of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, who said in an authentic Hadith, "Whoever removes a hardship from someone, Allah will remove a hardship from

him on the day of standing." I was able to personally travel to Mali on behalf of Pious Projects and construct a number of mosques and schools, while also providing urgent necessities to a large number of orphans. We even put together a campaign to provide donkey carts for families so they can become self-sufficient. Even locally in Chicago, I was part of the beautiful initiative to distribute food packages to the homeless. For Pious Projects to continue their enormous work help is required from the believers. Won't you join me in this noble cause by donating generously with your time and money to Pious Projects? Thank you and may Allah reward you with good in this life and the next. Amin.



## FAHIM AREF

During times of difficulty we all need something positive to give us reassurance that we are on the right track. For me, I look back at the many successful projects this organization has accomplished in just its first two years. I can't explain the feeling I have when I see the children attending their first day in a new school that you helped build. The smiles on their face from ear to ear. Or the joy during a Friday Khootba for a new masjid that we just opened. Seeing the way the worshippers are in total disbelief that they now have a beautiful structure that they can perform their worship in. I have personally seen the hundreds of videos

that we offer to each donor who commits to build a water well. Men, women, and children lined up and standing with their hands lifted in the sky making dua for all those who were responsible in that well becoming a reality. In making the basic necessities of life that most of us take for granted, a bit easier to access. Our unique platform allows donors to contribute to any specific campaign knowing that 100% of the donations we receive will be used exactly for what it was intended. With your continued support we were able to grow 50% from the past year. We did this without any paid staff whatsoever. We try as much as possible to involve our volunteers in our day to day operation.

I'm very excited for what 2017 holds and hope that we can provide even more relief to the ones in need. I thank you for your continued support and hope to share more wonderful news with you in the future.



## AMNAH MOHAMMED

You never know what opportunities God has hidden in store for you. I got involved with Pious Projects a short time before the first Mali campaign was launched in 2015 and currently serve as the Communications Director. In my role, I do admin work, lead volunteers, help coordinate and plan events, and more. Since I began, I've had the opportunity to work on all of our local and national campaigns; one of the best experiences was working on our national Feed the Hungry Campaign this year. It was amazing to witness the progress of our dedicated teams in different cities across the country working tirelessly to make their events a success. One small instance in particular moved me and sums up why I love being a part of this organization. A Leader from one of the teams had to step

down and much confusion ensued. Someone else, who only signed up as a volunteer, was about to lead the event for their city, a heavy yet rewarding task. Before confirming, the new Leader asked me if I thought they had the ability to fulfill this large task. I did not know this person before the event planning began, but I saw the earnestness, the drive, and the love of teamwork and reassured this person that they could indeed do it! Seeing that Leader climb to success and go above and beyond in their new role not only motivated and inspired me, but also reaffirmed my stance on the great potential of this organization. The impact is far-reaching and touches people in different ways; whether it's a villager in Mali who no longer has to walk miles for water or a young person in the West who has uncovered a light within after leading an event/campaign or volunteered for a good cause, the Khayr is undoubtedly spread.

It is only with the continued blessings of God and the support of the people that such work can be continued. There is much more to be done, and we hope that you'll join us on this journey and find yourself inspired along the way, project after project.



## YASIN OSMAN

A few months ago I was given the chance to reconnect with my roots. Roots I was hardly holding on to. I was going to Africa for the first time since I was a child. I went with a humanitarian organization called Pious Projects of America to document the work they were doing in Mali and Ethiopia.

Our first stop was Mali where my misconceptions were instantly tackled. Although we had to communicate through a translator, there was a magic synergy, I felt like I had seen these people before. It was inspiring to see the people of Mali walking in and out of the new mosques, medical centers and schools that were built for them. The smiles were so wide and the love was almost visible. When I pointed at one of the schools and gave a thumbs up to one of the elders, he held both of his hands together and continued to shake them towards me in gratitude. It was more than just building wells and schools, lives were being changed and I was a witness.

After a few nights we left for Ethiopia and travelled to the Somali Regional State (Soomaali Galbeed). This village had a large Somali community, so the energy I felt was now paired with an ability to directly communicate with my own people.

Moments after arriving in the village a woman in her 70s approached me and said, “What did you bring for us my son?” My heart, feeling light and willing in the moment, just transformed. I was speechless. Someone who looked almost exactly like my grandmother was struggling to find food, a concept I could not grip.

The rocks, the sand, the wood, the clothes all carried a different value there. The minimalism of material gave them full smiles with beams brighter than any screen we have. They offered me the wealth of a new perspective, the duality of poverty and happiness.

***“Visiting that village in Ethiopia was powerful, I was reminded of my importance as a representative for my people. Being in the motherland and speaking my mother tongue was an experience that was truly unparalleled, a feeling of home I’ll remember forever.”***

# FOOD & WATER

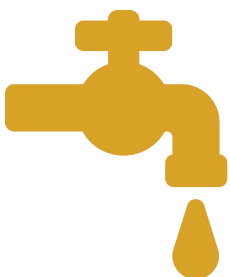


# Flint Water Crisis

In January 2016 Flint, Michigan was declared a State of Emergency by the President of the United States. Our supporters, who answered the call for emergency water relief in Mali, did not disappoint when it came to Michigan. On February 14th, thanks to generous donations, we were able to secure 5 truckloads of water for the Flint community. 189,000 bottles of water along with some filtration systems were distributed. We had several volunteers working side by side loading water into the long line of cars waiting in front of the Muslim House Mosque.

# Water for Gaza and the West Bank

This immensely successful campaign helped provide the most basic living necessity to our brothers and sisters in Gaza and the West Bank. Our goal was to help deliver clean water to these areas where many families do not have easy access. Water needs to be transported in large 1,000 liter tanks, however many people don't have the means to purchase these tanks, which leaves them to cook, clean, and perform wudu with contaminated water. Through this campaign, we sought to relieve these people from one of the most serious health-related dangers. Because of you, we helped secure over 500,000 liters of clean water, and we hope to keep this program going.



500,000 LITERS OF  
CLEAN WATER  
PROVIDED FOR  
GAZA & WEST BANK

# Clean Drinking Water Wells

We heard stories of women and children walking over 10 miles each way to be able to bring some water to their families. What started out as a hope to build 10 water wells in needy villages of Mali has turned into over 350 water wells benefiting thousands of villagers. Many of our water wells have been built in honor of loved ones. Once finished, videos of the villagers making supplication for the honored one are sent to donors. As the water crisis remains in Mali, we hope that the number of wells built will continue to grow in 2017 with your support! The cost of a well in Mali is only **\$2,500**.

OVER **350** WELLS  
BUILT



# Masjid & Water Well in Honor of Muhammad Ali

On June 3, 2016, Muhammad Ali passed away. In honor of the legendary Champ, a water well was built in Mali, Africa benefiting thousands of villagers in the area. Funds have also been raised to build additional water wells and are still being raised to build a masjid in his honor. [www.piousprojects.org/ali](http://www.piousprojects.org/ali)



# Food Campaign For Mali

In Mali, it costs a person less than a dollar a day to feed himself! For an entire month, **\$125** can feed a family of 8-10 people. Rice, oil, yogurt, dates, sugar, peanuts, and meat were some of the foods distributed to families in need.

*With your support, we were able to provide to over 500 families during the month of Ramadan. We hope to continue feeding families throughout the year!*



RICE, OIL, YOGURT, DATES,  
SUGAR, PEANUTS & MEATS  
DISTRIBUTED TO

**500 FAMILIES**





# Feed Starving Families in Ethiopia

On May 1, 2016 our team arrived in the Somali region at the border of Dire Dawa, Ethiopia and were devastated by what they saw. The men, women, and children were in desperate need of food due to the recent drought in the region. Not only had most of their livestock died, but many of the villagers died due to starvation. We met a woman who said her only hope of survival was dependent on her son traveling into the city to sell a goat. After a month, two men returned holding a pair of sandals. They told her that her son had died of starvation on his way to the city and that the sandals belonged to him. We immediately launched a campaign for food and we were successful in raising over **\$50,000**, which provided food relief to thousands of families during Ramadan and after.

## \$50,000

PROVIDED THOUSANDS OF FAMILY FOOD RELIEF DURING RAMADAN AND AFTER



# Ramadan Iftar for an Entire Village

Another reason to celebrate! The people of Mali in the village of Missirikoro were very happy in 2016, and why wouldn't they be? We built an entire complex, which contained a masjid, medical center, water well and school. Also one of our donors reaped the reward of feeding the entire village in the month of Ramadan. Hundreds of healthy meals were prepared on a daily basis. What a beautiful feeling it must be breaking your fast with good food in front of your new masjid.



# Ramadan Iftar 2 Chickens & Rice for a Family

Providing Iftar for a family in Jordan was as simple as donating \$8. Our goal of raising enough funds to cover 1,000 food packages was easily reached during the Holy month of Ramadan! Each food package consisted of two whole, uncooked chickens and rice for Iftar.



**1,000**

**FOOD PACKAGES**

DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES  
IN JORDAN

# Feed the Hungry (21 Cities)

On September 24th, 2016 over 800 of our volunteers, many of them young students, located across 21 cities, participated in our 2nd annual National Feed the Hungry Day. Our goal was to feed the needy living on the streets and in homeless shelters. This event was very successful and allowed us to inspire the youth to become team leaders and organize this noble mission. We were able to raise the funds needed to cover the cost of the supplies. Our volunteers were able to make and deliver over 25,000 lunches on this day. (Main picture of the assembly line)

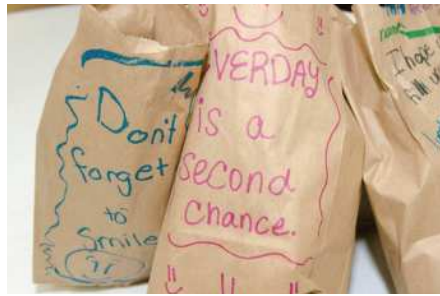
The average cost of each meal was \$3 and each city fed over 1,000 needy people in their area. Oftentimes, those less fortunate in our communities go unnoticed, and feel isolated and invisible to the rest of society.

*To show them that we care, our volunteers across the country worked hard to provide them with handmade, healthy meals along with some kind words.*

Next year we hope to expand this wonderful project across the nation and to double our efforts.



21 CITIES  
800 VOLUNTEERS  
25,000 LUNCHES



**“FEED THE HUNGRY,  
VISIT THE SICK,  
AND FREE THE CAPTIVE”**  
--PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)--



# ORPHANS



# Orphan Sponsorship

To know that someone supports and cares for you is one of the most important necessities for children and even more so for orphans. In 2016, orphans were supported in countries such as Palestine, Turkey, Jordan, Mali, Chad, and Syria. All funds went towards basic living necessities such as food, education, and shelter. With your help, in our first year of sponsorship we were able to secure help for over 75 orphans. The average cost of sponsoring an orphan is only \$50/month. There is great reward in caring for an orphan.

***Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said, "I and the person who looks after an orphan and provides for him, will be in Paradise like this," putting his index and middle fingers together.***

***- Narrated by Sahl bin Sa'd***

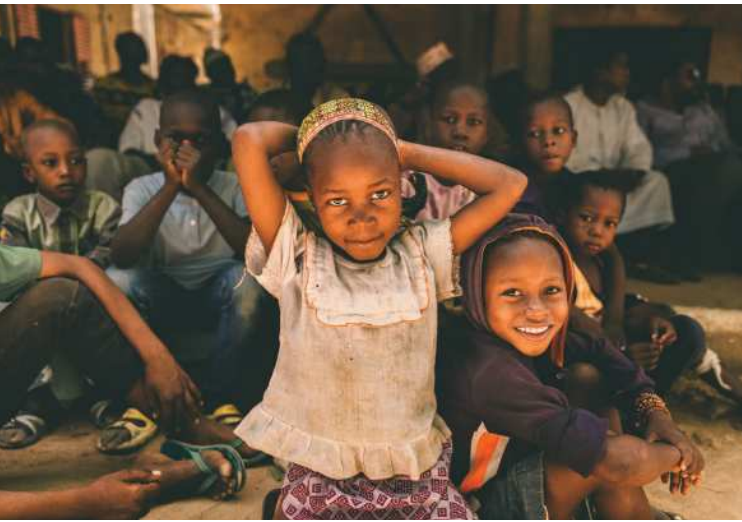


**75 ORPHANS**

SPONSORED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR  
WITH AN AVERAGE SPONSOR COST

ONLY **\$50/MONTH**





# Academy for Orphans in Africa

Our main project for 2017 plans are currently in works to build a state-of-the-art academy for orphans living in Mali. This academy will offer a well-rounded education as well as breakfast, lunch and optional housing.

*Our aim is to give these children access to basic living necessities and a higher quality of education with a strong Islamic backbone, in order to mold them into future, just leaders of their country.*

We are hoping to break ground in April 2017 and be open in time for the school year in October 2017. The Academy will house around 250 students and employ the top teachers in the country and offer an extensive curriculum including geo political science, computer I.T., and Islamic literature. It will also house a masjid that will be used for daily prayers and Quranic studies. We hope you will sponsor this wonderful project that we hope with the will of Allah (swt) will sprout and multiply.



THE ACADEMY  
WILL HOUSE AROUND  
**250 STUDENTS**  
AND EMPLOY  
THE TOP TEACHERS  
IN THE COUNTRY

# Feed an Orphan a Hot Meal

Imagine the reward of breaking the fast of an orphan! Last year, we helped break the fast of over 100 orphans each day of Ramadan. In total, we served over 10,000 delicious meals throughout the year. This campaign is currently open and we hope to increase the number of orphans served a hot meal!

Meals were served in Jordan's Baqii camp, which houses mostly Palestinian and Syrian refugees.



**10,000 DELICIOUS MEALS**  
SERVED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR





# Udhiyah/ Qurbani

**25,000** LBS MEATS  
DISTRIBUTED TO :  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND  
PALESTINIAN & SYRIAN REFUGEES

For Eid Al-Adha, we did not forget our needy brothers and sisters around the world. Contributions were made toward sacrificing cows and lambs. Over 25,000 lbs of meat were distributed in various African countries. We were also able to provide for the Palestinian & Syrian refugees. Our Udhiyah anytime campaign is an ongoing effort to provide fresh meat throughout the year.



# SMALL BUSINESS



# Give tools and seeds to create sustainability

We all know the Chinese proverb, 'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime'. This is what we would like to provide the people of N'djamena, Chad, the tools necessary to become self-sufficient.

This effort will benefit refugees from the Central African Republic, who were fortunate enough to flee before being brutally murdered.

There are still over 400,000 CAR refugees in Chad territories that are living in very difficult conditions due to the shortage of living facilities and food.

***Most of the refugees are women and children who have lost their families in the last genocidal massacre.***

We are raising money to purchase cows, ploughs, and seeds. These tools can be shared by a society of 10 families, who can work together in order to plant many acres of land.

***Help us deliver more tools in order to help them become self-sufficient.***



# Donkey Carts

The purchase of two donkeys and a cart for a family in Mali allows them to become self-sufficient. These donkey carts help with transportation to other villages, hospitals, and for going deep into the rainforest to gather timber for sale. Some families who do not have access to water nearby use these carts to fetch water as well.

***Having the means to be self-sufficient creates an environment of sustainability, which in turn allows families to stay in Mali and not flee the country risking their lives in the process.***

We have distributed over 16 donkey carts this year, and for only **\$600** you too can provide a family with a livelihood. Of many stories we heard, one such story touched our heart : An old, blind man led by his young daughter every morning to a well to collect water for their small garden. They would then go to the market to sell some of their crops to be able to purchase other necessities. Once he learned we were gifting him with a donkey cart, he was so happy he began to cry and make dua. We are changing the lives of people and easing some of the hardships and burdens they face.



**16 DONKEY CARTS**  
DISTRIBUTED

*Abu Huraira (radiallahu anhu) narrated that the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w said: "Whoever removes from a Believer a hardship from the hardships of this life, Allah (God) will remove from him a hardship from the hardships of the Day of Judgment..."*

# COMMUNITY



# Back to Mali

## Al Najwa Villages

When we showed you the struggles of the people of Mali last year, you answered the call and we raised over one million dollars to bring them much needed relief.

*The people of Mali need our continued support. After the team's recent visit, we realized that Mali is still in need of 2 basic things: water and education!*

Besides helping to build a water well, another way to provide relief to the people of Mali is by helping to build a school. We would like to build at least 25 classrooms and supply each with a highly qualified teacher along with other materials needed to give these children a chance for success and to change the future of Mali. Each equipped classroom will hold around 40 students and cost around **\$10,000**. By the end of 2016, we had either completed or started construction on a total of 350 water wells, 15 mosques, 30 classrooms, and 3 medical centers



# \$1,000,000

TOTAL DONATIONS

350 WATER WELLS

15 MOSQUES

30 CLASS ROOMS

3 MEDICAL CENTERS



# Share The Warmth

“Share the warmth” is a campaign that was first piloted in Chicago and has now taken off in cities across the U.S. and Canada. December 17th, 2016, we passed out blankets, gloves, hats, socks, and granola bars to the homeless in downtown areas. We were able to deliver to over 1,000 homeless people with items to help them battle the fierce weather. Also, we showed them they were not forgotten in our community and how much we truly cared.

## CITIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CAMPAIGN WERE:

CENTRAL JERSEY

CHICAGO

MANKATO

MINNEAPOLIS

MONTREAL

OTTAWA

PATERSON

SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON DC





# Container of Blankets to Syria

At our location in Bridgeview Saturday, November 26th, in collaboration with Baitulmaal, we collected brand new blankets and other new goods to be put in a container and sent to our displaced brothers and sisters in Northern Syria. We worked with our representatives in Turkey to distribute the much needed aid for the cold weather. In Addition to dropping off items, donors were also able to donate online in order for us to purchase blankets.

**THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS WERE COLLECTED AND SHIPPED:**

- 1300** QUEEN SIZED MINK BLANKETS
- 1050** HATS
- 850** MILITARY DISASTER BLANKETS
- 590** PAIRS OF SHOES
- 432** SWEATERS/PANTS
- 250** COATS
- 132** GLOVES
- 24** SCARVES

# 100-year-old Sibey masjid



In 1987, an Imam of a small village in Sibey, Mali (Africa), called upon the leaders and expressed his determination to build a large masjid to accommodate all the neighboring villages. The leaders quickly dismissed this ideal and explained that there was no money to purchase the materials needed to build this so called large masjid. In response to this the Imam returned with two bags of concrete cement. The group of leaders mocked the Imam and asked,

“Are you trying to build a Masjid with two bags of cement? He said, “Yes.”

They replied, “No, you are trying to build a Chicken House,” and all the people laughed.

He said, “with Allah’s Will, we will build a masjid.”

After three years of on-and-off construction, they ran out of resources to continue. Fast forward twenty five years later, the structure remained with some outer cement walls and no ceiling. After Pious Project’s trip to Mali, this masjid was brought to our attention and we agreed to finish it for the people of Sibey. The old Imam cried and gave a very heart touching speech to the thousands of inhabitants of the village.

The Imam said, “How did a small village like Sibey, in a poor country like Mali, reach out to an organization of America to complete this project? The answer is by the Qadr of Allah. Now Insha’Allah I will get to pray two rakat here before I die.”

What can we learn from this story? You should never underestimate yourself when you are intending an action for the sake of Allah, even if it’s as large as moving mountains.

***Never allow other people to bring you down by placing facts in front of your face that are against you. Because if Allah wills, you will be triumphant regardless of what adversities you face.***

This Imam was rewarded by Allah 30 years ago when he intended to build this masjid, so just make the intention!

On December 30th, 2016, we opened “Abdul Khaled Haji Mosque”, which is one of the largest mosques in the region. Our very own volunteer and Chicago leader, Imam Ousmane gave the Friday Khootba.



# Nursing Homes

We are strong proponent of community engagement. A group of our volunteers visited several nursing homes and spent time with the retirees. Here is a short story relating the experience one of our volunteers.

“Getting the opportunity to spend time at Autumn Leaves nursing home last weekend was definitely a worthwhile experience. The volunteers were given cards with names of the residents on each one, as well as flowers to pass out to all the residents. It was clear that the senior citizens really appreciated such a simple, thoughtful gift as well as getting to spend some quality time with us playing games or reminiscing. We were thanked with hugs and huge, grateful smiles everywhere we turned.

***One incident struck me the most during my experience. I recall one volunteer handing a rose to one of the elderly women. Upon seeing the rose and reaching up to take it from the volunteer, she asked, “How much will it cost?” The volunteer warmly responded by explaining that there was no cost and that it was just for her. The woman’s eyes filled with tears as she smiled and said, “People don’t do things like this anymore.”***



Witnessing this touching moment made me realize that the importance of taking time out to visit the elderly living in nursing homes as well as others who are generally isolated from society. These people crave a sense of community and spending time with others.

As Muslims, it is our duty to follow the legacy of the man who loved and cared for his community with true sincerity. This is an ideal that we must strive to reach and what better way to start than with those who are alienated from the general population: the elderly, the sick, the orphans, and the homeless. These are all people in our community who deserve our extra attention. Since visiting the senior citizens at Autumn Leaves nursing home, I will do my best to uphold that ideal as much as possible.”

# EDUCATION



# Holy Quran for the Blind in Braille

How can the blind enjoy reading the Quran? One way is through Braille Quran sets made by Baitulmaal. Since 2005, one of Baitulmaal's most active projects has been to print and distribute the Quran in Braille for the blind (6 volume sets) at no cost. Baitulmaal works with the Jordan Quran Conservative Society by sponsoring the printing and distribution of hundreds of Qurans in Braille every year.

***The cost of printing one complete set is \$150.00 and many have benefited so far!***

In 2016 alone, Pious Projects was able to sponsor 100 complete sets of Braille Qurans.

**100 SETS OF**  
BRAILLE QURANS  
DISTRIBUTED



# Save a Future, Stuff a Backpack



Every child has the right to an education. Backpacks filled with school supplies were provided for Syrian refugees to help them return to school and get back to learning after everything they had endured, each backpack put a large smile on the children's faces!

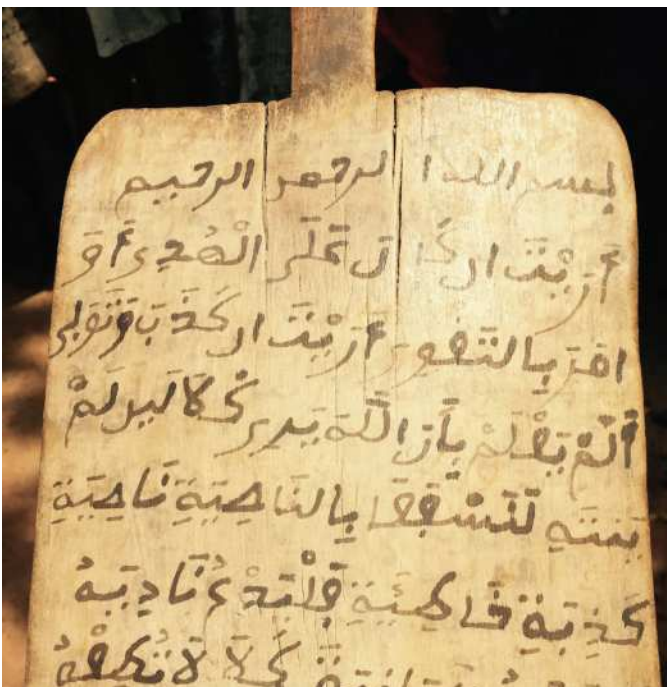
# Month of Ramadan Month of Quran



Would you exchange one wooden Quran plank for 500 Quran Books? Well that was the deal we made with the children of Mali. They were using wooden planks to write verses from the Holy Quran just like the Sahaba did over 1400 years ago.

This campaign has been very successful, and for the past two Ramadans we were able to deliver over 1,000 Qurans.

Make sure to visit this campaign. We know each letter of the Quran is worth ten good rewards, so imagine what purchasing one Quran for \$10 can generate in reward for you, especially during the Holy month of Ramadan.



**1,000** QURANS  
DISTRIBUTED  
IN MALI



# EMERGENCY RELIEF



# Save a Life, Buy a Net

Malaria is the cause of death for over 1 million persons a year. Malaria is transmitted by certain mosquitoes when they bite. The malaria parasite passes from the infected mosquito to the person being bitten. The most effective means of preventing malaria is by sleeping under a mosquito net, specifically a long-lasting insecticide treated net (LLIN). Each net costs around **\$3**, lasts for 3-4 years, and protects on average of two people. The statistics are well known given the scale of the problem. For every 50-250 nets we put over heads, one child does not die. We have distributed thousands of nets in West Africa and hope to continue this campaign.



**THOUSANDS OF NETS**

DISTRIBUTED  
IN WEST AFRICA

IT COST ONLY **\$2**  
FOR A FLASHLIGHT



[www.piousprojects.org/nets](http://www.piousprojects.org/nets)

## Light up Africa

In Mali there are many villages without electricity. At night, it is extremely hard to get around without light. We started the "Light up Africa" campaign to help people see at night by using LED flashlights that don't need batteries. Flashlights cost only **\$2**. Thanks to generous donations made to this campaign, villagers can see at night while walking and avoiding deadly scorpions and insects.



# OTHER CAMPAIGNS



# Admin Fund



All campaign donations received are 100% used for their intended purpose. Therefore, we have launched a separate admin fund to maintain and advance our crowdfunding platform. We rely solely on the generous donations of our supporters. All donations to this fund have helped with administrative costs such as supporting nationwide events, maintaining the website, and marketing/advertisement. Because of our large pool of volunteers, we have been able to not have any paid employees, saving the organization thousands of dollars. Our organization has over 1,000 volunteers registered with Pious Projects across the globe, allowing us to tap into any skill set required for us to grow without having to pay for it.


Provide renewable lighting for only \$2

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## Trending Campaigns

### Community



Back to Mali, Africa

One year later!

**\$667,290.96** USD

[Donate](#)

89% 24 days left!

### Orphans



Feed an Orphan a Hot meal

only \$5 to feed an Orphan a delicious meal.

**\$51,071.53** USD

[Donate](#)

93% 58 days left!

### Education



Complete Holy Qur'an in Braille for the Blind

Powerful Video of a Blind student's journey to memorize the Qur'an

**\$26,624.00** USD

[Donate](#)

89% 58 days left!

### Food & Water



Food Campaign for Mali less than a \$1 a day

Can you feed yourself for less than \$1 a day? Well, in Mali you can.

**\$64,821.93** USD

[Donate](#)

86% 58 days left!

# Individual Fundraisers

During the year, many motivated individuals come to us wanting to take on the challenge of launching their own campaign on our platform. There were 11 campaigns launched to raise funds for water wells. For many of these campaigns, these individuals rallied their family, friends, and communities to contribute to the cause.

Other campaigns included the building of mosques, a school, and an entire village complex.

*We love working with dedicated individuals who want to make a change in communities that need our help!*



OUR TOP FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR WAS **JUMANA EL-AMMORI** WHO RAISED **\$52,080** TO BUILD A MASJID, 2 CLASSROOMS & 3 WATER WELLS IN HONOR OF **THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF MICHIANA**

# Charity Fundraisers

Pious Projects of America is not just a charity but also a crowdfunding platform that allows other 501c3, to use our platform and raise funds for their projects. We offer this service free of charge and hope to earn the reward and benefit for all the charities we are able to help.

## Tayba Foundation Muslim Prisoners

Over **\$10,000** raised on our platform

The Tayba Foundation teaches incarcerated individuals seeking knowledge in Islam, whether already Muslim or newly embracing Islam. Because of the lack of Islamic education in prisons, Tayba Foundation teaches and encourages Islam to inmates resulting in a new attitude toward the world and fostering productive citizens outside of prison. Students choose to stay on the right path because of their knowledge in Islam.



# Islamic Oasis



Islamic Oasis is embarking on an emergent medical mission to help Syrian Refugees in coordination with the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS). Almost all of the hospitals in Syria have been damaged or destroyed with only a few barely functioning to help those injured.

The doctors working in the only functioning hospital near Aleppo are in need of an X-ray machine as soon as possible. They do not have many medical supplies or the bare necessities. The total cost for the machine is \$33,000. We were able to raise the remaining **\$10,000**



# Iftars Islamic Oasis

It is just as important to look after the needy in our own neighborhoods, as it is overseas in poor villages and towns. On July 1st, 2016, we were able to provide Iftar for 1200-1400 Muslims in the inner city of Chicago through Islamic Oasis. This number included hundreds of refugees as well.



**1,200 - 1,400**

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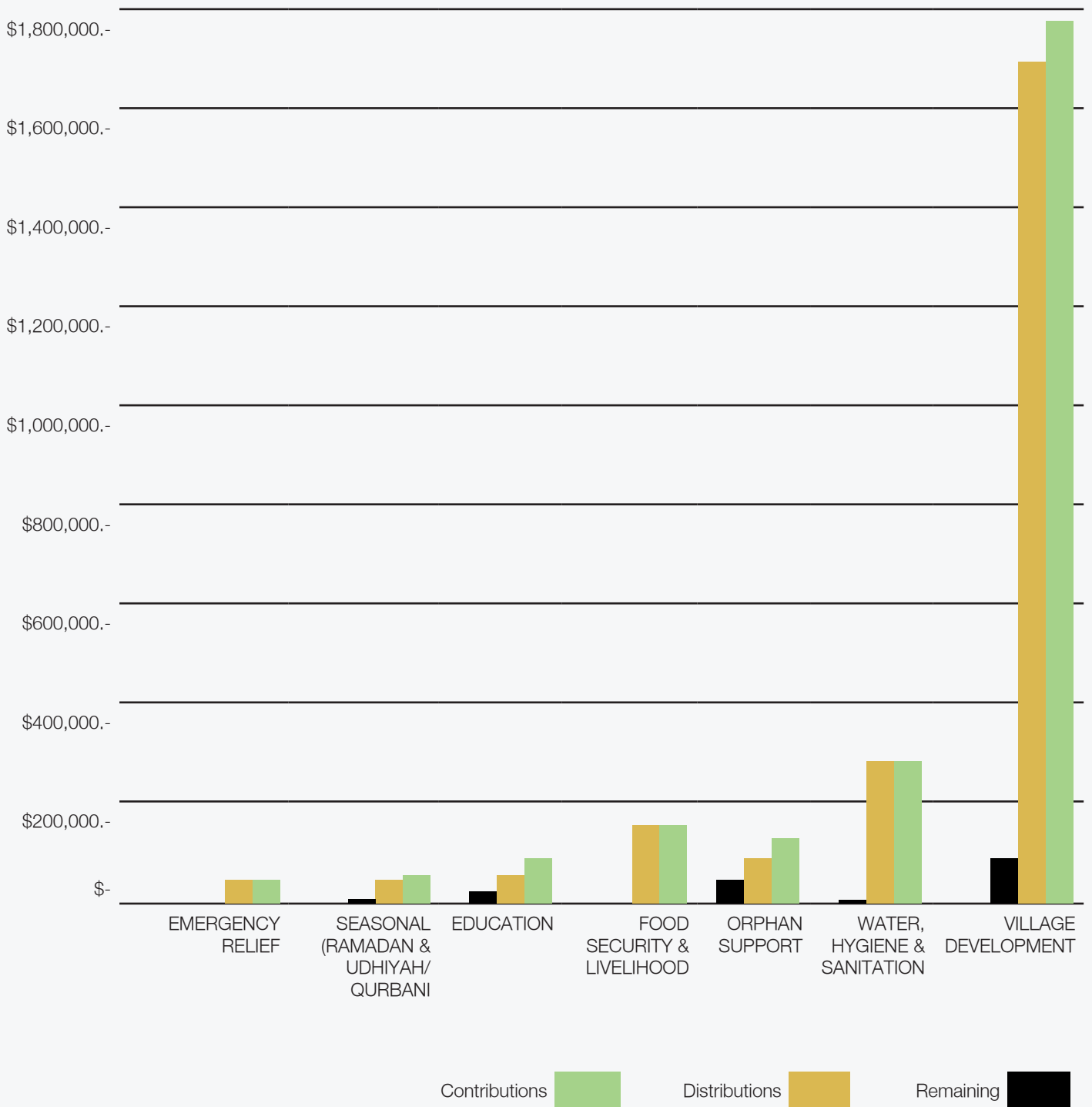
# FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

CAMPAIGN <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL CAMPAIGN DISTRIBUTIONS	REMAINING BALANCE
MALI VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,780,199.00	\$ 1,691,959.00	\$ 88,240.00
WATER HYGIENE & SANITATION	\$ 279,470.00	\$ 275,925.00	\$ 3,545.00
ORPHAN SUPPORT	\$ 140,804.00	\$ 91,900.00	\$ 48,904.00
FOOD SECURITY	\$ 119,174.00	\$ 117,041.00	\$2,133.00
EDUCATION	\$ 84,381.00	\$56,437.00	\$ 27,944.00
SEASONAL (RAMADAN & UDHIYAH/QURBANI)	\$ 55,679.00	\$ 51,505.00	\$4,174.00
HOMELESS RELIEF	\$ 32,260.00	\$ 32,241.00	\$19.00
EMERGENCY RELIEF	\$ 25,157.00	\$ 24,126.00	\$1,031.00
REFUGEE SUPPORT	\$ 21,284.00	\$21,148.00	\$136.00
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD	\$ 17,737.00	\$16,857.00	\$880.00
HEALTH & WELLNESS	\$ 11,894.00	\$ 1,287.00	\$10,607.00
OTHER CAMPAIGN	\$ 9,117.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 2,567.00
ADMINISTRATIVE FUND <sup>2</sup>	\$ 55,925.00	\$ 27,573.00	\$ 28,352.00
<b>GRAND-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,633,082.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,414,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 218,532.00</b>

1 100% of designated campaign contribution are spent on that campaign

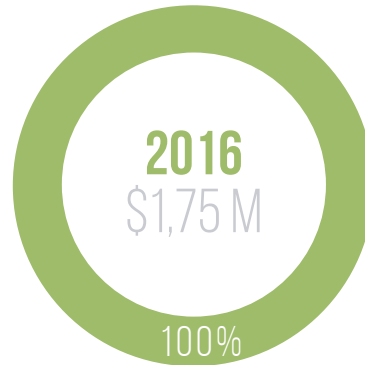
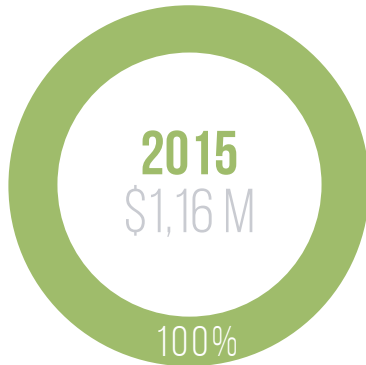
2 Any administration cost come from specified contributions to the admin fund. Pious Projects doesn't use campaign designated funds for administrative expenses.

# Contributions/Distributions by Campaign Type



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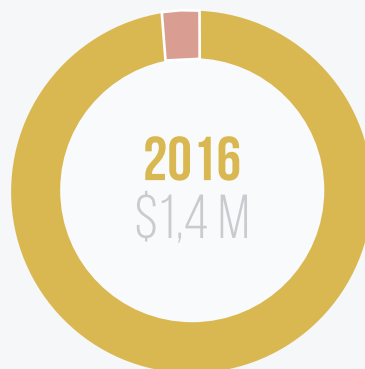
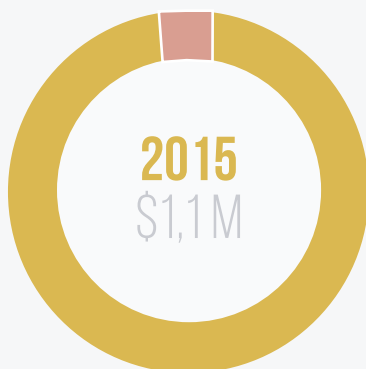
■ INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS



# E X P E N D I T U R E S

■ PROGRAM EXPENSES

■ FUNDRAISING & ADMIN



NOTE: 100% OF DONATIONS GO TOWARDS PROGRAM EXPENSES, UNLESS SPECIFIED FOR ADMIN FUND

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