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# **WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION**

## **(Pakistan Chapter)**

### **REPORT OF WMO PAKISTAN CHAPTER**

**From 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

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

1.1. The present Board of Management of WMO PC is as under:-

1. Mr. Jan Mohammad Haji Yakoob. (Trustee)
2. Mr. A Rauf Haji Yakoob (Trustee)
3. Mr. Aqeel Karim Dedhi (Trustee)
4. Haji A.Majeed Pardesi (Trustee)
5. Mr. Irfan Patel (Trustee)
6. Mr. Abu Bakar Sheikhani (Trustee)
7. Mr. Pir Mohammad A. Kaliya (Trustee)
8. Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (Elected on Patron Quota)
9. Mr. Shabbir A. Pakta (Elected on Patron Quota)
10. Haji Kassam Khanani (Nominated on Patron Quota)
11. Mr. Muhammad Ebrahim Hashim (Nominated on Patron Quota)
12. Mr. Muhammad Yasin Saya (Elected Member)
13. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil (Elected Member)
14. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil **(Elected Member)**
15. Mr. Qassim Lawai (Elected Member)
16. Mr. Ashraf Machiyara (Elected Member)
17. Mr. H. M Shehzad (Elected Member)
18. Mr. Farooq Faria (Elected Member)

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| 19. | Mr. Yahya Polani             | (Elected Member)                                   |
| 20. | Mr. Hanif Ishaq              | (Elected Member)                                   |
| 21. | Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani      | (Elected Member)                                   |
| 22. | Madam Bano Katchi            | (Elected on Ladies Quota)                          |
| 23. | Ms. Hawa Abdullah            | (Elected on Ladies Quota)                          |
| 24. | Mr. Ebrahim Qasim            | (Co-Opted)   |
| 25. | Mr. Abdul Razzak Thaplawala  | (Co-Opted)   |
| 26. | Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman        | (Representative of All Pakistan Memon Federation)  |
| 27. | Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Saboonwala | (Representative of United Memon Jamat of Pakistan) |

**Note:** United Memon Jamat of Pakistan had previously nominated Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khamisani as its representative on the Board of Management. Thereafter, UMJP has nominated Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Saboonwala as its representative with effect from 22-01-2007 .

1.2. The following members from Pakistan Chapter were elected as Office Bearers:-

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|----|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. | Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya  | (Vice President/ Chairman of Pakistan Chapter)                       |
| 2. | Mr. Muhammad Yaseen Saya    | (Deputy Secretary General)   |
| 3. | Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria | (Assistant Secretary General/ Secretary General of Pakistan Chapter) |
| 4. | Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil    | (Treasurer)  |

## 2. OBITUARY

- 2.1. During the period under review, Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Abdul Rehman (Mithu Patel), father of Mr. Irfan Patel (one of the Trustees of World Memon Organisation) passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Mr. Mithu Patel was the Founder-Chairman of Patel Foundation (Patel Hospital) and a renowned philanthropist and businessman of the Memon community. We deeply regret the sad demise of the Mithu Seth. We pray that Almighty Allah may shower His choicest blessings upon the departed soul and also pray that Almighty Allah may give courage and solace to the family members.
- 2.2. Mr. Anis Lakha, a young and energetic Member of the Rehabilitation Committee was shot dead on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007. May Almighty Allah shower His blessings upon the departed soul and give courage and patience to his family and friends to bear this tragic loss.

### 3. MEETINGS OF BOM (PAKISTAN CHAPTER)

3.1. During the period under review, seven (7) meetings of BOM of WMO PC for 2006 and 2007 were held. Attendance of the members was as follows:-

	<b>NAME OF MEMBER</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
1.	Mr. Pir Mohammad A.Kaliya	7
2.	Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria	6
3.	Mr. Yasin Saya	5
4.	Mr. Ebrahim Qasim	4
5.	Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman	4
6.	Mr. Qasim Lawai	7
7.	Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil	4
8.	Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani	6
9.	Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil	7
10.	Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khamisani	3
11.	Mr. Abdur Razzak Thaplawala	4
12.	Mr. Ashraf Machiyara	4
13.	Mr. Hanif Ishaq	3
14.	Mr. H.M. Shahzad	7
15.	Mr. Abubaker Sheikhani	1

16	Mr. Irfan Patel	1
17.	Mr. Yahya Polani	2
18.	Mr. Farooq Memon Faria	1
19.	Haji Kassim Khanani	1
20.	Mst. Sher Banu Kutchi	7
21.	Mst. Hawa Abdullah	7
22.	Mr. Zubair Amin Motiwala (Observer)	1
23.	Mr. Ahmed Abdullah (Observer)	2
24	Mr. Aba Ali Yousuf (Guest)	1
25.	Mr. Tahir Ahmed (Observer)	1
26	Mr. Rafiq Noorani	1
27.	Mst. Marium Essa (Observer)	2
28.	Mr. Abdul Razzak Sangani (Observer)	1

- 3.2. Some members could not attend the meeting because of their being out of country or on medical leave, for which notifications have been received.
- 3.3. Mr. Tahir Hamdani, Auditor, attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 as a guest.
- 3.4. Mr. Abba Ali Yousuf, Secretary General of WMO was the Chief Guest in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006. Mr. Rafiq Noorani, Assistant Secretary of Middle East Chapter, also attended the meeting as a Special Guest.
- 3.5. Mr. Abdul Razzak Surty was assigned the duties of Secretary to the Board

#### 4. FORMATION OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES FOR 2006 AND 2007

The following committees have been formed by the BOM for expediting the welfare work in Pakistan:-

##### 4.1. Rehabilitation Committee

1. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil (Chairman)
2. Mr. Qasim Lawai (Co-Chairman and Convener, Sub Committee)
3. Mr. Pir Muhammad Kaliya
4. Mr. Yasin Saya
5. Mr. Shoaib Ismail
6. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani
7. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil
8. Mr. H.M. Shahzad
9. Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman
10. Mr. Hanif Ishaque

In order to facilitate the tedious job of scrutinizing the applications, different area-wise sub-committees were formed which are as under:

##### **Sub Committee No. 1**

1. Mr. Qasim Lawai (Convener)
2. Mr. Bashir Latiwala
3. Mr. Younus Khanani
4. Mr. Ghulam Kasbati
5. Mr. Abdul Ghani Bhangda
6. Mr. Yousuf Tola
7. Mr. Rauf Mehanti
8. Mr. Ibrahim Tabani

##### Sindh Zone (other than Karachi)

9. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Rehmatullah
10. Mr. Muhammad Umer Motlani
11. Mr. Haji Ibrahim
12. Mr. Haroon Sachana

##### **Sub Committee No. 2**

1. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani (Convener)
- 2.. Mr. Abdul Rauf Essa
3. Mr. Arif Moosani

- 4.. Mr. Ismail
5. Mr. Abdul Aziz Mangroria
6. Mr. Abdul Razzak Lakha
7. Mr. Hanif Suriya
8. Mr. Ghulam Qadir Barai

### **Sub Committee No. 3**

1. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil (Convener)
- 2.. Mr. Maqsood Usman
3. Mr. Sohail Sattar
- 4.. Mr. Abdul Rauf

### **Sub Committee No. 4**

1. Mr H. M. Shahzad (Convener)
- 2.. Mr. Hanif Motlani
3. Mr. Saleem Motlani
- 4.. Mr. Abdul Razzak Zindani
5. Mr. Anis Lakha (Expired on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007)

### **Sub Committee No. 5**

1. Mr Abdul Qadir Usman (Convener)

### **Sub Committee No. 6**

1. Mr. Hanif Ishaque (Convener)
- 2.. Mr. Faisal Khanani
3. Mr. Farooq Sonawala
- 4.. Mr. Kashif Fattani
5. Mr. Siddiq Habib
6. Mr. Anis Fattani

## **4.2. Census Committee**

1. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani (Chairman)
2. Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani (Co-Chairman)
3. Mr. Saleem Parekh
4. Mr. Abdul Rasheed Godil
5. Mr. Abdul Ghani Bhangda
6. Mr. Shabbir Abu Talib

4.3. **Education Committee**

1. Mr. Abdul Razzak Thaplawala (Chairman)
2. Mr. Ebrahim Qasim (Co-Chairman)
3. Mr. Muhammad Yasin Saya
4. Mr. Abdul Rasheed Godil
5. Mr. Faisal Abdul Ghaffar
6. Mr. Abdul Sattar Parekh

4.4. **Media & Publication Committee**

1. Mr. Yahya Polani (Chairman)
2. Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khamisani (Co-Chairman)

4.5. **Fund Raising Committee**

1. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil (Chairman)
2. Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman (Co-Chairman)
3. Mr. Ebrahim Qasim
4. Mr. Muhammad Yasin Saya
5. Mr. Ashraf Machiyara
6. Mr. Yahya Polani

4.6. **Membership Committee**

1. Mr. Ashraf Machiara (Chairman)
2. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil (Co-Chairman)
3. Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria
4. Madam Hawa Abdullah
5. Mr. Farooq Ghaziani
6. Mr. Anis Bhesania
7. Mr. Abdul Ghani Bhangda

4.7. **Youth Committee**

1. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil (Chairman)
2. Mr. Zubair Mandvia
3. Mr. Maqsood Memon
4. Mr. Maqsood Usman
5. Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani
6. Mr. Shabbir Abu Talib
7. Mr. Sohail Sattar Panwala

4.8. **Ladies Wing**

1. Mrs. Sher Banu Katchi (Chairperson)
2. Mrs. Hawa Abdullah (Co-Chairperson)
3. Mrs. Aameena Ghani
4. Ms. Erum Taufiq
5. Mrs. Hamida Iqbal
6. Mrs. Zubeda Purwalla
7. Mrs. Muniza Irfan Patel
8. Mrs. Ayesha Anwer
9. Mrs. Shamin Taher

4.9. **Coordination Committee for holding 5<sup>th</sup> AGAM and BOM Meetings in Karachi**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Shoaib Ismail (Chairman)     | 15. Mr. Abdul Hamid Suriya    |
| 2. Mr. H.M. Shahzad (Co-Chairman)   | 16. Mr. Abdul Razzak Sanghani |
| 3. Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil           | 17. Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani       |
| 4. Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman            | 18. Mr. Talha Chidimar        |
| 5. Mr. Ashraf Machiyara             | 19. Mr. Shabbir Abu Talib     |
| 6. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani          | 20. Mr. Maqsood Usman         |
| 7. Mr. Yasin Saya                   | 21. Mr. Siraj Palla           |
| 8. Mr. Hanif Ishaq                  | 22. Mr. Altaf Pothia          |
| 9. Mr. Ahmed Chinoy                 | 23. Mr. Saleem Taberia        |
| 10. Mr. Altaf Vayani                | 24. Mr. Younus Jiwani         |
| 11. Mr. Bashir Latiwala             | 25. Dr. Abdul Rasheed Vayani  |
| 12. Mr. Sohail Abdul Sattar Panwala | 26. Mr. M. Yousuf Jakhura     |
| 13. Mr. Abdul Sattar Jakhura        | 27. Mr. Anis Bhesania         |
| 14. Mr. Abdul Qadir Rajkotwala      |                               |

**5. REPORT OF REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

- 5.1. 15 meetings of the Rehabilitation Committee were held during the period under review.
- 5.2. Under the aegis of WMO PC, it was decided to start a scheme for providing finances to the needy and deserving families for acquiring flats / houses.
- 5.3. It was decided that no housing project would be constructed as providing residence in one housing project to the needy families might create social problems as such projects are generally known to have been built by zakat fund. At times, it becomes an obstacle for the marriages of children of the residents of such buildings because

of the stigma of living in a project constructed out of zakat fund. It was therefore decided that we should give certain financial assistance for acquiring the flat or house on owner ship basis, subject to the approval of the WMO PC.

- 5.4. WMO PC has formed two types of independent committees. The first type of committee is known as the “Scrutinizing Committee” which has been assigned the task of scrutinizing the applications and assessing the financial position of the applicants. The committee interviews the applicants and also visits the present residence of the applicants to verify the status of the applicants. The committee also prepares a priority-wise list of the applicants whom they consider to be deserving and needy. A Separate file for each applicant is prepared.
- 5.5. The second committee is known as “Approval Committee” which reviews the files of all the successful applicants. In a joint meeting of the Scrutinizing Committees and Approval Committee under the Rehabilitation Committee, the Scrutinizing Committee reports about their investigation of the status of the applicants and their recommendations. In that meeting, a decision is taken on each application. In case, members of the Rehabilitation Committee desire further information of a certain applicant, the matter is referred back to Scrutinizing Committee for re-verification. If the committee is satisfied, it may inform the applicant accordingly and sanction the maximum amount up to Rs. 700,000/- {Rupees seven lacs} subject to condition and requirement of the applicant.
- 5.6. Jamat of each successful applicant is approached to ascertain whether Jamat has already granted any financial assistance to the applicant for acquiring flat / house etc. Every Jamat is requested if they can contribute any amount towards the cost of the flat/house for the applicant.
- 5.7. The successful applicant is then asked to find out suitable flat / house on owner ship basis within a stipulated time, which may be extended at the discretion of the Rehabilitation Committee. If the cost of the flat / house selected by the applicant is less than the amount sanctioned, then the cost of the flat/ house would be paid. In case, the cost of the flat / house is more than the amount sanctioned, the applicant is allowed to raise the additional funds from his sources.
- 5.8. In order to discourage the subsequent sale of the flat / house by the applicant, it has been decided that WMO PC will be a co-owner to the extent of 5% of the flat/house and 95% will be in the name of the applicant’s wife or mother.
- 5.9. A philanthropist, who pledges an amount of Rs. 5 million or more towards this Rehabilitation Scheme, is entitled to nominate one person on the Rehabilitation Committee.
- 5.10. Advertisements in the leading newspaper and the magazines were placed inviting applications from the deserving members of the Memon community for financial assistance for acquiring flat / house. **7,225** applications were received in the stipulated time. Basic data of each and every applicant was computerized. The

committee has prepared preference criteria for the financial assistance. The top preference is given to those applicants who are Widows, Divorcees and those living in rented premises. Several committees were formed to ascertain the status of the applicants by visiting their present residence. The evaluation is in the process and the different Committees have submitted their report on about 1,500 applications. This process is continuing. It was decided that widows living alone will be provided financial assistance for acquiring flat on rent. The rent and deposit, if any, will be paid by WMO PC.

5.11. **Scheme for Converting Pugree Flats into Ownership Flats**

- a. 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).
- b. For implementing the scheme of conversion of Pugree houses on ownership basis, a sub committee was formed as under:
  1. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani (Chairman)
  - 2.. Mr. Abdul Rauf Essa
  3. Mr. Ismail Durvesh
  - 4.. Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya
  5. Mr. Qasim Moosa Lawai
- c. After lengthy discussions, a report was prepared by the sub committee which was approved by the Rehabilitation Committee. It is estimated that about 400 families would be benefited by this Scheme initially
- d. We may add that for 2007 / 2008, we have received commitment for Rs.40 million (US\$700,000) from philanthropists, out of which we have already received Rs.20 million (US\$350,000).
- e. Philanthropists are requested to Donate additional funds for providing shelter to the shelter-less members of the Memon community.
- f. It may be noted that the amount required for providing financial help to acquire the house/flat to the successful applicants is far more than the amount available with WMOPC along with commitments by the philanthropists and WMO Headquarters. In order to continue this Scheme uninterruptedly, the philanthropists of the Memon community and WMO are requested to generously pledge additional finances.

## **PROGRESS REPORT OF REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

**Upto March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	7225
1.	Recommended for House / Flat	383
2.	Recommended for Financial Help for Rent	58
3.	Rejected	835
4.	Pending for further inquiry	187
	<b>Total Applications Processed</b>	<b>1463</b>

## **SUMMARY OF HOUSES / FLATS PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>
1.	No. of Houses / Flats Leased	215
2.	No. of Houses / Flats acquired on Rent	48
3.	No. of Pegree Flats converted to Ownership	114
	<b>Total Houses / Flats Provided</b>	<b>377</b>

**Note:**

In addition to the above, 178 applicants, whose applications have been approved, are in the process of acquiring suitable flats/houses.

## **BREAK UP OF AMOUNT DISBURSED TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR HOUSES/FLATS**

**From August 25, 2004 to March 28, 2007**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Rupees (in Million)</b>
Out of Zakat Fund	105.66
5% out of General Fund	5.5
Brokerage	0.68
Documentation & Legal Fees	5.1
Rent	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>119.14</b>

- 5.12. WMO PC is grateful to WMO for changing the ratio from 2:1 to 1:1. Moreover, WMO has committed US \$800,000 for the current year. The WMO PC would collect the identical amount i.e. US \$800,000 from local sources. It may be pointed

out that out of the total budgeted fund i.e. US \$1.6 million only **170** applicants can be provided with financial assistance.

- 5.13. According to our estimate at least 1600 more applications out of the remaining 5752 would be entitled for the financial assistance for acquiring flats according to the approved criteria. Thus the total funds required will be Rs.1200 million (US \$20 million). WMO PC requests the Office Bearers and the Members of BOM to take appropriate steps to expedite the process of rehabilitation.
- 5.14. It may be pointed out that for 2005, WMO Headquarters had committed US \$500,000 for the rehabilitation project of Pakistan Chapter out of which we have received \$150,000 only. It is humbly requested that the balance amount of \$350,000 may please be remitted as soon as possible.
- 5.15. We are grateful to WMO Headquarters for pledging US \$350,000 for the purpose of converting Pegree 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) would be contributed by WMOPC.

## **6. REPORT OF CENSUS COMMITTEE**

- 6.1. A joint committee of WMOPC and All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani 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.
- 6.2. The Census Form has been revised and certain columns, which the members thought irrelevant, were deleted. The abridged one-page census form is now easier to fill and contains instructions in Urdu.
- 6.3. Taking into consideration the concentration of Memon community, the Census work has been allocated locality-wise. Sub committees have been formed in various localities for the collection of the data. It has also been decided to take benefit of the Census already carried out by various Jamats of their members.
- 6.4. A separate department has been setup for data collection and computer staff have been engaged for the input of the data. Though, at present, the work is very slow but efforts are being made to accelerate the work by appointing additional staff and by obtaining already collected census data from various Jamats.
- 6.5. The Census Form has been put up on our website so that the members of the Memon Community can also fill the form online.

- 6.6. The committee has requested all Memon Jamats to make it compulsory for all its members to fill the census form for availing any benefit from the Jamat. This decision will go a long way in the collection of population data of the Memon Community.
- 6.7. It has been decided to launch a full-fledged campaign which includes aggressive advertisement and promotion soon after the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly Meeting.
- 6.8. The WMO has pledged to bear the entire cost of the census.

## **7. REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- 7.1. A committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Razzak Thaplawa and Co-Chairmanship of Mr. Ebrahim Qasim was formed to give scholarships to the talented students of the Memon Community for higher and professional education. The committee has already formulated its strategy which was approved by the BOM PC.
- 7.2. Scholarships were sanctioned for **22** students amounting to over Rs. 2.3 million (US\$38,000). Other applications are under process. WMO Headquarters has recently remitted US \$75,000 (which were approved in 2005) for granting scholarship to needy students of Memon Community for which WMO PC is grateful.
- 7.3. For the year 2006, WMO Headquarters has approved a grant of US \$100,000 for Scholarships to the talented students of the Memon community for higher and professional studies. On the request of WMO PC, US \$50,000 out of the total grant of \$100,000 will be from General Fund and the balance from Zakat Fund.
- 7.4. 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 are being 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 being processed within a short period of ten days with the least possible hassle to the students.
- 7.5. The WMO PC is of the opinion that quest for higher education is declining among the students of the community. It is high time that students are encouraged to pursue higher studies and we should remove the irritants that restrict their pursuit for higher studies.

## 8. REPORT OF FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

- 8.1. In the year 2006, Zakat Fund amounting to over Rs. 26 million (US \$433,000) has been received for Rehabilitation. All Pakistan Memon Educational & Welfare Society has earmarked Rs.10.5 million (US \$175,000) for conversion of pugree-houses to ownership. Over Rs.30 million (US\$500,000) are expected to be received from various philanthropists in due course of time.
- 8.2. From WMO Headquarters, we have received Rs.9.1 million (US \$150,000) for Rehabilitation out of the total commitment of US \$500,000 which were committed in 2005.
- 8.3. From WMO Headquarters we have received Rs. 9.7 million (US \$162,000) for Earthquake Relief work.
- 8.4. From WMO Headquarters we have received Rs. 8.4 million (UK £75,000) for financial assistance for the distressed and needy families.
- 8.5. The following amounts are receivable from WMO Headquarters for Rehabilitation purpose:

Balance Receivable for 2005 (Total Committed: US \$500,000 less received US \$150,000)	US \$ 350,000
Amount Receivable for 2006 for Rehabilitation	US \$ 800,000
Amount Receivable for Conversion of Pugree Flats to Ownership	US \$ 350,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>US \$ 1,500,000</b>

## 9. NEW OFFICE PREMISES OF WMO AT KARACHI

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2006. The Property was registered in the name of World Memon Organisation on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 vide Registration No. 1475.

- 9.3. 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 has now been shifted to WMO HOUSE.
- 9.4. WMO PC is grateful to the Memon Educational Board for providing sufficient space for the Liaison Office of WMO PC from the inception of WMO. We are also grateful to Mr. Ebrahim Qasim for providing space for the Registered Office of WMO PC.

## 10. FUNDING FOR WMO HOUSE:

WMO granted a donation of Rs.2.5 million (US \$43,000). Members of BOM PC and other well-wishers have so far committed Rs.7 million (US \$116,000) out of which Rs.4.9 million (US \$81,000) have been received. WMO has approved two years loan of Rs.10 million (US \$166,667) for this project. However, we need loan of Rs.9.78 million (US \$162,000).

The fund position is as under:-

### **Cost of the Project**

	<b><u>Pak Rs.</u></b> <b><u>(million)</u></b>	<b><u>US \$</u></b>
Land and Building	17.70	295,000
Registration & Brokerage	0.68	11,333
Furniture & Fixture	0.50	8,333
Office Equipment, etc	<u>0.40</u>	<u>6,667</u>
	<b>19.28</b>	<b>321,333</b>

### **FUNDING**

	<b><u>Pak Rs.</u></b> <b><u>(million)</u></b>	<b><u>US \$</u></b>
Grant Approved by WMO	2.50	43,000
Donations Received/ Committed Locally	<u>7.50</u>	<u>124,000</u>
	<b>10.00</b>	<b>167,000</b>
Balance Fund to be raised	<u>9.28</u>	<u>154,333</u>

The Present Market value of the Property is over Rs. 25 million (US \$417,000)

We request the Honorable Members of WMO to please contribute generously towards this Project.

## 11. MEMBERSHIP

- 11.1. WMO PC, its Membership Committee and Ladies Wing are continuously striving hard to persuade the members of the Memon community to become its Members. During the period under review, the following were admitted as Members:-

<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>No.</b>
Trustees	01
Patrons	04
Life Members (including Ladies)	10
Annual Members (including Ladies)	56
Jamat/Institute	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

- 11.2. During the period under review, the following gentlemen have expressed their consent to become new Trustees:-

1. Mr. Hussain Dawood
2. Mr. Shahzada Hussain Dawood

- 11.3. During the period under review, the following gentlemen have expressed their consent to become new Patrons:-

1. Mr. Munaf Atara
2. Mr. Bashir Latiwala
3. Mr. Abdul Rauf Essa

- 11.4. At present, the total strength of the Members from Pakistan is as under:-

<b>NAME</b>	<b>No.</b>
Trustees	08
Patrons	08
Life Members	61
Annual Members	358
Apex Bodies	02
Jamat & Institutions	07
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>

**53** Annual Members and **03** Jamats/Institutions who have not paid their subscription for 2004 and 2005 have been excluded

## 12. LADIES WING

- 12.1. The Board of Management of Pakistan Chapter appointed Ms. Sher Bano Kutchi and Ms. Hawa Abdullah as the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Ladies Wing which is very active. They meet regularly at Ma Aisha Hospital, Karachi.
- 12.2. Jaheez Group has been formed to assist the needy community members who are unable to meet the expenses of marriage of their daughters. WMO Ladies Wing will assist them by providing furniture and different items. A meeting of the Ladies Wing was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Ma Aisha Hospital to collect Zakat Fund for the needy. They have so far collected Rs.200,000 (US \$3400) for Jaheez Fund. The members of Jaheez Group are: Ms. Aisha, Ms. Shamim Tahir, Mrs. Hamida Iqbal Bawany and Mrs. Zubeda Purewala.
- 12.3. The Ladies Wing has organized a Marriage Bureau. Mrs. Zubaida Purewala, Shamim Tahir and Hamida Iqbal are providing their services in this regard. They have been successful in arranging engagements of 12 couples.
- 12.4. They have been able to persuade many ladies to become members of WMO. At present, the number of female members is 154.
- 12.5. The Ladies Wing had arranged a function to introduce WMO to the ladies of the Memon community. More than 100 ladies attended the function. The response of the ladies was very encouraging.

## 13. PLOT OF LAND

- 13.1. A delegate of WMO met the President and the then Prime Minister on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2003. The delegation requested the President and the Prime Minister to allot a plot of land measuring 500 acres in Karachi for housing etc and give relief to the social organisations in income tax and sales tax as has been given to Ismaili community. The President and the then Prime Minister assured the delegation for their sympathetic consideration.
- 13.2. The Board of Investment, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad referred this matter of allotment of land of 500 acres in Karachi for Medical University to the Governor of Sindh vide its letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.
- 13.3. Mukhtiarkar (Revenue) Gadap has identified a plot of land measuring 100 acres in Deh Chuhar which is at a distance of 1 KM from link Road and recommended the same for allotment to WMO for Medical University Hospital Complex. The price committee of Revenue Department, Government of Sindh has fixed the price of the plot as Rs. 1 million (US \$ 16,700) per acre.

- 13.4. We are constantly following the matter by visiting various officials of Revenue Board and other related provincial government departments. We have approached Chief Minister's Secretariat for the approval of the Chief Minister. We hope that the Chief Minister of Sindh will give the necessary approval for the allotment of land in Education City in due course of time.
- 13.5. Recently, a list of the pending applications for the allotment of land in Education City was published in the newspapers wherein land measuring 100 acres has been earmarked for Memon University. It has been stated that the land will be allotted to the pending applicants within a few months.
- 13.6. The President of WMO has spoken to the Chief Minister of Sindh for the allotment of the land. The chief minister has assured that he would consider the application favourably.

#### **14. REHABILITATION WORK FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

- 14.1. Immediately after the devastating earthquake on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in Pakistan, the World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter in association with All Pakistan Memon Federation started the relief work in the affected areas by providing food, medicines, tents, clothes, cash, etc. A medical camp was setup in association with All Pakistan Memon Federation and Patel Hospital at H-11, Islamabad.
- 14.2. After the emergency relief work, it was thought appropriate to carry out Rehabilitation Project for Earthquake Victims. Houses with tin-roofs and hollow cement blocks are being constructed with the help of the local people. The total cost of one such house is Rs.100,000 (US \$1670 ) out of which 70% of the cost is being financed by World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter and 30% is paid by the local people.
- 14.3. 165 houses have already been constructed out of which 70 houses have been built in Thala (Biroth – situated at 7000 feet above sea level) and 60 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). Ten houses are under construction in Shanghreri. We intend to construct another 115 houses in the earthquake affected areas.
- 14.4. A school which was completely destroyed in the earthquake affected area of Thala, Biroth is being reconstructed. A mosque situated at Thala, Biroth which was badly damaged is being rebuilt. A small dispensary for the benefit of the local people has been built in Thala, Biroth.

- 14.5. The local people have renamed their villages in appreciation of the contribution of the Memon community as under:

<b>THALA (BIROT)</b>	<b>renamed as</b>	<b>DHOKE MEMON</b>
<b>SHANGHRERI</b>	<b>renamed as</b>	<b>MEMONABAD</b>
<b>KALA-DACCA</b>	<b>renamed as</b>	<b>MEMON NAGAR</b>

- 14.6. We have built a cemented road measuring 4.5 kms in Shanghreri which is 10,000 feet above sea level. The cemented road has been named as '**MEMON STREET**'. A big water tank along with water supply lines has been built at Memonabad (Shanghreri) which supplies potable water to different parts of the village.

## **15. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### 15.1. 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. This help is being given without any distinction of caste, colour, creed or religion for help to needy families for medical, food and other necessary items. WMOPC 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.2.5 million (US \$41,600) has been spent for charitable purposes.

### 15.2. Pre –Annual General Assembly Meeting of Pakistan Chapter

A pre-Annual General Assembly Meeting of Pakistan Chapter will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Rangoonwala Hall, Karachi to consider the performance report of Pakistan Chapter, audited accounts of WMOPC and other allied matters.

### 15.3. Visit of Sir Iqbal Sacranie to Karachi

Sir Iqbal Sacranie paid a two days visit to Karachi on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006. A reception was arranged on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Rangoonwala Hall by WMO PC in honor of Sir Iqbal Sacranie on conferment of title of Knighthood by the British Government. All the Members of WMO PC were invited. Mr. Pir Mohammad A.Kaliya, Chairman of Pakistan Chapter welcomed Sir Iqbal Sacranie and gave brief description of the activities of WMO with particular reference to Pakistan. Sir Iqbal Sacranie thanked the WMO PC for the honor and appealed the Memon community to join WMO to strengthen the unity of the Memon community for the betterment

of the community and its posterity. A Shield was presented to Sir Iqbal Sacranie. Mr. Ebrahim Qasim was the Master of the Ceremony.

On the second day, i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006, a reception was arranged by All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) in honor of Sir Iqbal Sacranie at Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi. The speakers eulogized the services of Sir Iqbal Sacranie and WMO. Sir Iqbal Sacranie appealed to the audience for the unity of the Memon community worldwide through WMO.

A dinner was hosted by Mr. Ebrahim Qasim at his residence on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006 where around 200 guests were invited. Mr. Pir Mohammad A.Kaliya, Chairman of the Pakistan Chapter of WMO, while describing the activities of WMO, appealed the members of the Memon community present to strengthen the WMO by becoming Trustees, Patrons and Members. Sir Iqbal Sacranie highlighted the various welfare projects of United Kingdom and necessity of international Memon organisation to protect and promote the interests of the Memon community worldwide. Mr. Hussain Dawood announced to become a Trustee of WMO. He also announced that his son, Mr. Shahzada Dawood would also become a Trustee of WMO. Mr. Abdul Wahid Karim announced to become a Patron of WMO.

#### 15.4. Live Interactive Talk Show on Labaik TV Channel

Labaik TV channel invited the office bearers of WMO for a Live Talk on the objectives and achievements of the World Memon Organisation. The Program was titled as 'MEMON TIMES' and the entire proceedings were in Memoni. Mr. Abdul Razzak Sanghani, who is also a Member of WMO, was the host of this live program.

Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya (Vice President), Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (Assistant Secretary General), Mr. Yousuf Adil and Mr. Yasin Saya of World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter participated in this Talk Show which was broadcasted live on Labaik Television on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at 3.15 pm.

The participants from WMO enlightened the viewers about the necessity, objectives and the performance of the World Memon Organisation. The emphasized on the unity of the Memon community worldwide to protect the interests of the Memon community. The Members explained in detail the activities of Pakistan Chapter with particular reference to the Rehabilitation, Education and Earthquake Relief Work. They urged the Memon community to become members to strengthen WMO. They took various live questions from callers and presented the views of WMO on the queries.

WMO PC is grateful to Mr. Siddiq Ismail, Mr. Salman Siddiq and Mr. Abdul Razzak Sanghani for the opportunity given to WMO PC to present their point of view on the objectives and the activities of WMO.

15.5. Visit of Mr. Abba Ali Yousuf, Secretary General of WMO

Mr Abba Ali Yousuf, Secretary General of World Memon Organisation, visited Pakistan in July 2006. He was invited as Chief Guest to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of WMO PC on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 at Karachi Gymkhana. Mr. Rafiq Noorani, Assistant General Secretary of Middle East Chapter also attended the meeting as a Special Guest. In the meeting, the Chairman of Pakistan Chapter briefly narrated the activities of the Chapter with particular reference to Rehabilitation and Education, etc. Mr. Abba Ali Yousuf while appreciating the activities of Pakistan Chapter urged the members to further strengthen the World Memon Organisation by persuading the members of the Memon community to join WMO. Mr. Abba Ali stated that WMO was the future of the Memon community. Pakistan has many potential trustees and patrons and the Trustees of WMO work as a think-tank for the welfare and well being of the Memon community.

## **16. TAX CREDIT**

The World Memon Organisation has been approved as a 'Non-profit Organisation' under the Income 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 vide Letter No. CIT/COS.V/2006/858 dated 27-07-2006)

## **17. 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Coordination Committee for holding the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly Meeting and other meetings in Karachi from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria and co-chairmanship of Mr. H.M. Shehzad. The other members include Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman, Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil, Mr. Ashraf Machiyara and Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani. The committee has formulated a comprehensive program for making the stay of the foreign delegates pleasant and memorable. A professional Event Coordinator has been appointed. The Ladies Wing have arranged a full day outing for the women and children of the foreign delegates. The entire expenses of this memorable event will be borne by WMO Pakistan Chapter out of the sponsorships and donations from the philanthropists. The

top government dignitaries have been invited to attend the inaugural session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly Meeting.

## **18. DOCUMENTARY FILM**

WMO has produced a documentary film portraying the contribution of the Memon community in various fields over the centuries. It highlights the contribution made by the Memon Community towards education, healthcare, social development and welfare of the entire humanity including its key role at the time of natural calamities. Many educational institutions, medical complexes, Mosques, community centers, etc built by Memons have been portrayed.

The script has been prepared by Mr. Abdul Hamid Suriya with the active support of Mr. Abdus Sattar Jakhura and Mr. Yahya Bawany The documentary has been produced by ARY Digital Channel.

## **19. AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

As per the decision of the Board of Management of WMO, the Accounts of the World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 have been duly audited by Messrs. Haider Bhimji & Co., Chartered Accountants, Karachi. The audited accounts are attached herewith as Annexure 'A'.

## **20. 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 team work 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 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.

We are also grateful to Mr. Abdul Hamid Suriya, Mr. Abdus Sattar Jakhura, Mr. Yahya Hashim Bawany, ARY Digital Channel and all those who provided us with information and pictures of important landmarks of the Memon Community for the documentary film. We also thank the press, media, magazines and journalists for creating awareness among the masses about the activities of WMO.

In the end, we pray to Almighty Allah to bless all of us and grant us the strength to continue our work with unity and solidarity for the welfare and well being of the Memon community, Muslim Ummah and the humanity at large.

**For and on behalf of WMO, Pakistan Chapter,**



**PIR MUHAMMAD A. KALIYA**  
Vice President



**SHOAIB ISMAIL MANGRORIA**  
Assistant Secretary General

**Karachi, dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007**