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Respected Brothers,

Assalamualaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.

RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF THE RECURRENT BUDGETARY SHORTFALL FOR THE MZUZU ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOLS AND 26 MAKAAATIBS IN NORTHERN MALAWI.

Once again it is our prayer that this funding request finds you in the best of health and high spirit of IMAAN.

May Almighty Allah keep you happy, bless you, protect you from all calamities and troubles and provide you with halaal sustenance. Aameen.

As part of its mandate, Muslim Educational Movement of Malawi (MEMON) provides both secular and Islamic education to the less privileged in the communities. MEMON has a boarding school and 26 Makaanatibs with a student intake of over 1000 pupils. The schools are run on a scholarship program and the subsidy depends on the compassion and goodwill of the members of the Islamic faith and well-wishers.

MEMON has a total projected annual budget as follows;

Total annual budget projection.	Monthly budget	Monthly income	Monthly Variance	Total annual variance
	K8,474,704.70	K3,320,460.00	K5,154,245.25	
K101,696,463.00				(K61,850,943.00)

MEMON has an annual budgetary shortfall of **MK61,850,943.00** (Sixty-one million, Eight hundred and fifty thousand, Nine hundred and forty-three kwacha)

MEMON, once again seeks for your goodwill and generosity so that the institution can operate properly and effectively.

Yours in Islam,

A.G. MAHOMED

CHAIRMAN

MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT OF NORTHERN MALAWI (MEMON)

1. INTRODUCTION

MEMON is a Malawian non-profit making Islamic organization focused on the development of people's capacities and capabilities in varied spheres of life. It is deeply concerned with the development of the underprivileged in the secular and Islamic religious education systems in Malawi.

MEMON compliments the national policies including universal free primary school education, enhancement of opportunities including scholarships and accessibility. MEMON recognizes that despite increased accessibility and opportunity to education, the privilege may not adequately extend to all Malawian school going children and or address specific needs of particular levels of an education system.

The concern and role of MEMON extends beyond opportunity giving: it is focused on the character building of the children, adhering to tenets of the Islamic education teachings and the secular curriculum. MEMON strives to develop a sustainable strategy for the production of aalims who shall serve as Asaatitha in the communities.

Since the year 2000, when the program, Muslim Educational Movement of Northern Malawi, was established it has seen a capacity increment of the students from the initial 52 in its boarding school to over 105. It has also registered an increment of over 1000 Makaatib students in the 26 makaatib operating centers.

The increase in student attendance has not been augmented with a corresponding injection of the resources base to cushion the requisite elements for provision for basic amenities for an education system including teachers, infrastructure and necessary resources. The resulting increase in the cost of expenses continues to pose challenges of:

- A disproportional school attendance average of child-teacher ratio.
- Pressure on infrastructure and resources including classrooms and textbooks.
- Increased professional staff turnover due to less competitive personal emolument packages.
- Engagement of teachers with low teaching qualifications and experience.

MEMON continues to operate a fully subsidized scholarship education system which is targeted at the less privileged in the communities. The comparative reduced resource base has ultimately affected the level of output leading to dissatisfaction, frustration, indifference and ultimately lack of stewardship for the aalims.

MEMON therefore seeks support in order to complement its resource base in order to address its aim complimenting the Malawian education system, through the development of strategies and mechanisms that offer development of the underprivileged in the secular and Islamic religious education system and a conducive environment for both learning and enhancement of skills.

2. MEMON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

Provision of full scholarship of the underprivileged and promising Aalims holds the promise for learning satisfaction which will ultimately address the problems of access to Islamic and secular education and propagation of Islamic Da'wah and the production of sufficient, competent and well trained aalims who shall serve their communities as instructors and as Ustaadhs in the communities' madaaris.

3. TARGET POPULATION.

Muslim Educational Movement of Northern Malawi is formally a regional organization with its catchment area being the Northern Region of Malawi. However, it has of recent become necessity to enroll deserving students from the other regions of Malawi who may not have an opportunity of admission elsewhere. The current boarding school intake is currently 105 full board and scholarship student. The current enrolment classification is as below:

4. ISLAMIC STUDIES.

MEMON offers the following;

No.	CLASS	No. OF STUDENTS
1	Edadiyah –A	14
2	Edadiyah –B	13
3	Ulaa	16
4	Thaniyah	10
5	Rabiyah	4
6	Thaalithah	4
7	Khameesa	8
	Hifdh	36

• SECULAR STUDIES.

No.	CLASS	No. OF STUDENTS
1	Standard 5	46
2	Standard 6	25
3	Standard 7	13
4	Standard 8	7
5	Form 1	14

MEMON is therefore uniquely suited to refocus and develop the teaching and development of the Islamic teaching and social initiatives in the Northern region of Malawi through provision of foundations through provision of access to Islamic and secular education, propagation of Islamic da'wah and the production of sufficient, competent and well trained aalims who shall serve their communities as instructors as Ustaadhs in the communities' madaaris.

These activities have had a track record of enhancement of capacity, visibility, and acceptance of Islamic teachings.

5. IMPACT AREAS.

MEMON has a geographical operation area based in the Northern districts of Malawi. The current national population of the impact area is over 1 million people. However, it is recognized that the Islamic religion is in growth, hence the necessity of supporting structures including education, health and social amenities.

The following table refers to township Madaaris in and those beyond Mzuzu city within the scope of the Northern region of Malawi.

NO.	NAME OF MADRASAH	NAME OF SHEIKHS	NO. OF STUDENTS.
1.	CHIBAVI-MASJID DAWAH	UTHMAN ABDULLAH	72
2.	MASASA EAST-MASJID ZUL-QARNAIN	SWADIQ AIDU	60
3.	CHIPUTULA-MASJID ABUBAKR	MWENYEKHERI	96
4.	CHINGAMBO-MASJID AL-KHAIR	WAZIRI JUMA	54
5.	AREA 1B- MASJID ZAITUN	MUSSA	22
6.	EKWENDENI	ISHAQ	54
7.	ENUKWENI-MASJID ZAKIYYAH	MAIDA	32
8.	ENGUTWINI	YUSUF MGOMBE	55
9.	CHIZAULA-MAIN MASJID	ALI	09
10.	HEWE-MAIN MASJID	JAFFA JALI	32
11.	CHIWETA- MASJID MUHAMMAD ELIAS	NASHR	21
12.	KARONGA-MAIN MASJID	ISSA	66
13.	RAIPLY-MASJID ZAHRA	ABDULHAKIM	33

14.	JENDA-MASJID ABDULLAH BIN ZUBAIR	QASSIM ABBAS	20
15.	MADEDE-AL-IMAAN ISLAMIC CENTRE	MAULANA ABDULHAMID	21
16.	LUSANI	MAHMOOD	68
17.	KAPALAPATA	HANAFI	11
18.	CHINTHECHE-OSMAN OMAR ISLAMIC CENTRE	HUSSAIN DAIRET	49
19	BANDAWE-MASJID MAA HAWA	KHALID	5
20.	LIKOMA ISLAND	UTHMAAN	38
21.	KAVIWALE- MASJID FARIDA		
22.	SALSBURY LINE		41
23.	KANDAHAR		71
24.	SONDA		37
25.	MZILAWAYINGWE- MASJID MFUMU GELOO		35
26.	MZIMBA-MASJID AMINA		79

CURRENT SUCCESS STORIES.

Operational challenges

MEMON in its growth is currently facing a number of challenges. The operational challenges that are currently being experienced have included the reduced or inadequate funding for the Movement's operations as well as the staff emoluments. A brief outline of the challenges is as follows:

i. Student support and welfare requirements

As a scholarship based institution, MEMON has the responsibility of providing all the necessary resources to the students under its charge including full boarding, clothing, learning, medical and sanitary requirements.

ii. Staff Emoluments

This is considered the most major challenge of all, as emolument packages are not competitive enough and have, over time, been constant. In this case the Institution has been having staff turnover of highly qualified and experienced personnel including madrasah sheikhs and secular teachers.

The impact of the staff turnover has been ineffective delivery of service leading to decreased student intake and dropping out. It is presumed that the movement needs to be competitive in attracting qualified staff who will complement the ideals of MEMON.

iii. Staff accommodation

The Movement is at the moment in the process of implementing a structural development strategy which envisions provision of staff accommodation. Staff accommodation is a premise for incentivisation of the qualified that are necessary for the effective delivery of the ideals of the Movement.

MEMON has embarked on construction of 20 units of senior staff houses, each estimated at K12.5 million. Brothers are encouraged to contribute LILLAH funds towards the same.

iv. Structural maintenance and development

The impact of the services delivered by MEMON is continuously being appreciated by the societies as such the reactionary impact is the necessity to provide structures that will address the perceived growth.

As such, MEMON needs a strategy and funding base that aims at addressing the structural requirements handicaps as well as adapting and reconfiguring the current structural assets so that they are accommodative to the current and future requirements.

v. Provision of teaching and learning materials

In order to be effective in the delivery of educational services, MEMON undertakes the full scholarship of teaching and learning materials. This implies that the main chunk of budgetary provisions of the movement is aimed at addressing the tasks.

MEMON therefore seeks to identify partners that will be able to provide a helping hand addressing the budgetary shortfalls as well as undertaking subsidy measures to address the same.

6. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES.

MEMON receives its budgetary support from a number of well-wishers including the payment of other recurrent (ORT) expenditures of the institution.

The table below illustrates the total monthly budget expense:

ITEMS DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY EXPENSES (MK)	MONTHLY INCOME
Personnel emoluments	MK4,605,203.00	
Personnel emoluments for school staff	MK562,178.01	
Personnel emoluments for makaatib sheikhs	MK809,586.00	
Students monthly provisions	MK3,668,627.50	

Madrassah monthly income		MK3,320,460.00
Total monthly expenses	MK8,474,704.25	
Total budgetary shortfall	MK5,154,245.20	

7. A WORD OF REQUEST AND APPEAL TO DONORS, SPONSERS AND ALL WELL WISHERS ON VIRTUES OF CHARITY FOR THE CAUSE OF ALLAH.

We would like to take a chance of reminding all our valued donors, sponsors and the well-wishers of a few virtues of charity for the cause of Allah the Almighty in the following words;

Your charity is with Allah Ta’aalah:

“And be steadfast in prayer and regular in charity and whatever good you send forth for your souls before you, you shall find it with Allah; for Allah sees well all that you do.”

Quran (2:110)

Charity is a beautiful loan.

“For those who give in charity, men and women, and lend to Allah the beautiful loan, it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and they shall have (besides) a liberal reward.”

Quran (57:18)

Charity by day and night that defeats fear.

“For those who, (in charity) spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.”

Quran (2:274)

With these few inspirations from the Holy Quran on the virtue of charity giving, Mzuzu Islamic boarding would like to earnestly ask you donors, sponsors and well-wishers to kindly increase your donation substantially and contribute generously towards our budget and some various projects Insha’Allah.

May Allah the Almighty accept your donations and grant you the best and abundant rewards. Aameen.

ACCOUNT DETAILS

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