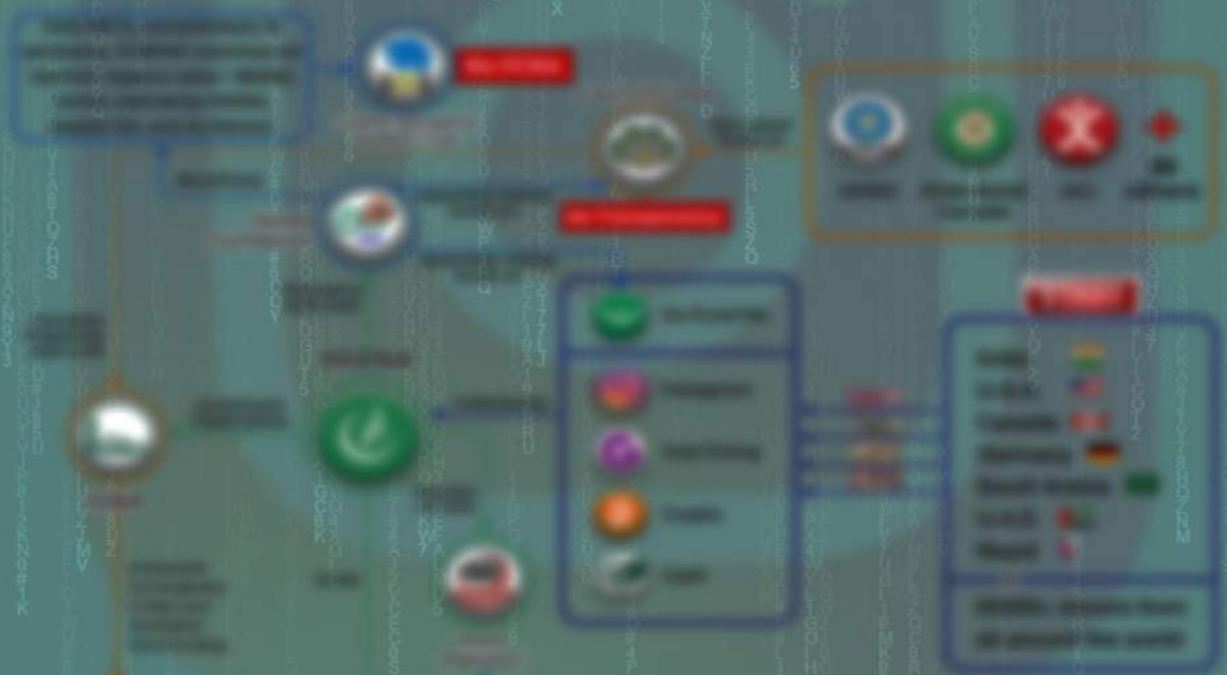


COVID AID SCAM 2021

Using India's Goodwill To Damage India



COVID AID HEIST - I

In an erroneous, but rather popular notion,

The Chinese word for Crisis

危机
(Wéijī)

=

Danger (wēi, 危)

+

Opportunity (jī, 机; 機)*

Preface

US based Pak-linked 'Charity' Organizations started collecting funds in name of helping India in Covid Crisis.

After collecting millions of dollars few of them came together and sent peanuts in name of help. All of them calmed the credits, so that their donors would think that money is well spent.

The money collected could go from terror finance to Pak army to Islamists to Hamas - apart from the pocket money to the Charities.

This is the story of #CovidAidScam2021

During every crisis arise heroes and vultures, and the Covid crisis in India, particularly the second wave was no exception. While on one hand, there were several stories of individuals and group heroics, there were far bigger vultures who were smelling blood and taking advantage of a colossal humanitarian crisis. They went on to steal money in the name of Helping India Breath, duping hundreds of thousands of well-meaning people who wished to help the needy in India.

Thousands of people who have donated funds to some of these organizations would be shocked to learn that not only their contributions did not reach its destination but is also likely to be used for far worse activities - ranging from fomenting protests and social disturbances to sponsoring outright terror attacks.

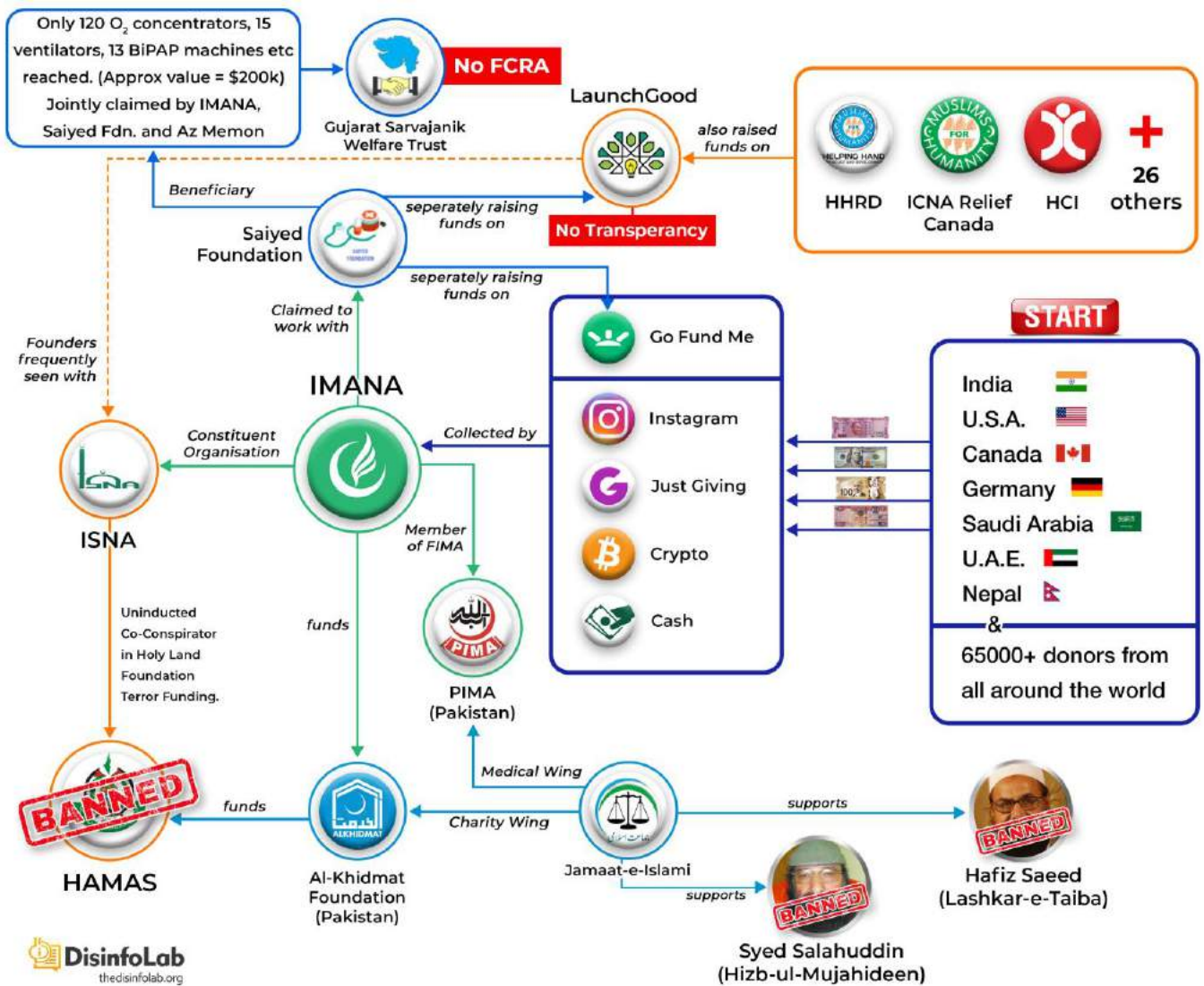
The Covid Scam 2021 could be one of the worst scams in human history in terms of the humanitarian cost. Yet, surprisingly there has been little demand from either media or community from these organizations demanding more transparency about their activities - from fund collections to its disbursal.

This is a story tracking not one but several such vulture organizations who try to milch every crisis from an earthquake in Nigeria to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza to Covid crisis in India to collect funds with ulterior motives.

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INTRODUCTION

Societies have always come together in time of crisis, and charities have remained an important means. However, 'Fund collection' in name of charities seems to have become a new tool of corruption. With the arrival of online fund collection and social media advertisements, there has been an unprecedented reach to potential donors, and proportionately significant jump in the people and organizations collecting funds in the name of various charitable causes. However, there has been less than desired transparency about all these activities. Our previous report has examined how money collected through online means (including advertising on social media) was being funnelled to groups and organizations having direct links with the terror groups.

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The second wave of Covid crisis in India was no exception, and as expected several fund-raising initiatives mushroomed – some genuine, many not. Several of these organizations were based in India, or had a large network within in India and past experiences. However, a few international organizations also jumped in– organizations who had no presence in India – no offices, no branches, nor representatives – and hence it was kind of interesting to see how would they execute their charity plans. It was therefore interesting to see how such organizations would deliver on their promises, and hence we started to watch.

Worth noting that on April 26th, US President Biden had made a public appeal¹ – that India had helped the US in its crisis, and now it was the US' turn to help.

¹ <https://twitter.com/POTUS/status/1386746809431830536>



US President Joe Biden's tweet on April 26

And lo and behold, several fund-raisers were set-up on April 27th and 28th in the US – by Islamists organizations being run from Pakistan. It was one nice way to #StandWithIndia that the Pakistan establishment was showing – and which melted several of our strategic expert celebrities! Touché!

One of the organizations which was very aggressive in fund collections was IMANA, which was running Aid-campaign on Instagram, and one of the fastest to receive funds. The fund collection was so good that IMANA was also frequently revising its target amount, once the previous was met. But it was one of the least transparent in terms of providing updates. Worse, in response to every question about their funding and work, would accuse you of 'Islamophobia'!

It also turned out there were not one or two but hundreds of fund collections going on in India to help in Covid. And there were several platforms being used for these – from Social-Media to dedicated fund-raising platforms. Amongst the social media platforms, the least transparent was Instagram, which was also one of the most used platforms. Amongst the Fund-Raiser platforms, one with maximum number of fund-raisers and with minimum transparency was Launch Good.

These were glaring red flags which called for a deeper digging of not only IMANA's activities but also of other charity fund collections that were going around, and dig we did it.

Part 1- 'The Opportunity'

Chapter 1: BE-IMANA

The Organization:

IMANA – Islamic Medical Association of North America is an Illinois-based medical relief organization that was formerly established as Islamic Medical Association (IMA) in 1967, and subsequently renamed to IMANA.² It was formed by some of the core members of an Islamic organization- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

IMANA has claimed to have worked in various parts of the world, and its website, social media profile and past accolades made it appear to be a major charity organization, which facilitates its various fund collection drives.

However, unlike several other organizations, IMANA was rather opaque in its recent charity drive during Covid crisis, and has provided scanty details about the manner it has spent crores of rupees it has collected. IMANA's updates were sketchy while the claims were grand. This seemed rather odd, as most of the charities survive on PR. And for anyone asking questions, the stock reply was labelling the tag of 'Islamophobia'. (IMANA officially didn't, but a doctor, Dr. Aaliya Yakub who is associated with IMANA Did)³




The Man: Dr. Ismail Mehr


The current chairman of IMANA is Dr. Ismail Mehr, who has been the lead of “*Help India Breathe*” project. He is a Pakistan-origin doctor and currently resides in the USA. He seems to have a bachelor degree in medicine (Anaesthesia). However, there is some confusion about his actual degree. In one of the versions, Ismail Mehr is a 1998 medical graduate from Universidad Iberoamericana in Dominican Republic. The same information is mentioned in one of the 2013

² <https://imana.org/>

³ https://www.instagram.com/p/COQ3SZziVq9/?utm_medium=copy_link

newsletters of IMANA. But according to the US Physicians' Directory WebMd.com⁴, Ismail Mehr graduated from UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE GUADALAJARA, which is based in Mexico.



 @izzymehr

Name: Ismail Abadan Mehr

Nationality: Pakistani origin US Citizen

Education:

- Graduated (Anesthesiology) from Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican Republic*


Organisations:

- Chair of IMANA Medical Relief (IMR)
- IMANA president from 2013 to 2015, currently in Board of Regents of IMANA
- United Mission For Relief & Development - UMR INC - Board Member
- Nominated as FIMA Relief Chair in Jan. 2015

Cameo:

- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)
- Islamic Relief
- Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) (Sister organization of AL-Khidmat)

*As per WebMD Care website Ismail Mehr graduated from the Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara, Mexico during the same time period (1998)



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IMANA's Fund Collection

IMANA created buzz last month with its fundraiser. It started the *#HelpIndiaBreathe* campaign on Instagram on April 27, 2021 and set an initial target of 1.8 crores.

First Red Flag

Even before digging deep, if anyone had checked cursorily, they would have found that IMANA was very much capable of manipulation. While seeking help in India, they used a map that would please the Indian audience, while their website has a map endorsed by Pakistan government. If IMANA were to be neutral, it could have at least used the map several international organizations and UN use.

⁴ <https://doctor.webmd.com/doctor/ismail-mehr-2a9a5ecc-dec5-11e7-9f4c-005056a225bf-overview>

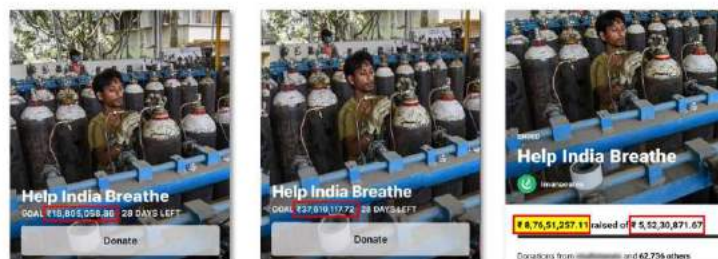


Second Red Flag

What seemed yet another attempt to help, started looking more and more like a fund collection drive. Generally, an organization which intends to help starts with a plan – about the likely help it wants to do, logistics, target audience and fund raising.

IMANA seemed to have started in reverse. It launched a campaign *#HelpIndiaBreath* on Instagram. And as the money poured-in from good-hearted people in India and world – who wanted to do their bit to help – IMANA saw an opportunity and kept revising targets for fund collection (Rs. 1.8 crores to 3 crores and then 5.62 crores). So much so that IMANA managed to raise on Instagram alone INR 8.7 Cr of a target of INR 5.62 Cr.

TARGET FUND REVISION 📊



Revised: ₹1.8 Cr → ₹3.7 Cr → ₹5.5 Cr

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Final Fund Collection: ₹8.7 Cr



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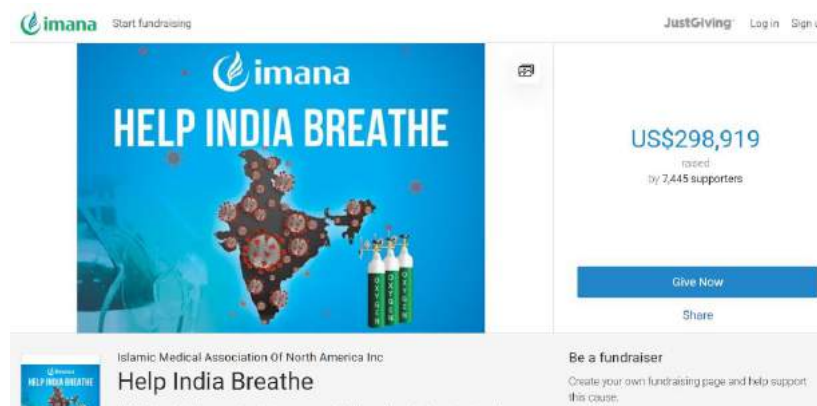
Add to Story

Donate

⚠ URGENT: Over the last week, India has dealt with the world's worst infection total this year, with one COVID-19 related death being reported every five minutes.

IMANA's fundraiser on Instagram⁵

While the IG campaign was on, during the same timeline, they pitched the same campaign on another crowdfunding platform "Just Giving", where it managed to raise another US\$298,919 (approx. 2 crores INR).



IMANA's campaign on Just Giving fundraiser⁶

In addition to these two platforms, IMANA also provided other donation options such as direct donations on website, on Facebook, and even Stocks and cryptocurrencies to name a few. How much IMANA collected through these other means remains unclear, and IMANA has so far not volunteered to divulge, and unlikely to be.

⁵ https://www.instagram.com/linking/fundraiser?fundraiser_id=302528084649910

⁶ <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HelpIndiaBreathe>

HOW CAN I DONATE TO IMANA

We accept donations through multiple channels listed below:



IMANA's fund-receiving mediums⁷

A Hundred Thousand Dollar an Hour!

While the exact figures, other than Instagram and Just Giving, are not available, some ballpark figures could be arrived at through various means, including the claims by IMANA officials. For example, after donation drive was launched on April 27th, the IMANA's website went down on April 29 – likely due to heavy traffic, as not only several donors would have wanted to visit it, but also It is to also IMANA was collecting funds directly through its website.



IMANA's website update on Twitter⁸

Overall, IMANA raised Rs. 8.77 crores from Instagram through *#HelpIndiaBreathe* campaign, followed by US\$298,919 (approx. 2 crores) on Just Giving platform. However, it seems to have collected much more donation from other platforms. As per the claims of IMANA Chairman on May 7th, **after reaching \$100K on second day, IMANA started receiving donations at a speed of \$100K per hour.**

⁷ <https://twitter.com/imanacares/status/1387803952553598978/photo/3>

⁸ <https://twitter.com/imanacares/status/1387821759106273285>



Donate India page of IMANA⁹

Therefore, taking that into account the statement of Chairman of IMANA Relief - a rough calculation of the overall amount could be anywhere between US\$ 4.12 million to US\$21 million (Rs. 30 crores- 158 crores)

Imana's Fund Raised: Minimum and Maximum Amount

Min Calculation:

Min calculation is based on Instagram collection and
IMANA claimed to have collected \$1.5 Million in 4 days

Collection in 4 days = \$ 1.5 Million = 10,95,00,000
Total Collection = 11 days X \$1.5m
in 11 days 4 days
= \$ 4.125 Million
= ₹ 30,11,25,000

Max Calculation:

Max calculation is based on Ismail Mehr's claim that they received US \$100,000 in 2 days,
then they received 100,000 dollars per hour
therefore,

9 Days = 9 X 24 = 216 Hours
and 216 X 100000 = 21600000 (collection in US\$ in 9 days per hour basis)
Total collection in 11 days,
= 2 Days initial funds + 9 days funds
= \$ 100,000 + 21600000
= \$ 21700000 (Total collection in 11 days)
= ₹ 1,58,41,00,000

Note: *We have calculated because IMANA never clarified the amount.

1. 1 USD = 73 INR
2. In calculation we have assumed that IMANA has conducted/received funds only for 11 days.
3. Assuming everything was bought on retail price (Ismail Mehr confirmed that they are getting things at discounted price, still they mentioned the retail price on their social media posts)

Note: The calculation has been done considering that IMANA raised funds for just 11 days. First calculation is based on the amount they collected from Instagram (Minimum in value). While, the second calculation is based on the claims of Dr. Ismail Mehr made during the podcast interview on May 7. The rate of incoming donations were US\$100k per hour.

Given that IMANA has almost zero transparency about the fund it collected, there is no way to ascertain actual amount it might have received.

⁹ <https://imana.org/imr/donate-india/>

Exploiting India's Goodwill

This fund was not coming on IMANA's branding, but on the goodwill India and Indians have earned world over. The fund collection was planned cleverly. In India they used a map which would be accepted to Indians despite having a Pakistan approved map on their webpage. And the Campaign was launched the day after US President Biden called for help to India. And the fund collection drive was targeting the countries where India had sent vaccine and other essential medicines during the Covid crisis since last year. The innocent people in these countries believed that they were helping India.

IMANA Played on India's Goodwill			
Major Countries that helped IMANA	Help these countries received from India		How IMANA benefitted from India's goodwill
India 	Country	Vaccine	Others
U.S.A. 	Saudi Arabia	45 Lacs	HCQ
Canada 	UK	-	HCQ
Germany 	USA	-	HCQ
Saudi Arabia 	Germany	-	HCQ
U.A.E. 	Nepal	24.48 Lacs	Liquid O2 (23 tonnes)
Nepal 	Canada	5 Lacs	HCQ (5mn tabs)









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List of countries Dr. Ismail Mehr claimed to have helped from and India's help to those countries

To get an idea how much IMANA's own credibility stands, one should look at their other fund-raisers – the donations received varied from few hundred dollars to a thousand approx. In fact the India campaign has boosted their credibility more than anything, as their fund collection for Gaza launched immediately after Indian campaign has collected close to \$30k.

IMANA's Previous Attempts		
 <p>Save Yemen</p> <p>\$600</p>	 <p>Help Gaza Fight Covid-19</p> <p>\$0</p>	 <p>#JeezyPakistan PPE CAMPAIGN</p> <p>\$40</p>
 <p>IMANA's Color a Smile Campaign</p> <p>COLOR A SMILE</p> <p>\$102</p>	 <p>IMANA's Story of Angels Campaign</p> <p>STORY OF ANGELS</p> <p>\$1,700</p>	 <p>IMANA Domestic Relief: Medical Debt</p> <p>MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF</p> <p>\$300</p>

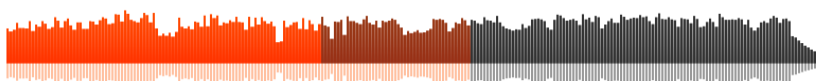
Fact Check: IMANA's Claims & Reality

IMANA and its officials have been making claims on social media as well as through public interviews. While the "HelpIndiaBreathe" campaign was still going on, Dr Ismail Mehr appeared in a podcast interview of Dean Obeidallah on **May 7th 2021**. (The date is important to contextualise

the claims and actual results). It was a 23-minute interview where Dr Mehr made some very tall claims. (*Full Video Link on Archive*)

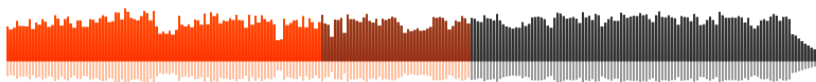
A gist of the claims made by Dr Mehr and IMANA social pages, some of the major points are follows:

1. Medical Equipment (worth \$800k) on deal (discount) have already been purchased (May 7) – including 100k Nasal cannulas, 40k non-breather masks, 450 Oxygen concentrators. IMANA social media pages have also posted videos/pics of the ‘Chicago warehouse’ where all this have been collected. Claims of more medical equipment being procured, as the funds poured in.



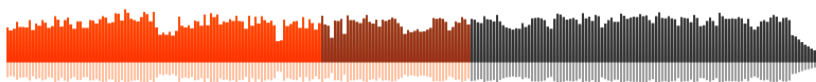
[Listen to the audio](#)

2. IMANA had also sorted the logistics at the very beginning – tying up with Air India for free shipment for Chicago – Delhi route. The material was ready to be shipped – on April 29th, then again on May 7th, and again on May 16th and so forth.



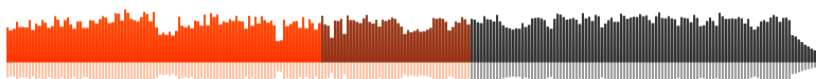
Based on [May 2 interview](#)

3. IMANA had an elaborate network of people and organization on ground in India, which was in the ready state. This included ‘Hindu’ and ‘Sikh’ volunteers.



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4. IMANA had tied up with DRDO and Ministry of Agriculture for coordinating their help in India.








[Listen to audio here](#)

FACTS on Ground:

There were several inconsistencies, contradictions and outright lies in IMANAs' claims and updates.

1. As per the claims (on May 7) the, consignments worth \$800k (retail value) were ready for immediate shipment from the rented warehouse in Chicago to Delhi via Air India. However, not one of the consignments have landed in India.

IMANA's Promise vs Reality

Date	Promised / Claimed	Delivered?
29 April	Non-rebreather masks = 21,000	
	Nasal Cannulas = 30,000	
	Oxygen Concentrators = 14	
30 April (Revised)	Oxygen Concentrators = 208	
	Nasal Cannulas = 50,600	
	Non-rebreather masks = 40,950	
07-May	Oxygen Concentrators = 450	
	Non-rebreather masks = 40000	
	Nasal Cannulas = 100000	
12-May		Oxygen Concentrators = 100
16-May	Non-rebreather masks = 40,950	
	Nasal Cannulas = 109100	
	Oxygen Concentrators = 521	
	ICU Ventilators = 39	
	(Claim by Ismail Mehr)	
Total	Oxygen Concentrators = $208 + 450 + 521 = 1179$	
	Nasal Cannulas = $50600 + 109100 + 100000 = 259700$	
	Non-rebreather Masks = $40950 + 40950 + 21000 = 102900$	
	ICU Ventilators = 39	

Note: 30th April is revised claim of 29th April.

(Comment: Even the 100-odd Oxygen Concentrators IMANA claimed to have sent to Gujarat as its own, was carried out in association with another organization - which itself was raising funds for Covid relief for Gujarat! And the stuff sent were nowhere close to what was already 'procured' by IMANA. See next chapter.)

2. IMANA Chairman claimed that they had already tied up with Air India, which was providing free shipment. The first consignment was coming to **Delhi from Chicago**. However, it's been more than a month of the claimed tie-up and 'ready to be shipped' but no updates on what was actually delivered. Similar 'ready-to-be-shipped' claims have been made on subsequent dates, but no update was provided on their arrival and distribution in India, if there were any.

(Comment: IMANA posted a pic of just one lorry with Oxygen concentrators on June 4th, one month after the ready-to-be-shipped consignment which was ostensibly going from Delhi to Bangalore. IMANA didn't provide any details about numbers and equipment or recipients. It's been more than a week this truck was to leave from Delhi, and yet there is no update.)



IMANA's consignment update on June 4¹⁰

3. Dr Mehr stated that IMANA is working with DRDO and Agriculture ministry; that their consignment would first reach the agriculture ministry, then distributed by DRDO across different states. However, their collaboration, if any, with the DRDO and Agriculture ministry could not be verified from open source. Secondly, it seems highly implausible that DRDO would coordinate logistics and help distribution with a private NGO.

4. IMANA's Chairman also claimed that he was working with some medical colleges in India such as Mahatma Gandhi Medical science university (Jaipur) and others in Mumbai, Kolkata and Bangalore. A consignment designated for SMS Medical college; Jaipur was posted on June 1st update on Instagram. It claimed that consignment has 'cleared' customs in Delhi, and was ready to be distributed in the 'city', but did not mention which city, and only the labelling indicated it could be for Jaipur. But again, there is no update of the shipment delivery to the destination.



Consignment bound for Medical College, Jaipur¹¹

The collaboration with SMS Hospital, Jaipur could not be verified from open source, nor did IMANA posted any such collaboration update. It is interesting to note that the hospital already has its own oxygen plant set up and replete with Oxygen supply!

¹⁰ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPTtRtNx DxCI/>

¹¹ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPL6b6kjh xP/>

Covid-19: Oxygen plant installed at SMS hospital in Jaipur



May 16, 2021, 04:00PM IST | Source: TNN

Amid the surge in Covid-19 cases and rise in demand for Oxygen in the state, an oxygen plant was installed at SMS Hospital in Jaipur on Friday. The state govt on 5 May had asked private hospitals to install Oxygen plants to meet the demand. The state government is setting up oxygen generation plants in hospitals attached to government medical colleges and district hospitals.

Oxygen plant installed at SMS Hospital, Jaipur¹²

5. In the podcast, Dr. Mehr mentioned that IMANA has collaborated with vetted partners, in addition to sending direct aid to the government. In reality so far, the only organization that IMANA has collaborated with is the US based Saiyed Foundation, which itself seemed shaky, to put it mildly. Saiyed Foundation has zero transactions and activities in the last six years. In India, IMANA collaborated with Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust (GSWT) via Az Memon and Saiyed Foundation. Again, GSWT is not FCRA approved organization, and has been in news for some wrong reasons.

So, what did IMANA actually send?

Here the story gets even murkier.

Repeated claims were made by IMANA official pages as well as its Chairman about medical equipment ready to be shipped on **April 30th** via '**AIR INDIA**' from **Chicago to Delhi**.

However, the first claimed shipment of IMANA Relief of 100 Oxygen Concentrators arrives in India on May 12th from New Jersey via Mumbai (Gandhi Shipping, owned by Aim Gandhi) to Ahmedabad through yet another US based NGO (Saiyed Foundation) in collaboration with US-based philanthropist (Afzal Menon) for a Gujarat based NGO (Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust-run Shifa Hospital).

You may read the above again. We will wait.

Fun Fact:

Saiyed Foundation, which collaborated with IMANA, was running a parallel campaign on another fund-raising platform Launch Good in the name of *#HelpGujaratBreathe*. Afzal Menon had launched a fund-raiser separately on Go Fund Me for GSWT, which was later merged with Saiyed Foundation.

¹² <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/city/jaipur/covid-19-oxygen-plant-installed-at-sms-hospital-in-jaipur/videoshow/82650979.cms>

THE HELP THAT NEVER ARRIVES...

Islamic Medical Association of North America
@imanacares

We've seen all your questions and concerns and have been working hard to get them all answered as quick as possible!

Please see our easy guide above for the most frequently asked questions.

IS NOT WORKING IN MY COUNTRY. HOW CAN I DONATE?

Unfortunately, Instagram and Facebook limit the countries that can donate. Please try using our fundraising link: www.gofundme.com/campaign/helpindia breathe

HOW DO I KNOW THE FUNDRAISER AND/OR ORGANIZATION IS REAL?

See our Annual Reports on our website, complete with financials for your review. Or check out our timeline. Still not satisfied? Take a look at Charity Navigator's rating of the organization. We're also an approved US Combined Federal Campaign member.

BEING USED?

Funds are being used to procure and ship supplies for distribution in India to government designated COVID treatment hospitals. No funds will be remitted as such.

BEING TRANSPORTED?

Supplies will be air-freighted from Chicago, USA to Delhi via Air India in coordination with the government of India. Supplies will then be transported and distributed to designated hospitals that are treating patients with COVID-19.

9:49 PM · Apr 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Islamic Medical Association of North America - IMANA
30 April ·

Thank you to those who have shown an outpouring of support and contributions for our #HelpIndiaBreathe initiative. As of today, we have been able to purchase a first shipment of oxygen delivery systems and 5 L dynarex oxygen concentrators. Just one of many shipments.

This first shipment is currently en route to our Chicago facility, where it will be immediately shipped to Delhi via AirIndia.

AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE PROCURED:

- Oxygen delivery systems:
- 50,600 Nasal Canulas
- 40,950 Non Rebreathers
- 208 Oxygen Concentrators

VALUED AT: \$459,724.00

*Currently en route from Chicago warehouse for immediate shipping via AirIndia to Delhi



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First of many shipments which arrived at our Chicago facilities this week, all funded by your help with our #HelpIndiaBreathe campaign!

This equipment is now being repackaged and prepared for delivery to Delhi via AirIndia. Thank you all again for your generous help and support.




10:56 PM · May 4, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Islamic Medical Association of North America @imanaca... · May 12 ·

Replying to @imanacares

We are looking forward to sharing more updates as we continue to ship more equipment out to different hospitals across India! Together, we can #HelpIndiaBreathe.

To continue to support our projects and medical missions, please visit: [imana.org/donate](https://www.imana.org/donate)



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@imanacares

An update on our #HelpIndiaBreathe campaign by IMANA Medical Relief chairman, Dr. Ismail Mehr.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported this project, we cannot wait to continue providing more updates as our work continues.



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Our IMANA staff has been working long hours in the warehouse receiving #HelpIndiaBreathe shipments, repackaging every load, and preparing all the equipment for delivery.

This is the labor that often gets overlooked, though our work would not be possible without this dedication.



IMANA
Delhi, India

Update: Another shipment of oxygen concentrators funded by our #HelpIndiaBreathe campaign has cleared customs in Delhi, India and is now headed to hospitals throughout the city.

Thank you for all your help @imanacares

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Chapter-2 Another Helping Hand?

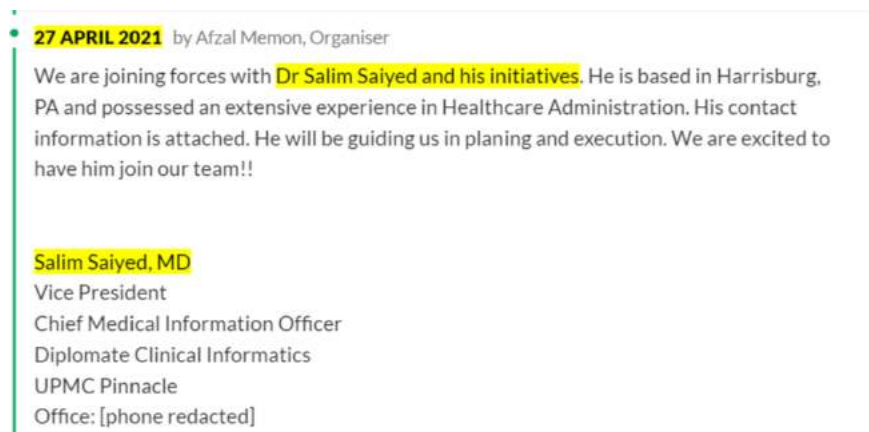
Afzal (Az) Memon's Quest to Help

Afzal Memon is a US based business person. As the crisis was peaking, he got SOS from his friends in Gujarat, seeking help with Oxygen Concentrators. Being a good Samaritan, he tried to help. For this, he launched a small fund-raiser on Go Fund me for 25 Oxygen concentrators.

His quest was soon rewarded, and within few days his target was to be fulfilled. Unlike most others, Az Memon was regular in his updates, and that's how we know that he purchased 25 Philips Everflow Oxygen Concentrators from cpapman.com. He was also eagerly seeking help in sending these concentrators to India, and had sought public help.

Then enters the Saiyed Foundation.

We do not know what transpired, but when Az Memon was tired seeking help to get these delivered to India, and was seeking help from UPS/ DTDC and other carriers – when he updated that he got in touch with Saiyed Foundation (on April 27) run by Dr Salim Saiyed, a US-based doctor, VP & Chief Medical Information Officer at UPMC Pinnacle.



Az Memon-Saiyed Foundation collaboration¹³

The two decided to collaborate, and after joining hands, the subject of fundraiser changed to “Fundraiser for Saiyed Foundation” on GoFundMe.

<https://ca.gofundme.com/covid19-oxygen-concentrat...> ▼

Fundraiser for Saiyed Foundation by Az Memon : COVID19 ...

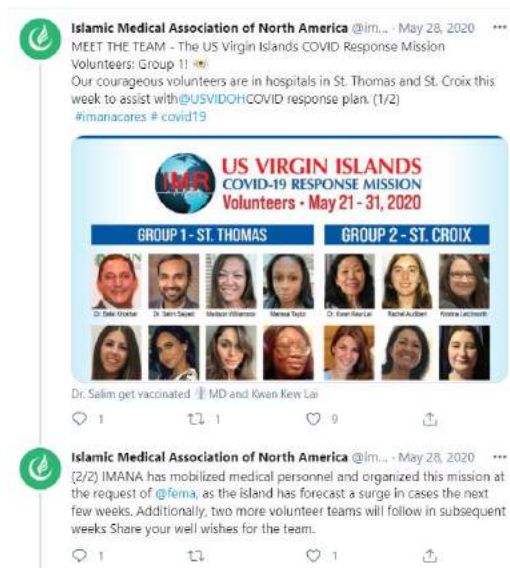
Apr. 25, 2021 — Hospitals across Gujarat (India) are in a dire need for Oxygen supply. N... Az Memon needs your support for COVID19 - Oxygen Concentrators ...

¹³ <https://www.gofundme.com/f/covid19-oxygen-concentrators-for-gujarat-india>

Collaboration with Saiyed Foundation:

On April 30, Saiyed and Az Memon announced collaboration with a 501c3 IRS certified non-profit organization, the name of which was not mentioned on GoFundMe. From this point onward (April 30) the individual donation Az Memon was seeking became eligible for ‘tax exemption’. While the Go Fund Me page did not provide details of IMANA’s entry, Saiyed Foundation Facebook page informed about their association with IMANA. This could mean that fund-raiser was moved likely to Saiyed Foundation’s account or IMANA itself.

Dr. Saiyed previously had been a regular face in IMANA’s projects as well.



Dr. Salim Saiyed’s volunteer project with IMANA¹⁴

In an interview, Az Memon said he got in touch with Dr Salim Saiyed, and joined forces for the shipment purpose. It is worth noting that Az Memon never mentioned his direct association with Saiyed Foundation, but was suddenly elevated as Vice-chairman on the latter’s Facebook post of May 6.

¹⁴ <https://twitter.com/imanacares/status/1265720795487186949?lang=da>



<https://www.facebook.com/TheSaiyedFoundation/posts/111383134438768>¹⁵

Helping the wrong cause: RJ Dhvanit

Az Memon also provided a significant help to Saiyed Foundation's fund raising through his interview with famous RJ – Dhvanit. Dhvanit Thakker is a Gujarat-based Radio Jockey who invited Az Memon for interview on his radio show on May 4. It appears that Az Memon and Dhvanit knew each other from past, and Dhvanit was trying his bit to help by highlighting the good initiatives. Here a lot of credit could be given to RJ Dhvanit as the interview was a huge boost - the Indian diaspora in USA donated generously for the initiative. Due to that, Az Memon managed to raise \$37,761 on GoFundMe and \$38,976k on Launch Good by Saiyed Foundation.

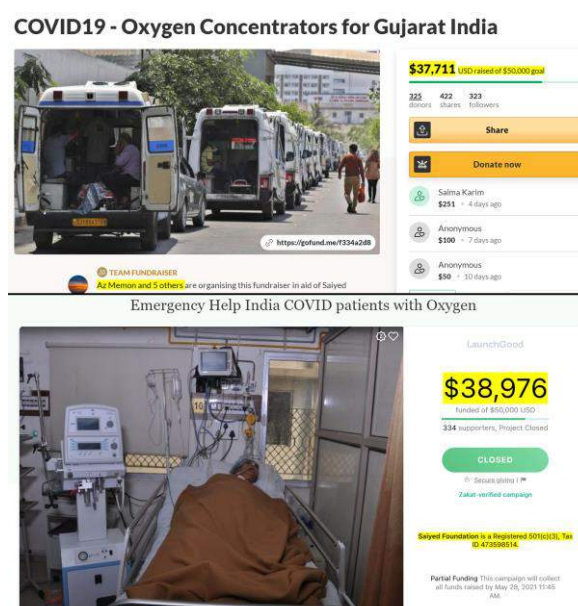


Az Memon's interview with RJ Dhvanit¹⁶

¹⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/TheSaiyedFoundation/posts/111383134438768>

¹⁶ https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10157572613640834&id=81800370833&scmts=scwspssdd

Worth noting that Saiyed Foundation had also started a parallel fund-raising on yet another platform – Launch Good – for helping India during Covid crisis (Help Gujarat Breathe). Both the campaigns by Az Memon and Saiyed Foundation combinedly accounted for over \$76k (\$37,761 on GoFundMe and \$38,976k on LaunchGood) funds raised through GoFundMe and Launch Good.



Az Memon's campaign on Go Fund Me¹⁷ & Saiyed Foundation's campaign on LaunchGood¹⁸

Soon after bringing Saiyed Foundation on board, they started procuring medical equipment starting with 25 Philips Everflow Oxygen Concentrators on April 28. The very next day, Saiyed Foundation gave an update on procurement of 100 Oxygen concentrators, ready to be airlifted.



Saiyed Foundation's update on first consignment¹⁹

¹⁷ <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/covid19-oxygen-concentrators-for-gujarat-india>

¹⁸ https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help_india_covid_patients_breath_1?src=internal_comm_page#!/

¹⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/TheSaiyedFoundation/posts/105692068341208>

Chapter 3: A Marriage of Convenience

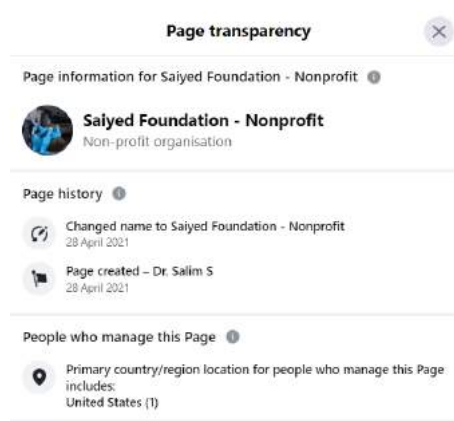
Saiyed Foundation is a Texas-based 501(c)(3) organization (Company No. 0802185645 & Tax ID 473598514). The foundation was registered in March, 2015. However, within three years by 2018 it appears to have become defunct after failing to comply with tax filings, and the current status of it shows as inactive on various corporate registrars. *(The following details were used from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)*

SAIYED FOUNDATION	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32056831566
Mailing Address	3004 SUN VALLEY ST IRVING, TX 75062-4040
Right to Transact Business in Texas	FRANCHISE TAX INVOLUNTARILY ENDED Request tax clearance to reinstate entity
State of Formation	TX
Effective SOS Registration Date	03/30/2015
Texas SOS File Number	0802185645
Registered Agent Name	SALIM SAIYED
Registered Office Street Address	3004 SUNVALLEY STREET IRVING, TX 75062

Saiyed Foundation's corporate details²⁰

In the last six years of its existence, the Foundation has NIL transactions – zero receipts and zero expenses. It is likely that given no activity for continuously five years, the status of the foundation is shown as inactive.

Another indication that the Saiyed Foundation was inactive and it had no social media profiles until the “Help Gujarat Breathe” campaign started on **Launch Good**²¹ on April 28 (where they managed to raise total \$38,976). The Facebook page for the Foundation was created on April 28, 2021 in the name of Dr. Salim Saiyed, which was later changed to Saiyed Foundation on the very same day.



Facebook Transparency of Saiyed Foundation²²

²⁰ <https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/coaSearchBtn>

²¹ https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help_india_covid_patients_breath_1?src=internal_comm_page#!/

²² <https://www.facebook.com/TheSaiyedFoundation>

Simultaneously, Instagram account of Saiyed Foundation was also created during the same time.²³

It is rather peculiar that a foundation which was registered six years ago, which had no activity and hence no capability to carry out charity work, suddenly sprang to action during the Covid crisis – and the first thing it does is to start collecting money.

Contradictions in Claims made by Saiyed Foundation and Az Memon

While Az Memon was rather quick and detailed about his updates till the collaboration with Saiyed Foundation/ IMANA, the later were not so. Saiyed Foundation, like IMANA, had made several claims which were not backed by subsequent events.

- **Sent 120 out of 150 oxygen concentrators claimed:** Az Memon in association with Saiyed Foundation had claimed to have purchased a total of 150 Oxygen concentrators. The same update was also posted on the Launch Good campaign of Saiyed Foundation. However, the only delivery they made – was to GSWT in Ahmedabad – and the figures don't seem to tally with their total delivery.

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Oxygen Concentrators (5L and 10L) ==> 120
BiPAP Machines ==> 13
Puritan Bennett Ventilators ==> 15
Medical Grade High Capacity Voltage Converters ==> 100
Masks, Nasal Cannula, Tubing ==> 100
Ventilator Filters and Maintenance Kits ==> 15
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Total delivery by Az Memon-Saiyed Foundation²⁴

Az Memon had already purchased 25 Concentrators when Saiyed foundation joined him. Together they further purchase 125 Oxygen Concentrators, with Saiyed Foundation also collecting funds on Launch Good. With all their efforts and the fund collected, they only managed to send 120 Oxygen Concentrators after three weeks to an NGO based out of Gujarat, which itself seems to be in grey.

The above items were purchased from \$76k = INR 55 L approx. collected. Worth noting that Saiyed Foundation also thanked IMANA for this help, which had purchased hundreds of its own Oxygen concentrators and other material. With all the fund, Az Memon, Saiyed Foundation, and IMANA sent 100 Oxygen concentrators to GSWT on May 12.

Az Memon also thanked the following organizations for the delivery:

²³ <https://www.instagram.com/saiyedfoundation/>

²⁴ <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/covid19-oxygen-concentrators-for-gujarat-india>

- Imana - <https://imana.org/>
- Dhvanit - <https://dhvanitthaker.com/>
- EquallyAble.org - <https://equallyable.org/>
- Zakariya Academy - <https://ziacademy.org/home>
- UPS Foundation - <https://sustainability.ups.com/the-ups-foundation/>
- Overseas Electronics - <https://welectronics.com/>
- Gandhi Shipping - <https://www.gandhishipping.com/>

GSWT claimed to have distributed them to 14 healthcare hospitals across Ahmedabad.

Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust (GSWT)

Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust (GSWT) is Ahmedabad based charitable trust (Registration No. E15454/Ahmedabad), owns several institutions such as Shama Hostel & Shifa Hospital. Afzal Memon (not to confuse with the one who raised funds) is the Managing Trustee of GSWT.



Facebook page of GSWT (Afzal Memon)²⁵

It is also worth noting that GSWT is not an FCRA- approved NGO, and hence not allowed to receive foreign funding and donations in the normal course.²⁶

FCRA details	
FCRA Available	FCRA Registration no.
Not Available	Not Available
Details of Achievements	
Not Available	

FCRA registration details of GSWT

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/afzal9824049754>

²⁶ https://ngodarpan.gov.in/index.php/home/statewise_ngo/5666/24/53?per_page=100 (No. 24)

GSWT once also stated that they were applying for FCRA every year since 2003. But have always met with the application of refusal considering their activities against public interest.

scope for transnational claim-making and solidarity becomes limited. Afzal Menon, President of the Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust (GSWT) stressed that their organisation has never managed

¹ This procedure is based on an application to the Central Government with extensive referrals and documentation provided from state institutions.

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to receive the FCRA certificate. (Menon, Interview) Although they had applied for FCRA clearance every year since 2003, the GSWT received a letter each time refusing their application on the basis that "the activities of your organisation are reported to be against public interest".

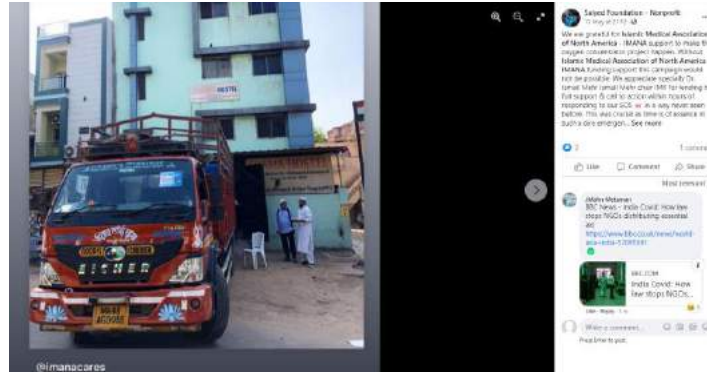
From paper published by Sara Sudetic from Hungary during her visit to India

Note: GSWT does not have FCRA certificate that means they are not permitted for receiving foreign funds. But it does come under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950, that allows the NGOs for receiving funds from foreign NGO bodies. However, in November 2020, the Indian government tightened the FCRA rule and only allowed those NGOs that have FCRA certificate would be allowed to indulge with foreign NGO bodies. What is the legal status of Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 needs to be ascertained, and we will appreciate a feedback on this. Also, the government had relaxed the norms and has also provided exemptions to several NGOs to receive foreign help during the crisis. It is not clear, which method GSWT adopted for receiving the Concentrators from the US.

Registration Details	
Registered With	Charity Commissioner
Type of NGO	Trust (Non-Government)
Registration No	E15454/Ahmedabad
Copy of Registration Certificate	Available
Copy of Pan Card	Available
Act name	Bombay Public Trust Act,1950
City of Registration	Ahmedabad
State of Registration	GUJARAT
Date of Registration	15-07-2002

Help Arrives in India: Too Late Too Little

As per IMANA's social media post updates, the IMANA-Saiyed Foundation combined the help of 100 Oxygen Concentrators landed at the Shama Hostel, which is a girls' hostel being run by GSWT. As per their claim, these Concentrators were to be used at Shifa hospital, run by GSWT.



Arrival of first consignment as posted by Saiyed Foundation²⁷

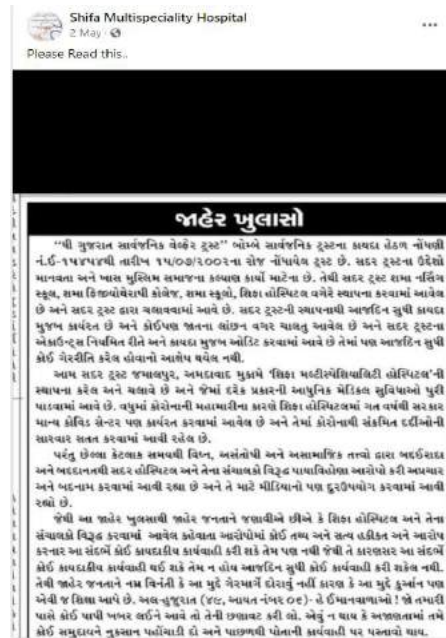
Unfortunately, on April 26, 2021 the Shifa Hospital was in news for all wrong reasons. During the peak of crisis, three people including a staff of Shifa Hospital were found to have been indulged in the illegal sale of Remdesivir. All of them were arrested following the incident.

Staff member of Shifa Hospital, 2 others caught for using fake documents to get 30 Remdesivir injections

By Exclusive Author · April 26, 2021

Illegal sale of Remdesivir by Shifa Hospital staff²⁸

GSWT in its response stated it had no involvement in the incidents, alleging that it was a stunt pulled off by some vindictive body along with the media. But they did not provide any evidence.



Shifa Hospital's response over illegal Remdesivir sale²⁹

²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/TheSaiyedFoundation/photos/a.105453258365089/113955120848236/?type=3>

²⁸ <https://english.gujaratexclusive.in/gujarat-news-blackmarketing-remdesivir/>

²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/shifahospitalahmedabad/posts/2671737149792275>

In a Nutshell

- IMANA collected money in the name of Covid crisis in India from all over the world, including from countries where India had sent Covid vaccines, and thereby exploiting the goodwill that India and the Indians have.
- IMANA remained opaque about everything, from fund collection to its actual deliveries. Its Chairman nonetheless seems capable of fluent lie in fluent English, who claimed to have robust ground network of 'Hindu and Sikh' friends. (*Only he could explain the point of emphasising religions*). He was also in touch with DRDO and Indian Ministry of Agriculture for distributing the help (sic).
- However, in terms of delivery, till date they could manage 100-odd concentrators (that too in association with Saiyed Foundation which itself was collecting funds for same.) And at the end, the help is sent to GSWT affiliated Shifa Hospital, whose staff was arrested for illegal activities related to essential medicines during the crisis.

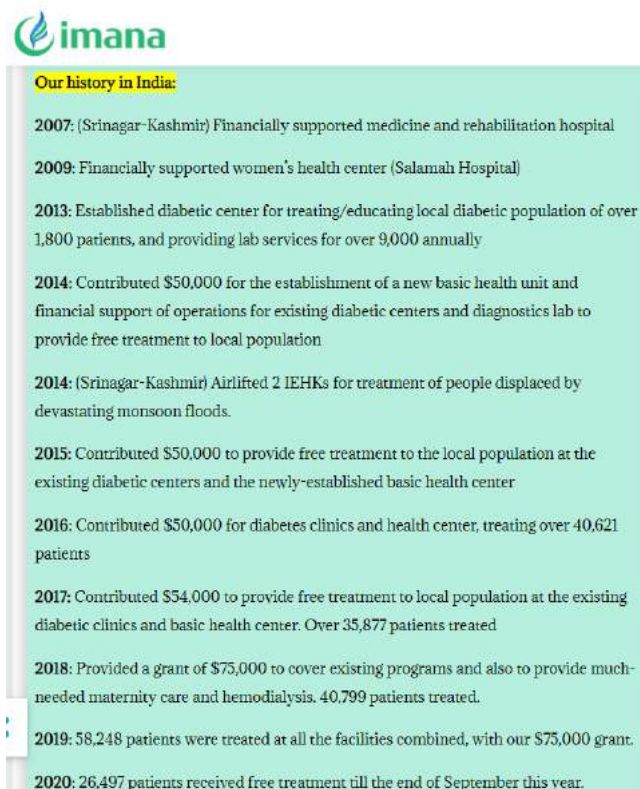
Chapter 4- Institutionalised Deception

IMANA's History of Fakery

As noted above, IMANA is rather charitable with its own claims of charities, and adds to the list activities that it has never undertaken.

One of the major claims stated on its website is that IMANA has carried out several charity works in different parts of India. However, if one were to look closer, one finds no mention of any details whatsoever about the beneficiaries. The claims are so vague as to make no sense at all – e.g., financially supported Women's Health Centre (Salmah Hospital). Where the hospital is, and how many women benefitted is not worth noting for an NGO that relies on fund collection based on its charity!

If IMANA is to continue to work even after this Report, they must hire a better fiction writer.



IMANA's Donate India section³⁰

The above-mentioned fake claims are not merely an act of omissions or lazy drafting. This linguistic jugglery is hard to replicate in numbers, and their financial record confirm that NOT a penny was spent in India between 2016-19.

Their grants and assistance outside the United States does mention countries like Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan but not India.

³⁰ <https://imana.org/imr/donate-india/>

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Part V Supplemental Information
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		Bangladesh	Relief Work	30,000	Wire			
		Haiti	Relief Work	44,425	Wire			

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		Kenya	Relief Work	50,000	Wire			
		Middle East	Relief Work	26,707	Wire			

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		Sri Lanka	Relief Work	50,000	Wire			

2016 financial statement of IMANA

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(1)			Haiti	Relief Work	34,382	Wire			
(2)			Malaysia	Relief Work	25,000	Wire			
(3)			Pakistan	Relief Work	41,000	Wire			
(4)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter **3**

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities **3**

Schedule F (Form 990) 2017

2017 financial statement of IMANA

Schedule F (Form 990) 2018 Page 2

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			Bangladesh	Relief Work	4,000	Wire			
			Guyana	Relief Work	7,000	Wire			
			Malaysia	Relief Work	285,000	Wire			
			Sri Lanka	Relief Work	25,000	Wire			

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2018

2018 financial statement of IMANA

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2019

2019 Financial statement

(PDFs of all financial statements would go on website)

IMANA also claims to have a diabetic lab in Hyderabad but even that does not get mention in their financial statements.

Atulugama, Sri Lanka: The Umman Clinic provided FREE health care services to 6,724 patients in rural areas with no medical access nearby.

Hyderabad, India: IMANA financially supports the basic health unit, four diabetic centers, a diagnostics lab, a primary health center, and a dialysis unit that provided care to 26,497 patients and conducted 2,615 lab tests for those in need.

Faisalabad, Pakistan: In the IMANA-sponsored vision care program, a team led by an ophthalmologist performs cataract surgeries in remote-areas across the country. It has provided 1,394 cataract surgeries, 580 minor eye

IMANA's diabetic clinic in India³¹

The Charade Goes Deeper

As noted above, the one place they have mentioned in their report is Kashmir, and here is the truth: As per the “Donate India” section on IMANA’s website they have claimed to have worked provided aid every year since 2009.



Donate India section³²

The picture dates back to the Kashmir floods in 2014 when a Kashmir-based organization Child Nurture and Relief (CHINAR) provided the on-ground relief and aid with several collaborations.

³¹ <https://imana.org/our-growing-impact-in-south-asia/>

³² <https://imana.org/imr/donate-india/>

Fun Fact:

IMANA was not happy about stealing the pic once – so it recycled it again this year, with yet another fake claim – of its volunteers working even during Covid crisis in South Asia! The web-page managers didn't even bother to remove the earlier picture.

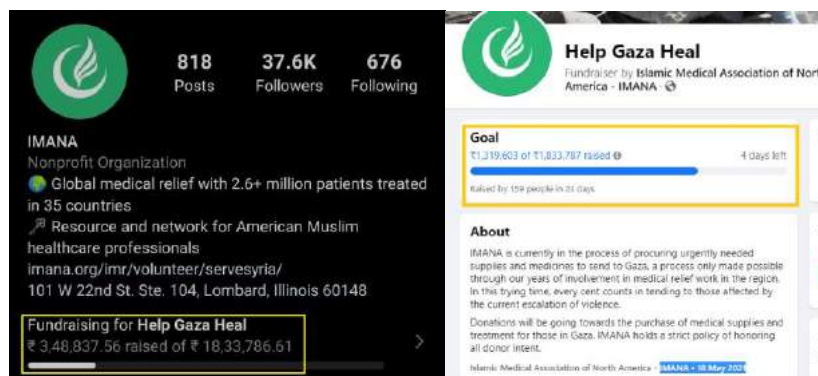


Picture posted by CHINAR in 2014 during Kashmir floods³³

Done with India – Off to Gaza

As soon the Covid crisis in India started ebbing, the good charity organization that IMANA is, it set to help the people in crisis in Palestine, and launched what it is very good at – a fund-raiser in the name of Gaza!

IMANA started fundraiser for Gaza on May 18, 2021 (Facebook) and has so far managed to raise Rs. 3,48,837 + Rs. 13,19,603= Rs. 16,68,440 combined from both Facebook and Instagram alone, other than what it might have received through other channels and direct contributions.



IMANA's Instagram ad³⁴ & IMANA's Facebook donation³⁵

³³ https://twitter.com/News_CHINAR/status/524906673262329856

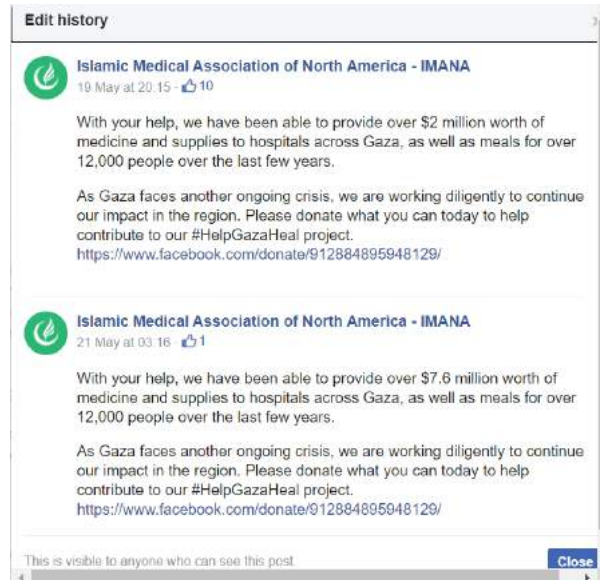
³⁴ <https://www.instagram.com/imanacares/>

³⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/donate/912884895948129/3985093484942402/>

Lofty Claimss

In one of their Facebook posts of 19th May, IMANA had claimed it has provided \$2 million worth of medical help in Gaza as well as meals to 12000 people. The total collection IMANA managed to collect for the plight of Gaza barely crossed \$23k!

Note: IMANA allotted an additional \$5.6 million from \$2mn to \$7.6mn as evident from the editing history of the following post.

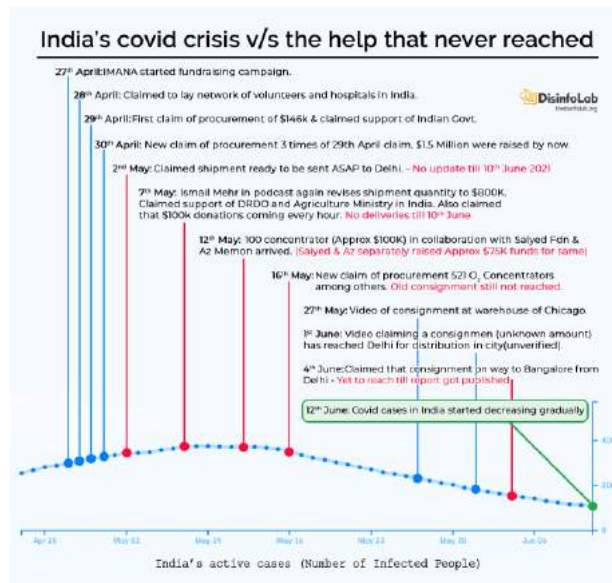


IMANA's FB post of May 19 on Gaza³⁶

³⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/imanacares/photos/a.888302801288168/3979060322212385/?type=3>

Chapter 5: What Could have been done

Watching the tragedy unfold: From Distance



To put in context the scam IMANA pulled off during a colossal humanitarian crisis in India, it suffices to see what several other individuals and organizations did at the most crucial time. Several brave hearts fought the fear of Covid and despite having no substantial means of their own, contributed to the cause. A heart-touching story of human daring was that of Faiz³⁷, which was highlighted by NDTV journalist Ravish Kumar as well.

Ravish Kumar 23m • 3

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...जब 'फैज' ने निखिल के लिए मदद को बढ़ाए कदम

गोण्डा | हिन्दुस्तान संवाद

रात 12:00 बजे। हैलो फैज भाई कहाँ हैं आप? हॉस्पिटल में हूँ भाई खाना पहुँचाने आया हूँ, कौन बोल रहा, निखिल... अच्छा तुम बताओ शुभम के पापा बहुत सीरियस हैं। मदद कर दोजिए, दिमाग घूम गया मेरा। ये मदद क्यों माँग रहा, इसके तो अच्छे कांटेक्ट हैं, फिर समझ में आया कि कोई काम नहीं आया तब याद किया। तभी फैज हुसैन ने कहा बताओ भाई क्या मदद कर सकता हूँ। रोते हुए बोला-अंकल को साँसें उखड़ रही हैं। आक्सीजन 44 पहुँच चुकी है। तब फैज ने कहा तत्काल इमरजेंसी में आओ। 5 मिनट के अंदर मरीज हॉस्पिटल में आ गया। डॉक्टर दिनभर ये सब देखते हैं तो उन पर कोई शिकन नहीं मगर वहाँ पर मौजूद लोगों के हाथ पैर फूल गए। तभी डॉक्टर ने



रात को मरीज को यहाँ में पहुँचाते

महिला सर्जिकल यार्ड में जाता हूँ एक बेड पर मृतक बाँधी होती है। परिवार वाले रोया करते समझ में नहीं आ रहा था क्या बोलूँ। उन्होंने बताया कि लोगों से बड़ी हिम्मत करके बोला कि अगर आप बेड खाली करें जल्दी से तो किसी और की जान बच जाएगी अपने हाथ से उस शव को हटाया, बेड को खाली

³⁷ https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=304709827686604&id=100044427669637

Several other stories, such as cremation of Hindu man by Muslim and Christian neighbours was noted by the Quint³⁸ in Bengaluru, whereas Shahnawaz Shaiek sold his SUV to donate Oxygen cylinders to COVID patients, as per the Al-Jazeera report³⁹.

In addition, hundreds of small organizations – from Jama Masjid⁴⁰ in Lucknow, to ISKON Temples, to Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib to Rehman Trust⁴¹ – all came forward with their own resources to help the needy. If only the same fund was available to other organizations instead of being siphoned off by IMANA, it could have meant a great deal help at the time of crisis.

What IMANA Claimed, delivered – And could have Delivered

The tactic of fundraising on Instagram seems to have worked well for IMANA. With over 62k donors just on Instagram, they accumulated over Rs. 8.7 crores on one platform alone, and over \$298k on Just Giving crowdfunding platform. As mentioned by Dr Mehr, IMANA's chairman, the amount they collected could be tens of millions of dollars, including what they received through cryptocurrency, company stocks, and direct contribution.

The following table has an accounted detail of all the consignments IMANA claimed to send India since April 29 – and how much actually has arrived – including in association with Saiyed Foundation.

IMANA Claims		Delivery
Nasal Cannulas	259700	
Non-Rebreather Masks	102900	
Oxygen Concentrators	1179	
ICU Ventilators	39	

³⁸ <https://www.thequint.com/news/india/hindu-man-cremated-muslim-and-christian-volunteers-bengaluru-karnataka#read-more>

³⁹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/4/29/sold-his-suv-to-buy-oxygen-for-people-indias-good-samaritans>

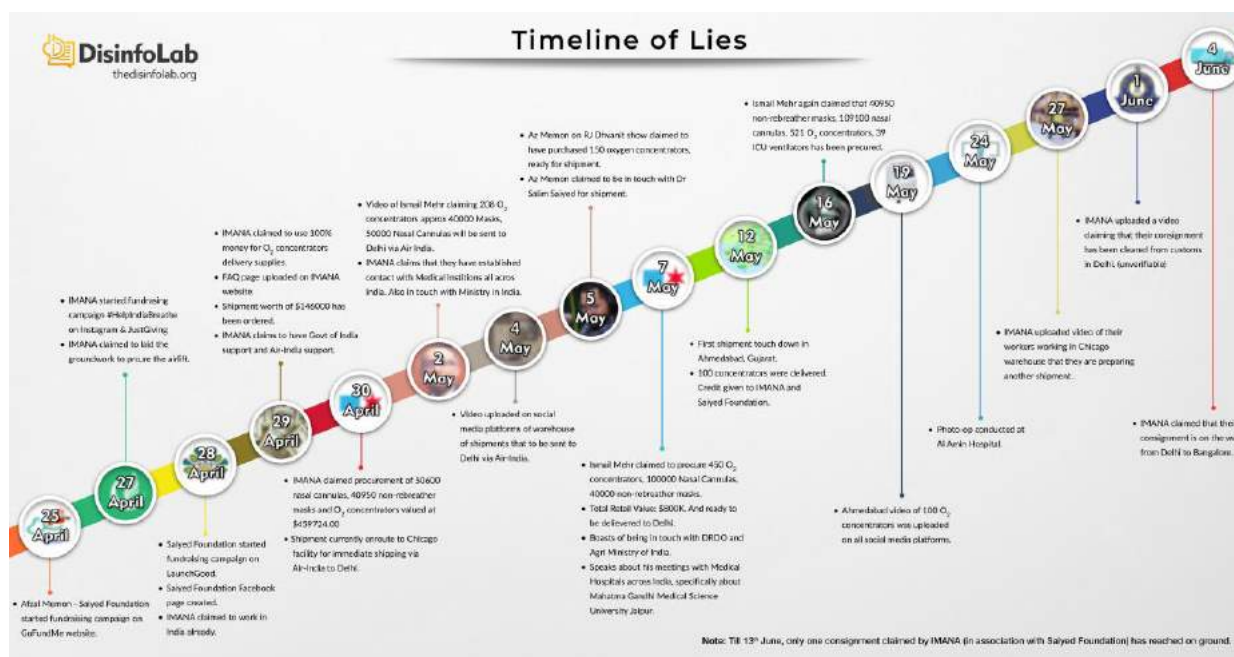
⁴⁰ <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/may/18/lucknows-jama-masjid-provides-oxygen-cylinders-to-covid-patients-2304239.html>

⁴¹ <https://theprint.in/health/this-muslim-trust-in-surat-is-helping-covid-patients-breathe-easy/645840/>

What IMANA Could Have Delivered?

Item	Promised/Claimed	Delivery	What they could have delivered	
			Min Collection = \$ 4.125mn	Max Collection = \$ 21.7mn
Nasal Cannulas	259700	???	515625	2712500
Non-Rebreather Masks	102900	???	211148	1110769
Oxygen Concentrators	1179	???	2320	12206

The Timeline:



PART 2: The Crisis: A feast of Vultures

Chapter 6: Come one, Come All

IMANA was not the only organization stealing funds in name of crisis in India. There were many. It was one-in-a-century crisis, and they knew how much they could milch it. It was also an opportunity to capitalise on India's and Indian's goodwill world over. And they did capitalise.

During the last counting, one fund-raising platform alone (Launch Good), there were about 66 fund raising campaigns being run in name of India. The tally on other platforms would be similar, and this does not even take into account various ads being run on various social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google and so forth.

These platforms vary in terms of transparency, from total opaque to somewhat transparent, but none provide a robust mechanism to restore the trust of donor.

Shady Organizations Raising Funds on India's Goodwill

As noted, maximum campaigns seem to have been run on Launch Good, which also happens to be the least transparent platform. Some of the major organizations have collected funds on Launch Good include- ICNA Relief Canada, Human Concern International (Canada), Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD), and Islamic Relief UK.

1. Helping Hand for Relief and Development USA (HHRD)

HHRD, despite being exposed repeatedly, and most recently by our [previous Report](#), also managed to exploit the Covid crisis to collect funds. HHRD had launched a fund collection drive on Launch Good #StrugglingToBreathe; and so far, seems to have collected about \$40 k (out of a projected target of \$ 80k).



HHRD's campaign on Launch Good fundraising platform⁴²

HHRD is the international front of Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief USA. HHRD and ICNA charities, which ran the disinformation campaign against India after New Delhi revoked the

⁴²https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/struggling_to_breathe_provide_oxygen_generators_to_indian_hospitals?src=internal_discover#!/

special status of Jammu and Kashmir state, are self-identified US charities of Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) based out of Pakistan. HHRD had done 214 different projects with Al-Khidmat in the past.⁴³

It is under the guise of international aid, has openly worked with U.S. designated terrorist organizations in the disputed region of Kashmir. (Refer to chapter 7 of the USCIRF report by DisInfo Lab). In Dec 2017, HHRD organized a conference in Pakistan. Other organizations sponsoring the event included the Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation, the charitable wing of the Pakistani terrorist organization, Lashkar-e-Taiba. HHRD also held another conference in Pakistan which was sponsored by Al-Khidmat, the official charity wing of Jel.

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New Delhi/Washington, April 4 (IANS) The two charities, which lobbied against India over Kashmir in the US Congress last year, work closely with Pakistan-based terror groups Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Both Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD) and its sister organisation Islamic Council of North America (ICNA) charities, which run the disinformation campaign against India after New Delhi revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir state, are self-identified US charities of Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) based out of Pakistan.

Not only does the Jel, an Islamist organisation founded in 1941 in British India by Maulana Maududi, strive towards the establishment of Islamic rule, it also uses its armed wing, the banned terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, to pursue that goal in Kashmir by supporting separatism from India. Apart from that, its charities "HHRD and ICNA" work closely with terror groups based out of Pakistan.

Sources who have been investigating terror links of the US-based charities said that 15-year-old HHRD organised a conference in Pakistan in December 2017 with the Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation and the Milli Muslim League, the charitable and political wings, respectively, of the banned Pakistani terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Founded in 1990 in the Kunar province of Afghanistan and based in Mirdike near Lahore, Lashkar has earned the dubious distinction of "globally designated terrorist group" and its chief Hafiz Saeed is the mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

Same year, the HHRD held another conference in Pakistan which was sponsored by Al-Khidmat, the official charity wing of Jel, sources said.

HHRD's connection with Lashkar-e-Taiba & Hizbul Mujahideen⁴⁴

Specifically of concern are the innocuous sounding organization, Helping Hands for Relief and Development (HHRD) and their "sister organization," the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA).^[6] While they sell themselves as innocuous Muslim civic society organizations, they are, in fact, arms of one of the most radical networks in the world.

There is no serious doubt that ICNA and HHRD are part of Jamaat-e-Islami's international network. Indeed, the evidence is overwhelming and extensive.^[7] Vali Nasr of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced and International Studies names ICNA as one of the most important branches of Jamaat-e-Islami in the world.^[8] Regrettably, there is significant evidence that Helping Hands for Relief and Development and ICNA are directly involved in terror finance. Indeed, Helping Hands for Relief and Development, under the guise of international aid, has openly worked with U.S. designated terrorist organizations in the disputed region of Kashmir.

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In 2016, the U.S. Treasury Department designated the Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation as a terrorist organization.^[10] But that's just one example. Another sponsor of the conference was a Pakistani charity named Al-Khidmat,

HHRD's more connections with terror outfits⁴⁵

Besides, HHRD claims that it works with 'Muslim Charity Hospital' in Hyderabad and 'Bachon Ka Ghar' orphanage in Aligarh. HHRD also claimed to have worked in India with local partners NGOs through Orphan Support, Education Support, Skills Development and Livelihood. However, despite

⁴³ www.hhrd.org/pdf/wfl/2017-WFL-WASH-WhatTheyEntail.pdf

⁴⁴ <https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/2-antiindia-us-charities-work-closely-with-hizbul-let/1791332>

⁴⁵ http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/#_ftn7

this illustrious background, and raising \$30k in name of India, they did not provide any details of their 'charity' work in India during the Covid crisis.

HHRD provides water and sanitation, hygiene, orphan sponsor and skills development programs in India. It supports the Muslim Charity Hospital in Hyderabad and the Aligarh Bachon Ka Ghar orphanage.

HHRD was founded in 2005 as a global humanitarian relief and development organization that responds to human suffering in emergency and disaster situations around the world. It also works on long-term relief and development programs.

HHRD's connections in India⁴⁶

2. ICNA Relief Canada

It was touching to see that another ICNA fronts too wanted to help India! ICNA Relief Canada (IRC) is an off-shoot of ICNA Canada (company no. 4292456 and Business ID: 843455478RC000) is yet another organization which wishes to help India during Covid crisis.

Fun Fact:

IRC is sister concern of ICNA – which is linked with Pakistan based terror outfits and its multiple fronts have been collecting money from public which was diverted to lobbying against India's interests. (For Details, please refer DisInfo Lab' Report on USCIRF)

ICNA Relief Canada launched a Fund-raiser to help India on April 28, 2021. It has so far raised \$1239 out of \$5000 CAD for the cause of tackling COVID-19 crisis in India.



ICNA Relief Canada's fundraise campaign on Launch Good⁴⁷

They also claimed to be collaborating with Human Welfare Trust (HWT) in India to provide medical equipment, hygiene kits, and food packages. They claimed to have built two floors (50 beds) for Al-Shifa Hospital (Delhi).

⁴⁶ <https://www.samaritanmag.com/news/how-support-india-through-its-covid-19-crisis>

⁴⁷ https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/covid19_relief_for_india_1?src=internal_comm_page#!/

Our Work & Plan

Since the start of the pandemic, ICNA Relief Canada has been providing hygiene kits and food packages to those affected by the pandemic, whether that's due to the numerous lockdowns affecting their income, difficulties working as a result of being infected by the virus, among many other reasons.

Through our partner's hospital, the Alshifa Multispecialty Hospital in New Delhi, and the two additional floors we have built for the hospital, we are prepared to support thousands of COVID-19 patients on their path to recovery.

The COVID-19 situation in India is unlike anything ever seen in the world. With hundreds of thousands of new cases every day, the need for immediate aid is imperative. With the support of ICNA Relief Canada's partner, Human Welfare Trust, we are providing medical equipment, hygiene kits, and food packages to those affected by the pandemic.

However, there was no proof about their contributions. In fact, during the inauguration of the new floors of the hospital, there is no mention of ICNA Relief Canada but a UAE based Aster DM healthcare.



Human Welfare Trust inaugurating COVID-19 hospital⁴⁸

3. Human Concern International

Human Concern International is another Canada-based NGO that started two campaigns during the ongoing COVID-19 in India – one on 17th April, 2021 and another on 5th May, 2021. HCI has so far seemed to have collected about CAD 18k for its intended charity in India. However, like other of its sister organizations, there is no details about any help that might actually have reached India.

⁴⁸ <https://twitter.com/hwtindia2026/status/1392483300992815110>



Campaigns of Human Concern International on Launch Good⁴⁹

Human Concern International is a Canada-based NGO founded in 1980 (Company No. 2095149 & Business No. 107497125RC0001). The purpose behind the creation of HCI was to provide humanitarian relief in Afghanistan. However, in past they reported to have had links with Osama Bin Laden and Al-Qaida.

Back in 1996, Khadr was arrested in Pakistan on suspicion of financing the bombing of the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad. His arrest coincided with a "Team Canada" trade visit. Chretien raised Khadr's case with the Pakistani prime minister. Khadr was released a short time later.

Khadr always insisted he had no terrorist connections, that he works for the charity Human Concern International. In an interview in Afghanistan in 2000 Khadr said he believes in helping people.

"The real suffering is for the vulnerable groups; I'm talking about the children, I'm talking about the orphans, I'm talking about the elderly ones, I'm talking about the disabled people. These are the ones that are most hit by the suffering," he said.

But intelligence officials believe Khadr was a member of al-Qaeda and the money he raised in Canadian mosques went to support bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

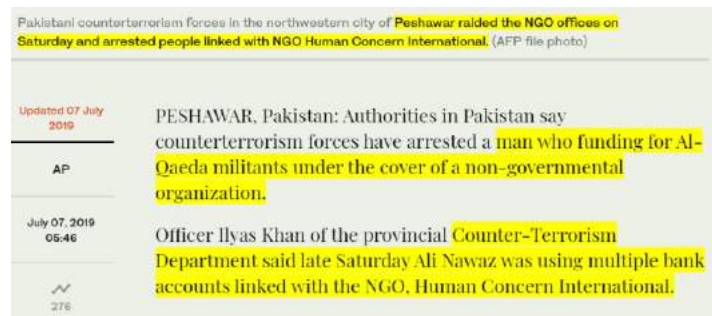
CBS News about Ahmed Khadr

CBC News Canada had reported that Ahmed Said Khadr⁵⁰, the first head of Pakistan desk of Human Concern International had links with militant and Mujahideen leaders in Afghanistan. He was also accused of financing Al Qaida during his tenure.

In July 2019, counter-terrorism forces of Pakistan arrested Ali Nawaz, the head of Human Concern International (Pakistan office) for funding Al Qaeda militants.

⁴⁹ Cam1: https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/food_and_water_for_the_fasting_3?src=internal_discover#!/
Cam 2: https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/india_needs_oxygen_2#!/

⁵⁰ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/canadians-believed-killed-in-pakistan-shootout-1.360586>



Raid at HCI's Pakistan office⁵¹

The involvement in Pakistan goes up to its establishment. Former Pakistani Ambassador to Afghanistan Rustam Shah Mohmand was also accused of financing terrorism during the arrest of Ali Nawaz back in 2019. His association was also present with Human Concern International, as per Pakistani media Dawn. However, both Nawaz and Mohmand, along with four others in June 2020.⁵²

It added that the accused had diverted funds meant for charity work to terrorist outfits.

The case was registered under Section 11-N of Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, which deals with the financing of terrorist organisations. However, sections 3 and 4 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010, and Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Pakistan Penal Code were included in it.

The CTD claimed that millions of rupees had been transacted from 11 bank accounts of the charity, while the accused failed to provide satisfactory answers regarding those funds.

Diversion of funds by HCI to Al-Qaeda⁵³

HCI board of members:

Neither pictures, nor the basic information of board members of Human Concern International is available on their official website.⁵⁴ However, as per a public listing of the organization, following names have popped up:

YAZAN NASREDDING (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

MUMTAZ AKHTAR (CHAIRPERSON)

ISHTIAQ SALIM (VICE CHAIRPERSON)

Note: Barely any information is available about these individuals.

⁵¹ <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1521926/world>

⁵² <https://www.dawn.com/news/1563788>

⁵³ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1536906>

⁵⁴ <https://humanconcern.org/our-team/>

Revenues and Expenses:

As per a 2020 filing by HCI – it had a revenue of \$ 5 million! (INR 30 Cr). Out of which it pays \$ 4 lakh approx. as salaries. Other than whatever is saved from funding Al Qaeda or other terrorists, the remaining money is distributed amongst the executives.

- Human Concern International Annual report 2020:⁵⁵
- Human Concern International Tax Filing details:⁵⁶

However, despite such coffers and despite the donations taken in name of helping India, there has been no details about where actually the help has gone. One can only imagine, and shudder.

HCI usually works with Council of Gujarati Canadians and Jamia Islamia Ishaatul Uloom, Maharashtra (FCRA approved). Last year in July, HCI had also conducted a fundraise campaign with Council of Gujarati Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.⁵⁷ However, this time around, they didn't bother to give any such update on collaboration.

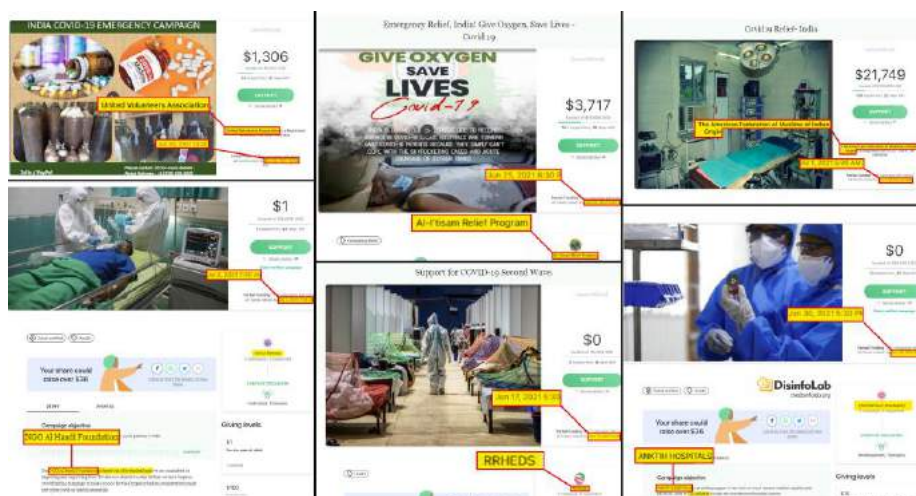
⁵⁵ <https://humanconcern.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/HCI-Annual-Report-2020.pdf>

⁵⁶ <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/311719723>

⁵⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/gujaraticouncil/posts/1760918044045940>

Chapter 7: A Loot for All

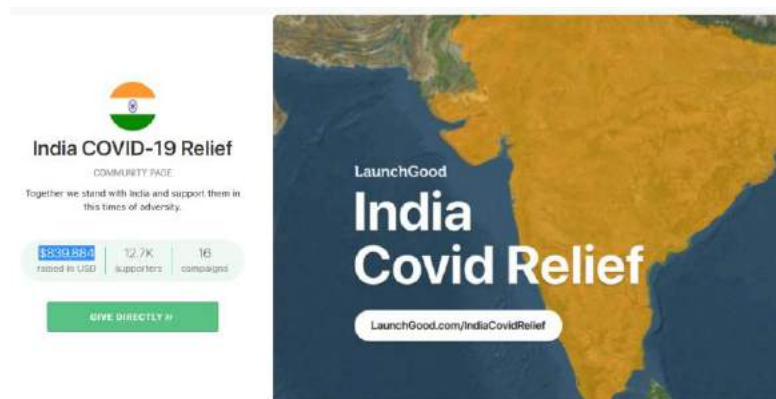
Not only the crocodiles, Covid crisis in India became a golden opportunity for even smaller fish to fill their coffers, which are likely to be used against India itself. Following is some of the other organizations that have been running fund-raisers – Either some with questionable background, or legally not registered/FCRA approved.



Organizations who ran/running fundraising campaigns on Launch Good for India

List of Non-approved FCRA & Non-registered NGOs working with Fundraising NGOs on Launch Good.

- Launch Good gives space to the NGOs who don't provide any transparency in their objective, collaborating partners, organizer details etc.
- And, there is no feature to report suspicious fund raising!
- There were 23 organizations that do not have any credible collaborative partner/ vetted local regional NGOs in India. Some local NGOs either did not have proper registration number or were not FCRA approved.
- Some NGOs like Human Concern International, Ilm Feed (Islamic Relief UK), and HHRD have been running several parallel campaigns.
- Total amount of funds raised in the name of India through these small fund-raisers alone is US\$1.2mn or Rs. 8.8 crores (INR). Out of which, US\$ 839, 884 (Rs. 6.13 crores INR) has been raised just in the name of COVID-19 crisis in India.



Campaigns running on Launch Good for COVID-19 crisis in India⁵⁸

The following table comprises of the NGOs/Organizations who either do not have FCRA, or the partner NGOs are not registered. The list also contains the NGOs who have not provided any transparency on their partner organizations.

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https://www.launchgood.com/communitypage/india_covid19_relief?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=topic_card&utm_campaign=india_covid19#!/community/india_covid19_relief/

Organization/NGO	Registered	Fundraise Target	Raised so far	Organizing Partner	Aid region	FCRA
Penny Appeal Canada	Yes	\$65,000 CAD	\$64,504	Not Mentioned	NA	NA
ICNA Relief Canada	Yes	\$5000	\$1239	Human Welfare Trust (Alshifa Hospital Delhi)	Al Shifa Hospital, Delhi	Yes
Human Concern International	Yes	\$20,000 CAD	\$18,228	Jamia Islamia Ishaatul Uloom, Maharastra and Council of Gujarati Canadians	India	Yes
Al Haadi Islamic Foundation/Center	UK	\$133k & \$50k	\$16	Aziz Ur Rahman (Director)	Telangana	NA
Al-I-tisam Relief Program	Malaysia	\$10K USD	\$3642	Not Mentioned	Madukkur, Tamil Nadu	NA
Ilm Feed (Islamic Relief UK)	United Kingdom	Multiple campaigns		Islamic Relief UK	United Kingdom	NA
United Volunteers Association	US & India	\$5000 USD	\$1306 USD	United Volunteers Association	Telangana	NO
Move to Help Foundation	Yes (USA)	US\$ 150,000	US\$ 24206	Not given	Kashmir after removal of article 370 till Dec 2021	NA
Stand with Kashmir	US	\$20,000	\$20,156	sahal kango	US and Kashmir	NO
Orphans in Need	UK	£3,600 GBP	£133	Orphans in Kashmir	UK	NA
Hayath Medical Relief Foundation	US	\$25,000	\$27,239	Shahaab Ugene (Founder)	US	NA
Children of Hope	NA	CAD 20000	CAD 17801	Mustafa Sabiya Educational Trust, Bhu Worth Child Care, Manappat Foundation	India, Pakistan, bangladesh, Afghanistan, kenya	NA
Baitulmaal Inc	US and Pak	\$300000	\$310477	Baitulmal inc	Syria, Yemen, Gaza, Palestine, Pakistan	NA
iERA Canada (Islamic Education & Research Academy)	NA					NA
American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin (AFMI)	USA	\$100k USD	\$21,737 USD	Rehnuma Foundation Trust & Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College	Aligarh, Hyderabad & Ahmedabad	NO (Rehuma)
Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)	Yes	\$80k	\$39k	Not Mentioned	India	NA
One Ummah Foundation	Yes	\$10k	\$3.1k	Not Mentioned	India	NA
Camel Foundation USA	Yes	\$50k	\$13k	Syed Numan	NA	NA
Global Citizens	NA	£25k	£15k	Khaled Moyeed	NA	NA
Humanitarian Hearts Foundation USA Inc	Yes	\$5K	\$10	NA	India	NA
Mufti Barkatulla	UK	\$10K	\$1.5k	NA	NA	NA
Anjuman Khudamudeen Foundation	NA	£1k	£182	NA	Maharashtra	NA
Shafi Khalisdar	NA	\$5k	\$182	NA	Allahabad	NA

Chapter 8: Launch Good- So bad for India

It is not a coincidence that one of the most preferred platforms for siphoning India's money was Launch good. Ever since its official launch, the platform has emerged as the Silicon Valley for all the fund-raising NGOs and organizations that serve only one community all over the world.

Silicon Valley for Fundraisers

Launch Good is a crowdfunding platform that got incorporated on December 30, 2014 (Company no. 5665851) is based Kent, Detroit.

Entity Details			
THIS IS NOT A STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING			
File Number:	5665851	Incorporation Date / Formation Date:	12/30/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)
Entity Name:	LAUNCHGOOD, INC.		
Entity Kind:	Corporation	Entity Type:	General
Residency:	Domestic	State:	DELAWARE
REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION			
Name:	NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT SERVICE, INC.		
Address:	8 THE GREEN, STE B		
City:	DOVER	County:	Kent
State:	DE	Postal Code:	19901
Phone:	302-581-4070		

Corporate details of Launch Good⁵⁹

(The result can be accessed by simply searching in the given link)

But they claim to have officially launched in 2013 as per their “About Us” section. The LinkedIn bio⁶⁰ of its founder Chris “Abdur Rahman Blauvelt” also states the same.

September 2013 - \$0

LaunchGood.com officially launches 🚀

It wasn't the fanciest website (or even mobile-friendly), but thanks to a few incredible Muslims willing to take a leap of faith like Nadoona, Bassem Rashidi, and Peter Gould, we took off.



Launch Good's incorporation as per their website⁶¹

⁵⁹ <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/eCorp/EntitySearch/NameSearch.aspx>

⁶⁰ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/cjbblauvelt/>

⁶¹ <https://www.launchgood.com/about-us>

The purpose behind creating this organization is to serve Muslim community worldwide via crowdfunding and providing aid. And as per the website, Launch Good has helped in raising over \$243.8M US in 149 countries with over 30.5K campaigns since its advent.

The Organization and people:

1. Chris Abdur Rahman Blauvelt-

Chris Abdur Rahman is the founder and CEO of Launch Good. Chris was born as Christian who later converted his religion to Muslim at the age of 16⁶². Turns out, he has been associated with Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). He attended the 52nd convention of ISNA in 2015, just a few months after the incorporation of Launch Good.



2. Omar Hamid

Omar Hamid is a resident of Georgia one of the core members of Launch Good. He was one of the donors of IMANA in 2018⁶³. (Refer Pg. 26)

3. Amany Killawi

Amany Killawi is one of the co-founders and director of Launch Good. She was one of the speakers at the 53rd convention of ISNA in 2016. Moreover, she is also the founder of Detroit Minds and Hearts Fellowship (a program of MAS Youth Detroit)

⁶² <https://www.muslimsforamericanprogress.org/chris-abdur-rahman-blauvelt>

⁶³ <https://imana.org/imana-backup/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/IMANA-Impact-Report-2018-Single-Web.pdf>

⁶³ <https://www.isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/FINAL-Speaker-Bio-Book-1.pdf>

Part 3: Danger: Help India Bleed

Chapter 9: A Chip off the Old Block

On the face of it all the above-mentioned frauds in the name of Covid crisis would look like yet another financial crime, albeit of a much heinous nature. As there was no dearth of individual heroics during crisis, there was also no dearth of vultures who were feasting upon the crisis – from illegal sell of medicines to hoarding of other critical resources.

However, the Covid Aid Scam 2021 has a much sinister agenda than merely looting the money. It is where the money could be spent that should raise concerns in India.

IMANA is one of the largest Muslim medical healthcare organization in North America. And while it does maintain a façade of charity, IMANA's background provides a good insight about the nature and potential utilization of the Covid aid scam it has carried out in India.

IMANA espouses the idea of Islamic Shura Council and Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). It has also worked with "Justice for All" which we have already covered in the USCIRF report⁶⁴.

About IMANA

Who We Are?

Organized by a small number of Muslim physicians in 1967, IMANA has since come a long way. It is more simply a professional association. IMANA provides a platform for Muslim physicians and students to discuss issues and share ideas relevant to Muslims in North America and around the world. Members of IMANA enrich their professional knowledge and learn about the theory and practice of Islamic medical ethics.

IMANA is a constituent organization of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). In its pursuit of unity among all Muslims, IMANA supports the vision of the Islamic Shura Council and its member organizations such as Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), Ministry of Imam Warith Deen Mohammad and The Muslim Community of Imam Jamil al-Amin. IMANA is also a member of the Chicago Based Justice for All which has united organizations all over the United States to work collectively for justice and peace.



IMANA's About me section of early 2000 (archived)

IMANA was formed by an Islamic umbrella organization of North America- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), which in turn was a revamped product of Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

⁶⁴ (<https://thedisinfo.org/uscirf-the-organisation-of-particular-concern>)

History

In the Fall of 1967 at the annual meeting of the Muslim Students Association (MSA) in Columbus, Ohio, a few Muslim physicians — notably Dr. Mobin Akhtar and Dr. Amjad Ali — established the Muslim Medical Association as a branch of the MSA, which evolved into the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

The following year from the Muslim Medical Association, a separate entity called The Islamic Medical Association (IMA) of the US and Canada was formed and the annual convention was held in New York City. The founders consisting of a few Muslim physicians wrote the constitution, renamed it to the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) and Dr. Bashir Zikria (IMANA president term 1969-1971) obtained the tax-exempt status and created the original IMANA logo. Dr. Zikria and the other founders laid IMANA's foundation.

History of IMANA⁶⁵

Moreover, the founding members of IMANA were also the core members of ISNA at the time of its inception.

- **Dr. Bashir Zikria-** Laid the foundation of IMANA and served as its president from 1969-1971.
- **Dr. M Basheer Ahmed** (President 1978-79)- Associated with IMANA since its formation from MSA.

Dr M. Basheer Ahmed, MD

Dr Ahmed was IMANA president from 1978 to 1979.



Dr Basheer Ahmed was born in Hyderabad, India. After graduating from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, he continued his postgraduate studies in psychiatry in Scotland and obtained his FRCPsych from London and FRCP from Canada. He served on the faculty of several medical schools, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, Wright State University Medical School in Ohio, and served as Professor of Psychiatry at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas. He is a distinguished life fellow of American Psychiatric Association.

Dr Ahmed served IMANA since its early beginnings; he helped organize annual conventions, edited the IMANA bulletin from 1972 to 1974, helped increase IMANA membership, and served on the executive committee and as the president of IMANA from 1978 to 1979. During his tenure as president of IMANA, he joined other Muslim organizations like the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE), and Muslim Students Association (MSA). These organizations joined together to formulate a national organization, namely the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), of which Dr Ahmed became one of the founders. Dr Ahmed also represented IMANA in the hajj mission to Saudi Arabia.

Details regarding Basheer Ahmed

- **Prof. Khalid Jahangir Qazi-** Lifetime member of ISNA and IMANA. He played a pivotal role in guiding the major expansion of IMANA's international conventions.

In short, most of the members of IMANA have direct affiliations with ISNA.⁶⁶ Recently, IMANA attended the 54th convention of ISNA in 2017. First President of IMANA, Dr. Bashir Zikria also attended the event.⁶⁷

⁶⁵ <https://imana.org/imana-history/>

⁶⁶ <https://iiim.org/Files/E-Book%20IMANA%2050%20Yrs.%20No%201.pdf>

⁶⁷ <https://www.imana.org/imana-at-isnas-54th-annual-convention/>

What is ISNA and Why it matters?

Again, like its brainchild IMANA, Islamic Circle of North America (ISNA) also projects itself as a charity and advocacy organization, but, has strong organic relations with radical Islamist and terror groups!

In 2017, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) audited ISNA's books for two years between January 1, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2009 and found shocking details. The ISNA-established Jami Mosque that was used for terror funding to Relief Organization for Kashmiri Muslims (ROKM) - A charitable arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan.⁶⁸ Subsequent to findings, CRA revoked the charity status of ISNA for distributing over \$280,000 to an organization, which was linked to a terrorist organization in Pakistan, such as Hizbul Mujahideen.⁶⁹

As a clever ploy, the ISNA dissociated itself with ISNA-Canada, claimed "no official tie". However, following facts establish beyond doubt the organic relationship between the sister concerns:

- i) ISNA Bylaws specifically include a Canadian ISNA official. The current ISNA Canada head is also in charge of major ISNA projects in the U.S.⁷⁰
- ii) ISNA conferences introduce ISNA Canada officials as organizing officials.⁷¹
- iii) ISNA Canada President (2009) Dr. Mohammed Bakkari has also served as the executive director of ISNA USA.⁷²

⁶⁸ <https://smedia2.intoday.in/indiatoday/354089173-CRA-s-Intention-to-Revoke-Letter-to-ISNA-Islamic-Services-of-Canada.compressed.pdf>

⁶⁹ <https://torontosun.com/2013/09/20/islamic-groups-charitable-status-revoked-over-alleged-link-to-terror-organization>

⁷⁰ <https://isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/19-Year-End-Newsletter-2-2.pdf>

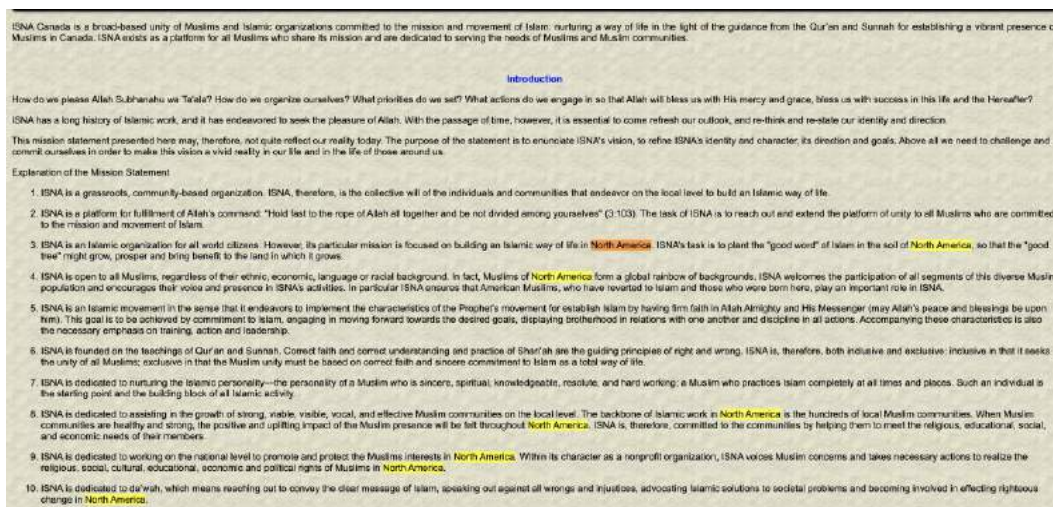
⁷¹ <https://isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ISNA-2020-Program-9.pdf> (Page 4)

⁷² <http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com/national-news/4426-isna-announces-nationwide-search-for-transformative-executive-director>

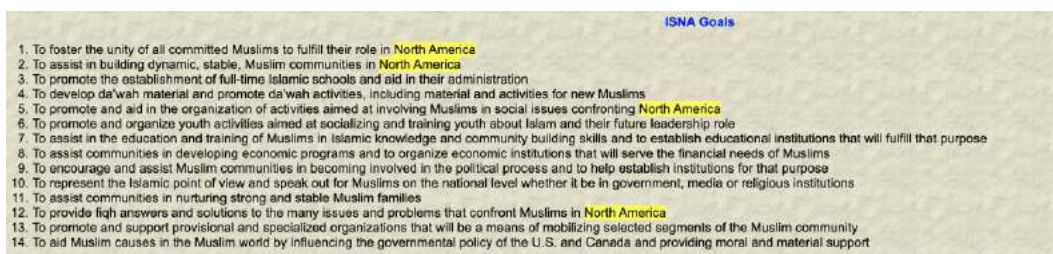


ISNA Canada Election Committee Announcement

iv) ISNA Canada's Mission statement (archive 2004) clearly states their main motive is to work for ISNA North America.⁷³



ISNA Canada's Mission Statement



ISNA Canada's Goals

⁷³ <https://web.archive.org/web/20040226002332/http://www.isnacanada.com/isna/Mission.htm>

The Hamas Connection

ISNA Admits Hamas Ties

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In its latest filing before the federal district court in Dallas on behalf of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and its affiliate organization, the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) in the Hamas-terrorism financing case, the ACLU has made a noteworthy admission.

Rather than deny that there is copious evidence tying ISNA and NAIT to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, the brief argues that such evidence is merely dated. In a curious footnote on page 7, the reply states:

ISNA's terror funding networks do not only reach in India's neighborhood, but spread world over. ISNA has been alleged to have financed terror activities of Hamas.⁷⁴

In addition, IMANA/ ISNA have also been funding Al-Khidmat Foundation, which apart from being the 'charity wing' of JeI, has also been funding Hamas. Another organization Holy Land Foundation is banned USA due to its link with HAMAS.⁷⁵ Its connection is found with ISNA.

⁷⁴ (<https://www.investigativeproject.org/732/isna-admits-hamas-ties>)

⁷⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case>

INTRODUCTION

The United States, through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits its memorandum in opposition to Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and the North American Islamic Trust's (NAIT) motion for equitable relief. Through this motion – filed without leave of court and without formal intervention – ISNA and NAIT seek a range of declaratory and injunctive relief stemming from the public filing of Attachment A (“List of Unindicted Co-conspirators and/or Joint Venturers”) to the government’s May 29, 2007 trial brief. As part of the requested relief, ISNA and NAIT seek the “expunging of

GOVERNMENT’S MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AND NORTH AMERICAN ISLAMIC TRUST’S MOTION FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF

Petitioners’ names from any public document filed or issued by the Government that identifies Petitioners as unindicted co-conspirators.” Pet. Mot. at 3. According to Petitioners, their motion is an effort to combat the negative press it allegedly incurred by being identified as a participant in a network of U.S.-based organizations affiliated with the designated foreign terrorist organization, HAMAS. ISNA and NAIT allege that the Government’s identification of them as unindicted co-conspirators and/or joint venturers nearly fourteen months ago caused them significant injury, resulting in a violation of their Fifth and First Amendment rights.

Another Proof⁷⁶

Fun Fact:

What is the explanation given by ISNA/ICNA/IMANA etc., for their terror funding accusations?

“We provide funds only to charity organizations. Onwards, what do they do with these funds, we don’t care!”

IMANA and Pak Military Links (Milbus)

IMANA provides ‘help’ to Pakistan through Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust (AMT), according to IMANA Care 2020 Annual Report. The AMT is nothing but part of Pakistan’s Milbus ‘military capital’, that is used for the personal benefit of the Pak Army fraternity, especially the officer cadre, but is neither recorded nor part of the defence budget.

⁷⁶ <https://www.investigativeproject.org/732/isna-admits-hamas-ties>



Should there be any confusion about the AMT of having all characteristics of an Milbus organization - its whole office management is run by the retired Army, Navy & Air Force personnel.

- <https://almustafatrust.org.pk/contents/office-management>
- <https://almustafatrust.org.pk/contents/executive-committee>
- <https://almustafatrust.org.pk/contents/trustees>

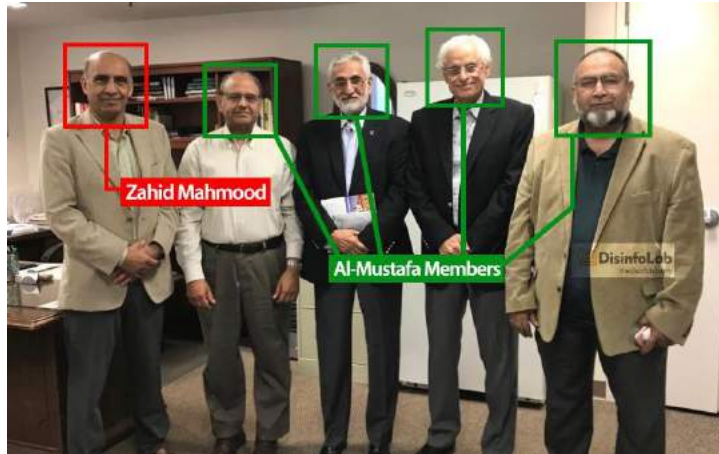
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Trustees of Al-Mustafa

And AMT Chairman profusely thanks IMANA's **Operations Director** Zahid Mahmood⁷⁷ for the financial support provided to Pakistan during Covid-19.⁷⁸ IMANA's Director of Operations - Zahid Mahmood is the Ex-Pakistani Naval Officer who has also served in Pakistan International Airlines. So basically, IMANA is not assisting Milbus, but it might be the Milbus that is 'assisting' IMANA.

⁷⁷ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/zahid-mahmood-33a5b415>

⁷⁸ <https://imana.org/imana-backup/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/AMT-Letter.pdf>



Zahid Mahmood with Al-Mustafa members⁷⁹

The Same Circle of Hell

IMANA's network is not limited to just ISNA. Its previous Board Members who held high positions at IMANA included high functionaries from other organizations including ICNA, Justice for All, and Sound Vision – which again were found to have deep nexus with Pak based terror outfits.

IMANA and Justice for ALL: The Sound Vision Managing Director and President of Islamist group Justice for All, Khursheed Mallick⁸⁰ was the Executive Director of IMANA during the 1980s.

At the nineteenth annual convention held in Washington, DC on 3–6 July 1986, with Dr Hossam Fadel as president and Dr Faroque Khan as president-elect, a formal decision was taken to hold the first international convention in Kashmir. It was also decided that we should explore the potential of international conventions on alternate years. The venue selection was, in retrospect, influenced by the then executive director Dr Khursheed Mallick as well as by the fascination of many IMA members with the legendary beauty of Kashmir and the presence of three physicians from Kashmir in the organising committee for the DC meeting (Drs Faroque Khan, Khalid Qazi, and Mushtaq Shah).

Khursheed Mallick was also the co-chairman of the body at the time of the 34th Annual & 6th International Convention TEHRAN — IRAN.⁸¹

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The responsibility of IMANA in coordinating tour, hotel, travel or visa arrangements is limited. IMANA assumes no liability whatsoever for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect, through the acts or defaults of any company or in the management of travel or tour, or from any cause beyond IMANA's control.

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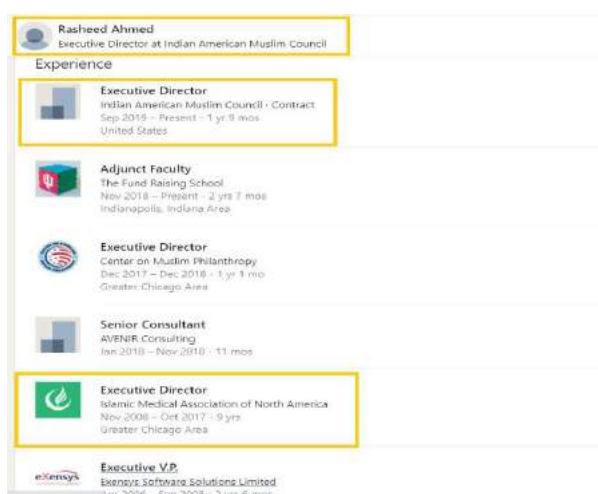
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Ilhfat A. Alavi, M.D.	Member	M. H. Nicknam, M.D., Ph.D.	Local Chairman
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⁷⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/imanacares/posts/2498226276962471>

⁸⁰ <https://iiim.org/Files/E-Book%20IMANA%2050%20Yrs.%20No%201.pdf>

⁸¹ <http://web.archive.org/web/20011211235714/http://imana.org/convention2.html>

IMANA and IAMC- Rasheed Ahmed, the present Executive Director of Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) was also the Executive Director of IMANA until 2017. He served there for nine years between November 2008-October 2017. IAMC, as exposed in our previous report, has managed to infiltrate US Commission for International Religious Freedom.



IAMC Executive Director Rasheed Ahmed's LinkedIn Profile⁸²

Another name that has played a significant role in pushing anti-India narratives is Dr. Shaik Mohammad Ubaid, the founder of IAMC. Dr Ubaid was the 'Pokesman' (sic) of IMANA⁸³.

(Shaik Ubaid, a medical doctor who lives in Baldwin, is the former national pokesman for the Islamic Medical Association of North America and the founding President of the Indian Muslim Council-USA.)

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Shaik Ubaid as Spokesman of IMANA in 2003

IMANA– Al Khidmat

Al-Khidmat has extensive ties with Hamas.⁸⁴

“The **Al-Khidmat** Foundation's delegation also delivered special message of Jamaat-e-Islami's ameer to Hamas leader. Khalid Meshaal thanked Pakistani nation for sending the donation to the Palestinian brethren in this hour of need. **Hamas leader assured the delegation that struggling Palestinians will not relinquish their just Jihad and continue to wage it until the First Qibla is liberated from Zionist yoke,**” the article added.⁴¹⁷ [emphasis added]

⁸² <https://www.linkedin.com/in/raasheedahmed>

⁸³ <https://www.countercurrents.org/us-ubaid090603.htm>

⁸⁴ <https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1058.pdf>

When ISNA was incorporated on July 14, 1981, its official location was listed as 6555 South County Road 750 East, in Plainfield, Indiana. At the time, that same address was also used by MSA. Eventually, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF)—the U.S.-based financing wing of Hamas—would share the address as well. The complex that first housed ISNA’s operations—built by the North American Islamic Trust in the late 1970s and early 1980s—featured a \$3.5 million mosque, an 80,000-volume library, and a research centre. Funding for these facilities included a combined \$21 million from the emir of Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood leaders Yusef Qaradawi and Youssef Nada.

ISNA’s three incorporators were listed as: (a) Mahmoud Rashdan, former Secretary General of MSA; (b) Talat Sultan, who later served as president of the Islamic Circle of North America; and (c) Iqbal Unus, a former member of MSA’s General Secretariat who later served stints as president of the Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (a subsidiary of ISNA), Dean of students at the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, Headquarters Director of the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Secretary General of ISNA, and managing editor of ISNA’s Islamic Horizons magazine.

Global Tentacles– IMANA – FIMA – PIMA

FIMA (Federation of Islamic Medical Associations) is the brainchild of the late Drs Ahmed El-Kadi and M.A.A. Khan, which was started at the Annual Convention of IMANA in 1981 in Florida. Its aim was to provide *“valuable platform for networking amongst professionals around the globe and also helping provide much-needed care to the ones who need it the most”*. Dr Ahmed El-Kadi, who was IMANA President during 1974-75, is the former head of Muslim Brotherhood.⁸⁵

DR. AHMED ELKADI



Dr. Ahmed Elkadi (1940-2009), a surgeon, was a leading community worker in the United States since his arrival here in 1965.

He played a pivotal role in establishing numerous Muslim organizations in the United States, including the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), the Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA)

and the Islamic Medical Association (IMA; later Islamic Medical Association of North America [IMANA]). He served as IMANA president during 1974-75.

In 1981, Elkadi helped found the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), an organization spanning 22 countries. He served as its first secretary.

In 2002, he was honored for his service with ISNA’s Mehboob Khan Community Service Recognition Award. He also served as the president of the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT).

In his home of Panama City, Fla., Elkadi had been instrumental in establishing a full-time Islamic school and a medical research institute.

Biography of Ahmed ElKadi-Source “Horizon USA”

⁸⁵ <https://www.globalmbwatch.com/2009/04/14/former-head-of-us-muslim-brotherhood-dies/>

PIMA & Jamaat Affiliation

FIMA – the Federation – has several associates, one of them being from Pakistan-PIMA (Pakistan Islamic Medical Association).⁸⁶ PIMA was formed in Oct 1979. PIMA claims to be a forum for Muslim medical professionals who provide relief to oppressed humanity in Pakistan and around the globe. Its current president is Prof. Muhammad Afzal Mian.

But PIMA is affiliate Jel of Pakistan, Al-Khidmat, HM and Al-Qaeda. Surprise!

PIMA is the subsidiary of Jel and sister organization of Al-Khidmat. In other words, Al-Khidmat & PIMA are working under the umbrella of Jel. It is the same Al-Khidmat which receives donation from IMANA.

While JI and its subsidiary bodies - Al-Khidmat Foundation and the Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA), have stepped up their relief activities for the Attabad lake affectees. Relief goods worth Rs 10 million have already reached Gilgit while a second consignment of goods including tents, food items worth Rs 7 million is on way to Gilgit from Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar simultaneously.

Affiliation of JI with Al-Khidmat & PIMA

FIMA responded to the disaster by sending a team from IMANA (IMA North America) under the expert leadership of Dr Ismail Mehr. They have performed sterling work and formed effective networks of collaboration with other organizations in facilitating the relief efforts. A 2nd team is currently in Haiti. PIMA (IMA of Pakistan) and their sister organization Al-Khidmat, will be sending a team of emergency specialists under the leadership of Dr Tanveer Zubairi into Haiti as well. Dr Yakub Essak (IMA South Africa) assisted the Gift of the Givers, a relief NGO in South Africa, with its medical and medicines requirement. They will be sending their second mission soon.

PIMA as sister organization of Al-Khidmat⁸⁷

Members of PIMA has shown ties with different terrorist organizations. Prominent names among them are Hizbul Mujahideen headed by Syed Salahuddin⁸⁸ & Al-Qaeda⁸⁹.

⁸⁶ <https://fimaweb.net/>

⁸⁷ <http://www.fimaweb.net/cms/index.php/62-relief-work/haiti-earthquake>

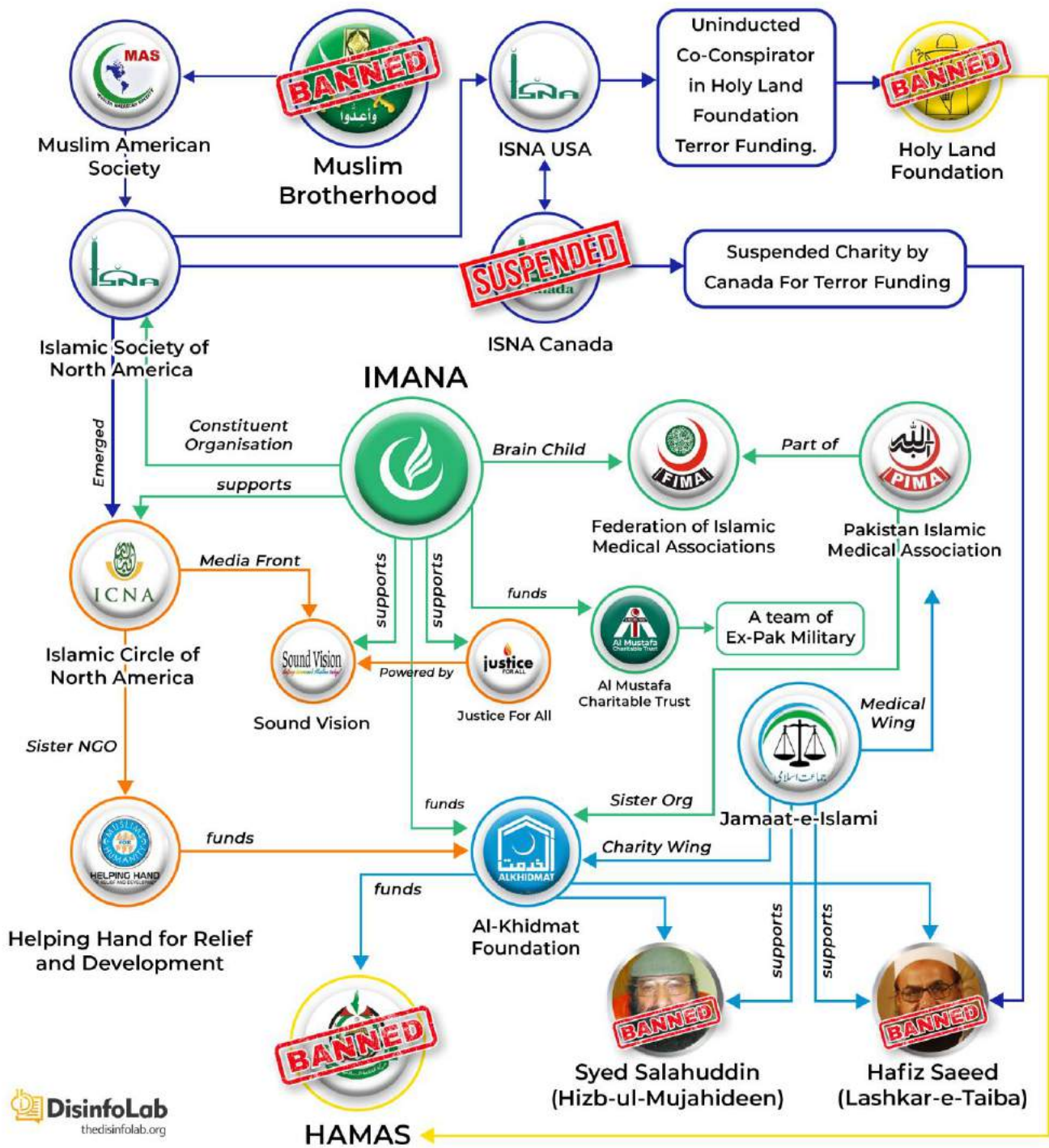
⁸⁸ https://www.google.co.in/books/edition/The_General_and_Jihad/FROoqAp2QJsC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=%22Pakistan+Islamic+Medical+Association%22+AND+Jamaat-e-Islam&pg=PT49&printsec=frontcover

⁸⁹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/archive/print/641636-islamic-state-and-jundallah-meeting-creates-ripples>

belonging to Islami Jamiat Tuleba. Ataur Rehman was assisted in recruiting youngsters to wage 'jihad' by Karachi's Dr Arshad Waheed, an orthopaedic surgeon, his brother Dr Akmal Waheed, also a neurosurgeon and Engineer Ahsan Aziz. They were not only active members of the Jamaat-e-Islami's Medical Wing, Pakistan Islamic Medical Association, but also had close links with Syed Salahuddin-led Hizbul Mujahideen. The creation of Jundallah was a prime example of al-Qaeda's changing face in Pakistan. Being the eldest son of a businessman, Sheikh Ataur Rehman grew up in a middle-class neighborhood in Karachi and worked actively first for Islami Jamiat Tuleba and then for Jamaat-e-Islami. His journey to terrorism began after he went to

Fun Fact: Al- Qaeda's founder Osama Bin Laden took a hideout in Tora Bora hills which is near South Waziristan.⁹⁰

⁹⁰ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CPRT-111SPRT53709/html/CPRT-111SPRT53709.htm>



Conclusion:

Funds worth tens of crores donated by well-meaning people world over to help India in crisis – has been stolen. There is no accountability and in the present globalised world, no mechanism to ensure any accountability. Funds, which in right hands would have saved so many lives. What is most tragic about the whole episode is that several of these organizations had no intention of doing even symbolic help to begin with.

The Covid Scam 2021 was not merely a financial fraud. It was a sophisticated operation put in place.

This whole farce pulled out by the so-called charity organizations was not merely a financial fraud but it was crime against humanity at multiple levels. The Sinister designs to target India had been put in place to damage simultaneously from several angles.

- Mopping up crucial fund at a critical time which could have saved lives, thereby further perpetuating the crisis.
- Exploiting the goodwill that India and Indians have acquired world over.
- Through donation and advertisement campaigns further amplifying the crisis in India.
- Despite their criminal agenda, presenting themselves as saviours and creating goodwill in India and abroad for future activities.
- Likely using these funds to other sinister activities, which in turn are going to target India again.
- Worth noting that on April 26th, US President Biden had made a public appeal – that India had helped the US in its crisis, and now it was the US' turn to help. And lo and behold, several fund-raisers were set-up on April 27th and 28th in the US – by Islamists organizations being run from Pakistan.
- It was one nice way to *#StandWithIndia* that the Pakistan establishment was showing – and which melted several of our strategic expert celebrities! Touché!

This crisis and the scam have provided a window into the design and capabilities these entities have acquired over a period of time to target India. The sheer scale of this exercise is mind-numbing. It is obvious that this machinery has managed to create an eco-system which is self-sustainable from funding to marketing to delivery - entities having close ties with radical Islamists and terrorists' organizations, and being run in cahoots with Pakistan army, managed to raise funds in the name of India exploiting India's hard-earned goodwill.

Most of all, the fund-raising platforms as well as social media platforms need to be more transparent about how do they deal with such activities, while continued to provide means for genuine organizations to do the good work. If small OSINT teams and individuals are able to find the linkages, it may not be difficult for trillion-dollar companies, though It remains to be seen what actions are followed about the money that has already been stolen and likely to go in wrong hands.

It is also high time that governments – from USA to India – take note of this terror-funding money making machinery and provide some mechanism to ensure transparency from these groups. It is worth mentioning that FATF has already raised this concern that lot of funding in the name of Covid is likely to go towards terror funding. Given the scale of network of one set of organizations, the scale of total terror funding could only be imagined.

Epilogue

It is important to keep in mind that these organizations, many of which claim to be working for Muslim interests, essentially rob their money by grabbing a major share of Zakat donations, which are then used for advancing political-strategic agenda of a State, rather than helping the larger Muslim community. A good amount of money is also diverted to terror funding. In the process, a group of people have been running a business of nepotism, where their children and other family persons continue to run these organizations and reap the benefits of the donations that poor Muslim's world over have contributed, believing it to be their duty.

It is also a good time to recall the story of Baba Bharati and his horse.

Long-long ago Baba Bharti had beautiful horse Sultan, who was also sought by the rich dacoit Kharag Singh. He tried to cajole threatened and beg Baba Bharathi to give him the horse but Baba Bharathi wouldn't concede. The horse was the dearest thing to him. One day, Kharag Singh disguised himself as a cripple old man, sat on the path that the Baba Bharti would take daily. When Baba Bharathi approached; the disguised dacoit begged him to help travel. Baba Bharti was a good man. He got down from horse, and helped Kharag Singh climb it. However, no sooner Kharag climbed the horse, he pushed Baba Bharti and off with horse.

Rising from the ground, Baba Bharathi screamed from behind: O Kharag Singh, while you steal the horse, please do not tell this story to anyone, lest people lose faith in good deeds.

It is, therefore, important that this report is seen in this context - not as a blanket resentment against all good work done by several charity organizations but more as a reminder that in an earnest to help, we must not ignore to dig deeper about the organizations who claim to do charity.

Post Script

While we were concluding the story, Dr Mehr of IMANA, having done and dusted his charity work, was found to have been gone to Gilgit for a vacation.

We were unnecessarily complaining that the Covid fund collected by IMANA has not helped anyone. At least, Dr Mehr has helped himself well.



Note: While there is no update from IMANA about an actual delivery being made after 12th May, Ismail Mehr posted a pic on 10th June on FB with flag of Pakistan.