



# IOA Newsletter

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Editorial Policy

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## From the Editor's Desk

### *Assalam-o-Alikum,*

Welcome to yet another issue of IOA newsletter with a seasoned theme, Teamwork. This theme was decided soon after Pakistan's historical and much needed victory at ICC T20. As a nation we needed this to uplift our spirits amidst social and economic challenges we are facing today. And a team of 11 people representing the entire nation did just that. What a moment it was and moments like these run shivers down your spine and even time cannot fade that. We are slow starters by nature; we begin humbly but make it to the top. We have spent more than 60 years but when you talk about successful nations, they are nothing in comparison. Nations have had longer history than that. Why not start afresh? With new hopes, enthusiasm and unity. I

have a feeling we can make it, yes still.

This month, I missed a golden opportunity of meeting IOA team in Karachi. I was leaving the very next day so could not attend. IOA team has emerged as a strong virtual team and it always excites me to be a part of such team and power that lies beneath teamwork, dedication and not to mentioned modern day technology. Let's join in hands to become a nation that not only uses this technology in a positive manner but also develops more concepts like virtual office. We can do it certainly.

I am very delighted to introduce to our talented young new member

Khulud Baig who has recently joined IOA team and will be working with us for the newsletter. I welcome her and all new members onboard and expect more people from every walk of life will join IOA team contributing in their own unique way. As this is the last newsletter before Independence Day, Ramadan and Eid, I on behalf of entire team of IOA wish you a blessed Holy month and a very Happy Eid and Independence Day.

Stay blessed and enjoy reading!

**Nadia Tariq**

**Coordinator, IIm-o-Amal**

### Our Progress over the quarters

Since inception	In last 1 year	In last 3 months
246 members joined	125 members joined	18 members joined
175 scholarships awarded	105 scholarships awarded	9 scholarships awarded
132 families helped	75 families helped	8 families helped
31 loans given	14 loans given	0 loans given

## Latest News (May 1 to July 31, 2009)

### Ilm-o-Amal Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held on July 25, 2009 in Karachi. Our members actively participated in the meeting and expressed their views and opinions on different matters. Read more in the news and events section.

### Mobile Library

We started work on the mobile library service in North Karachi. This service will Inshallah provide free books service to schools in North Karachi. Read more on our website.

### Ilm-o-Amal Press Conference

A press conference was arranged to introduce Ilm-o-Amal and its services to the media on July 22, 2009 at Karachi Press Club. Special thanks to our member Razia Sultana for arranging the briefing. Read more on our website in news and events section.

### Chapter Activities

North Karachi chapter meeting was held at the residence of President Shaikh Abdul Haleem on July 5, 2009.

### New Features in BMS

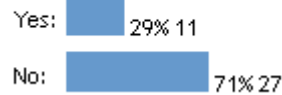
- **School Relationship Management** features are enhanced
- **Review by Guardian Flag** to intimate the coordinator
- **Library Management System** created for mobile library
- **Processes** section added document all the processes followed by the users

### Poll of the Month

We posted a poll on our website [www.ilmoamal.org](http://www.ilmoamal.org)  
The question for April 2009 was "Do you think Zakat is properly used in Pakistan to alleviate poverty?"

The answer was

Result:



### New Members

In alphabetical order

1. Abdul Qadir Sheikh
2. Amir Ghouri
3. Ayesha Alam Khan
4. faizan farooq
5. Fareeda Bano
6. Farzana Jawed
7. Haider Ali
8. Hammad Khaliq
9. Jawar Khan
10. Kamran Siddiqui
11. Khulud Baig
12. Mobashir Shafiq
13. Mohammad Yameen
14. Nadeem Rehan
15. Nuzhat Jabeen
16. Obaid Farooqui
17. Sahar Jabeen
18. Syed Fayyaz Hussain
19. Zaeem Rehan



Members of Ilm-o-Amal Association - Annual Meeting July 25, 2009 Karachi

Seated (left to right): Ms. Shazia (guest), Sadia Sultan (Guardian N.Nazimabad), Lubna Hameed (Coordinator IISAR Foundation School), Nighat Sultana (Field Volunteer), Razia Sultana (Journalist, guest), Saira Nasir (President), Ayesha Shahzad (Coordinator, Family Help), Nida Rehman (Coordinator, Education), Fareeda Bano (Coordinator), Farzana Jawaid (Field Volunteer)  
Standing (left to right): Munir Balouch (Field Volunteer), Salman Farooqui (Officer, IISAR Foundation), Abdul Haleem Shaikh (President North Karachi Zone), Waseem Khan (Field Volunteer), Syed Ishaq (Guardian, Gulshan-e-Iqbal), Nasir Jamal (Treasurer), Saif Manzoor (Secretary), Salahuddin Syed (Guardian DHA & adjacent areas), Abdul Ghani (Guardian Shah Faisal), Ahmad Faraz (V. President), Amjad Chughtai (Guardian FB Area), Asif Raza (Student Volunteer), Munir Ahmad (Guardian, Gulshan-e-Hadeed Steel Town)

## Teamwork: The tremendous power that lies in holding hands and moving together!

*by Khulud Baig*

Recently the nation was presented a pleasant surprise by the Pakistani cricket team when they brought home the T20 World Cup trophy. Everyone seemed happy, excited, and jubilant! While watching the celebrations and listening to the firecrackers I was forced to think that how much change teamwork can bring! Altering the mind frames of millions of Pakistanis and making them feel that: 'yeah we actually have something to be proud of', are just few of the things that the cricket team was able to accomplish through a little team work! Explaining explicitly would take up pages! As I researched for this article I also came across very nice examples that our history hold for us to learn from! We have a lot of events that teach us the importance of teamwork! We have many examples from

history where faith and team work altered the course of history.

Many people might disagree with my point of view! They believe that too many cooks spoil the broth! That only an individual can understand the things which are important to him while others can't! So what is the secret of teamwork and why do we fail to understand its importance?

Well after pondering over it for a while I discovered the simple and easy secret of teamwork! Teamwork is only functional when the common objective of the team is also the most important objective for every individual! This is how we have been successful on many occasions.

So, finally I conclude by

saying that when we work for IIm-o-Amal as a team, we should give the objective of our team absolute priority, as if this is what we want to accomplish in our lives as well! We should have Faith in Allah, and pray to him to unite us all through one objective that we hold in our hearts. Ameen.

*“You can  
volunteer as a  
Sponsor,  
Guardian or  
Office  
Volunteer”*

**FAMILY HELP  
SINCE Apr 09**

396 Asma Zahid  
400 Mohammed Arif  
403 Noor Jahan Rasheed  
404 Jannat Mehmood  
405 Fahmeeda Khatoon  
410 Shamshad Ali  
412 Nadia Amir  
415 Sakina Mustafa  
416 Syed Naeem Ali

## Some quotes about Team work! –by Saif Manzoor

Teamwork is essential for success. No one individual has all the power, energies or resources to get a job done especially when we are talking about social welfare.

Below I collected some favorite quotes on team work. I hope it will motivate us.

**- Margaret Mead**

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

**- Henry Ford**

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

**- Benjamin Franklin**

We must all hang together, or assuredly, we shall all hang separately.

**- Max DePree**

Without forgiveness, there can be no real freedom to act within a group.

**- Vince Lombardi**

Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

**- Unknown**

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward

organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

**-- M. A. Jinnah**

Come forward as servants of Islam organize the people economically, socially, educationally and politically and I am sure that you will be a power that will be accepted by everybody.

**-- Unknown**

Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

No member of a crew is praised for the rugged individuality of his rowing

## Interview with an IOA Volunteer



**Sadia Sultan is an IIm-o-Amal Guardian in North Nazimabad and also manages Mirza and Saeeda Welfare trust for widows and needy women.**

### **1. Tell us about yourself, you family and profession?**

My name is Sadia Sultan. I was born in Karachi. I am the eldest of 10 siblings. I joined teaching profession in 1971 and retired in 2003 after more than 30 years.

### **2. When did you start your social welfare work? And what inspired and motivated you?**

I have been involved in social work since my childhood. Teaching of our religion motivates me to do something for the needy. My favorite personality is Bilquis Edhi her work always motivates me.

### **3. Tell us about your organization, the social work you do, the challenges you faced.**

We started Mirza and Saeeda foundation in the name of my parents in 2007. It is registered charitable institution under societies registration act. We provide help to needy women specially widows or disabled. But we try to accommodate as many needy people as possible within our limited budget.

The biggest challenge we face is lack of funds to fulfill our needs.

### **4. What have you learned while doing volunteer work?**

Helping others gives you peace of mind and gives a meaning to your life.

### **5. How did you join IIm-o-Amal and why?**

I was introduced to IIm-o-Amal by our joint secretary Arshad Kamal Sethi who came in touch with one of the coordinators. Then I got an opportunity to speak to Saif Manzoor and we started a partnership to help needy people

### **6. Your thoughts about the work IIm-o-Amal is doing?**

IIm-o-Amal is doing a great job in promoting volunteerism in the society especially among the young people. I am hopeful that this will in time bring a positive change in our society.

### **7. Any message you wish to give specially to our young generation?**

Devote your time, skills and energies to bring a change in the society. This is the only way forward.

**-- Interviewed by Saif Manzoor & Nadia Tariq**

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## About Ilm-o-Amal

### Vision

To be a leading community of volunteers in Pakistan

### Mission

Develop and manage programs to help the poor and the needy

### Goals and Objectives

- Creating awareness and recognition of the value and contribution of volunteerism
  - Creating awareness on the social message of our religion
  - Creating social welfare programs
  - Providing a forum for knowledge sharing
  - Identifying the required skills and competencies for a volunteer
  - Defining training and professional development standards
  - Disseminate the message through all possible channels of communication
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