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# AMIR MESSAGE

Asalamualaikum

Dear brothers and sisters

It's with great pleasure that the new edition of SIM Newsletter is being disseminated. Alhamdulillah several activities have been conducted during the last 6 months or so by SIM various departments. I wish to thank all the heads, members and sympathisers for their participation and for making our events successful.

I wish to highlight that SIM is in the process of reorganizing its strategy/departments so that everyone is aligned with its vision. There is also a need for more inter-department collaboration and intra-communication. I count a lot on your support and active participation in order that we can move forward more rapidly to meet our objectives.

We have almost reached 2 years of this SIM mandate. The responsibility of the Shura of SIM is huge and the challenges are many. However, with a positive mindset, sincerity and being focus, we will inshaAllah overcome difficulties and achieve our goals.

I appeal to all those who will read this newsletter and who are still not a member/sympathiser of SIM to kindly do the needful to become members since we need all of you in our organization. Working collectively in an organised way to please Allah SWT will only bring blessings and ease to you. So, send your request via our secretary on [secretariat@simoi.org](mailto:secretariat@simoi.org).

Also check our website ([simoi.org](http://simoi.org)) and Facebook page société islamique de maurice) for more information.

We have reached the month of Rajab alhamdulillah. We pray to Allah SWT and ask Him to grant us Baraka in Rajab and Sha'baan, and allow us to reach Ramadan. Ameen.



# SIM KIDS CLUB

SIM Kids Club resumed at Ory View Complex on 18th June 2022 following online sessions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. 59 kids registered for the 6 months sessions ending December 2022. Topics covered during the monthly sessions included introducing hajj to the kids, cooking session, painting, among others.



The kids had the opportunity to learn new things and explore their creativity in an Islamic environment while also playing games. The lending library provided interesting Islamic story books to encourage kids to reading. Our little cuties loved the outing at Chateau de Labourdonnais ending at Butte a l'Herbe seaside where several exciting games were organised.



This batch of kids club ended with a fun game session at Ory View Complex. Teams were set up and the competition led to a winning team raising the trophy. All Kids received gifts while those in Grade 6 and ending kids Club were additionally handed a certificate.

We wish to thank the parents for their collaboration all along. Our thanks go to the Shura of SIM, the Kids Club committee, teachers, helpers and all those who helped to make this batch successful by Allah's permission. Last but not least, we thank our sponsors for their support.

The next SIM Kids Club will be communicated Insha Allah.

Stay tuned on [simoi.org](http://simoi.org) or our Facebook page for further information.

# TEENS CLUB OUTING 2022

Nature is important for children's development in every major way- intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and physically (Kellert, 2005)



Alhamdulillah our monthly program ended with a beautiful outing at the Domaine d'Osterlog and La Cambuse beach on the 29TH December 2022. Connecting with nature is very beneficial for our youngsters as it provides them fun, hands-on nature experiences and pro-environment behaviours.

Earlier during the year, we spent an afternoon at the Pamplemousses garden, and on another session, we also had a fruitful exposé by a resource person from the Mauritius Wildlife Foundation.

This connection to the environment and an awareness of Allah's role in creating it help to strengthen our faith. 'Then contemplate (Oh man!) the memorials of Allah's mercy! - how He gives life to earth after its death. Verily That 'Same God' will raise the dead for He has power over all things'. (Surah Ar-Rum 30: 50)

During the outing, we also organised some activities like nature hunt during a 2-hour trekking, football match and beach relay. These activities allow our youngsters to improve their relationship skills.

Sister Nashreen Hissoob  
SIM TEENS CLUB





# SIM FAMILY CAMP AND YMA CAMP

The annual camp was carried out from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 at Belle Mare Adventist Centre. The YMA camp was held from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 and there were around 30 participants. The theme chosen for both camps was “Discover Yourself/Ourselves”. The activities organized were centered on the theme. There was a cooking competition, beach games, a talk by a psychologist among others.

As far as the family camp is concerned it was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 and we had around 100 participants of all age range. Several activities were carried out during the event, mainly scavenger hunts, role plays among other games. There were many new attendees from the public.



# WOMEN ISLAMIC MOVEMENT (WIM)

There will be a series talks organised by WIM sisters this year. They will be delivered by Sisters Zabeen and Farah in Tyack, and Sister Nazira throughout the island. Stay tuned for the details on these talks.

# FOOD AND FUN DAY

A food and fun day was organised at OryView Complex, Moka on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The aim of the event was to raise funds for the going renovation of the complex.

During the event, merchants with various types of goods such as clothes, hijab, toys and shoes were present as well as multiple food items such as Biryani, "Grillade", Alouda, Fried Noodles were available. There were delicious curries donated by our WIM sisters and some sympathisers that were sold on the day by our own WIM members.

There was also a booth for Da'awa by CII, mehendi corner and kids corner with exciting games. SIM book shop was there too. Overall, the event was a success with positive feedback from both the public and the merchants.

We thank the organising committee headed by Sr. Mushurda Joomye and Br. Yousouf Joomye, and included Br. Abtaheebh Sullimanjeejee, Br. Anas Chundoo, Br. Anass Nunkoo, Sr. Azbiha Ozeer Br. Farhan Ganga, Sr. Ibteesam Pondor, Br. Mohsen Jeetoo, Br. Yaasir Ozeer, Br. Yasfeer Noshil, Br. Zaheer Hissoob, and any other person or SIM member who helped making the event a success.

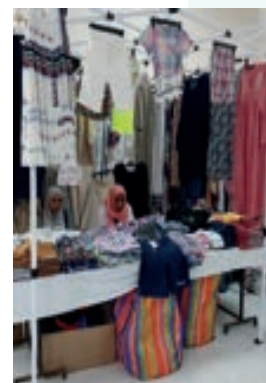
We hope to continue being able to organise them Insha Allah.

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# ORY VIEW COMPLEX

When the renovation project of IIET was marketed, it was presented as an integrated educational, social and recreational complex. As at date only part of the project (12%) has been completed. Even so, the complex has been used for receptions, weddings, workshops and lectures and its potential is enormous. But the premises can only be exploited, if there is control over it.

With this objective in mind, SIMOI decided last year, to set up a management team to look after and manage the existing infrastructure, market its facilities, coordinate activities within it, allocate and manage space for activities which will be held in it and oversee its infrastructural development.

The Management Committee, which is in place since September 2022, is composed of the following members: Mohsen Jeetoo (Chairman/Team Leader), Ibteesam Pondor (Secretary), Sameera Rassool, Yousouf Joomye, Mushurda Joomye, Anas Chundoo and Sa'ad Diljore.

Following a survey conducted among its members and the assent of the Shura, the centre is now known under a new appellation, the **Ory View Complex**.



We need to tackle the next stage of development of the centre. For this, a special effort is required and humbly requested from all of us to raise funds. The project was estimated at MUR 25 million four years ago, out of which MUR 3.3 million has already been raised and spent on the first stage.

May Allah accept our efforts and allow us to deliver a successful project.

# MONTHLY TARBIYYAH SESSIONS

Our monthly tarbiyyah sessions have been ongoing during the year at Ory View. The tarbiyyah committee is currently working on new ways to make the sessions more interactive and interesting. The committee also wants to encourage newer members to participate more actively and act as resource persons.

For 2023, tarbiyyah committee has decided to re-introduce the stay over format which was previously the case. Participants are encouraged to stay over with the tarbiyyah session ending in the morning. Tarbiyyah committee would also like to extend an invitation to members willing to be part of the organising committee to help in planning and also in bringing new ideas.

## DAAWAH COMMITTEE

In its quest to invite people to the Islamic way of life, the Daawah committee pre-recorded videos to be broadcasted online in the month of Ramadhan. These videos were then posted on the Facebook page of SIM and through the group Chat of SIM News.

During Ramadhan itself, regular talks were held in some masjids every week with topics varying from “Islamic way of life” to “Islamophobia”. The talks were well received and the audiences were given the opportunity to interact on the said topics.

In September, a nation-wide campaign called “14 Jours pour la Palestine” was held on the Palestinian crisis. It started with talks in masjids throughout the island all focusing on the topic of Palestine. Its aim was to sensitise and educate people on the current Palestinian problem and its history. This culminated in a final event on the 5th of October 2022 at Reduit Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium. The main part of the event was a talk on “Exposing Israeli myths” by Dr. I. A. Patel who is the president of the organization of Friends of Al Aqsa. The event was attended by more than 250 people of both Muslim and non-Muslim Faith.





# NEWS FROM MASJID REDUIT

## Renovation

The facilities at Ghulam Jilani Soobiah Masjid (Masjid Redit) have recently been upgraded. After the new area set up for sisters on the ground floor to allow them to feel safer during off-peak hours, and provision of hot water for wudhu at several points, the toilet facilities on the ground floor at men's side have been renovated. This aligns with Masjid's philosophy to provide basic amenities for brothers and sisters studying on Réduit Campuses, working in the neighbourhood, and travelers. Needless to mention, how blessed we are about different opinions regarding the direction of the toilets, and how challenging it was to find a non-perfect solution that suits all!



## Strengthening ties with Tamil League

It was our duty to express (again) our gratitude to Tamil for their long outstanding support; for several consecutive years, they have provided their parking facilities to ease Muswallis for Jummuah prayers and for Zohr prayer during Ramadan.

The board of Tamil League warmly welcomed us at their premises, whereby we reiterated our appreciation, and explained that we look forward to their continuous support. A token of appreciation was also remitted to them, with a caption that reads as: மிக்க நன்றி



## Change in Amirship

As from January 2023, Br. Muzzammil Hosenally has assumed responsibility as Masjid Mutawalli, succeeding Br. Aadil Rajah, who has served for 8 consecutive years. We pray that Allah rewards Br. Aadil infinitely for all efforts he has put in to keep the image of the Masjid as its highest level, and that Br. Muzzammil is able to continue along the same lines. He is expected to work in close collaboration with the Youth Department.



# QURANIC ARABIC

Alhamdulillah, Quranic Arabic carried on with another intake in July 2022. The course is scheduled for 15 months for both level 1 and level 2 conducted in parallel and are meant to end in Oct 2023. Around 140 students registered for level 1 while over 70 students registered for level 2. The course is being conducted in not less than 6 different regions over the island as follows:

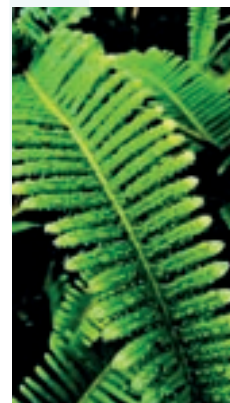
|         | VENUE                                     | TEACHER                       |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| LEVEL 1 | Hamilton College, Mahebourg               | Br. Fouad Assotally           |
|         | Sir Abdool Razack Mohamed, Phoenix        | Br. Faizal Jaulim             |
|         | Islamic Cultural College, Belle Rose      | Sr. Jameela Mungly            |
|         | Madrassa Ruknudeen, Port Louis            | Sr. Hawa Peerbocus            |
|         | Masjid Ar- Rahmat, Flacq                  | Sr. Naziah Safee              |
|         | Masjid Al- Muttaqui, Plaines Des Papayes  | Sr. Sairoon Argurun           |
| LEVEL 2 | Sir Abdool Razack Mohamed, Phoenix        | Br. Yousuf Joomye             |
|         | Islamic Cultural College, Belle Rose      | Sr. Nazreen Jewon             |
|         | Masjid Khidmat ul Islam, Brisee Verdriere | Br. Aadil Raja                |
|         | Masjid Rabita, Port Louis                 | Br. Abtaheebh Sullemanjeeajee |

Besides level 1 & 2, there are 2 **Students Study Circles (SSC)** headed by Br. Azhar Lotun and Sr. Shabeerah Ramkhalawon. The SSC is meant for students who completed level 2 to keep in touch with the Holy Quran in a committed way. Former students run the course and explain some surahs or part of surahs among themselves. Both study circles shifted from face to face to online class. Around 20 students gather online weekly to deepen their understanding of the words of Allah.

QA also offer **Students Support Program (SSP)**. Former students support new batch of level 1 students when the latter is struggling with his studies.

## HIKE FROM PLAINE CHAMPAGNE TO PETRIN

Normally QA Team organises a hike for every batch to promote healthy lifestyle and for better bonding among us. On 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022, we were around 75 participants admiring the creation of Allah in a spirit of solidarity making our way through the wood. It helped us reconnect with nature during a roughly 4 hour of light walk. You may view a small video clip of the hike on this link: <https://youtu.be/fsTsZ5n0kyQ>





# COMORES AND MASCAREIGNES ISLAND DEPARTMENT SIM SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Alhamdullillah, we had a fruitful visit to the Comoros Island in November 2022. During this visit, we had the opportunity to meet with the brothers and sisters who are helping the needy people over the island. We also visited the places which were sponsored by SIM to help empower the inhabitants and it was a pleasure to see that the people are using the different resources effectively. In Shaa Allah this year, we shall have another visit for social and medical purposes.

*Zaheer Hissoob*



Amir of SIM and President of Al Arkham



Distribution of clothes to needy people in a village



Courtesy visit to a 'cooperative des femmes', who were given sewing machines to empower women of the village so that they can contribute to the family.



Primary School visit in Dzahadjou {SIM adopted village}



School and water supply under construction.

Meeting with the Minister of health negotiation have been initiated for the next medical caravan this year  
In Shaa Allah.



Finalising the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of an operation theatre for women in a private hospital.



Visiting fishermen in Foumbuni boat sponsored by SIM.



Distribution of Quran pen to villagers

## Ongoing projects:

Finalise construction of schools in dzahadjou and in sidjou

Finalise construction of operation theatre and equip it with amenities for women.

## Future projects

Training of trainers for fisherman

Water supply for school in sidjou

Medical interventions and surgery

Empowerment projects in dzahadjou

Brothers and sisters willing to help please feel free to contact either me on 57500881 or brother Mosadek Sahebodin.

Hissoob Zaheer - Head of Comores and Mascareignes Dept and Simsed



# SIMOI ZAKAAT FUND

## REPORT YEAR 2022 (1443/1444)

| <b>Balance Sheet</b>          |              |                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                |              | <b>Expenditure</b>            |              |
| Cash at Bank as at 01.01.2022 | 700,518.43   | Bank Charges                  | 2,757.00     |
| Zakaat                        | 2,571,662.00 | Zakaat Distribution           | 2,919,183.90 |
|                               |              | Cash at Bank as at 31.12.2022 | 350,239.53   |
|                               | 3,272,180.43 |                               | 3,272,180.43 |

Zakaat collected in 2021 was Rs 2,096,550.50. Year 2022 found an increase of Rs 475,111.50. i.e., 23%. Zakaat distributed in 2022 increased by Rs 705,126.44, i.e., 32%.

Note that, as the bulk of Zakaat is received during Ramadan (60%), the outstanding amount (Rs 350,239.53) at bank as at 1st January 2023 is being used from January to March 2022 (till Ramadan).

In 2022, the beneficiaries were in the following areas: Education, Medical Expenses, Construction, Rent, Utility Bills, Housing, Business Investment, Food Aid, Dawah and International.

The Amir and Zakaat Committee thank all members and sympathisers for remitting their Zakaat and for their help and assistance in marketing, collection and distribution.

For Year 2023, the collaboration of all members is sought to market SIMOI Zakaat Fund to their relatives, friends and in their region through pamphlets, posters, WhatsApp and email. Your assistance in carrying out on site enquiries following zakaat application will be much appreciated.