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BCM Pound Projects update

This month was project 63 to help others. This month we donated to a cause that needed immediate help. Following the Morocco earthquake, British Red Cross and Red Crescent launched an emergency appeal to help support people affected. On Friday 8 September, 11pm local time, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Morocco. The epicentre was in the High Atlas Mountains, approximately 70 kilometres south of Marrakesh. A 4.9 magnitude aftershock followed just 20 minutes later. Local authorities are reporting that more than 3000 people have died, with many more critically injured. The total number of people affected is in the hundreds of thousands. Many of the worst affected areas are remote and mountainous, and the impact of the earthquake has made them even harder to reach. People have lost everything. Homes have been reduced to rubble and survivors are in need of basic support like shelter, food and water. Local Moroccan Red Crescent teams were on the ground immediately responding to the earthquake. They are supporting authorities with search and rescue, provision of water, food, shelter and hygiene kits, evacuation, first aid, transportation of injured people to hospital and psychosocial support to name a few. As the situation develops, the teams will continue to help with the severe and immediate needs of those affected, as well as planning the longer-term support that will be

needed in the weeks and months to come. Moroccan Red Crescent (MRCS) teams were on the ground immediately, and have been since, coordinating closely with the IFRC and local authorities to assess the situation, support in the search and rescue operation and provide help to affected people. On 12 September, the IFRC launched an Emergency Appeal for 100 million Swiss francs to scale up the relief efforts of the Moroccan Red Crescent. Funding raised will help the Moroccan Red Crescent to provide health services, clean water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, relief items, food, livelihoods support, protection and community engagement activities. This appeal follows an allocation of 1 million Swiss francs from the IFRC's Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) to support Moroccan Red Crescent activity on the ground. We responded to this appeal; with the hope of somewhat relieving the suffering of others. Thank you, as always.

A note to say that your money is not used as zakat but as lillah. Jzk.

If family or friends wish to help with £1 per month please pass on the details below:

Monthly standing order of £1 or £12 payment for the year.

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The Holy Prophet ﷺ said:
"The martyrs are five kinds: one who dies of plague, one who dies of stomach disease, one who drowns, one who dies under debris, and one who dies in the way of Allah."

[Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim]

The Prophet ﷺ said,

أَرْوَاحُهُمْ فِي جَوْفِ طَيْرٍ خَضِرٍ لَهَا قَنَادِيلُ مُعَلَّقَةٌ بِالْعَرْشِ

"Their (the martyrs) souls, are in the bellies

of green birds

which have lamps (as their nests)

hanging from the Throne

(of Allah the Almighty)."

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Saḥīḥ Muslim 1887

