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Salāmun ʿalaykum

As we approach the close of the fiscal year 2024–2025, we take a moment to reflect with humility and gratitude. Alḥamdulillāh, it is only through the blessings of Allah (swt) and the dedication of our community that we were able to carry forward our shared mission—one centered on the teachings of the Noble Qurʾān and the Ahlul Bayt (ʿa).

Our focus this past year was efficiency and optimization. We aimed to strengthen our systems, improve outreach, and serve our global ummah more effectively through tools such as digital platforms, AI, and streamlined content delivery. By Allah's grace, meaningful steps were taken, yet we are ever mindful that this journey is ongoing. As we now embrace the theme of ***Accountability & Optimization (2024–2025)***, we reflect on the foundations laid in ***Leadership & Communication (2023–2024)***, and prior to that, the focus on ***Global Community (2022–2023)***. With each year, our resolve has grown stronger.

We are living in a time when moral clarity is eroding, and the boundaries between right and wrong are increasingly blurred. Where once shared values guided public conscience, today personal opinion, cultural pressures, and social media often overshadow divine truth. What was once anchored in revelation now drifts in relativism.

As we plan for the year ahead, our guiding questions are:

- How do we equip communities to discern truth in an age of moral subjectivity?
- How can we teach the next generation that divine guidance is not just relevant—but essential?
- And finally, how can we optimize our material, making them accessible to our global audience.

This coming year, we invite ourselves and each other to **Level Up**—in our commitments, in our excellence, and in our service to the mission of the Ahlul Bayt (ʿa).

We will continue to focus on developing relevant educational material, strengthening our global partnerships, and using technology as a tool for expansion—not distraction.

To every volunteer, supporter, and partner—you are the core of this organization. May Allah (swt) accept your contributions, increase your sincerity, and bless your efforts. We remain committed to listening, improving, and building together, with a firm intention to serve ḥaqq.

We send this update not only to report, but to invite feedback, spark conversation, and deepen our connection. Please do reach out at **admin@alkisafoundation.org** — we welcome your insights and guidance.

May Allah (swt) guide us to stay firm on the path of truth, bless the global Muslim ummah, and hasten the reappearance of our awaited Imām al-Mahdī (ʿaj). May we be among those who rise for justice in every time and place.

With duʿās,
Nabi Raza Mir (Abidi)

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AL-KISA CURRICULUM

Al-Kisa Curriculum strives to create holistic and God-centric curricula designed to cultivate critical thinking and empower our youth to view the world through an innovative and analytical Islamic lens, inshāʿAllāh. In order to prioritize academics and high achievement alongside maximum engagement, all curriculums are standard and research-based with the goal of being accredited.

With a commitment to open-source resources, we collaborate with expert teachers around the world to capitalize on the knowledge and expertise of our global community. We aim to create resources that nurture creative thinking, encourage service-mindedness, embed akhlāqiyyāt and life lessons, and are flexible to meet the needs of schools worldwide. All curricula are reviewed by the Al-Kisa Mission Team.

For more information, visit: https://alkisafoundation.org/curriculum/

MILESTONES

1) Overall

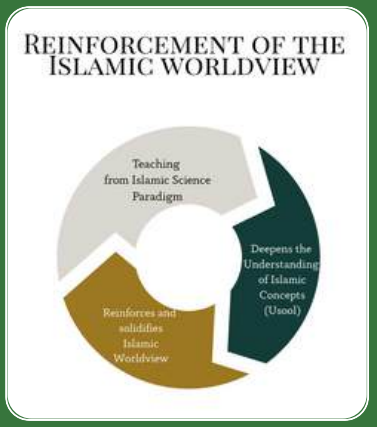
- Networked and shared updates with over 50 schools and educators and more than 15 scholars worldwide
- Developed overall pedagogy for curriculum informed by a tawḥīdī educational philosophy and worldview to apply across disciplines and curriculums
- Building out teacher trainings to support alignment of Islamic Worldview and Pedagogy

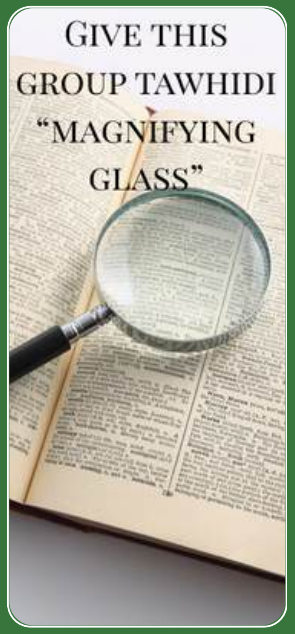
2) Language Arts Curriculum

- Finalized pedagogy for Elementary and Secondary
- Determined area of highest need as Grade 6-12 and evaluated more than 20 books for this group
- Consolidated mission-alignment guidelines for Language Arts
- Completed 1 novel study unit for 6th grade, and in the process of developing 2 additional units

3) Science Curriculum

- Developed a cohesive science framework that challenges the secular paradigm by reorienting the study of science through the lens of the Islamic worldview. Major areas being addressed are ontological, anthropological and epistemological reframing, reconstruction of Tawḥīdī Strands which align content with this reorientation, and strategies to build in tafakkur & reflection.
- Differentiated Islamic integration approach, using Tawḥīdī Sunglasses (ages 0-7), Tawḥīdī Magnifying Glass (ages 7-14), and Tawḥīdī Thinking Cap (ages 14+)





4) ECE Curriculum

- Crafted Islamic Pedagogy for ages 0-7
- Consulted with more than 10 schools from 4 countries to benefit from the expertise of teachers worldwide
- Developed Unit 1 for ages 3-4 and ages 4-5, ready for piloting
- Presented at WISE Conference in Canada in May

5) Character Building Curriculum

- Researched more than 10 curriculums and met with 6 schools from 3 countries to understand existing character-building curriculums & the needs of different schools
- Worked with ELA and ECE curriculums to holistically integrate character building
- Creating resources to support teachers and build a strong school culture

AL-KISA TRANSLATION

We are committed to making all Al-Kisa books, curriculum, and resources accessible worldwide in the native languages of each region.

MILESTONES

Spanish resources nearing completion for print, including One Ṣirāṭ Link and The Beginner's Guide to Fasting

Steps to Perfection curriculum translated into Urdu and Swahili for Grades K–5; translation work is now underway for Grades 7–12

Ongoing translation projects include Blessed Names and Tambua into German, and the Iraq Guide into Gujarati

New publication packages sent to 44 North American organizations in Al-Kisa Network

21 Scholars added in North America

7 Public libraries in UK and 4 New libraries in Canada added to the network

6 Public schools added in UK

AL-KISA OUTREACH

30,000 Student guide books for Islamic and Qur'ān curriculum was sent to Africa

10 Islamic organizations from UK and 20 new organizations from India were added to the network and sent packages to

AL-KISA
EDUCATION SYSTEM

Al-Kisa Education Systems (AKES), a entity of Al-Kisa Foundation, serves as both a model and a scalable system dedicated to transforming schools globally. Rooted in a commitment to excellence and mission alignment, AKES supports institutions in progressing from their current state to internationally recognized standards. Guided by a holistic vision, AKES strives to provide the highest quality of education—one that nurtures students to succeed in this life and the hereafter.

MILESTONES

1A) A structured execution plan and training sequence have been developed across five key tracks:

- Leadership & Governance
- Academic & Professional Learning
- Operations & Finance
- Holistic Wellness
- Physical Infrastructure & Legal Compliance

1B) Core training content for Phase 1 is near completion. Outcome expectations and training benchmarks are underway to support phased implementation. The Administrative Manual has been finalized and continues to evolve with program needs.

2) Systems & Policy Infrastructure:

Key templates and documentation systems have been developed and are being embedded across the transformation process to ensure consistency and accessibility.

3) Program Execution & Evaluation:

Partner schools have completed Year 0 evaluations and entered Phases 0 or 1. Pre-evaluation is ongoing for upcoming 2025 cycles in Pakistan.

Evaluator and coach trainings have been delivered on:

- Foundational Elements & Practices
- Teacher Observation Tool
- ELEOT Classroom Observation Tool

Learning Conferences & Summits

- East Africa Transformation Summit Jun '25
- A transformation training summit was organized with 14 partner schools, bringing together school leaders, teachers, and operations/admin staff. The summit marked the launch of Phase 1 transformation trainings, building foundational capacity across all school roles.
- Kargil Transformation Training Conference Jun'25
- The Kargil Transformation Training Conference was executed at Khomeni Towers, bringing together around 300 teachers and school leaders. The conference engaged both current partner schools and potential new partners across the region, advancing foundational transformation practices.

COGNIA
ACCREDITATION

Two schools are now pursuing Cognia accreditation. Engagement has also begun with schools in Lebanon, expanding the program's global reach.

INDIA INITIATIVE

LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS

Muttaharry Public School and Suru Valley Public School in Kargil have been designated as Lighthouse Schools. School evaluation visits have been conducted to initiate transformation efforts.

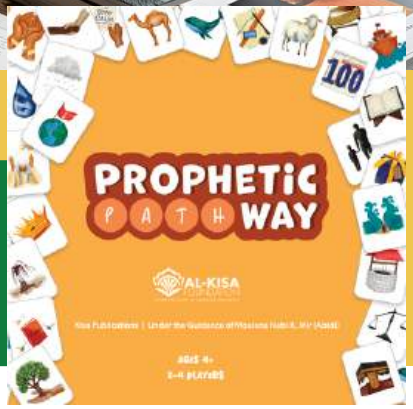
TEACHER TRAINING

A Winter Crash Course in Alipur hosted 28 teachers from Kargil for nearly two months of immersive training.
The Alipur Conclave brought together 250 local teachers for a two-day interactive conference—the first of its kind in the region.

PAKISTAN UPDATES

11 schools have entered the pre-evaluation phase, with evaluation visits scheduled between August–December 2025.
One school has been processed and designated as a Lighthouse School, with transformation efforts underway.

KISA
PUBLICATIONS



Kisa Publications aims to empower the community through a diverse range of Islamic literature, including books for all ages, educational materials, and resources. Our mission is to support educational growth by providing open-source resources to be used by our global community.

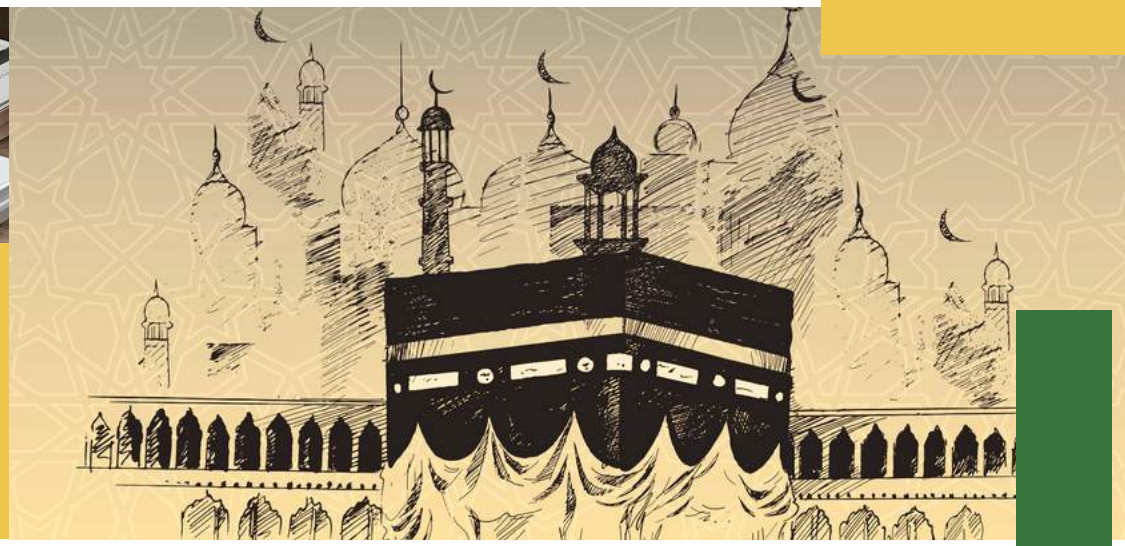
MILESTONES

Illustrated Guide to Ḥajj and ʿUmrah - Alḥamdulillāh after a few years of research and content development, this key project was complete. An Al-Kisa Foundation original work, with illustrations, select duʿā', Fiqh, spiritual reflections, journaling, etc.

The Muslim Girl's Guide - Body, Mind, and Soul - A friendly book for young Muslim girls to navigate adolescence, and learn how to take care of their body, mind, and soul.

A Beginner's Guide to Fasting - Another booklet similar to A Beginner's Guide to Ṣalāh which has been one of the most purchased book on Amazon.

Prophetic Pathway Board Game - The goal of this game, *Prophetic Pathway*, is to connect children to our perfect role models from a very young age through a fun and exciting family game.



Daily Duʿās for the Month of Ramaḍān - The goal of the Daily Duʿās for the Month of Ramaḍān pamphlet is to strengthen our personal relationship with Allah (swt) by reflecting upon a specific duʿā' for each day of the blessed month of Ramaḍān.

Daily Supplications: Keys to Purposeful Days - Duʿās are one of the foundations to strengthen our personal relationship with Allah (swt). There are seven separate duʿās that have been recommended to recite each day of the week that we can draw guidance from, and should reflect upon in order to strengthen our faith. "Daily Supplications: Keys to Purposeful Days" offers some reflections, and guides us to what we should contemplate on and ask for in each supplication from Saturday through to Friday. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) said: "Whoever calls upon [and supplicates to] Allah, He will surely answer them."

The Whispers of Ibrāhīm - The Whispers of Ibrāhīm is a collection of poems and corresponding photos that invite you to explore the principles of Ḥajj.

AL-KISA MEDIA

Al-Kisa Media is a creative division of Al-Kisa Foundation dedicated to enriching the educational experience of learners across all ages through dynamic and accessible media. Rooted in Islamic values, our team produces high-quality content including animations, read-alouds, audiobooks, graphic design, and printable educational materials. We strive to make meaningful learning experiences engaging, inclusive, and spiritually uplifting—serving as a bridge between knowledge and creativity.

MILESTONES

1) Animation and Script Writing for Future Releases:

- Hakima & Hadi Ramadan Mini-Series
- Nursery Rhymes for Children

2) Studio:

- Podcast Series with the stories from 'Tales of the Last Messenger'
- A Global Anthem for Shia Schools

3) Graphic Design, Illustration and Layout:

- An Illustrated Guide to Performing Ḥajj and ʿUmrah
- ECE Curriculum Design and Layout
- A Beginner's Guide to Fasting
- Daily Duʿās for the Month of Ramadan
- Daily Supplications: Keys to Purposeful Days
- Prophetic Pathway Board Game
- The Muslim Girl's Guide: Body, Mind, and Soul
- The Whispers of Ḥusayn

Your support for these projects helps bring meaningful, faith-based educational content to life. Whether through prayers, contributions, or simply sharing our work, you play a vital role in empowering learners of all ages with knowledge rooted in Islamic values. We look forward to continuing this journey—creating, designing, and delivering content that uplifts hearts and minds across the globe.

KISA THERAPY CLINIC

ACCESSIBLE
AFFORDABLE
PROFESSIONAL

MISSION DIRECTOR

CLINCIAL DIRECTOR

ABOUT US

Kisa Therapy Clinic provides culturally sensitive, faith-based psychotherapy services grounded in Islamic Psychology principles. Our mission is to offer accessible, affordable, and professional mental health support that aligns with the teachings of the Qurʾān and Ahlul Bayt (ʿa), fostering holistic well-being within Muslim communities across Canada and the United States.

MILESTONES

1) Expansion of Therapy Services:

- Successfully onboarded fully licensed therapists in Ontario and California, expanding bilingual and culturally aligned mental health services.
- Completed full insurance registration for all eligible Canadian clinicians, allowing clients to access psychotherapy services through their private insurance providers.
- Continued bi-weekly individual supervision and weekly case conferences to strengthen therapist development and support culturally responsive care delivery.

2) Kisa Therapy Connect Development:

- Developed comprehensive therapist profiles ("cheat sheets") for all Canadian clinicians to populate the directory and facilitate community partnerships.

3) Community Partnerships and Pro-Bono Service Expansion:

- Secured a formal collaboration agreement with Smile Canada to enhance cross-organizational mental health referrals.
- Advanced partnership discussions with Naseeha Mental Health and Nisa Foundation to expand pro-bono service offerings.
- Maintained two to four active pro-bono clients receiving bi-weekly therapy sessions, with additional clients expected to join through new partnerships in Q4.

3) Social Media and Client Engagement Growth:

- Published 90+ social media posts across Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn between November 2024 and April 2025.
- Launched new targeted content streams, including dedicated outreach for Muharram 1447 AH to align mental health messaging with Islamic calendar events.

4) Ask a Therapist Initiative:

- Completed content planning for Ask a Therapist Instagram sessions, with launch scheduled in early Q4 to boost direct client engagement.

5) Client Satisfaction and Feedback Implementation::

- Launched the ratings and reviews feature through Jane App in Canada.
- Achieved an average client satisfaction rating of 5/5 across all submitted feedback.
- Implemented real-time improvements to appointment booking, billing transparency, and website usability based on client feedback.
- Received multiple client testimonials affirming restored trust and satisfaction following billing system upgrades.

6) Continuous Education & Training:

- Delivered weekly case conferences and bi-weekly individual supervision sessions, emphasizing the integration of Islamic Psychology into clinical practice.
- Completed a trauma-focused training series led by Dr. Kauthar Khan, introducing culturally sensitive trauma approaches for KTC therapists.
- Finalized the structure of the Salam Steps Islamic Psychology Certificate Program, providing a clear pathway for therapists to formally certify skills aligned with Islamic psychological principles.
- Finalized the structure for the Pre-Marital Coaching Program using the Prepare/Enrich framework, preparing to launch specialized services for community members pursuing marriage readiness.

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524
SESSIONS
LAST YEAR

"Mental health support that aligns with Qurʾān and Ahlul Bayt (ʿa)

OUR THERAPISTS

MARIAM ZEHRA ALI
CALIFONIA, US

LAILA KHAN
CALIFONIA, US

MARYAM SIZAR
MICHIGAN, US

SAJIDA KHALFAN
N. JERSEY & ILLINOIS, US

NUZHAT FATEMA
ONTARIO, CAN

ZAINAB MAHDI
ONTARIO, CAN

RIDA FATIMA
ONTARIO, CAN

SAKINA KALYAN
ONTARIO, CAN

AHLUL-BAYT STUDENT ASSOCIATION NETWORK

ABSA Network is dedicated to nurturing a vibrant community where Shīʿah youth can cultivate a deep sense of belonging and foster their religious growth. We guide them in shaping a resilient faith-based identity, enabling them to confidently navigate every stage of their journey, from the university campus, to the workplace, and beyond.

MILESTONES

205 Attendees | 34% students, 28% young professionals, 15% seasoned professionals, & 23% community members

5 Esteemed Scholars Led 8 Workshops equipping attendees with frameworks, tools, and strategies for strengthening their connection to Allah (swt) and enhancing the quality of their worship

ABSA Network received recognition from NYU leadership after the conference and contributed a grant of $10k toward future programming to support Shīʿah students on campus

$10,000
AWARDED IN STUDENT SCHOLORSHIPS

Geographic Diversity
3 Countries
(US, UK, & Canada)
42 US States

70+
ABSA CHAPTERS

500+
STUDENTS

200+
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Together, we're building a movement united by the values of faith, growth, & community. We are committed to creating spaces conducive to flourishment and fulfillment for Muslims at academic institutions and in the workforce.

SALAM ONLINE

Salam Online strives to promote access to Quranic and Islamic education to every child to increase knowledge and its application, in Islamic history, Akhlāq, Fiqh,ʿAqāid and the Noble Quran, in a holistic way that covers social, spiritual and practical aspects of development. It is our mission to guide and nurture students to carry this knowledge forward and adopt God-consciousness.

Learn more about our vision at **https://salamonline.education/**

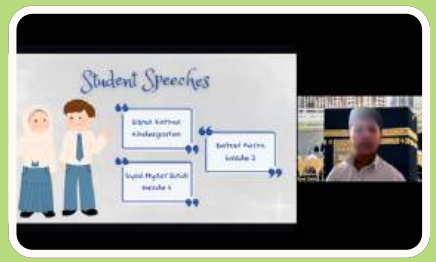
SALAM ONLINE SCHOOLS

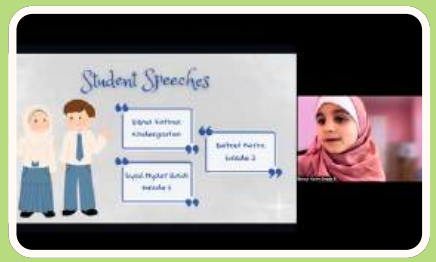
North America
240+ students
(Grades PreK-9)
Students across USA, Canada, England, & the Middle East.

New Zealand/Australia
(Grades PreK-7)
Students across NZ & AUS

India
(Grades PreK-9)
Students across India and MENASA (Middle East, N. Africa, S. Asia)

Youth Classes
(Grades 7-12)
Students across USA, Canada, India, Australia





MILESTONES

- **SALAM Online Collaborating Schools Globally!** Across USA, Canada, India, Pakistan, UK, New Zealand, Australia (~58+ schools)
  - 3 new Branch Schools opened
    - New York- Fatimiyah Madrasa
    - St Louis - Zainabiya
    - India - Buniyaad
- Learning Management System (LMS) Provided LMS (Canvas and Google Classroom) to collaborating schools with full access to all content for curriculum, presentations, quizzes, & games.
- Curriculum has served students with age appropriate curriculum. Created supplemental curriculum classroom content for each lesson, including presentations and games.
- Content Creation Content creation (presentations, games and quizzes) for grades 7th-12th. School-Wide
- Qur'ān Memorization Competitions with cash prizes and certificates provided to 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners from each category.
- Increased Family Engagement with family games during assembly.
- Parent & Bulūgh Workshops
- Professional Development Provided professional development training to all staff throughout the year.
- Website - Recently revamped website - All curriculum and supplemental resources provided on the website.

KISA FAMILY

ABOUT US

The archetype of the perfect family is embodied by the Ahlul Bayt ('a), who have provided timeless foundational tools on how to build and maintain a strong and healthy family structure. Kisa Family aspires to teach and help implement these fundamental principles, thereby strengthening the family unit. By developing research-based resources, we strive to provide holistic knowledge, guidance, and support on how to actualize every family's innate potential to succeed.

NEW RELEASES

Launched the first of its kind Islamic Shīʿah "Islamic hypnobirth track" for laboring mothers to meditate. This unique hypnobirth track, invokes relief through the use of Allah's (swt) names, Qurʾānic verses and overall faith-based relaxation techniques.

Mommy and Me Diversity Plan Curriculum

Schooling Options

Special Needs book bundle launch of 6 Kisa Kids books (Best Baba in the world, Hayaa goes to Ziyarah, Hayaa's Chador, Pray for Others, Hakima and Hadi remember Imam Husyan (A), Rahmah the raindrop)

Proactive Faith in Illness: How to Live Well with a Chronic Illness or Disability

Parenting under the shade of the Quran

The Engaged and Newlywed Guide

Flying Anxiety

BLOGS

Fatherhood: Parenting Sons, Daughters, and Disciplining with Strength and Love

Dear Kisa: Questions Answered

Parenting Pearls

workshop in collaboration with Rise Schools and Sayyid Abbas Razavian

Major revamp to our

Social Media

and special needs campaign

ṢIRĀṬ PRISON PROJECT

Named in honor of Ṣirāṭ al-Mustaqīm

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One of our services include creating and sending out a quarterly magazine titled Ṣirāṭ Link which is a collection of carefully curated scholarly articles, poems, art work, resources, and more. This is always free to all 3,200+ inmates in our network. Additionally, our team of artists and scholars come up with Occasion Postcards 5-6 times a year, aligning with significant dates in the Islamic calendar. These serve as a source of light as well as knowledge. We also offer scholar correspondence with inmates via letter, a curriculum ladder of Islamic books covering all major topics, and our newly launched Family Program that allows children age 0-17 of current or former inmates to receive Al-Kisa Foundation Books for free as a way to connect with their family and faith.

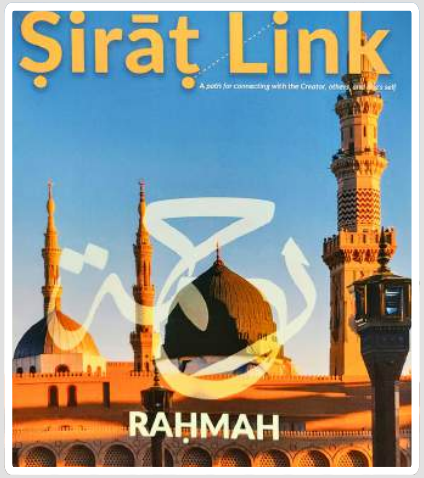
We continue to work hard in expanding our network and services to best serve our incarcerated Muslim brothers and sisters. Afterall, Allah swt tells us in the Noble Qur'ān, Sūrah al-Insān (76), Verse 8, "Feed the needy, the orphan, and the prisoner, out of love for Him."

MILESTONES

This fiscal year, our active inmate network has grown from 3,152 to 3,254. This means even with many brothers and sisters being released, our network still grew by 102 individuals.

We've reached 2 more states - Kansas and South Dakota - making our rhea 44/50 states.

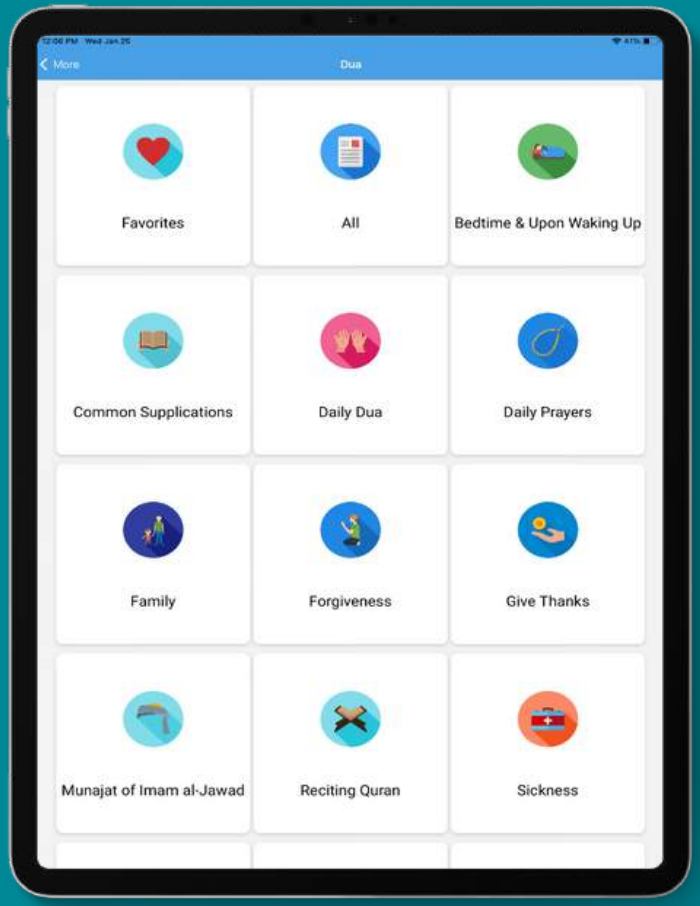
In Q1-3, we've received 924 inmate letters and sent 1,030 packages including 4,013 items ranging from material kits for chaplains, copies of the Noble Qur'ān, Islamic books, and prayer materials.

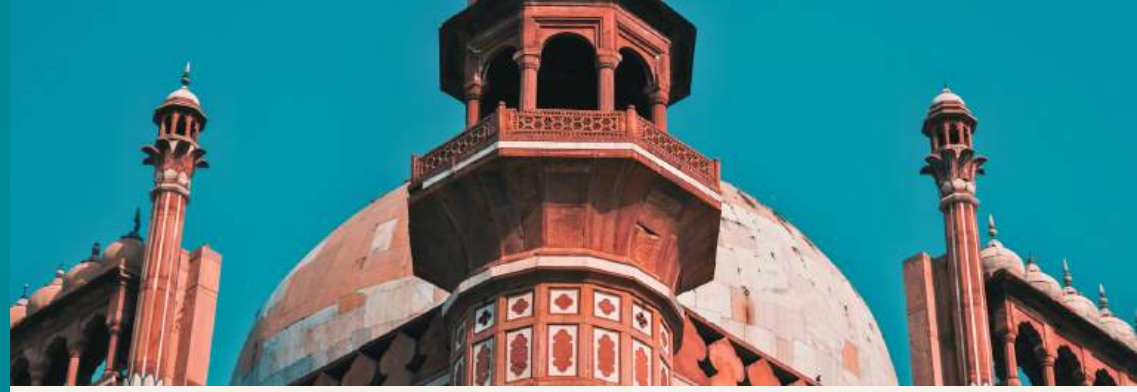


In addition to all those packages, in Q1-3 we've also sent the following items network wide: 4 Occasion Cards, 2 Issues of Ṣirāṭ Link, and an annual Islamic Calendar and Prayer Timetables customized to each inmate's zip code.

As for updates about our programs and services: The Final Curriculum Ladder is finally in design phase - we received permissions for over 100 books across 10 subject matters and 4 levels, got scholar reviews of each title, compiled book descriptions, organization of ladder, etc. to create an organized curriculum that will insha'Allah result in a certificate upon completion. We also launched the Family Program as well as a phone line in which inmates can call to speak to representatives of our project directly.

Shia+ App Collaboration





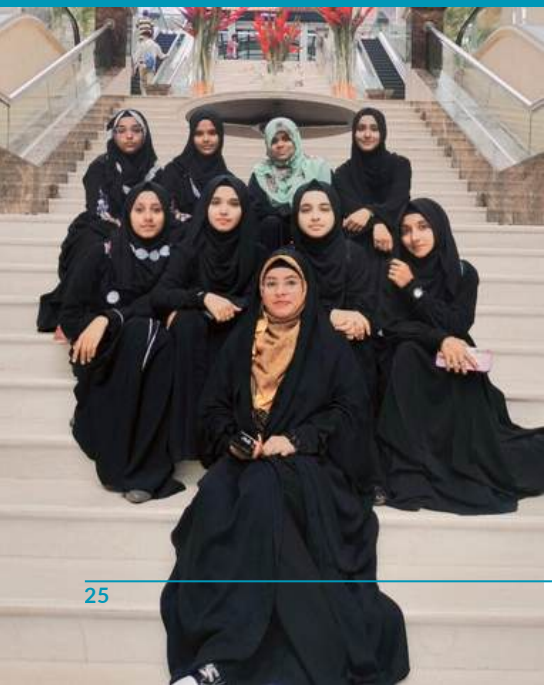
ISLAMIC BELIEFS

Our mission is to create and promote Islamic resources that are accessible to knowledge seekers from all levels; especially reverts, converts and new muslims of all backgrounds.

MILESTONES

Islamic Beliefs has partnered with the Shia+ team to enhance their initial IOS app and expand its availability to Android. Alḥamdulillāh, we have successfully completed our first phase of coding and beta-testing. The app includes qibla, prayer timings, and an interactive Islamic calendar. Our next phase of work will add more features including daily duʿāʾ and aʿmāl trackers. We will also continue to refine and beta test before we launch to the public the coming year, inshāʿAllāh.

Literacy International supports education in underserved communities by investing in educational infrastructure, foundational programs, and activities that provide sustained benefits over time to help raise educated children with high morals values, acquire valuable skills to raise their living standard and contribute to society.



We accomplish this by

Uplifting existing schools
Achieved via educational infrastructure improvement and deploying academic assets for improved quality and quantity. Focus is on providing holistic education (theoretical, applied, and social skills).

Attaining 360 Academic Excellence
Achieved via School Improvement Program (SIP) and Teachers Training Program (TTP) by focusing on administrative best practices, and accountability as well as trained teachers effectively teach a broad spectrum of students.

Establishing Lighthouse Schools
Building and operating model schools regionally that provide holistic and subsidized education to needy students, and to act as a "mother-ship" entity for other regional schools by sharing academic best practices.

MILESTONES

1) Uplifting existing schools/institutions:

- Bint ul Huda School in Alipur - Literacy International upgraded the infrastructure of the school by supporting construction of the dilapidated school building. The management succeeded in transforming the lives of students and teachers through a team of dedicated educators.
- Al-Kisa Hy-tech Initiative (AKHI) - A hybrid residential program in Junnar (Maharashtra) supporting 45 underprivileged but promising shiaa boys to build their future in engineering and medicine through academic program training them for entrance exams to potentially join the Institutes of National Importance in India. The program is rooted in Tawḥīd.
- Buniyaad Sunday School, Pune used the STP curriculum for children ages 4 to 15.

2) Teacher Training Program:

- Winter Crash Course in Alipur was done for 28 teachers Kargil who resided and stayed in Alipur for almost two months.
- Alipur Conclave for local schools- We had a 2 day conference in Alipur for 250 local teachers. It was the first time that all teachers came under one roof and were engaged in an interactive conference.
- Kargil Conference to be held on 15, 16, 17 June in Khomeni Towers in Kargil for about 300 teachers.
- Islamic Teacher Training done for implementing Steps To Perfection Curriculum.

3) Establishing Lighthouse Schools:

- Muttaharry Public School (Kargil) and Suru Valley Public School in Kargil are promising schools who have agreed to become lighthouse schools. We have finished the preliminary meetings, and are in the process of signing the MoU and starting pre-evaluation process.

4) Al-Kisa Publications:

- 3.3K% increase in gross sales compared to last fiscal year
- Rs. 1.6 Lakhs of revenue generated during Shahr Ramaḍān
- Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) Storytelling was done during Wilādat
- Sold over 350 Muḥarram coloring booklets across India
- Over 1.5K Muḥarram coloring sheets were distributed in majālis

- Al-Kisa awareness webinar conducted
- 313 Children enrolled for Verses of Light competition in Shahr Ramaḍān
- WISE Talks conducted for the first time in India
- Salam Online starting inshāʾAllāh

RISE University

RISE University offers three Masters of Education degree programs with fully online asynchronous courses. The university also offers graduate level certificates for completion of 18 hours within each concentration. The programs train future educators and teachers, schools administrators, principals, and non-profit leaders.

MILESTONES

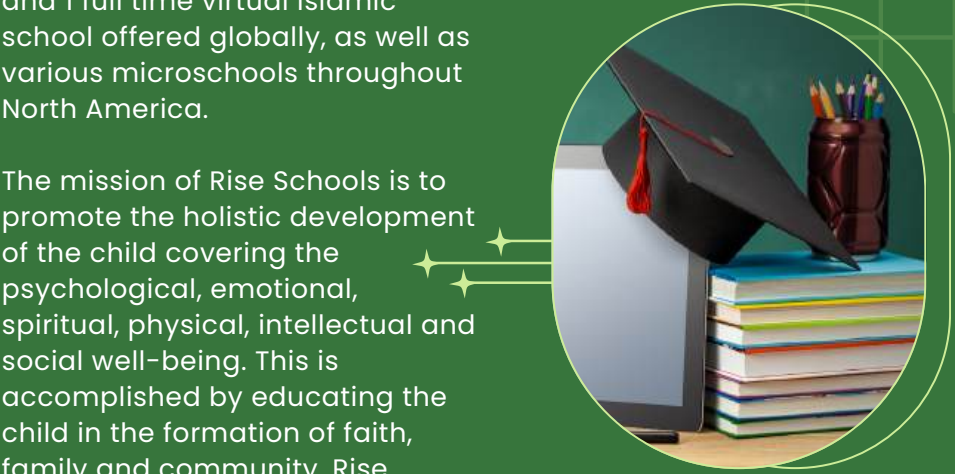
Alhamdolillah with the hard work of the entire team, the California Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE) approved RISE as a registered university.

After two years of offering courses to a cohort of students from the USA, RISE University accepted its first international cohort of 15 students from India. All students are directly or indirectly affiliated with Al-Kisa Foundation.

RISE
EDUCATION SYSTEM

RISE Education System consists of 2 in-person full time Shīʿah Islamic schools in the Bay Area and 1 full time virtual Islamic school offered globally, as well as various microschools throughout North America.

The mission of Rise Schools is to promote the holistic development of the child covering the psychological, emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual and social well-being. This is accomplished by educating the child in the formation of faith, family and community. Rise Schools students will learn to become responsible and productive members of the society through a faith-based education promoting tolerance, peace and justice.



MILESTONES

- Implemented new enrollment procedure
- Shortened turnaround time for financial aid applications
- Streamlined hiring process
- Created a monthly tracking process for policies and procedures

RISE Academy

RISE Academy is a private faith-based institution operating within the RISE Education System in San Jose, California, has been a pillar in the community since its establishment in 2009. Our institution caters to students from Toddler to 12th grade and holds accreditation from both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Cognia (International accreditation). RISE is one of 15 Islamic schools in the entirety of the San Francisco Bay Area and only one of three that offers a high school program. The Academy is completing its 17th school year with an enrollment of more than 240 students across its Early Childhood Education (ECE), Elementary, Middle, and Secondary programs.

MILESTONES

Academic Excellence

- 9 of our students received AP Scholar Awards, AP Scholar with Honor, or AP Scholar with Distinction awards from the College Board.
- Students conducted STEM projects including cow eye dissections, honey pollen analysis, and wheat plant growth experiments, Literary engagement through Frankenstein mock trials and Fahrenheit 451 debates
- Enhanced STEM offerings including robotics classes for upper elementary students, a CS class for middle schools students, and the introduction of AP Computer Science Principles in high school

Student Life & Clubs

- Extra curricular activities including soccer, basketball, VEX robotics club, and NASA Space & Aviation Program club
- Spirit Week themes built unity and excitement
- Upper School clubs led a schoolwide food drive collecting over 750 lbs of donations
- Students delivered TED-style speeches in the WISE Talks competition

Early Learning Innovation

- ECE students explored science through seed planting, Play-Doh alphabet stamping, pizza-making, vegetable soup prep, microscopes, and other special opportunities.
- Activities boosted sensory development, literacy, and fine motor skills.

Spiritual Growth & Competition

- Daily Qur'ān recitations during the month of Ramaḍān, character-building Roots of RISERs traits, the Week of Mercy (the birth of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) celebration), and the Wilādah commemorations for the birth anniversaries of Imām ʿAlī (ʿa), Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), and Imām al-Hujjah (ʿaj)
- High participation in the Thaqalayn Qur'ān and Knowledge-Based Competitions, with one of our students winning 3rd place in the Advanced (2 Juz') category of the international Al-Urwatul Wuthqa Hifdh Competition

Promotion and Graduation

- The Class of 2025 is the Academy's fifth graduating class. It consists of 10 graduating seniors who participated in a memorable graduation ceremony. This was in addition to promotion ceremonies for ECE, KG, 6th graders, and 8th graders.
- Five graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding community service, scholastic achievement, and the values of integrity and responsibility within their families were selected to receive the Mohammad Bhai Scholarship Fund, established in 2024 by Hastest Solutions as a tribute to an individual who exemplified community spirit. A Sūrah al-Fātihah is requested for Marḥūm Mohammad Bhai.

Celebrations & Community Events

- Pies with the Principal, Coffee & Donuts with the Directors & Principal, Mother's & Father's Day celebrations, and the Annual Gala Fundraiser strengthened school-family bonds.
- Read-a-thon School Fundraiser organized by the PTO that raised thousands of dollars for classroom and school improvement
- Parent workshops on Building Bonds and Developing a God-conscious family

Field Trips & Enrichment

- Trips to Monterey Bay Aquarium, Oakland Zoo, Valley Oak Organic Farm, Sunol Preserve, and other locations deepened real-world learning
- Lower school students took regular nature trips to Don Edwards Nature Park
- Students engaged in engineering challenges like the Egg Drop and the Innovation Fair.
- Seniors took part in a senior leadership trip to NYC

Facilities & Operations

- Revised and updated school website
- Regular posting on social media channels including Instagram
- New picnic tables for snack and lunch recess
- Painting of front recess area to facilitate a playground space for lower school students

RISE INSTITUTE

RISE Institute is an accredited virtual education program serving students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, operating under the umbrella of RISE Education System and the Al-Kisa Foundation. Established in 2020, RISE Institute is fully accredited by Cognia and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

RISE Institute is dedicated to promoting the holistic development of students, aiming to nurture them into role models who exhibit God-consciousness, professional excellence, and civic leadership.

MILESTONES

Launch of Home Study Program
This year marked the successful launch of our pilot Home Study Program, welcoming 10 students into a flexible, mission-guided curriculum designed to support homeschooling families.

Enrollment Growth
Our total enrollment increased to 180 students across various offerings, including full-time virtual learning, school partnerships, microschools, à la carte classes, and the new home study track.

Community Engagement and Events
RISE Institute hosted a variety of student and parent engagement events throughout the year—from enriching parent workshops to fun-filled student game nights, fostering a sense of belonging and connection within our online community.

Student Achievement and Recognition
RISE Institute students proudly participated in the Urwatul Wuthqa Qur'ān Competition 2025, with many of our students placing as top winners.

RISE was honored and recognized as one of the schools with the highest number of winners in the competition—an achievement that reflects our commitment to spiritual excellence and student development.

RISE MICROSCHOOLS

RISE Microschools provide personalized, student-centered learning in small, community-focused environments. We blend strong academics with social-emotional growth, character development, and practical life skills, ensuring students are well-prepared for the future.

Our flexible models and commitment to family partnerships allow each microschool to design programs that reflect the unique needs and values of its local community. Communities have the freedom to choose from a variety of RISE programs to build the school that best serves their families and children.

We look forward to partnering with additional communities to launch new RISE Microschools this year, bringing personalized and engaging learning experiences to more students and families.

MILESTONES

Continued Growth in Current MicroSchools

Seattle
The Seattle microschool has successfully completed its fourth year of operations. This year, the school launched a new preschool and kindergarten program at its new facility and enrolled students in an online microschool for Grades 1–4. The program operates three days per week and continues to demonstrate steady growth.

Simi Valley
The Simi Valley microschool has completed its third year of operations. The school has experienced consistent growth and is thriving in its new facility, serving an increasing number of students each year.

Phoenix
The Phoenix microschool has successfully concluded its second year of operations. The school continues to grow, enrolling students across Kindergarten through Grade 10, and is steadily expanding its educational offerings.

New International Partnership
We are excited to share that RISE Microschools has launched a partnership with Al-Mustafa School in Vancouver, Canada. Through this collaboration, we enrolled seven students in Grades 8 and 9 to complement Al-Mustafa's existing program. The initiative was highly successful, with both students and school representatives expressing strong satisfaction. We look forward to strengthening this partnership in the upcoming school year.

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