

# Islamic Dawah Movement (IDM)

## Profile

### Introduction

IDM is primarily involved in promoting the message of Islam to all the peoples of Southern Africa. With humble beginnings in 1977, it has now grown to be one of the larger dawah organizations in the country, and the Southern African region, with over 40 years of experience, expertise and professionalism backing it.

### Mission Statement

The Mission of IDM is to promote the message of the unity of God to all the people of Southern Africa so that they may achieve their God given potential of excellence and purity; and in this way contribute to the moral, spiritual, social, intellectual and economic growth of the nations as a whole.

### Vision

IDM's Vision is to take Islam to as many hearts and homes as possible; and to help build strong Islamic characters within the emerging and established Muslim communities in Southern Africa.

### Core Values

The core values that underpins this movement include the belief in the Oneness of our Creator (Allah) and the prophethood of Muhammad and other great messengers (peace be upon them all), the existence of angels, revealed scriptures, personal accountability on the Day of Judgement, and life after death. The core values include the brotherhood of mankind, social justice and equity, personal hygiene, tolerance and respect for all people, and the preservation of God's earth and all His living creatures.

### Historical

IDM was established in 1977 and has since grown tremendously over 40 years of existence. Initially IDM was a localized semi-rural centre, based in Marianhill and nearby Umlazi, called the Umlazi-Mariannhill Islamic Centre (UMIC).

As satellite Islamic Centres mushroomed in other parts of KwaZulu Natal, the name was changed to the Islamic Movement of KwaZulu and Natal (IMKAN). When the movement grew beyond the borders of the KwaZulu Natal Province and to neighbouring countries as well, it was finally renamed to the Islamic Dawah Movement of Southern Africa (IDM).

IDM has attempted to keep pace with the challenges and changing needs of dawah and education in the Southern African region. With the Qudrat of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and persistent and focused efforts, IDM has grown into one of the larger dawah and educational bodies in the region, which enjoys a high degree of confidence and credibility from the South African Ummah and abroad.

It has gained valuable experience and expertise over the years. As a result, IDM has developed tremendously, and now has the capacity and infrastructure to deliver quality dawah programmes

in South Africa and selected regions of Southern Africa, given the funding to do so. The above strengths are vital and necessary for the furtherance of the Islamic cause in a professional and qualitative manner.

### **Beneficiaries**

IDM's outreach, target audience and beneficiaries are primarily the historically disadvantaged communities of Southern Africa. In the main, this encompasses primarily, people of African origin.

### **Core Functions**

IDM's core functions encompass categories that include:

- \* Education and training
- \* Skills development and capacity building
- \* Quran, research, publications and literature
- \* Dawah, religious and spiritual activities
- \* Welfare, relief and humanitarian activities

Within these categories, IDM has initiated and conducts a whole host of activities. (See "IDM Service Snapshot").

### **Modus Operandi**

Since its inception, IDM had earmarked dawah and education as top priorities amongst the entire spectrum of IDM's endeavours. For over 40 years, thousands of people and scores of communities have benefited and been empowered through the activities of IDM.

IDM sought to reach out to the disadvantaged communities by establishing Masaajid and Islamic classes, and employing resident teachers and duaat in the different areas. At each of these centres, a whole host of activities are conducted. (See "IDM Service Snapshot").

Little pockets of new Muslim communities mushroomed in these areas which were predominantly non-Muslim prior to the commencement of IDM's dawah activities. This has had a positive impact socially as well as Islamically, since Islam is taking root amongst the indigenous African communities which comprise about 80% of South Africa's population.

### **Collaboration and Synergy**

IDM has repeatedly experienced the power of synergy. In this regard, over the years, IDM has collaborated with scores of organisations, locally and abroad, in joint ventures, and as a united team. This synergy strategy has proven to be a win-win methodology. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says in the Quran "**.... cooperate and help one another in acts of righteousness and piety....**"(Quran 5:2)

### **Needs Driven Approach**

In its comprehensive range of activities, IDM has adopted a needs-driven approach. When communities needed or required Musjids, running water, Qurans and books, classroom blocks, Imaams and teachers for various disciplines, or skills to develop and uplift themselves, IDM endeavoured to make these available to the best of its capacity and financial status.

## Social Responsibility

IDM believes it is incumbent upon every individual to contribute and give back to society, besides one's own personal growth and development. This creates a society that is caring, benevolent and altruistic.

Islam is an Ummah, where individuals care for one another, help one another, and support one another. The Prophet ﷺ said, ***“The similitude of believers with regard to mutual love, affection and fellow-feeling is that of one body; when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches” (Muslim).***

## Why Dawah?

The injunction for each and every Muslim individual to be actively involved in the work of Islamic dawah, comes from none other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) when He says in the Quran ***“Who is better in speech than one who calls to Allah, works righteousness, and says, “I am of those who bow in Islam” (Quran 41:33).***

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) further gives the methodology of dawah when He says in the Quran: ***“Invite to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious” (Quran 16:125).***

## The role of the Masjid

***(Why has IDM concentrated in building scores of Mosjids?)***

The Sunnah of our beloved Prophet ﷺ was to establish a Masjid, which played the role of an Islamic Community Centre, immediately he settled in a place. He initiated this in Quba and again in Madinah. The Masjid became the focal point of the nascent Muslim Community. It became the hub and centre of the religious, educational and social life of the early Muslim community. A venue for congregational prayers, meetings, social events, and all kinds of gatherings. A venue to convene consultative councils, or any other commendable activity. A refuge for the poor, needy and orphans who required care. A place for prostrating in prayer and worshipping God. The first Islamic school (Madrasah) was housed in the Prophet's Masjid in Madina.

The Masjid therefore has a multi-faceted role. It is the centre and fulcrum around which the life of a conscientious Muslim revolves and around which the life and growth of a conscientious Muslim Ummah evolves.

Women participated freely in all the social justice programmes taking place in the Prophet's Masjid. The Prophet ﷺ said: ***“Do not deprive women of their share of the Masjid when they seek permission from you”.***

This was the welcoming and broader social role the Prophet ﷺ himself sought to engender for the Masjid.

## **Administration & Management**

Selected individuals from amongst the board members and senior staff collectively manage and administer the day-to-day affairs as well as the long-term planning of IDM.

## **Legal Status**

IDM is registered with the following South African Government Departments:

- ♦ The Department of Social Development of South Africa, as a Non-Profit Organisation. (NPO Number: 034-886-NPO)
- ♦ The Department of Justice of South Africa as a Trust. (IT Number: 4332/1991/PMB)
- ♦ The South African Revenue Services, for tax exemption status for IDM (Registration No: 18/11/3/4856)
- ♦ The South African Revenue Services, for Section 18A Certificate, to enable rebates for donors.

## **Conclusion**

Islam has the potential to harmonise the total spectrum of man's life, and to liberate man from all forms of corruption and injustice. For over four decades, IDM has taken Islam to as many hearts and homes as possible. For over four decades, IDM has attempted to provide quality dawah and service excellence. IDM has achieved this through a comprehensive and integrated programme of Islamic dawah activities in Southern Africa.

IDM has now developed a strong foundation of experience, expertise, professionalism and excellence over the years, with the Qudrat of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Some of our strengths include, attempting to operate along first world standards; building capacities of people and communities; developing resilience to accommodate for expansion; and staying focused on The Path of the Quran and Sunnah.

This has enabled IDM to enjoy a high degree of confidence and credibility from the international and local community, Alhamdulillah.

IDM is currently in a favorable position to effectively enhance and accelerate the Islamisation process in the Southern African region, *Alhamdulillah, so that there may be Peace, Harmony, and Justice.*

***And all praise belongs to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) the Lord of the worlds.***



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1. Construction of Musjids in Southern Africa  
To date IDM has constructed over 80 Musjids in the townships. The Musjids forms part of community Islamic Centre.
2. Quran translations  
To date IDM has translated the Quran into 7 major official languages, namely: Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho, Chichewa, Portuguese, and Yao.
3. Publications and free distribution of Mus'hafs (Qurans).  
To date IDM has published and distributed free, over 120, 000 Mus'hafs (Qurans)
4. Education  
Over 1400 students are studying in 38 different centres located in the townships. These include about a thousand Madressa learners, and about 400 other learners for the other educational, vocational classes and capacity building classes. These include, amongst others, revert classes, adult classes, computers, sewing, beadwork, home-based gardening, home-care, Creche, Pre-School, Karate, Youth Halqa, Beadwork and others
5. Feeding  
IDM feeds over 1000 student/leaners daily from amongst all those who attend IDM Madressa and other educational classes, primarily children.
6. Construction of Boreholes and Water Wells in Southern Africa  
To date IDM has constructed over 220 Boreholes and Water Wells.
7. Islamic Books and Leaflets  
IDM has prepared, published and printed, as well as distributed free of charge, thousands of books and leaflets on various aspects of Islam.
8. Distance Learning School (On-line via the internet) (DLS)  
IDM has recently commenced (in 2020) a Distant Learning School (DLS), On-line via the internet. Currently, 20 du'aat participate with over 160 Madressa students in 15 centres.
9. Medical Clinics  
IDM has established 3 medical clinics, which are fully functional.

10. Constructions  
IDM has constructed a total of 418 constructions  
(These include musjids, classroom blocks, clinics, Imaam's houses, water wells, and boreholes)
  11. Annual Projects, Programmes and Activities  
These include, amongst others, Iftar Saa'im Programme, Udhiya (Qurbani) Programme, Winter Warm Project, Annual Examination and Jalsa, Auspicious Day Lecture Programmes, Youth Camps, and Train the Trainers Courses (TTC).
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## **IDM Annual Projects/Programmes/Activities**

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1. Iftar Saa'im Programme (feed the fasting programme)  
IDM feeds tens of thousands of people annually for the Ramadaan Iftar-Saa'im Programme in over 40 township locations
2. Udhiya (Qurbani) Programme  
IDM commemorates Eid-ul-Adha celebrations at over 40 township locations annually. Over 1000 people benefit annually.
3. Winter Warm Project  
Over 2000 beneficiaries from several townships benefit from this programme. IDM provides clothing, blankets, food, and paraffin.
4. Annual Examination and Jalsa  
All 38 IDM centres participate in the Annual Examinations; and many centres conduct Jalsas.
5. Auspicious day Lecture Programmes  
These include: Maulud an Nabee, Muharram, Lailatul Qadr, Lailatul Miraj, and Lailatul Baraa at several of IDM Centres.
6. Quarterly Youth Camps
7. Annual Train the Trainers Course (TTC) (Workshops)

## IDM Service Snapshot: Activities – Programmes – Projects

The following is the comprehensive list of all IDM activities that takes place at one or other of the IDM Centres.

### **[A] Education & Training**

#### **Skills Development**

#### **Capacity Building**

*The Education and Training, Skills Development, and Capacity Building Unit: Running as a thread and interspersed with the other activities is the significant educational, vocational and education-related activities grouped together under this banner. Under this unit, scores of scholarships are made available; and various different types of education-related, grass-root based activities are conducted on an on-going basis. Details of these activities are shown below. These classes are conducted at the different Islamic centres and Musjids. There are hundreds of students and learners benefiting annually from these classes collectively.*

- ✓ Scholarship Programme.
- ✓ Crèches.
- ✓ Pre-School classes
- ✓ Computer classes
- ✓ Sewing Classes
- ✓ Home Based Care (Caregiver Course)
- ✓ Beading (Beadwork) Classes
- ✓ Hifz classes
- ✓ Library and resource centre
- ✓ Adult Islamic Classes
- ✓ Revert Classes.
- ✓ Community-based Gardening Projects
- ✓ Network of Madaaris.
- ✓ Duaat In-Service Training.
- ✓ Youth Tarbiyya Camps.
- ✓ Duaat / Imaam Development Course (Train-the-Trainers programme).
- ✓ Youth Halaqa Programmes.
- ✓ Karate
- ✓ Construction of Classroom Blocks.
- ✓ Sponsorship and provision of salaries for Imaams, teachers, ustadh, duaat, coordinators, and facilitators for smaller organizations amongst disadvantaged communities.
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### **[B] Research, Publications, Literature, Quran**

*The Publications and Research Unit is playing a significant role in the making of a truly “Iqraa” (reading) community in Southern Africa. This Unit researches and publishes, for free distribution, topics relevant to the Southern African scenario. It includes the translations of the Quran into official languages of Southern Africa.*

- ✓ Quran Translation:  
The Quran has been translated into 6 official Southern African languages to date (Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho, Chichewa and Portuguese).
- ✓ Quran printing, publishing and free distribution:  
Over 120,000 Mus'hafs (Qurans) have been printed and distributed to date.
- ✓ Books and Leaflets: Translations, printing and publishing, and free distribution: The publications have been printed in the following languages amongst others: Burundi, Oshiwambo, Zulu, English.
- ✓ Free literature supplied to medical practitioners and other professionals for their waiting rooms, and clients to take home.
- ✓ Organisation of seminars, conferences and workshops.

### **[C] Dawah, Religious and Spiritual Activities**

*The Dawah Network Unit is the largest in the sub-continent, with dozens of Islamic Centres under its portfolio and scores of duaat employed. The IDM is continuously building Masjids, classroom blocks, boreholes, Imaam's quarters and clinics in Southern Africa. This unit conducts a host of dawah outreach programmes continuously throughout the year.*

- ✓ IDM manages and administers a network of Islamic Community Centres and Islamic Information Offices amongst historically, previously disadvantaged communities.
- ✓ IDM maintains and administers a team of duaat.
- ✓ Construction of Masaajid and Imaam's houses. Over 80 Musjids/Islamic centres have been constructed to date.
- ✓ "Islamic Day" Dawah Outreach Programmes.
- ✓ Annual Jalsas.
- ✓ Reversions & Nikkas, especially of new Muslims.
- ✓ Auspicious Day Functions (Lailatul Mirage, Lailatul Qadr, Lailatul Bara'a, 1st Muharram, Ashura).
- ✓ IDM invites and arranges lectures by international and local speakers.
- ✓ Dawah and Teaching through the Radio Medium.

### **[D] Welfare, Relief and Humanitarian Activities**

*The Welfare, Relief and Humanitarian Unit encompasses the feeding of hundreds of children daily at Madressas, building of clinics and boreholes, and a host of other welfare-related activities.*

- ✓ Construction of three modern, well-functioning clinics.
- ✓ Construction of over 220 boreholes and water-wells to date.
- ✓ Provision of community water.
- ✓ Project Winter Warm.
- ✓ Ramadaan Iftaar-Saai'm Programme (Feed-the-Fasting).
- ✓ Udhiya / Qurbani Project.
- ✓ Monthly Hamper Distribution.
  
- ✓ Feeding Scheme for a host of beneficiaries from the historically, previously disadvantaged communities involved in various educational projects, which include madressa children, crèche, Jum'ua, duaat in-service training, revert classes, and adult Islamic classes.

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