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MUSLIM CHARITY WINS BIG AWARD AT HUMANITARIAN AWARDS EVENT IN LONDON

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Sir Stephen Bubb (former Chief Executive of ACEVO) presents “Most Impactful International Programme Award” to Muslim Charity’s UK Director, Maroof Pirzada (Church House, Westminster, 22 February 2017)

Muslim Charity has been recognised for its work relating to the rescue and rehabilitation of street children in Dhaka, Bangladesh, by being awarded the “Most Impactful International Programme Award” at the MCF Humanitarian Awards held in Church House (Westminster, London).

The high-profile event held on Wednesday 22 February 2017 brought together leading Muslim charities from across the UK as well as Lords, MPs, philanthropists and experts from the charitable sector. The keynote address was delivered by Baroness Sayeeda

Warsi and Sir Stephen Bubb (former Chief Executive of ACEVO) presented the award to Muslim Charity.

Muslim Charity's street children project in Dhaka - which forms an integral part of the 'Children of the World' campaign - was praised by Sir Stephen Bubb for its innovative and long-lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children. The project was launched 3 years ago and aims to rescue children who spend their days and nights on the streets and are prone to physical abuse, mental torture, sexual exploitation, loneliness and child labour.

Through our local partners and unique social mobilisation efforts, we are providing temporary residence, food, health, education and psycho-social services to Dhaka's forgotten street children. The degree of impact of this innovative project can be gauged from the fact that over 900 street children have been re-integrated with their families and 2,000 street children have been sent to permanent shelters while ensuring their basic rights of education, health and protection are secured.

Commenting on the occasion, the UK of Muslim Charity, Maroof Pirzada said, "This award is a recognition of the selfless efforts and dedication of our hardworking staff and partners within the UK and in Bangladesh as well as the immense trust that our donors and supporters place in Muslim Charity by giving their donations to support our campaigns."

He further said, "The plight of street children around the world is unbearable and on this occasion we dedicate this award to Farzana – and other boys and girls like her – who is 13 years old and after being abducted has spent 3 years on the streets of Dhaka being forced to work as a child prostitute. It is young and vulnerable children like Farzana who our street children project aims to rescue, bring to safety and restore their dignity."

Earlier this month, the Shadow Health Secretary, Mr Jonathan Ashworth MP, visited Muslim Charity's street children project in Dhaka and recorded a short video message appreciating the efforts and work which can be watched here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFjuKRIWRvE

Following on from the successes of the street children project in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Muslim Charity this year is expanding its Children of the World campaign to Karachi, Pakistan, where street children will be rescued from the perils of the streets and given opportunities for a better life for themselves and those around them.

Late last year, Lord Ahmed of Rotherham officially launched the Children of the World campaign at the House of Lords and commended the efforts of Muslim Charity and its volunteers in highlighting the cause of orphans and vulnerable children around the world. Read more here: www.muslimcharity.org.uk/news/muslim-charity-launches-children-of-the-world-campaign-at-the-house-of-lords/

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

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