



MAKENI ISLAMIC SOCIETY TRUST

KNOWLEDGE WITH FAITH
AND INTEGRITY

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



It is with immense pleasure that I share this message in our esteemed annual report. I extend my warmest greetings and sincere appreciation to each one of you who has supported our organization in its noble mission.

As we reflect upon our journey, we remain deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication and generosity of individuals like you who have played a pivotal role in our progress. Your support, whether through financial contributions, time, skills or resources, have been instrumental in strengthening our work and advancing our objectives.

We wholeheartedly invite you continue walking with us on this on this inspiring journey of growth and empowerment. Your ongoing support, both financially and logistically, will enable us to broaden our reach, enhance our initiatives, and create lasting impact in the lives of those we serve. Together, we can reach new horizons and make a meaningful difference within our community.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have already contributed to our cause. Your trust and belief in our mission have fueled our determination to serve with excellence and uphold the values of compassion, integrity, and progress. We are inspired by your commitment, and we sincerely invite you to remain part of this journey as we move forward with renewed purpose.

Thank you for being an integral part of Makeni Islamic Society Trust (MIST). Together, let us pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

Warmest regards,
Rashid Limbada
Chairman
Makeni Islamic Society Trust

ABOUT US

Established in 1972, Makeni Islamic Society Trust (MIST) is one of Zambia's oldest Islamic institutions and a non-profit, philanthropic organization committed to serving the community. Based in Lusaka, MIST has remained steadfast in its mission to uplift the underprivileged through comprehensive social, educational, welfare, and spiritual support.

Registered under the Societies Act and the Lands (Perpetual Succession) Act of Zambia, MIST has grown into a one-stop Centre for holistic community development. Through its wide range of services, the Trust continues to empower individuals and families by providing access to quality education, healthcare, welfare assistance, and religious guidance.

Over the decades, MIST has continued to evolve in response to the changing needs of the community, ensuring that its initiatives remain impactful, sustainable, and beneficial to those who need them most.



MIST OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To provide quality education from Nursery to Tertiary level
- ✓ To establish and strengthen Zakaat and Welfare Funds
- ✓ To provide scholarships and bursaries for tertiary education
- ✓ To promote Da'wah and implement outreach programmes
- ✓ To support accessible healthcare through an in-house clinic



VISION & MISSION



VISION

To become the centre of academic excellence with good morals in Zambia.

MISSION

To develop an individual who is morally upright with quality education.

Mission



DEPARTMENTS



Makeni Islamic
Society Trust



Iqraa Academy



Makeni College
of Education



Madrasah



Masjid



Islamiyaat



Dawah



Makeni Islamic
Clinic



MIST SCHOOLS

Established in 1978, Makeni Islamic Society Trust (MIST) began its education journey with a nursery and primary school, founded to provide quality learning in a safe and values-based environment. In 1989 MIST expanded by opening a secondary school, strengthening its mission of nurturing academically capable and morally learners.

The Nursery School is registered by the ministry of local government while the Primary and Secondary Schools are registered by the Ministry of Education, ensuring compliance with national standards while preserving the Trust's Islamic identity and principles.

Today, MIST Schools serve approximately 1020 learners, the majority of whom come from economically challenged satellite communities. Through its bursary programme, MIST supports nearly 98% of its students, ensuring that financial hardship does not become a barrier to education, dignity, and opportunity.

MIST Schools are staffed by dedicated committed well qualified Teaching Council of Zambia (TCZ)-registered educators who deliver the National Curriculum, enriched with Islamic studies including Deen knowledge, and Qur'an. This balanced approach promotes academic excellence, strong character development, and spiritual growth.



Over the past decade, MIST Schools have consistently recorded near-perfect pass rate, reflecting a culture of discipline, commitment, and strong partnership between learners, teachers, and parents. Through structured learning, mentorship, and holistic development, MIST continues to shape confident, responsible, and purpose-driven young leaders.



IQRAA ACADEMY

QRAA Academy is one of the key educational institutions under the Makeni Islamic Society Trust (MIST). Established to respond to the growing demand for accessible, high-quality education within Makeni and its surrounding communities. Since its establishment in 2019, the Academy has continued to grow steadily, creating a supportive learning environment that nurtures academic excellence, discipline, and strong moral values.

Student Body and Educational Scope

QRAA Academy currently serves over 1,000 learners, from nursery to secondary level. The school provides a structured and inclusive educational journey that supports learners from their early development stages through to preparation for national and international examinations. IQRAA Academy upholds the same standards of excellence education ensuring that learners receive quality instruction, guidance, and opportunities to thrive.

Academic Excellence

QRAA Academy maintains high academic standards and consistent performance. The school has recorded a 100% pass rate in Grade 7 and Grade 9 examinations, demonstrating its dedication to effective teaching, learner support, and continuous improvement. Beyond academics, the Academy promotes holistic development by nurturing leadership skills, confidence, teamwork, and personal responsibility. Learners are encouraged to excel not only in the classroom but also through participation in activities that enhance creativity, discipline, and character development.

Establishment and Purpose

The establishment of IQRAA Academy was driven by the need to expand educational opportunities for families within the Makeni community. MIST recognised the importance of creating an institution that would not only meet academic needs but also contribute to shaping responsible individuals who can positively impact society. The Academy therefore stands as a reflection of MIST's commitment to investing in education as a long-term solution for community development, empowerment, and transformation.

Dual Curriculum Approach

IQRAA Academy offers a well-balanced and progressive curriculum, delivering Zambia's National Curriculum from Nursery to Grade 7, and the Cambridge IGCSE programme for Grades 8 to 11 under British Council oversight. This dual approach equips learners with a strong foundation that meets national standards while also preparing them for international academic pathways. Through this structure, students are developed to be confident, competitive, and well-prepared for higher education and future career opportunities both locally and globally.



MAKENI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Makeni College of Education and the Vocational Training College (VTC) are key tertiary institutions under Makeni Islamic Society Trust (MIST), established to empower youth and adults through quality education, professional training, and practical skills development. Together, these institutions contribute to national development by producing qualified educators and skilled professionals who are able to serve communities and strengthen Zambia's workforce.

Makeni College of Education, established in 1996, has grown into a reputable institution committed to producing competent and well-trained teachers who contribute meaningfully to Zambia's education sector. The college offers diploma programmes in both Primary and Secondary Education, in partnership with the University of Zambia, ensuring that students receive training aligned with national academic standards and professional expectations.

The college provides students with a wide academic scope, including subject areas such as Science, Computer Studies, and Business, among others. Through a combination of theoretical learning and professional development, students are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to excel in modern teaching environments.

With pass rates ranging from 40% to 100%, Makeni College of Education reflects steady progress and a commitment to quality learning. Its graduates continue to serve in both public and private institutions across Zambia, playing a key role in shaping future generations through education, leadership, and service. The college remains focused on building discipline, confidence, professionalism, and strong values—ensuring students graduate not only as qualified teachers, but also as responsible role models within society.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE

Established in 2006, MIST's Vocational Training College (VTC) provides practical, hands-on training designed to equip learners with skills that are relevant, market-driven, and aligned with modern employment needs. The college plays an important role in empowering students with the ability to become self-reliant, employable, and productive members of society.

The VTC offers programmes in Power Electrical, Food Production, Computer Skills, and Tailoring, giving students the opportunity to develop strong technical competence through real-life training and supervised practice. The institution is accredited by TEVETA, reinforcing its commitment to delivering recognized vocational qualifications that support employment and entrepreneurship.

Over the years, the VTC has maintained excellent results, with pass rates ranging from 40% to 100%, reflecting high standards in training, assessment, and student support. In addition, the college provides access to vocational education through a bursary programme that assists students from financially challenged backgrounds—ensuring that opportunities for skill development remain inclusive and accessible. Through its focus on practical education, VTC continues to strengthen livelihoods, reduce unemployment, and support.





MASJID-AL-DAWAH

Constructed in 1984, Masjid-Al-Dawah is more than a place of worship—it is a pillar of community life and a centre for spiritual growth and unity.

The Masjid serves as a focal point for:

- ✓ Congregational prayers
- ✓ Fellowship and community engagement
- ✓ Community programmes and activities
- ✓ Nikaah (marriage) services
- ✓ Funeral services

Beyond the spiritual, the Masjid plays a vital role in strengthening brotherhood, nurturing shared purpose, and bringing together people from all walks of life in an environment of faith and belonging.



MADRASAH ANWARUL ISLAM



Girls seated in class, peacefully learning the Quran.



Boys seated together, focused on studying the Quran



Madrasah Anwarul Islam is a respected Islamic educational institution dedicated to providing learners with strong foundations in religious knowledge and spiritual development.

The Madrasah offers a structured curriculum that includes:

- ✓ Qur'anic Studies
- ✓ Deen Knowledge

From Grade 1 to Grade 7, students are guided through essential Qur'an learning, core Islamic teachings, and daily duas—building deep understanding discipline, and Islamic character.

The Madrasah remains a cornerstone for nurturing young minds, strengthening faith, and shaping students into confident and responsible members of the Ummah.

ISLAMIYAAT

The Islamiyaat Department is the heart and soul of MIST, overseeing the implementation of the Islamic curriculum across all educational levels to ensure students receive a well-rounded education that nurtures both the mind and the spirit.



The department offers immersive learning in;

- ☑ Qur'an
- ☑ Arabic
- ☑ Fiqh
- ☑ Aqeedah
- ☑ Areekh and
- ☑ General Islamic knowledge.

It runs full-time Hifz classes for 32 students and a specialized program for 9 others. Students actively participate in Qur'an and Nasr competitions, Jalsas, and outstation programs, fostering confidence and leadership in Islamic settings.

The department also provides full sponsorship to 88 boarding students, offering weekend classes, salah practice sessions, and educational Islamic trips. During Ramadan, students lead Taraweeh prayers in various communities, gaining valuable experience. Annual guided Umrah trips offer a deeply spiritual journey for selected students. Our experienced Moulana instructors are regularly invited to guide other institutions, extending the department's impact beyond campus. External Islamic examinations help ensure academic excellence and spiritual readiness.



DAWAAH

Dawaah, the core of MIST's mission, is the call to submit to the one true God, a mission that underpins all the organization's activities

The Dawah department reaches across society through;

- ✓ Reverts' classes
- ✓ Inmate support
- ✓ Youth counseling
- ✓ Social welfare
- ✓ Media campaigns,
- ✓ Drug awareness, and
- ✓ Monthly aid to 300 families, spreading light and hope to all.



BOLEHOLE

Out-Stations Masjids



QURUBAN DISTRIBUTION



RAMADAN HAMPER DISTRIBUTION

MAKENI ISLAMIC CLINIC

Established in 1983, MIST's outpatient clinic has been a beacon of hope for the residents of Makeni suburb and surrounding areas for over three decades. The clinic provides essential healthcare services at nominal charges, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent access to quality medical care.

The clinic's services are comprehensive, ranging from general medical consultations, antenatal care, and under-5 services to laboratory investigations, minor surgeries, dental care, vaccinations, ultrasound scanning, pharmacy services, and ART clinics. With an average of 30 patients per day, the clinic is a lifeline for many in the community.





HOUSING

MIST's commitment to the well-being of its staff is evident in its provision of housing facilities. The organization's expansive housing complex accommodates at least 70 of its 270 employees, creating a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters a sense of community and belonging.



This investment in staff welfare not only enhances the quality of life for employees but also strengthens the institution's ability to fulfill its mission.



Iqraa Academy Boys exploring carpentry tools and gaining practical skills and cravtivity



Learning with joy - MIST foundationgirl sharing smiles in class



A serene space of masjid-al-Dawah's interior reflecting peace, and unity



Iqraa Academy Careers Day Inspiring futures - pupils exploring career paths.

GALLERY



MIST pupils at Islamiyaat: nurturing faith and knowledge.



Iqraa Academy Girls, young minds exploring science in the lab



Borehole Opening: Pure joy and clean water - children celebrating a life-change



A moment of learning - Makeni college of Education



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