

### PRESIDENT SPEECH

All praise and thanks are due to ALLAH (S.W.T), Master of the Universe. Salutations on our Beloved Master, Nabi Muhammad (S.A.W).

As we **reflect** on the years that have passed and the lessons learnt from them as well as juggle the situation, we find ourselves in post the Covid-19 pandemic, we have to be mindful of those no longer with us and the volunteers who returned to the Mercy of ALLAH (S.W.T) whilst doing what they loved best – serving the Guests of ALLAH.

### HAJJ 2023 | 1444 AH الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

**Planning for Hajj 2023 | 1444 AH** started early with the hope of sending as much pilgrims as we could. Alhamdulillah the **increase in the quota** was well over subscribed even though prices were much higher than before Covid-19.

The many **factors** contributing to this is the weaker exchange rate, the privatisation of Hajj from within the KSA, and the shortage of flights from South Africa which led to price hikes from the various airlines.

SAHUC has and will continue working tirelessly to try and remedy the situation, even though much of it is out of our hands.

Alhamdulillah, with prudent processes in place and ensuring that the relevant systems downstream from SAHUC (**MASAR**) known as the **E-Hajj System** were accurately worked on under the supervision of SAHUC which resulted in **SAHUC receiving the Labaitum award** for its efforts and **placed 2nd from all Hajj Affairs Offices**.

SAHUC will continue to put all the required preparations and **processes into place** under the guidance of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to ensure that future Hajj is embarked on without any glitches In Shaa Allah.

*We continuously strive to improve on processes and systems for the benefit of the Guests of ALLAH (S.W.T).*

### جَزَاكَ اللهُ خَيْرًا

We are **thankful** for the understanding of each Pilgrim Applicant and all other role players including: The Accredited Hajj Operators who have ensured to render services to the pilgrims as smoothly as possible.

The **Audited Financial Statements** of SAHUC will be published on our website, Herewith is a **summary** of the salient features. Prudent accounting policies and governance has again resulted in a clean audit as in the past.

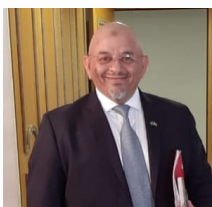
**SAHUC looks forward to being of service to the guests of ALLAH (S.W.T) in the years to come In Shaa Allah.**

I would like to also take this opportunity to **thank** the **Board Members** and the **National General Council Members** who serve the Guest of Rahman on a volunteer basis, may ALLAH (S.W.T) reward you and your families abundantly with lots of Baraakah and may ALLAH (S.W.T) continue utilising your services to serve HIS guest In Shaa Allah.

#### Reminder:

Constructive criticism is a welcome trait and will be taken on board, whilst antagonism yields no benefit for anyone.

**SHAHEEN AYUB ESSOP**  
PRESIDENT SAHUC



### HAJJ MISSION OVERVIEW SUMMARY

#### FROM HEAD OF MISSION HFZ ISMAIL KHOLVADIA

Alhamdulillah, we have come to another **successful completion of Hajj 2023 | 1444 AH** and we pray that ALLAH (S.W.T) accepts our efforts In Shaa Allah.



The **Hajj period this year** had its challenges, yet we managed to overcome those challenges Alhamdulillah. However, mention must be made of certain sectors – challenges where special attention must be given – in the process of improving together.

With that being said the **resolution of certain and future challenges will be achieved if**, and only if, all related parties observe protocol, and are earnest and honest in overcoming those challenges.

There were **2 deaths of South African Hujaaj** to report during Hajj season 1444H (2023) as well as the passing of our **Mission Member** – Marhoom Sheikh Shamiel Panday. May ALLAH S.W.T grant all Marhoomen Jannatul Firdous In Shaa Allah.



**THE MEDICAL TEAM CONSISTED OF  
3 DOCTORS, 8 NURSING STAFF  
AND AN ADMINISTRATOR.**

Alhamdulillah we again had an **excellent Medical Team**, and I take the opportunity to thank and compliment **Dr. Razia Khan and the entire medical staff for their amazing support and efforts.**

As per the regulations from the Ministry of Health, the clinics set up and registered by us were permitted to only serve South African Hujaaj.

However, since there was no formal identification system in place at the clinics, our medical staff saw to and assisted not only our South African accredited Hujaaj, but also Hujaaj from other countries (neighbouring) as well as Mujamala Visa holders.

Our service delivery point in Madinah came under scrutiny and we were forced to close the facility at the Taibah Suites due to the change in policy from the current management.

We attempted to find suitable facilities inside the ring road but were advised by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah that we should look outside which is where we located the clinic thereafter. The location was not ideal for our pilgrims.

**Alhamdulillah, our medical team had just over 3150 consults during this Hajj season with several Hajjis visiting the clinic's more than once.**

I hereby **Thank ALLAH (SWT)** for giving us the health, strength and the allowance to serve HIS guests for Hajj Hajj 2023 | 1444 AH.

I would fail in my duty if I did not once again **thank all the Members of the full Mission Team**, who worked, each as a part of a whole, in order to realise the success of Hajj 2023 | 1444 AH and whose outstanding performance resulted in several accolades being showered upon the Hajj Mission.

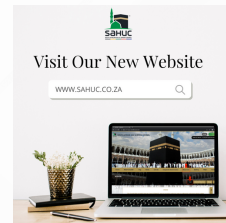
**To those whose cooperation and assistance led to a successful Hajj Mission Hajj 2023 | 1444 AH** – the Ministry of Hajj; the Consulate representative of the Republic of South Africa and his team in Jeddah; the Muassasah and all their sub affiliates (Field Office, Housing Department, Jamarat Program); to the United Agents Office; the Naqaabah; the National Adilla Establishment in Madinah – my sincere thanks and gratitude to you.

**YOUR BROTHER IN ISLAM,  
ISMAIL KHOLVADIA  
HEAD OF HAJJ AFFAIRS OFFICE - SOUTH AFRICA**

### HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

#### LAUNCH NEW SAHUC WEBSITE [WWW.SAHUC.CO.ZA](http://WWW.SAHUC.CO.ZA)

Alhamdulillah, we launched the New Website at the end of 2022 with an extensive Digital Marketing Campaign to educate the Hujaaj on how to access and use the new platform.



Alhamdulillah, we have continued to share all the yearly Activities + Highlights with the public with the **#FOLLOWUS #HAJJ** Campaign on all social media platforms and website.



#SAHUC #FOLLOWUS #HAJJ 2023|1444 AH



**Providing:** Insights, Breaking News, Announcements, News Alerts, Images & Live Video's during Protocol Visits, Hajj Awareness Programs, Days leading up to Hajj and The 5 Days of Hajj.

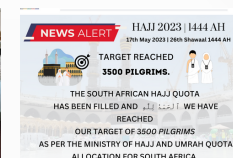
#### HAJJ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

SAHUC Awareness Programs were held in Johannesburg, Kwa- Zulu Natal & Cape Town during the months of January and May 2023.



#### QUOTA 2023 - 3500 PILGRIMS

**Accreditation** of the initial 2500 was completed with acceptance timeously and an **Additional 1000 Pilgrims** from the **"Ready to Go" list** was selected in May.



#### HIGHLIGHTS - HAJJ 2023 | 1444 AH



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#### PROCLAIM TO THE PEOPLE

#MoHU launches the media identity for #Hajj\_1444  
Hijri #Hajj2023



#### SAHUC WINS 2ND IN LABAITUM AWARD

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah Honouring distinguished Hajj offices with the **Labaitum Award**, during the activities of the Khitamuh Mask ceremony. Alhamdulillah, **SAHUC came out 2nd in the fourth category.**

#### The Fourth Category

Those with the highest evaluation rate for completing the pre-preparation procedures

For Hajj season 1444H



*Alhamdulillah*



### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| Figures in Rand                     | 2023              | 2022              | 2021              | 2020              | 2019              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Non-Current Assets                  | 2 717 249         | 1 874 731         | 1 663 346         | 1 587 678         | 395 314           |
| Current Assets                      | 19 580 153        | 15 920 725        | 16 516 263        | 22 482 595        | 17 786 358        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                 | <b>22 297 402</b> | <b>17 795 456</b> | <b>18 179 609</b> | <b>24 070 273</b> | <b>18 181 672</b> |
| <b>Equity and Liabilities</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Equity                              | 16 078 951        | 16 100 367        | 14 318 981        | 19 068 522        | 13 769 353        |
| Liabilities                         | 6 218 451         | 1 695 089         | 3 860 628         | 5 001 751         | 4 412 319         |
| <b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b> | <b>22 297 402</b> | <b>17 795 456</b> | <b>18 179 609</b> | <b>24 070 273</b> | <b>18 181 672</b> |

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| Figures in Rand                      | 2023             | 2022             | 2021              | 2020              | 2019             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                       |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| Hajj fees                            | 1 659 567        | -                | -                 | 5 859 260         | 5 264 688        |
| Registration fees                    | 1 716 110        | 586 772          | 516 942           | 2 972 247         | 2 837 906        |
| Hajj operators registration (refund) | 97 391           | (97 391)         | 0                 | -                 | -                |
| Other income                         | 734 100          | 2 547 992        | 591 312           | 1 587 077         | 741 237          |
|                                      | <b>4 207 168</b> | <b>3 037 373</b> | <b>1 108 254</b>  | <b>10 418 584</b> | <b>8 843 831</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |
| Operating expenses                   | (4 197 147)      | (1 254 787)      | (3 968 663)       | (4 969 170)       | (3 859 546)      |
| Interest and penalties               | (31 437)         | (1 200)          | (1 739 132)       | (245)             | (636)            |
| <b>Surplus for the year</b>          | <b>-21 416</b>   | <b>1 781 386</b> | <b>-4 599 541</b> | <b>5 449 169</b>  | <b>4 983 649</b> |

### NOTES TO THE SUMMARISED AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. The South African Hajj and Umrah Council (SAHUC) is a volunteer based Public Benefit Organisation which is engaged in facilitating the travel of Hujaaj to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The organisation is required to ensure compliance of South African Muslim pilgrims going for Hajj in terms of agreements entered into with the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Hajj as well as compliance with laws governing these agreements.

Other related services include:

- to accredit pilgrims that intend going for Hajj, provide medical and other services during the Hajj period; and
- to accredit and supervise the Hajj operators delivering services to South African pilgrims during the period of Hajj.

The organisation operates principally in the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

There were no major changes to the nature of the organisations business from the prior year.

During 2023, the organisations activities returned to normal and accreditation fees were earned as compared to 2020 to 2022 years, in which no accreditation fees were earned as there was no Hajj performed in those periods due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

With regards to VAT we have reached some finality. SAHUC has a liability payable to SARS which amounts to R1.5m. Once SAHUC settles the amount of R2.1m it will be able to claim the refund of R500k. SAHUC has subsequently settled the outstanding amount and has commenced with the process of claiming the refund due from SARS.

2. The organisation is registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 930060856) under section 30 of the Income Tax Act No 58 of 1962.

3. The summarised Audited Annual Financial Statements have been derived from the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been audited by Turning Point Consulting Southern Africa Inc. and signed off on 5 September 2023. These Audited Annual Financial Statements were approved by the Board and signed by them on 5 September 2023.

4. The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

5. The Audited Annual Financial Statements are available on our website, [www.sahuc.co.za](http://www.sahuc.co.za).

