



the TAKEOVER

COMEDY

SHOW

HUMAN APPEAL PRESENTS

THE BIGGEST MUSLIM COMEDY TAKEOVER TOUR 2026

YOUR WELCOME PACK

OVER 10 YEARS OF LAUGHTER





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YOU'RE IN.

AND YOU'VE JUST DONE
SOMETHING BRILLIANT.

Thank you for booking your ticket to the Comedy Takeover. You're about to spend a night laughing with some of the funniest people in the country, and at the same time, you're helping change the life of a child who'll never know your name but will feel the difference you've made.

This pack tells you everything you need to know before the night: who you're supporting, what to expect, and why your seat in that room matters more than you might think.

A PERSONAL WELCOME

A WELCOME FROM ZAHEER



Assalamu alaykum,

I want to say something I don't get to say often enough: thank you.

Buying a ticket to the Comedy Takeover might feel like a small thing – a fun night out with friends or family – but I promise you it isn't. Every seat in that room next month is a vote of confidence in the work we do, and a quiet act of solidarity with families who need it more than we'll ever know.

This year is a special one for us. We're marking 35 years of Human Appeal – three and a half decades of showing up for people in the hardest places on earth. The Comedy Takeover has been part of that story for 12 of those years, raising £15 million and reaching over a million lives. And it's only grown because people like you keep showing up.

So whether this is your first time with us or your tenth – welcome. Get ready to laugh until your face hurts. And know that while you're laughing, somewhere in the world, a child is eating, learning, and dreaming of a future because of you.

I can't wait to see you on the night.

Zaheer Khan

Global Director of Fund Development Human Appeal

ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

FIRST, A QUICK HELLO

We're Human Appeal — and this year, we're celebrating 35 years of being there for every human.

For three and a half decades, we've shown up for families in the places most people forget — in war zones, refugee camps, drought-hit villages, and earthquake rubble. We deliver food when there's none. Clean water when the taps run dry. Medical care when hospitals are gone. And for children who've lost their parents, we step in as the long-term family they need — paying for their school, their meals, their safety, their future.

In 2025 alone, that work reached over 6.6 million people in 34 countries.

That's what your ticket is part of.

**35
years**

**6.6
million
people**

**34
countries**

ONE NIGHT OF LAUGHTER THAT HELPS KEEP IT GOING.

IMPACT

THE IMPACT YOU'RE PART OF

WHAT 2025 LOOKED LIKE



ABOUT US

SO, WHAT IS THE COMEDY TAKEOVER?

It's the UK's biggest Muslim comedy tour — and one of the loudest, warmest, most joy-filled rooms you'll ever sit in.

We bring together the funniest comics in the country (and a few from across the pond) for one purpose: to raise life-changing funds for families in crisis. No lectures. No guilt trips. Just brilliant comedy, a packed room, and the quiet knowledge that the night you're laughing through is paying for someone else's chance at a normal life.



12 YEARS OF LAUGHTER, BY THE NUMBERS

FEEDBACK

12 YEARS OF THE TAKEOVER

**£15
million
raised**

**20+
comedians
hosted**

**67+
shows across
UK, USA &
Canada**

**20,000+
attendees
in 2025
alone**



DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT:

FEEDBACK



*"Best night out I've had in years.
Laughed until I cried."*

– Fatima, Birmingham



*"Brought the whole family. Kids
loved it, parents loved it. Already
booked for next year."*

– Ahmed, Manchester



*"This year, every penny goes to
one cause: orphans in need."*

– Faisal, West London

YOUR LINE-UP

FARHAN SOLO



TEZILYAS



ABDULLAH AFZAL



PRINCE ABDI



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WHY THIS TOUR MATTERS



There are 153 million children around the world growing up without one or both parents. No safety net.

No one to pay for school. No guarantee of a meal tonight.

Human Appeal's orphan sponsorship programme is one of the largest of its kind. We don't just send money — we step in as a long-term presence in a child's life. School fees. Food. Healthcare. Clothing. A guardian who checks in. A future they can plan for.

We're currently supporting over 50,000 orphans in 15 countries — and the laughter in your room next month is part of what keeps this going.

YOUR DONATIONS

OUR ORPHAN PROGRAMME TODAY

52,547
ORPHANS
CURRENTLY
SPONSORED

15

countries we
operate in

15,072

new sponsorships
in the last six
months alone

681

of our sponsored
children now in
university

24,571

orphans registered
and ready to be
matched

YOUR DONATIONS

THE COUNTRIES WE SPONSOR IN

AND THE ORPHANS WE SPONSOR



Syria

755

Palestine

32896

Sudan

2431

Macedonia

151

Tunisia

130

Iraq

1315

Senegal

137

Türkiye

(Syria)

857

Lebanon

2554

Nigeria

72

Pakistan

4037

Somalia

3210

Yemen

2488

Sri Lanka

953

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MARYAM'S STORY

ORPHANED AT 7.

ON THE CUSP
OF BECOMING
A DOCTOR.



With 35 years of experience sponsoring orphans, we've watched young children grow up with sponsorship — learning new skills, becoming young adults, and graduating from school and university. In our programme, education is the heart of everything: we continue sponsorship for as long as a child remains in education. Alhamdulillah, we currently have 681 sponsored orphans studying at university thanks to supporters like you.

This is Maryam. She's one of them.

"My father used to serve in airport security in Karachi. In 2010, when I was seven years old, he passed away, and we moved to Bhimber, Azad Kashmir. Despite resistance from relatives, my mother bravely ensured that my brothers and I enrolled in a reputable college.

In 2011, Human Appeal visited our home and institution. Their supporters began sponsoring me, allowing me to continue my education and covering all related expenses. That college holds a special place in my heart – like a guiding star – and Human Appeal continued to support me in my most difficult moments.

That was just the beginning of my journey. With their ongoing support, I was able to attend the best college in the city. Today, I'm pursuing my MBBS at Qiqihar Medical University in Heilongjiang, China. I credit my academic progress and achievements to Human Appeal's continued care.

After my father's death, we faced many struggles. Human Appeal helped us through them all – providing stationery, school and college fees, and support on special occasions like Ramadan and Eid. My dream is to become a doctor – and, thanks to Human Appeal, that dream is coming true.

From primary school to medical school, the journey has been made possible and beautiful by the generosity of my sponsor. Inshallah, I will graduate in 2027. I hope to serve orphans and vulnerable people when I become a doctor, and I aspire to join Human Appeal one day to give back to others as I was supported.

I'm deeply grateful to Allah Almighty, then Human Appeal and all the kind donors who helped me and others like me. You helped ease the pain of my father's absence. Please keep supporting me so I can complete this journey. Thank you so much."

"Whoever takes in an orphan... will be with me in Jannah like this."

– Prophet Muhammad (holding two fingers together)

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**Over 23,000 children are on our waiting list.
500 are waiting today.**

From £1.33 a day, a story like Maryam's could begin with you — and you'll be with them every step of the way, with a welcome pack and bi-annual updates on the child you sponsor.

YOUR NIGHT, SORTED

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
BEFORE SHOWTIME.



Doors open 6pm (show start time confirmed per venue)



Venue — check your ticket for full address and parking info



Check-in — show your QR code or give your name at the door



Snacks — available inside; outside food/drink at venue's discretion



Photos & videos — yes, please — just go easy on the flash. Let us know on arrival if you'd rather not be filmed



Seating — first come, first served. Earlier = better seats



Late entry — welcome, but you'll miss the warm-up



Merch — on sale on the night



Accessibility — get in touch ahead of time and we'll sort you out

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YOU SHOWED UP. THAT ALREADY MEANS SOMETHING.

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