

# SMILE REPORT RELIEF & REHABILITATION WORK

Karauli | Rajasthan





April

#### INCIDENCE OVERVIEW



On April 2, 2022, in the violence orchestrated by Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and RSS, unfathomable financial loss was incurred by Muslims of Karauli in Rajasthan. The dance of arson and vendetta was deliberately hatched by the Hindutva activists. On that day, under the garb of celebrating Nav Samvatsar, or the Hindu New Year, Hindutva forces marched into Muslim localities accompanied by provocative messages and blaring of objectionable songs. What followed were well-planned strings of violence, as being witnessed from the other regions of the country as well.

Branding swords, the Hindutva mobs proceeded to Muslim localities. According to eyewitness they were howling "Jai Shi Ram" and "Topi wala bhi Jai Shri Ram bolega (One wearing the skull cap will also chant Jai Shri Ram)" while the police looked on. However as they reached a Muslim locality near Masjid Maniharan, they were allegedly pelted with stones from rooftops, causing injuries to the people on the bikes and the policemen accompanying them. Rajaram Gurjar, husband of municipal mayor and local stalwart of BJP, is identified as the prime accused in the orgy of violence.

Najmudeen, whose shop was looted and set alight, complained of incendiary provocation spewed by mobs only to incite violence. "Most of them were outsiders. They started stone pelting followed by large scale looting and arson. They made us paupers over night". Victims were staring forlornly with bleak future as their only means of feeding their family were gutted in the fire of communalism.

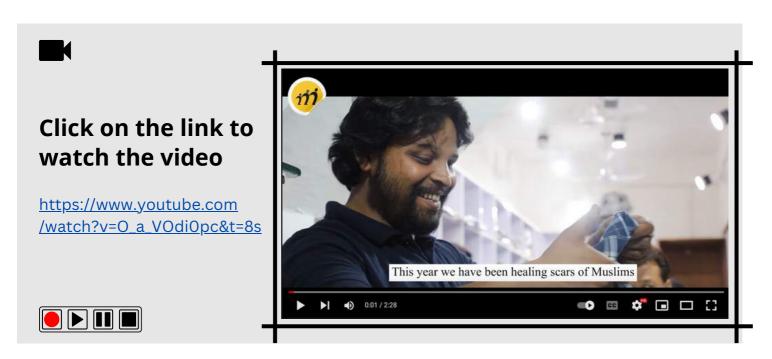




This soon degenerated into full-fledged communal violence. Hindutva forces, ever jealous of the economic prosperity of Muslims in the region, unleashed calculated attacks on the financial sources of Muslims. When shop-owners learnt about the attacks led by the BJP, Bajrang Dal and other RSS-affiliated groups – they immediately pulled the shutters down and bolted home. Later, they learnt that the shops were looted and set on fire by right-wing groups. The shops include garment shops, bangle shops, tailoring shops and wooden carts. A fact-finding team reported 62 properties were destroyed in the April 2 violence, worth over 5 crore.

The organization visited violence-hit areas on April 11 and meticulously documented the extensive financial loss after meeting the victims in person. The organization preceded others in visiting the areas and was disheartened at the whopping loss incurred by the victims.

Organization started relief work with total transparency and was able to collect 27 lakhs. We immediately rushed to disburse the money to reclaim the lost happiness in the lives of people of Karauli. The organization restored smiles in the wilted lives after communal riots reduced their life-saving into rubble. The organization is on the assiduous mission to revive happiness to the people ripped after communal tensions.



#### DESTRUCTION LEFT BEHIND















### Najmudin and Rizwan Delighted to Splash Smile

On that fateful day, **Najmudin and Rizwan**, the father-son duo lost their sole source to feed their extended family. They had shuttered the shop and left the area when early news of violence streamed in. But when they visited their confectionary shop the next day it dashed all their hopes of normalcy. Looted and set alight by the miscreants, the shop was entirely gutted. Hunching over the ashes and trembling with the grim prospect, he was lost in his lament.

The shop, once bristled with customers and sold various sweets, now lies in utter tatter. It was visit by the organization and resultant financial help that restored happiness to his dejected face. Flashing his toothless smile, he was exuberant while thanking the organization to rebuild his life. The organization provided the financial assistance of two lakhs. Using the money he rebuilt his crumbled hopes and the smile is back on his sagging face.



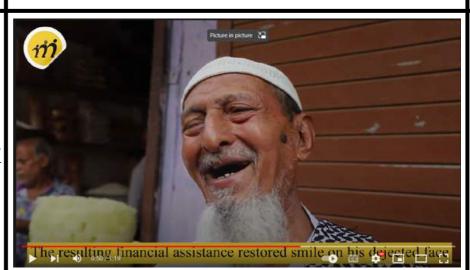


## RELIEF & REHABILITATION KARAULI, RAJASTHAN



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### New Dawn, Fresh Hopes

**Irfan** was famous in the area for his business acumen. In short span, he expanded his business and was very hard working and sincere in his business. He merged four shops and made largest garment shop in the area. The business was thriving and was having good time.

But the hate didn't take much delay to crush his hopes. The goods worth 20 Lakhs were plundered by the mob and set on fire. The bellowing fire decimated all his dreams. Only his shop was attacked in the vicinity burdened his family with mental trauma too.

When the Miles2Smiles visited the area, he met them and recounted his harrowing experiences. The organization was quick to ameliorate his pain by giving 4 lakhs to rebuild his shop. Reeling under financial and mental duress, this was heavenly gift to him. Today he is again working hard putting baggage of hate behind.



### IRFAN'S PILLAGED GARMENT SHOP RESTORED

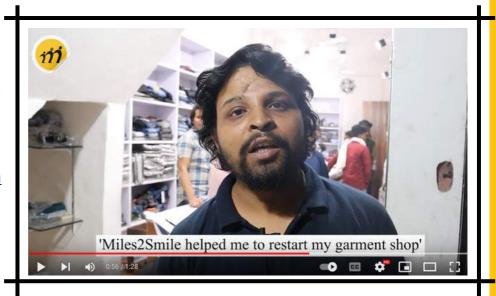






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## Stitching New Life Together

**Shahid** was fighting with deadlines to complete the stitching of the heaps of cotton sheets spread before, when he got the news of violence. He called it day and took refuge in home to save his tailoring shop from wanton attack. He was a famous tailor in the area and was very busy in the festive season.

But the violence doused his dreams as his shop was targeted and burned down. Without his equipments, he was suffering from deep sorrow. Nor he had the saving to start everything afresh. Dejected, he was afraid of feeding his family of seven.

Miles2Smiles visited his gutted shop and understood the ordeal he was going through. The organization helped him buy new tailor machine and renovate his shop by providing two lakhs. His smile when he sat behind new tailoring machine to stitch new life afresh was a moving experience for the organization







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## Smiling Mother and Entrepreneur

**Shahida Parveen** used to perch on the front of her bangle shop before the crack of down. Hers was very popular bangle shop in the area as she was ace match finder. She will find best bangles for various purposes ranging from marriage and religious ceremonies.

But, her shop was also looted and put on fire. Her only source was smoldering when she darted in the morning. Weeping and blowing nose, she tried to hide her grief behind the hem of her Dupatta. But how could a mother compose while her children are clamoring for food?

Again the organization came to her help. Using one and half lakhs, donated by the organization, she is again trying to rebuild life with new stocks of bangles. The jingles of bangles add happiness to new chapter in her life.



## miles 2 smile Gateway to Happiness

## With New Bangles, New Life

**Jafar** incurred highest loss in the violence. His shop had the stock of fifteen lakhs and decorations of the same amount. He was broken after his shop was looted and targeted by the mob. As his business was largest in the area, he had apprehensive of targeted attack. Soon the violence spread, he tried to secure his shop by closing down, but mob was hell-bent to destroy his economic mean.

A day after, all his savings lay in soot and he was sobbing incessantly when the organization visited him. The organization was aghast at the immense finance loss. Organization offered the assistance of 1.5 Lakhs in addition to 4 Lakhs from other crowdfunding to mitigate his huge financial loss.

He is trying to rebuild his life from scratch and hopes that soon he can reach the pre-violence prosperity.





#### From the Scratches

**Khatoon Banu and Sitara** have different harrowing story to narrate. They believe they were the fifth generation to occupy and run bangle business in their ancestral property. Although short of luxuries of life, they were content with life as they met both ends of life from the bangle business they ran from their three storied ramshackle building.

The violent mob didn't spare them too. The fire that gutted their stock also took heavy toll on the health of the building. After violence, municipal administration razed down their building citing threat the building posed to nearby structures. The whole structure collapsed to the ground when it was brought down by the administration.

Staring on the remains, they cried their heart out when the organization visited them. Troubled over the turn of events, the organization helped them with four lakhs. Now they are slowly forgetting the past and radiate smile with difficulty.







## Smiling in the Face of Adversity

**Tarik Khan** lost the semblance of mental balance, when he saw his pillaged garment shop. Lonely, we was cursing the tragedy befell on him. He suffered the loss of more than three lakhs when the miscreants looted and vandalized his shop.

He groped for words when the organization provided him the financial assistance one and half lakhs. His extended family exuded confidence of reclaiming past smile soon in the future. The help of the organization, along with financial assistance, also provided mental courage for the family to scurry ahead in the life.





### GLIMPSES OF TEAM 'MILES2SMILE' FROM GROUND

The organization made two visits to the area and reviewed the extent of losses the violence put behind. Leading from the front were ....(leaders name). Afterwards, the organization appealed to the generous minds to offer financial donations to help people devastated in the communal violence. Organization functioned with utmost transparency from the collection to distributing the relief.

Organization was successful to collect 29.54 lakhs within short span of one week. Then, without delay, it disbursed the amount the needy people to help put smile back on their life.







Assif Mujtaba













#### Replying to @meerfaisal01

@miles2smile\_you're doing a great job. I urge people that this is the place wherein which you can give your zakaat. Help them so that they can come up more stronger and faster. We will keep everyone in our dua.

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Anis Ahmed (Gen. Secretary, PFI) · 13/04/22 Great work @MujtabaAasif .. May Allah(swt) bless vour team...



#### 🚵 Aasif Mujtaba @MujtabaAasif · 12/04/22

I talked to Shakir Waheed Khan. We have raised 3.04 lakhs for his cause. We would transfer him the entire sum by tomorrow. He said Alhamdullilah before crying again. Thank you for donating to his cause. @miles2smile\_twitter.c...











Aasif Mujtaba @MujtabaAasif · 13/04/22 We have transfered 3.04 lakhs to him. The rest of the transfers for other causes would be done by today. I don't have words to thank every single donor for making it happen in less that a day. @miles2smile @meerfaisal01







@MujtabaAasif & @miles2smile\_are raising this cause to start the business of 15 such small+











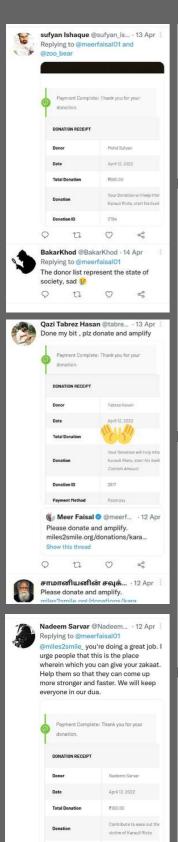
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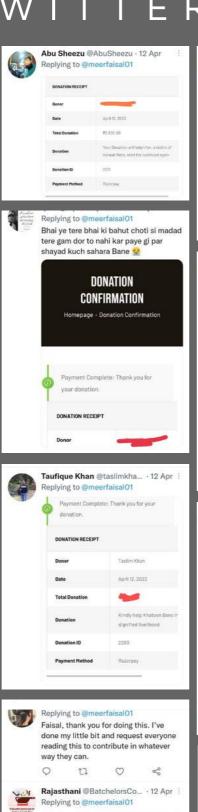




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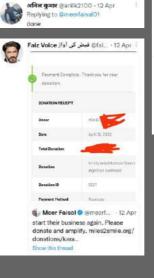
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# THE SMILE COUNTER



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Smile Project

**667** 

(S) miles Covered

480

**Smile Hours** 

98

**Smiles Restored** 

29.54 Lakhs

Financial Assistance



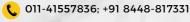


#### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:**

Miles2Smiles was established two years back as a not-for-profit organization, based in Delhi. The organization works primarily in relief activities and brings smiles to the faces of victims looming over penury and distress. Legal help and educational empowerment are also some core areas of work by the organization. In the past two years, the organization has made commendable service in delivering solace to the people languishing in the heap of despair. The organization is on an assiduous mission to revive happiness to the people ripped after communal tensions.







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