



Hidaya Foundation's Programs Overview

Education

Spread Education: 5 sub-projects are executed under this project: Support Poor Students, Female Education Dropout Prevention, Adult Education, Language Competency, and Sports & Fitness Training.

No Orphan without Education: For just \$10 per month - tuition, books, uniforms, and all basic needs are met for the education of an orphan child.

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture: Poor youth from villages are trained in agriculture practices including Animal Farm Training, Hands-on Agriculture Training, Fruit & Vegetable Farm Training, Saline Agriculture Training, Timber Farm Training, etc.

Support Hidaya Schools: Hidaya runs schools in economically depressed areas, by re-opening closed government schools, or opening new schools in areas where schools do not exist.

One Million Books: Educational books are collected in the US and shipped overseas to start libraries in small villages or update supplies in existing small libraries in rural areas.

Job Skills Training: The poor are supported and trained to learn such skills as Sewing, Carpentry, Masonry, Plumbing, Crafting, etc.

Disaster Preparedness Team: Disaster preparedness training is arranged for communities and individuals.

Environment

One Million Trees: Since the start of this project in 2008, the goal is to plant one million trees in ten years with the help of students and farming communities to improve the environment. It costs just \$1 to plant and grow a tree.

Green Energy: Youth are trained in alternate energy concepts so they may gain meaningful employment. Also, Hidaya is utilizing wind and solar energies at its offices.

Clean Drinking Water: Clean drinking water is provided to the poor in need of fresh water by installing water hand pumps, digging deep wells, or delivering water to the masses via water tankers. A water hand pump costs \$200, and 1200 gallons of water delivered by tanker costs \$10.

Self Employment

Animal Farming: Poor families are given goats or chickens so they may farm and benefit from milk, eggs, meat, etc. It costs \$200 for a pair of goats or \$50 for a flock of 25 chicks and supplies.

Farmer Assistance: Farmers are provided seeds, fertilizer and pesticides to stand on their own feet and break out of the ongoing poverty cycle.

Small Businesses for the Poor: Poor individuals are supported under two sub-projects so they may stand on their own feet: Sewing Machines to Women (\$75 per sewing machine) & Tools for Various Professions (\$200 for a push-cart and supplies for street vending business, \$200 - \$500 to set up a retail shop, costs vary for tools based on other professions).

Health Care

Medical Assistance: Underprivileged patients are supported for doctor visits, lab tests, surgeries and medicine. Also, hospitals are given medical equipment, medicines and financial support.

Medical Camps: In small towns and villages, camps are arranged where doctors are brought to see poor villagers and medicines are provided at no cost.

Preventive Health Care Education: Brochures and seminars are given to educate poor families about the causes, preventions and cures of common diseases.

Social Welfare

Zakat (Obligatory Charity): Widows, orphans, elderly and the poorest of the poor are given cash, dry ration, clothing, and other basic human needs from Zakat funds.

Disaster Relief: Families in emergency or catastrophic situations, such as droughts, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods are given assistance.

One Million Meals: Feed the world's poor and hungry; bought in bulk, a meal costs only 50 cents.

Marriage Support: Pay for the marriages of orphaned and poor young women; it costs approximately \$200 to \$300 for each marriage.

Widow/Orphan Support: Aid is given in the form of dry ration food, clothing, and cash to meet all basic needs of widows and orphan children. It costs only \$20 per month to help each widow with orphans.

Information & Communication Technology

Basic Computer Skills: Students are given a basic understanding of hardware and application software to prepare them for A Plus Certification.

Software Development Training: Fresh graduates and unemployed software engineers are provided training in Open Source and Microsoft Technologies at the Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST). It costs approx. \$300 - \$500 to train an economically weak intern.

System Administration Training: Fresh graduates and unemployed engineers are provided training at HIST in cutting edge Open Source & Microsoft server technologies.

Network Administration Training: Fresh graduates and unemployed ITC engineers will be provided training at HIST in advanced concepts of networking.



Hidaya's Mission Statement:

To implement educational, environmental, social welfare, and health care programs in economically depressed areas of South Asia, West Africa and North America, with focus on projects which promote self employment.

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Pictured: Dates growing on a date palm in Hidaya Garden, where students are trained at Hidaya Institute of Farming and Agriculture (HIFA)

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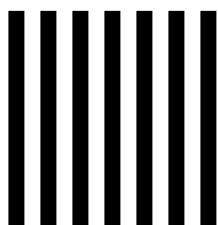
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Putting Things in Perspective

Rains - Mercy, Test, or Punishment?

Year after year, the world is experiencing either excessive rains at harvest times destroying crops, livestock and dwellings, or very little or no rain at all causing drought like conditions which cause great agriculture and livestock losses. The question arises; What is going on? Rain at the right time is a mercy from Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala (swt), but excessive rains at the wrong times or no rains at all may be a test or even a punishment for us. No matter where we live, this phenomenon impacts us all as the world has become a small global village. Let us examine what Qur'an and Hadith are saying about it.

Allah (swt) Sends Rain as His Mercy:

"And We have sent down blessed rain from the sky and made grow thereby gardens and grain from the harvest." [Qaf 50:9]

Abu Huraira reported: While a person was in the wilderness he heard a voice from the cloud (commanding it thus), "Irrigate the garden of so and so." After that the clouds slinked aside and poured water on a stony ground. It filled a channel amongst the channels of that land and the person followed that water and he found another person standing in a garden busy in changing the course of the water with the help of a hatchet. He said to the man, "Servant of Allah, what is your name?" The man said so and so, and it was that very name which he had heard from the clouds. Then the man then said to him, "Servant of Allah, why do you ask me my name?" He said, "I heard a voice from the clouds of which came the downpour, saying, 'Water the garden of so and so' like your name. What do you do (for the favor) shown to you by Allah in this matter?" The man said, "Now as you state so, I look what yield I get from it (the garden), and I give one-third as charity out of it, and I and my children eat one-third of it, and one-third I return to it as investment. (Sahih Muslim, Book 42, Hadith 7112)

Allah (swt) Tests Us with Calamities:

"No calamity occurs, except by the leave of Allah; and whosoever believes in Allah, He guides his heart. And Allah knows all things." [Al-Taghabun 64:11]

"Be sure We shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but

give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere. Who say, when afflicted with calamity: 'To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return' They are those on whom (descend) blessings from their Lord, and Mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance. [Al-Baqarah 2:155-157]

Allah (swt) Sends Abundant Rain and Causes Floods to Teach Lessons:

"And they denied him (Nuh), so We saved him and those with him in the ship and made them successors, and We drowned those who denied Our signs. Then see how was the end of those who were warned." [Yunus 10:73]

Allah (swt) Stops Rain and Causes Drought as Punishment:

"And we have sent down rain from the sky in a measured amount and settled it in the earth. And indeed, We are Able to take it away." [Al-Mu'minun 23:18]

"We punished the people of Fir'aun (Pharaoh) with years of drought and shortness of fruits (crops, etc.), that they might remember (take heed)." [Al-Araf 7:130]

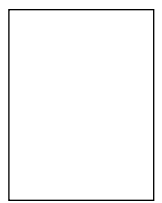
We Should Ask Forgiveness From Allah (swt) and Repent to Him:

"Ask your Lord for forgiveness and then turn in repentance to Him . . ." [Hud, 11:3]

"But whoever repents after his wrongdoing and reforms, indeed, Allah will turn to him in forgiveness. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." [Al-Ma'idah 5:39]

A man complained to Al-Hasan Al Basri about a drought, and he said to him: "Ask Allah for forgiveness." Another man complained to him of poverty and he said to him: "Ask Allah to forgive you." Another man said to him: "Pray to Allah to bless me with a child." He said: "Ask Allah for forgiveness." Another complained to him that his garden was dry. He said to him: "Ask Allah for forgiveness."

He was asked about it and he said: "This is not my personal opinion, for Allah says in Surah Nuh (10-12): "Ask forgiveness from your Lord, verily, He is Oft Forgiving; He will send rain to you in abundance. And give you increase in wealth and children, and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers." (Tafseer Al-Qurtubi, Chapter 18, Page 196 #303)



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Pictured: Rice crop in its early stage at Hidaya Garden, where students are trained at Hidaya Institute of Farming and Agriculture (HIFA) (Photo dated August 2012)

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