

“Closer and closer to mankind comes their Reckoning: yet they heed not and they turn away.”
[Al-Qur'an 21:1]



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Putting Things in Perspective: Doing Good While We Are Still Alive

Conversation of the People of Paradise and the People of Hell

Every soul, for what it has earned, will be retained, Except the companions of the right, [Who will be] in gardens, questioning each other, About the criminals, [And asking them], “What put you into Saqr¹? ” They will say, “We were not of those who prayed, Nor did we used to feed the poor. And we used to enter into vain discourse with those who engaged [in it], And we used to deny the Day of Recompense. Until there came to us the certainty.” So there will not benefit them the intercession of [any] intercessors. [Al-Qur'an 74:38 - 48]

And the companions of the Fire will call to the companions of Paradise, “Pour upon us some water or from whatever Allah has provided you.” They will say, “Indeed, Allah has forbidden them both to the disbelievers.” Who took their religion as distraction and amusement and whom the worldly life deluded.” So today We will forget them just as they forgot the meeting of this Day of theirs and for having rejected Our verses. And We had certainly brought them a Book which We detailed by knowledge - as guidance and mercy to a people who believe. [Al-Qur'an 7:50-52]

Doing Righteousness and Giving Charity Before it's Too Late

And they will cry out therein, “Our Lord, remove us; we will do righteousness - other than what we were doing!” But did We not grant you life enough for whoever would remember therein to remember, and the warner had come to you? So taste [the punishment], for there is not for the wrongdoers any helper. [Al Qur'an 35:37]

If you could but see when the criminals are hanging their heads before their Lord, [saying], “Our Lord, we have seen and heard, so return us [to the world]; we will work righteousness. Indeed, we are [now] certain.” [Al-Qur'an 32:12]

O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that - then those are the losers. And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, “My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would give charity and be among the righteous.” But never will Allah delay a soul when its time has come. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do. [Al-Qur'an 63: 9-11]

¹. And what can make you know what is Saqr? It lets nothing remain and leaves nothing [unburned], Blackening the skins. Over it are nineteen [angels]. [Al-Qur'an 74: 27-30]

Feeding the Poor this Ramadan

Every year during Ramadan, Hidaya increases its efforts to provide meals to the poor so they may have a meal to break their fasts. This year again, we will be providing food to tens of thousands of families in South Asia and Africa through the following projects:

One Million Meals For \$50, you can provide a family package

which includes: 50 kg rice, 25 kg red lentils, 5 liters cooking oil, and 10 bars (1500g) bathing soap. These packages should be enough to feed a family for at least 2 months.

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr Hidaya has a suggested cost for Sadaqat-ul-Fitr of **approximately \$7.00 per person** based on the price of 1 Saa (approx. 3kg) of rice or wheat at local costs in USA. However, one can give more if they like and more poor would benefit.

Fidya (Compensation for Missed Fasts) Fidya can be based on the price of 1.5 kg of rice or wheat, which in USA is **approx. \$3.50 for each day of missed fast**. However, one can give more if they like and more poor would benefit.

Kaffara The prescribed way of making amends for wrong actions is by giving Kaffara. There are different forms of Kaffara and can vary based on the wrong action and circumstances of person who committed it. Hidaya arranges the distribution of Kaffara by distributing hundreds of dry ration packages each year on behalf of donors to benefit thousands of poor people.



Disaster Relief Efforts

Rohingya Refugee Support Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims made an exodus to Bangladesh this year seeking safety from years of increased persecution in their native lands.

Since December of 2017, Hidaya's volunteer teams have been doing distribution efforts to help the Rohingya refugees in the Cox Bazaar area - supplying thousands of families with food, water, clothing, blankets, umbrellas, medicines, and mosquito nets with continuing efforts on this front.



Food and Supplies being distributed to Rohingya Muslims



Volunteers preparing water and food supplies to give to Hurricane victims in Houston

Bangladesh Floods Bangladesh experienced one of its worst monsoon seasons in decades last year, as a third of the entire country was submerged in water. Hidaya, through its volunteers in Bangladesh helped 25 families to rebuild their homes which had been destroyed by floods.

US Hurricane Relief The USA was hit with devastating hurricanes this season affecting tens of thousands of families and causing wide-scale damage. Hidaya supported teams of volunteers to provide needed food, water, and sanitation supplies to shelters in badly affected areas of Houston and Orlando.

2017 Independent Auditor's Report

With the Blessings of Allah, on March 23, 2018, Hidaya Foundation successfully completed its 2017 financial audit. A copy of the audited financial statements (as well as previous year statements) are available for review at:

www.hidaya.org/financials

Container Shipment Report - 59 Containers Shipped in 2017

In 2017, Hidaya shipped a total of 59 containers for the poor of Pakistan.

In-Kind Containers: 29 containers (40 ft) filled with In-Kind donations were sent from USA. Supplies included: clothes & household items, toys & baby items, medical supplies, computers & related items, office equipment & tools, books & school supplies, and more. Total In-Kind donations for 2017 were valued at **\$532,294.15**.

Purchased Containers: 30 containers filled with goods bought in bulk were purchased from the international market. Items were bought in bulk internationally to ensure better use of funds by securing top quality products at lower costs, resulting in much better quality products being given to more people in need. Total value of items that were purchased and distributed to the poor cost **\$621,910.08**.

Details of containers and contents can be seen in the accompanying tables.



Volunteers Loading Container with Donated Quilts
San Jose, CA



3 Containers Full and Ready to go from Hidaya's Warehouse in San Jose, CA

In-Kind Containers

Container #s	Date Shipped	In-Kind Value	Contents
1	Jan 9	\$19,405.05	Winter Clothes
2 & 3	Feb 3	\$38,827.95	Winter Clothes
4 & 5	Feb 15	\$26,415.00	Clothes & Household Items, Toys & Baby Items, Medical Supplies, Computers & Related Items, Office Equipment & Tools
6	Mar 24	\$19,424.30	Winter Clothes
7	Apr 25	\$19,413.45	Winter Clothes
8	Apr 27	\$77,175.00	Wool Quilts, Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies
9 & 10	May 2	\$24,005.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Toys & Baby Items, Office Equipment & Tools, Books & School Supplies
11	May 15	\$13,700.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Toys & Baby Items, Office Equipment & Tools, Books & School Supplies
12	Jul 17	\$11,765.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Toys & Baby Items, Books & School Supplies
13 & 14	Aug 2	\$22,400.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Toys & Baby Items, Books & School Supplies
15	Jul 31	\$12,600.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Toys & Baby Items, Books & School Supplies
16 & 17	Aug 11	\$38,939.25	Winter Clothes
18 & 19	Aug 19	\$39,060.70	Winter Clothes
20 & 21	Sep 6	\$32,305.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Computers & Related Items, Toys & Baby Items, Office Equipment & Tools, Books & School Supplies
22 & 23	Nov 10	\$38,839.85	Winter Clothes
24 & 25	Nov 16	\$23,925.00	Clothes & Household Items, Medical Supplies, Computers & Related Items, Toys & Baby Items, Books & School Supplies
26	Dec 11	\$20,546.05	Jackets
27	Dec 21	\$19,440.40	Winter Clothes
28	Dec 26	\$16,537.85	Winter Clothes
29	Dec 26	\$17,569.30	Winter Clothes
		\$532,294.15	

Purchased Containers

Container #s	Date Shipped	Value	Country of Export	Contents
1 & 2	Jan 27	\$31,549.60	Indonesia	Soap
3	Jan 5	\$85,569.53	China	Stationery
4 & 5	Mar 12	\$8,051.27	USA	Lumber
6	Apr 25	\$7,000.00	Thailand	Fertilizer
7	May 12	\$7,732.80	China	Fertilizer
8 - 17	May 12	\$98,750.00	Canada	Faba Beans
18	June 26	\$45,522.00	China	Tarps
19	July 5	\$52,821.71	China	Stationery & Sewing Accessories
20 - 28	July 14	\$160,834.95	Indonesia	Vegetable Cooking Oil
29	July 21	\$88,202.22	China	Steel Beams, Construction Material
30	August 21	\$35,876.00	China	Farming Machinery
		\$621,910.08		

Hidaya's 2017 Accomplishments

Name	
Email	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Date	
Donation Form	

Zakat (Obligatory Charity)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fidyia (\$3.50 per missed day of fasting)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$7 per person)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Card No	
Expiry Date: (mm/yy)	
Zakat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
(LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK IF YOU ARE DOING A ONE-TIME DONATION)	

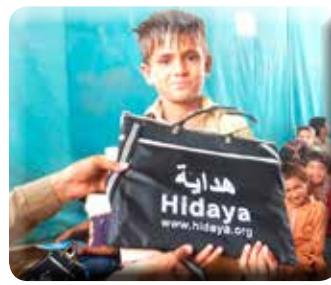
If you would like to setup using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided to the left. Note: please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section on the left so we can properly set-up your donation.	
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Set-up a Monthly Donation	

No Orphan without Education: Supporting nearly 9,000 orphans each month in 6 countries



Job-Skills Training

Support Hidaya Schools: Operating 80 schools with over 10,000 students from KG – 8th grade



Support Hidaya Schools

Adult Education: Educating over 1,000 non-literate male and female adults to 8th grade level

Support Poor Students: Supporting over 10,000 students

Job Skills Training: Trained nearly 1,000 students in sewing and over 1,800 students in driving in Pakistan

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Educated over 200 students in software development

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture (HIFA): Educated dozens of young adults in ways of cultivating the land, growing vegetables, taking care of date palm trees and mango orchards at Hidaya Garden

Widow/Orphan Support: Supporting nearly 5,000 widows and their orphaned children each month in 6 countries



Widow/Orphan Support

Marriage Support: Helped 16 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 29 forty ft. containers with donated goods to benefit the poor of Pakistan, worth over \$530,000



Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations

One Million Meals: Distributed dry ration packages to families in 7 different countries (Pakistan, Benin, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo), enough for well over 1,000,000 meals

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Distributed over 3,000 dry ration packages to families, benefiting nearly 20,000 individuals in Pakistan and Bangladesh

Fidyia: Distributed over 7,710 dry ration packages to families, benefiting over 35,000 individuals

Kaffara: Distributed 1,154 dry ration packages to families, benefiting over 5,000 individuals

Disaster Relief: Supplied volunteer teams to aid families affected by US Hurricanes, helping rebuild homes for families affected by Bangladesh Floods, providing food, medicines, and other basic needs for Rohingya Refugees, and collected funds for families affected by Northern California fires

Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 2,555 goats and 178 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit tens of thousands of families in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Guinea

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 283 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit thousands of families

Qurbani: Arranged 5,200 shares of Qurbani on behalf of our donors (3,878 ox/buffalo shares, 1,322 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 50,000 poor families throughout 18 countries (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Benin)



One Million Meals

One Million Trees: Planted nearly 20,000 seedlings

Green Energy: Running 9 of Hidaya Trust's offices in Pakistan on solar reducing electricity costs and ensuring smoother operations during frequent power outages

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 533 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors and distributed nearly 10 million liters of water via water tanker benefiting over 100,000 people

Medical Assistance: Supported 230 poor patients in need by arranging more than 2,500 examinations and treatments for them

Car Program: Received 22 vehicles as donations and gave them away to families in need locally near our SF Bay Area headquarters



Clean Drinking Water