What is Aqiqah?

Aqiqah is an act of showing gratitude to the Creator for His blessings of children. Parents may show this gratitude by sacrificing animals (one for a girl, two for a boy), such as a goat or a sheep, and inviting the community (including the poor) to share in the joyous occasion. The performance of Aqiqah by the parents or guardians of a child is highly encouraged as the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions used to perform Aqiqah when they were bestowed with a newborn. **Hidaya Foundation performs Aqiqah on behalf of our donors, and we distribute the meat among the poor, most of whom can’t afford to eat meat otherwise.**

When should Aqiqah be Performed?

The best recommended time to perform Aqiqah is on the seventh day after the birth of the baby, otherwise the 14th, or the 21st, however one can do it at any time if they are able. Hidaya can perform Aqiqah and distribute the meat to the poor within 72 hours of ones request.