

Why Should I Give Sadaqah?

Sadaqah protects from calamity, extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire, and provides shade on the Day of Resurrection

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah multiplies (increases the reward) for whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower."

(Al-Qur'an: Chapter 2, Verse 261)

What is Sadaqah?

Sadaqah (Arabic: صدقة) **noun.** is an Islamic term that means voluntary charity, such as a charitable act, charitable giving, or money given in charity with the intention of seeking the pleasure of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala (The Glorified and Exalted).

Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him said, "Every act of goodness is Sadaqah." *(Muslim #2197)*

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "When you smile in your brother's face, or enjoin what is reputable, or forbid what is objectionable, or direct someone who has lost his way, or help a man who has bad eyesight, or remove stones, thorns and bones from the road, or pour water from your bucket into your brother's, it counts to you as Sadaqah." *(Tirmidhi #1911)*

What are the Benefits of Sadaqah?

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said:

"Give the Sadaqah without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity." *(Tirmidhi #1887)*

"Sadaqah extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire." *(Tirmidhi #2541)*

"Sadaqah appeases the Lord's anger and averts an evil death." *(Tirmidhi #1909)*

"The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his Sadaqah." *(Tirmidhi #1925)*

Why Should Every Muslim Give Sadaqah?

The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Every Muslim has to give in charity." The people asked, "O Allah's Prophet! If someone has nothing to give, what will he do?" He said, "He should work with his hands and benefit himself and also give in charity (from what he earns)." The people further asked, "If he cannot find even that?" He replied, "He should help the needy who appeal for help." Then the people asked, "If he cannot do that?" He replied, "Then he should perform good deeds and keep away from evil deeds and this will be regarded as charitable deeds." *(Bukhari #2:524)*

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said: "Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth, and the servant who forgives, Allah adds to his respect; and the one who shows humility, Allah elevates him in the estimation (of the people)." *(Muslim #4:6264)*

Can One Give Sadaqah on Behalf of the Deceased?

A woman said: "Apostle of Allah, my mother suddenly died; if it had not happened, she would have given Sadaqah (charity) and donated (something). Will it suffice if I give sadaqah on her behalf?" The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Yes, give sadaqah on her behalf." *(Abu-Dawood #2875)*

A person said to Allah's Apostle (pbuh): "My father died and left behind property without making any will regarding it. Would he be relieved of the burden of his sins if I give Sadaqah on his behalf?" He (the Prophet) said: "Yes." *(Muslim #4001)*

How Does Hidayah Distribute Sadaqah?

Hidayah Foundation has over 30 projects, most of which Sadaqah can be given towards. Sadaqah is distributed to people in extreme poverty in the form of cash, food (cooked, dry ration, meat), clean drinking water, agriculture (such as trees, seeds, livestock, poultry), clothing, educational support, and medical assistance.

Some featured projects are included to the right.

Widow/Orphan Support

Narrated Sahl bin Sa'd: The Prophet (pbuh) said, "I and the person who looks after an orphan and provides for him, will be in Paradise like this," putting his index and middle fingers together. *(Bukhari #73:34)*

Hidayah is currently supporting nearly 13,000 orphans and over 7,000 widows in 11 countries. It costs around **\$50 - \$80 per month** to support a widow and orphan(s) in a family, which includes \$40 for each widow for household needs, and \$10 per orphan for educational needs (for up to 4 orphans).

Sadaqah Meat (Sadaqah Sacrifice)

A man called the Apostle of Allah (pbuh): "We used to sacrifice Atirah in pre-Islamic days during Rajab; so what do you command us?" He (pbuh) said: "Sacrifice for the sake of Allah in any month; obey Allah, Most High, and feed (the people)." *(Abu-Dawood #2824)*

You may donate any amount towards meat distribution. It costs about **\$420 for an ox/buffalo, \$120 for goat/sheep, and \$5 for fish, chicken, rabbit.**



One Million Meals

Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, "The most excellent Sadaqah consists in your satisfying a hungry stomach." *(Tirmidhi #1946)*

Meals are distributed to people in dire need throughout the year. Due to buying food products in bulk, it costs only **50 cents per meal.**



Clean Drinking Water

Sa'd ibn Ubadah asked the Apostle of Allah, "Umm Sa'd has died; what form of Sadaqah is best?" He (pbuh) replied: "Water (is best)." He dug a well and said: "It is for Umm Sa'd." *(Abu-Dawood #1677)*

Water Hand Pumps are installed in schools or residences of poor families. Installation with a cement platform costs on average approximately **\$300 per water hand pump.**

Hidayah also delivers water via Water Tanker in areas where digging wells are too expensive. It costs just **\$15 to deliver 1,200 gallons of water.**



One Million Trees

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "If any Muslim plants any plant and a human being or an animal eats of it, he will be rewarded as if he had given that much in charity." *(Bukhari #8:73:41)*

Trees are planted on behalf of donors, mostly by students whom Hidayah supports, in order to teach them the rewards of doing so and the value of trees on the environment. **It costs just \$1 to plant each tree seedling.**



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