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Clean Drinking Water

Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet (pbuh) said, "A man felt very thirsty, while he was on the way there he came across a well. He went down the well, quenched his thirst and came out. Meanwhile he saw a dog panting and licking mud because of excessive thirst. He said to himself, "This dog is suffering from thirst as I did." So, he went down the well again and filled his shoe with water and watered it. Allah thanked him for that deed and forgave him. The people said, "O Allah's Apostle! Is there a reward for us in serving the animals?" He replied: "Yes, there is a reward for serving any animate (living being)." (Bukhari, Vol. 3, Book 43, # 646)

Countless people in the world don't have access to clean drinking water. Many must travel miles to stagnant

and dirty water sources that hold disease causing bacteria, just for survival. Donating for the installation of water wells is a sadaqah-jariah, or perpetual charity, where one may receive rewards for as long as people, wildlife and nature are benefiting from the clean water.

Hidaya installs water hand pumps and deep wells for potable water in some of the most neglected villages in the world that would otherwise not have any access to clean water. Based on water depth, an average hand pump with a cement platform and five years of maintenance costs approximately \$200. Since January, Hidaya has installed over 85 water hand pumps and expects to install over 200 more by the end of the year, Insha'Allah. ♦

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Disaster Relief Updates

Pakistan Internal Refugee Crisis

In the early months of 2009, over 2.5 million people were internally displaced as a result of the turmoil in Swat, Pakistan. Hidaya set up a base camp ten miles north of Mardan city in order to aid those displaced persons.

Our team conducted an initial survey to make sure refugees' needs would be met without wasting funds and time. The survey was conducted for refugees in tents, camps, local schools, and crowded rented housing and took into account the needs of refugees, supplies provided by other organizations, and supplies that were locally available. As refugees arrived, they were also being registered by our team. Hidaya served areas including Garhi Ismail Zai, Garhi Doulat Zai, Kot Doulat Zai, Kot Ismail Zai, Mahmood Abad, Gambat, Khandar, and Shabaz, which are located within 35 to 40 kilometer radius and include about 4,000 families.

Almost 20-25 tons or more of supplies were sent every week. The items sent to the field are as follows: *300 Tents, 345 Pillows & pillow covers, 188 Quilts & Blankets, 4,000 Hand Fans, 3,544 Bed Sheets, 451 Towels, 369 Sleeping Bags, 20 Pairs of Crutches, 8 Wheelchairs, 11 Walkers (for Elderly), 25 Steel Dishes, 31 Plastic Jugs, 270 Plastic Bowls, 138 Plastic Glasses, 3,706 Pair of Shoes, 609 Pots and Pans, 190 Earthen Water Pots for Drinking Water,*

2,000 Family clothing packs containing seven women & children's dresses, and 8,000 dry ration food packages (each including 20kg whole wheat flour or rice, 5kg Daal (lentils), 2.5 liter cooking oil, 6 cakes of soap for washing clothes, 6 cakes of soap for bathing and hygiene). ♦



Bangladesh Cyclone: The Challenging Trials to Providing Relief

Cyclone Ayla struck parts of coastal Bangladesh and Eastern India on May 25th, killing more than 200 people and displacing millions more. In Bangladesh alone, 190 people were killed and 750,000 were left homeless. While non-profit organizations and the government were trying desperately to administer relief efforts, it was more than they could handle, especially in remote regions that were difficult to travel on due to roads being completely wiped

out. Hidaya Foundation's Team in Bangladesh decided to focus its efforts on Satkhira, one such remote region and informed all other organizations and the government that it would take responsibility to distribute food packages to the desperate and remote people of this sub-district.

Rice and lentils (daal) were bought and packed onto 7 five-ton trucks and driven 30 km to a river that would lead to Satkhira. Due to destroyed roads this part of the journey ended up taking 6 hours (normally a 2 hour drive). At the river, the supplies were unloaded from the trucks onto boats, which had to travel an additional 45km to reach the distribution point. While nearly 2/3 of the way to Satkhira, the tide went down on the river, and the team was forced to stop and wait 8 hours over night for the tide to rise. During the night, thieves ambushed the team, but Alhamdulillah (All Praise be to Allah), local police and law enforcement were nearby and halted the attempt enabling our team to continue on their mission.

One team member reached a day ahead of the rest of everybody else and proceeded to qualify and register families for receiving relief packages. Each family was given a token to be exchanged for supplies and ensure an efficient and orderly distribution. Alhamdulillah, Hidaya Foundation's team was able to successfully distribute all supplies and 1,900 families were extremely thankful for the aid brought to them in their remote locality.

Each food package contained 25kg of rice and 3kg of lentils (daal) which is enough to feed a family of five twice a day for 30 days. ♦



Fidya - Compensation for Missed Fasts

"[Observing Saum (fasts)] for a fixed number of days, but if any of you is ill or on a journey, the same number (should be made up) from other days. And as for those who can fast with difficulty, (e.g. an old man, etc.), they have (a choice either to fast or) to feed a Miskin (poor person) (for every day). But whoever does good of his own accord, it is better for him. And that you fast, it is better for you if only you know.

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Saum (fasts) that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number [of days which one did not observe Saum (fasts) must be made up] from other days. Allah intends for you ease, and He does not want to make things difficult for you. (He wants that you) must complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah [i.e. to say Takbir (Allahu-Akbar; Allah is the Most Great) on seeing the crescent of the months of Ramadan and Shawwal] for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him."
[Al-Quran 2:184-185]

Narrated 'Abdullah bin Ma'qal: I sat with Ka'b bin 'Ujra and asked him about the Fidya. He replied, "This revelation was revealed concerning my case especially, but it is also for you in general. I was carried to Allah's Apostle and the lice were falling in great number on my face. The Prophet (pbuh) said, "I have never thought that your ailment (or struggle) has reached to such an extent as I see. Can you afford a sheep?" I replied in the negative. He then said, "Fast for three days, or feed six poor persons each with half a Sa of food." (1 Sa = 3 Kg approx.)
[Sahih Bukhari, Volume 3, Book 28, Number 43]

Fidya Cost for each missed day of fasting is **\$3.50** (Hanafi school of thought), or **\$7.00** (other schools of thought).

No Orphan without Education

Hidaya meets basic needs of orphan children as well as provides financial support for their education, so they may become positive members of society.



July 2009 - People Supported by NOWE Project

# of Families	866
# of Widows	856
# of Orphans	1,997

Grade Levels of Orphan Students

Primary School Students	1,322
Middle School Students	357
High School Students	212
11th/12th Grade Students	106
Total	1,997

One Million Meals

Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said: "The most excellent sadaqah consists in your satisfying the hungry stomach." (Tirmidhi #1946)

Hidaya Foundation strives to provide One Million Meals to those in dire need throughout the world each year. Due to buying in bulk, it **costs only 50 cents per meal.**

Typically, Hidaya offers packages of flour, rice, lentils, dry milk powder, sugar, tea, spices, and oil to needy families, though the nature of food supplies can vary according to the regions and countries.

This Ramadan alone, Hidaya Foundation is distributing over 750,000 meals to extremely poor families in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Sierra Leone, and Sri Lanka.



Zakat Distribution

Hidaya collects and distributes Zakat donations for various projects per Shariah (Islamic Law) guidelines and as instructed by donors.

Zakat funds are used to support orphans, widows, poor elderly, families in extreme poverty, poor girls for marriages, deserving students, poor medical patients, and disaster affectees.

It is better for an individual to pay their Zakat directly to deserving people, if possible. If not, then they may assign the responsibility to a trustworthy individual or organization. It is the individual's responsibility to ask questions to whoever distributes their Zakat regarding what kind of people their Zakat is being distributed to, how and why they are selected, etc. Remember, Zakat is obligatory on every Muslim, and if it is given to the wrong person, the obligation may not be fulfilled. ♦

Detailed Answers to Your Questions about Zakat, and a Zakat Calculator visit:

www.hidaya.org/zakat

You may email your Zakat related questions to: zakat@hidaya.org

Zakat Calculator

Item	Value
Total Gold value without jewels	
Total Silver value without jewels	
Cash on Hand	
Checking Account	
Savings Account	
Business Bank Account(s)	
Stocks & Mutual Funds	
Business Merchandise Inventory (includes Real Estate)	
Retirement Plans (401k/IRA/ etc.)	
Real Estate Rental Income	
Accounts Receivable	
Other funds (profit, trust accounts, partnerships, etc.)	
Sub Total	
Less deductible liabilities only	
TOTAL	
TOTAL x 0.025 (Zakat you have to pay)	

Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2008

With the blessings of Allah (SWT), on March 18, 2009 Hidaya Foundation successfully completed its 2008 financial audit. A copy of the audited financial statements is available for review at: www.hidaya.org under the "Financials" page in the "About Us" Section. ♦



Marriage Support for Poor Girls

Hidaya supports parents in difficult situations by providing them with basic items necessary to support the marriage of their daughters, such as: dresses, shoes, utensils, bedding, fan, sewing machine, and financial assistance to offset other marriage expenses. Depending on the region, it costs approximately \$100 to \$300 to support the marriage of one girl. Since January, Hidaya has helped over 350 marriage cases. ♦

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (or Zakat-ul-Fitr) is an obligatory charity that every Muslim who possesses Nisab should pay during Ramadan before Eid so the less fortunate Muslims can enjoy Eid. Hidaya distributes Sadaqat-ul-Fitr in the form of dry ration to the poor before the days of Eid. This Ramadan, the cost of Sadaqat-ul-Fitr is \$3.50 per person according to Hanafi school of thought and \$7.00 according to other major schools of thought. ♦

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Name _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Zakat / Obligatory Charity
 Sadaqah / Charity
 Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$3.50 or \$7.00 per person)
 Fidya (\$3.50 or \$7.00 per day missed)

No Orphan without Education (\$30 - 50/month)
 Marriage Support for Poor Girls (\$200 - \$300 each)
 Clean Drinking Water (\$200 per water hand pump)
 One Million Meals (\$25 for 50, \$250 to 500 meals)
 Disaster Relief

Other : _____
 Total \$ _____

   

Name on the card: _____

Card No: _____

Expiry Date: (mm/yy) _____