



## Newsletter

Ramadan 2010

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## Pakistan Flood Disaster, A Test of Patience and a Chance to Give

Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala says in Al-Qur'an, *"And certainly we shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sabirin (the patient ones)."* [Al-Quran 2:155]

The most devastating weather related disaster of 2010 is unfolding in Pakistan, where heavy monsoon rains have triggered flooding, flash flooding and mudslides throughout the country. Infrastructure such as dams, power stations, roads, bridges, schools, water wells and hand pumps, crops and millions of homes in thousands of villages have been destroyed. It is being reported that **over 13 million people are affected** by this terrible disaster - more than the 2004 Indonesia Tsunami, 2005 Pakistan Earthquake, and 2010 Haiti Earthquake combined. The death toll is in the thousands and expected to rise as countless people are still unaccounted for after flash flooding wiped out their villages. Worst of all, more monsoon rains and flooding is expected until the end of August, according to Pakistan's meteorological department. This is the worst weather related disaster in the history of the country.

Having our operations in the region, Hidaya Foundation has been working on providing aid to those affected from the very begin-

ning of the disaster. During the first phase of relief efforts, Hidaya is distributing dates, clean drinking water, tents, cooked food, dry ration packages (for a months survival of a family), hand fans, and clothing for the survival of thousands of families. For the long term relief, one of Hidaya's major goals among others (read inside about other projects), is to help a minimum of 1000 families rebuild their homes so they can go on with their lives, insha'Allah.

**It costs approximately \$1,000 to rebuild a home for a family in villages.**

The situation is so severe that, at this time, there is a need to completely rebuild the infrastructure in the region. There are needs for power stations, bridges, schools, millions of homes, roads, clean drinking water, and on and on. **Whatever your expertise may be, kindly come forward and contact us to let us know how you can help.**

Let's make du'a to Allah (Swt) to give us understanding about the purpose of our lives where He says in the Quran, *"Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion, and He is Able to do all things. Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving."* [Al-Quran 67: 1-2]. Let us make du'a to Allah (Swt) to Forgive our weaknesses, and Give us the strength to be better.

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# In the Midst of Disaster, the Needs are Many . .

## Feeding those in Greatest Need this Ramadan

Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said: "The most excellent sadaqah consists in your satisfying the hungry stomach." (Tirmidhi #1946). The flooding has destroyed crops and food supplies for the majority of the country. As we prepare for Ramadan in our comfortable homes and communities with great iftars, there are literally millions of people in Pakistan left homeless, jobless, and with no way to feed their families. All the below projects are focused on feeding the poor. Please keep these millions in your du'as this Ramadan and help them with donations.

### Sadaqat-ul-Fitr

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (or Zakat-ul-Fitr) is an obligatory charity that every Muslim who is required to pay Zakat should pay (in addition to their Zakat) during Ramadan and 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 or **\$7.00** according to other major schools of thought. ♦

### 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. [Al-Quran 2:184]

Hidaya Foundation distributes Fidya in the form of meals to the poor. Fidya cost for each missed day of fasting is **\$3.50** (Hanafi school of thought), or **\$7.00** (other schools of thought). ♦



### One Million Meals

Hidaya Foundation strives to provide One Million Meals to those in dire need throughout the world each year.

Although this is a project that is executed at different times throughout the year, our biggest distribution is done right before the month of Ramadan throughout several countries that Hidaya operates in. This is done with the intention that it will give the thousands of families the ability to fast and prepare iftar and enjoy their Ramadan. **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. The packages are normally meant to last a family of about 5 for an entire month. ♦

### Sadaqah Sacrifice and Aqiqah

Hidaya performs Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice, as well as Aqiqah (sacrifice at the time of a new born child) and distributes the meat among the poor. Usually the sacrifice along with the distribution is completed within 72 hours of the time of donation. It costs **\$100 for a goat/sheep or \$350 for an ox/buffalo**. In the recent disaster, Hidaya has been preparing the Sadaqah meat by cooking it in biryani and distributing it to stranded families. ♦



## Container Shipment Project

Since 1999, Hidaya has shipped over one hundred 40 ft. container shipments filled with relief supplies including: clothing, shoes, blankets, household items, children's toys, school supplies, computer equipment, medical equipment, and more. The flood victims who are left outside with winter around the corner are in great need of tents, blankets, tarps, and warm winter clothing. Please donate your in-kind items to help with this effort. Individual donations can be sent by mail to: **Hidaya Foundation, 1765 Scott Blvd. Ste. 115, Santa Clara, CA 95050**

If you would like to do a collection drive in your community, please contact us at **866.2.HIDAYA** to discuss logistics. For those who live in the San Francisco Bay Area, please contact us to get details about our Donation Collection Center and what days/times to drop-off donations. Find out more about this project on our website at **www.hidaya.org/social-welfare/container-shipment.** ♦

## One Million Trees

One of the factors that has resulted in the flooding is the fact that trees have been wrongfully cut down and sold by opportunists. These trees which used to slow down and redirect the effects of flood waters are no longer there to serve the purpose. Hidaya Foundation's "One Million Trees" Project has been addressing such man-made environmental challenges we are facing world-wide. The goal of this project, which was initiated in 2008, is to plant and grow a minimum of one million trees in ten years, insha'Allah. Besides just planting the trees, we educate youth on the impact of trees on the environment by giving information on how to grow, maintain, and benefit from trees so they do not repeat the mistakes of the generations before them.

Planting trees is a Sadaqah Jariah, or perpetual charity. *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."* (Sahih Bukhari Vol. 8, Number 41) **On average, it costs just \$1 per tree.** ♦



## No Orphan without Education

Under this project, Hidaya supports orphans, the weakest members of society, as well as their widowed mothers or guardians by giving them the tools necessary so the orphans may have the same opportunities as everybody else.

Objectives of this project are to meet basic survival needs of orphaned children, provide financial support to put them through schools and colleges, monitor their progress to ensure that they complete their education, and remove obstacles that may hinder their progress.

Through these efforts it is our hope that these orphans rather than being seen and treated as a burden on the society, will become productive and positive contributing members of the society.

**The cost to support an orphan ranges between \$30 and \$50 per month, depending on their age and region they live in.**

### Families Supported by NOWE Project Each Month

No. of Widows/Guardians	970
Orphan Males	1,232
Orphan Females	1,024
Total No. of Orphans	2,256

Data from July 31, 2010



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## Clean Drinking Water

Flood waters have polluted agriculture and drinking water wells making the need for fresh water more of an urgent matter than ever before. Even in normal times, water-borne diseases are rampant in economically depressed rural areas, simply because clean running water is not available. The only alternative is to install hand pumps or deep wells (drilled wells) to draw clean water from the ground depending on the depth of the water table. Currently, many of the sparse amount of fresh water wells that were available before the flooding have been polluted by the dirty waters. Hidaya Foundation has been installing water hand pumps in the currently flood affected region since 2003. In 2009 alone, Hidaya Foundation installed a total of 189 Water Hand Pumps. So far in 2010, over 216 Water Hand Pumps have been installed with many more on the way, insha'Allah.

**The cost of a water hand pump on average is about \$200** and includes installation and up to 5 years of maintenance. Costs for deep wells are more expensive varying on the depth of the water. ♦



# Donation Form

Hidaya Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)(3) charitable organization with US Tax ID # 77-0502583.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Zakat

Pakistan Flood Relief  
 Zakat / Obligatory Charity  
 Sadaqah / Charity (\$100 goat sheep, \$350 ox/buffalo)  
 Fidyah (\$7.00 per day missed)  
 Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$7.00 per person)  
 One Million Trees (\$1 per tree)  
 One Million Meals (\$25 for 50, \$250 for 500 meals)  
 No Orphan without Education (\$30 - 50/month)  
 Marriage Support for Poor Girls (\$100 - \$300 each)  
 Clean Drinking Water (\$200 per water hand pump)

Other : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

      

Name on the card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry Date: (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

## Marriage Support for Girls

Hidaya Foundation supports poor families internationally who can not afford to get their daughters married due to poverty. Such less fortunate girls are given dresses, shoes, house hold items including dishes, utensils, bedding, and more so they may start their married life with the necessary materials that are culturally expected to be provided by the woman's family. Both Zakat and Sadaqah funds can be used for this project.

*Narrated Ibn 'Umar: Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "A Muslim is a brother of a Muslim, he neither wrongs him nor does hand him over to one who does him wrong. If anyone fulfils his brother's needs, Allah will fulfil his needs; if one relieves a Muslim of his troubles, Allah will relieve his troubles on the Day of Resurrection." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)*

**It costs only \$100 to \$300 to support the marriage of one girl.**

Year	Marriages Supported
2008	457
2009	507
2010 (by Aug. 12)	665

## 2009 Financial Audit

With the blessings of Allah, on Feb. 23, 2010, Hidaya Foundation successfully completed its 2009 financial audit. Financial Statement is available for review at: [www.hidaya.org/financials](http://www.hidaya.org/financials).

## 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)	

## Zakat Distribution

Hidaya collects and distributes Zakat for various projects per Shariah (Islamic Law) guidelines and as instructed by our 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 people affected by disasters.

It is better for an individual to pay their Zakat directly to deserving people themselves, 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 is distributing their Zakat regarding what kind of people their Zakat is being given to, how and why they are selected, etc. Remember, Zakat is obligatory on every Muslim, and if your Zakat goes to someone not deserving of it, the obligation may not be fulfilled. ♦

Find Detailed Answers to Common Questions about Zakat, and a Zakat Calculator at: [www.hidaya.org/zakat](http://www.hidaya.org/zakat)  
 You may email your Zakat related questions to: [zakat@hidaya.org](mailto:zakat@hidaya.org)

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