



Containers Being Loaded for Pakistan Floods at Hidaya's Collection Center in Milpitas, CA

## Newsletter

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## Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations - 2010 Report

Since the start of the Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations in year 2000, Hidaya Foundation has sent over 170 (40 ft.) containers of relief supplies for distribution to some of the poorest and disaster stricken people in South Asia.

The beauty of this project is that we accept the excess items of people in the USA who have abundance and give it to those who are deprived and have next to nothing. We accept a wide variety of items including: computers and accessories, textbooks and journals, medical supplies and equipment, school and office supplies, pots & pans, kitchen utensils, clothes, shoes, blankets, linens, toys, tarps, tools, and more. All donations we receive are shipped and not sold.

Donations from businesses, public schools, communities, families and individuals are shipped by sea and used for many of Hidaya's projects. For example - school and office furniture as well as computers are used for setting up computer labs and training centers in the Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology

as well as Hidaya's Schools, medical equipment is given to poor patients and hospitals we support, and clothes and toys are given in packages to orphans, widows, poor families and people affected by disasters.

**In 2010 alone, with help from communities all over the United States, Hidaya shipped 58 (40 ft.) containers, mostly as relief for people affected by the disastrous flooding in Pakistan.** Containers were filled with much needed clothing, blankets and more which benefited hundreds of thousands of families. Each container costs about \$4,500 - \$5,000 to ship (including shipping, trucking in US and overseas, clearing at customs and distribution), and benefits over 4,500 families. **On average, it costs just \$1 to send a clothing package to a family.**

For more detailed information about this project including project reports, picture galleries, photos, how to donate towards it (cash or in-kind) or put on a collection drive in your area, please visit: [www.hidaya.org/social-welfare/container-shipment](http://www.hidaya.org/social-welfare/container-shipment) ♦

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# Disasters, Disasters, and More Disasters - Reflections and Planning

As this issue goes to print, Japan is suffering from the aftermath of a devastating Tsunami that resulted from one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded. Hidaya Foundation offers our most sincere condolences to the people of Japan as well as all of those throughout the entire world who have lost their family members, friends, homes, and well being due to disasters and hardships that are undoubtedly increasing in frequency. May Allah (Subhanahu wa Ta'Ala) relieve them from their grief and have Mercy on all of us.

## Why Do Disasters Happen?

While science can help speculate possible causes of such disasters, one should also wonder about the deeper reasons as to why they continue to occur and increase in frequency. A few relevant verses from Al-Quran and a hadith of the Prophet (pbuh) follow:

*And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sâbirin (the patient ones, etc.). (Al-Baqarah 2:155)*

*And verily, We will make them taste of the near torment (i.e. the torment in the life of this world, i.e. disasters, calamities, etc.) prior to the supreme torment (in the Hereafter), in order that they may (repent and) return. (As-Sajdah 32:21)*

*So We punished each (of them) for his sins, of them were some on whom We sent Hasiban (a violent wind with shower of stones) [as the people of Lut], and of them were some who were overtaken by As-Saihan [torment awful cry (as Thamud or Shu'aib's people)], and of them were some whom We caused the earth to swallow [as Qarun], and of them were some whom We drowned [as the people of Nuh, or Fir'aun and his people]. It was not Allah Who wronged them, but they wronged themselves. (Al-Ankabut, Verse 40)*

Additionally, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: *"When, booty will be taken as a private property, property given in trust is treated as a gain, Zakat (obligatory charity) is considered as a burden, learning will be acquired other than for religion, a man shall obey his wife and disobey his mother, he shall draw his friend near and drive his father far off, voices shall be loud in the masajid, the sinner among a people shall become their leader, the leader among a people shall become the vilest of them, a man shall be honored out of fear of his mischief, singing girls and musical instruments shall appear, wine will be drunk, and the latter generations of this people will curse their former ones - Wait at that time for a violent windstorm, an earthquake, and sinking down of earth, and deformity/mutilation of men, and falling/raining of stones and objects from the sky, and several signs that will follow like a string of gems whose string has been cut of and so they fall one after another". (Al-Tirmidhi, 5450)*

## The Need for Disaster Preparedness

While the devastation from the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan is terrible, reports are showing that given the magnitude of this disaster and because of the extensive Disaster Preparedness of the Japanese, scores of lives were saved as compared to similar disasters of recent past. In all of this mayhem, a great lesson is to be learned - that living in this day and age, we should be prepared mentally, spiritually and physically, because we never know if such a disaster could strike our own town (May Allah protect us).

In 2005, Hidaya Foundation started the **Disaster Preparedness Team** project so that we as individuals can be prepared and equipped to help ourselves, our families, and neighbors in the event of a disaster. Find out more about Hidaya Foundation's Disaster Preparedness Team project and find out about how to get training at: [www.hidaya.org/educational/disaster-preparedness-team](http://www.hidaya.org/educational/disaster-preparedness-team) ♦

## Pakistan Flood Relief - Report

Heavy monsoon rains triggered devastating floods throughout Pakistan in late July causing catastrophic damage that requires years of redevelopment.

Hidaya Foundation was among the first to respond through our sister organization Hidaya Trust ([www.hidayatrust.org](http://www.hidayatrust.org)) which is a registered non profit organization in Pakistan. Hidaya Trust operates in various districts of Pakistan from Abbottabad to Karachi and currently employs approximately 170 full-time employees. While we run over 30 projects through Hidaya Trust year round, over 120 of their employees were reassigned to focus solely on the Pakistan Flood Relief efforts in the early months of the disaster.

Hidaya's relief efforts included distribution of foods (ready-to-eat and dry ration), sanitation supplies, hand fans, tents, clothing, blankets and more. (See breakdown of distributed items in chart to the right)

Besides buying things locally, which helped to boost the hurting economy - Hidaya sent 56 (40 ft.) containers for the flood relief through our Container Shipment Project from the US - and **to date, all relief supplies from these containers have been completely distributed by our own team members to flood affected villagers.** ♦



Distribution of Dry Ration in a Flood Destroyed Village

Distributed Items	Amount Distributed
Dates	127.3 tons
Fruit (Banana, Apples, Oranges, Guava)	6.48 tons
Cooked Biryani	35.4 tons
Drinking Water	2,830,439 liters
Rice	110.25 tons
Lentils	38.07 tons
Tea	3.61 tons
Cooking Oil	35,763 liters
Bath Soap	2.46 tons
Laundry Soap	3.63 tons
Family Clothes Packages	170,342
Hand Fans	5,396
Quilts	4,972
Tents	1,053



One of hundreds of thousands of the recipients who benefited from winter clothing sent via Hidaya's Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations

# Hidaya's Programs & Projects

**HIDAYA'S MISSION STATEMENT:** To implement educational, environmental, social welfare, and health care programs in economically depressed areas of South Asia, West Africa and North America, with focus on projects which promote self-employment.

## Information & Communication Technology

**Basic Computer Skills:** Students from 6th grade and up are given basic understanding of hardware and application software with to prepare them for A Plus Certification.

**Software Development Training:** Fresh graduates and unemployed software engineers are provided training in Open Source Technology at the Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST). It costs approx. \$300 - \$500 to train an economically weak intern.

**System Administration Training:** Fresh graduates and unemployed ITC engineers are provided training at HIST in cutting edge Open Source & Microsoft server technologies.

**Network Administration Training:** Fresh graduates and unemployed ITC engineers are provided training at HIST in advanced concepts of maintenance of computer hardware and software that comprises a computer network.

## Education

**Spread Education:** Education is spread through 5 sub-projects - Support Poor Students, Female Education Dropout Prevention, Adult Education, Language Competency, and Sports & Fitness Training.

**No Orphan without Education:** For \$30 - \$50 a month, all basic needs are met for living and education of an orphan child.

**Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture:** Poor farmers and villagers are trained in 5 sub-projects: Animal Farm Training, Hands-on Agriculture Training, Fruit & Vegetable Farm Training, Saline Agriculture Training, Timber Farm Training.

**Support Hidaya Schools:** Schools in economically depressed areas are assisted to maintain quality education, or schools are opened in areas where there are none.

**One Million Books:** Books are collected to start libraries in small towns and given to educational institutions in exchange for free tuition for poor students.

**Job Skills Training:** The poor are supported or trained to learn such skills as Sewing, Carpentry, Masonry, Plumbing, Crafting, etc.

**Disaster Preparedness Team:** Disaster preparedness training is arranged for communities and individuals.

## Environment

**One Million Trees:** From the start of this project in 2008, the goal is to plant one million trees in ten years with the help of students and farming communities to improve the environment. It costs just \$1 to plant and grow a tree.

**Green Energy:** Ways to reduce energy consumption by using a variety of alternative energy options (Solar, Wind, etc.) are implemented and awareness is raised to the poor for low-cost energy.

**Clean Drinking Water:** Clean drinking water is provided to economically distressed communities. A Hand Pump up to 150 ft. deep costs \$200; Deep wells over 150 ft. with purification plant costs \$30,000 and up.



## Self Employment

**Animal Farming:** Poor families are given goats or chickens so they may farm and benefit from milk, eggs, meat, etc. It costs \$200 for a pair of goats or \$50 for a flock of 25 chicks.

**Farmer Assistance:** Farmers are provided seeds, fertilizer and pesticides to stand on their own feet and break out of the ongoing poverty cycle.

**Small Businesses for the Poor:** Poor individuals are supported under two sub-projects so they may stand on their own feet: Sewing Machines to Women (\$75 per sewing machine) & Tools for Various Professions (\$200 for a push-cart and supplies for street vending business, \$200 - \$500 to set up a retail shop, costs vary for tools based on other professions).

## Social Welfare

**Zakat (Obligatory Charity):** Widows, orphans, elderly and the poorest of the poor are given cash, dry ration, clothing, and other basic human needs from Zakat funds.

**Disaster Relief:** Families in emergency or catastrophic situations, such as droughts, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods are given assistance.

**One Million Meals:** Dry ration and cooked food is distributed to the poor. Bought in bulk, a meal costs only 50 cents.

**Marriage Support:** Pay for the marriages of orphaned and poor young women; it costs approximately \$100 to \$300 for each marriage.

**Widow/Orphan Support:** Aid is given in the form of dry ration, clothing and cash to meet basic needs of orphans and widows. It costs only \$30 for one month to help each widow or orphan (who has not attained school going age).

**Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations:** Computers, books, toys, medical equipment, household items, clothing, and more are collected in USA and shipped overseas for the poor.

**Sadaqah (Charity):** Charity is given to poor in the form of cash and meat; costs \$100 for goat/sheep and \$350 for ox/buffalo.

**Sadaqat-ul-Fitr:** Dry ration is given to the less fortunate so they can enjoy Eid-ul-Fitr like everybody else.

**Qurbani:** Arrangement for sacrifice of animals worldwide at time of Eid-ul-Adha.

**Fidya:** Dry ration is given to the poor as compensation for missed fasts during the month of Ramadan.

**Aqiqah:** Sacrifice at the time of a child's birth is carried out and meat is distributed to the poor.

**Kaffara:** Dry ration is arranged for the poor as an expiation for wrong actions.

## Health Care

**Medical Assistance:** Underprivileged patients are supported for doctor visits, lab tests, surgeries and medicine. Hospitals are given medical equipment, medicines and financial support.

**Medical Camps:** In small towns and villages, one or two day camps are arranged where doctors are brought to see poor villagers.

**Preventive Health Care Education:** Brochures and seminars are given in under-developed countries to educate poor families about the causes, preventions and cures of common diseases.

## Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice & Aqiqah - 2010 Report

For poor people in this day and age, a meal including meat is a luxury that they seldom enjoy. Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice as well as Aqiqah (sacrifice at the time of a new born) is performed by Hidaya year round in economically depressed areas of the world. The sacrifice is usually performed within 72 hours of request and Sadaqah or Aqiqah meat is distributed to the needy. **It costs \$100 for a goat/sheep, and \$350 for an ox/buffalo.**

*In 2010, Hidaya sacrificed 1,253 goats/sheep and 91 ox/buffalos for Sadaqah and 149 goats/sheep for Aqiqah on behalf of our donors and distributed the meat among the poor. ♦*



A poor woman being handed sadaqah meat at her door from Hidaya team member in Pakistan

## Donation Form

### One Time Donation:

Container/ Shipment Project: (\$1 clothing package for family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pakistan Flood Relief \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sadaqah Sacrifice (\$100 goat/sheep; \$350 ox/buffalo) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aqiqah (\$200 for a son, \$100 for a daughter) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zakat / Obligatory Charity \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other : \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on the card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry Date: (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type: Visa, Master, Amex, Discover  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Sign up for Automatic Monthly Donation Program, by filling below:

I hereby authorize Hidaya Foundation to initiate automatic monthly withdrawal from my card on the 16th of each month starting from date signed until revoked by me in writing.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on the card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry Date: (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type: Visa, Master, Amex, Discover  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Qurbani - 2010 Report

In 2010, Hidaya Foundation arranged a total of 3,931 Qurbani/Udhiyah shares (2,863 ox/buffalo & 1,068 goat/sheep) at the request of our donors. **Approximately 36,850 families (221,100 individuals) benefited from this meat, for many of whom this is the only meat they have the luxury of eating all year.** Qurbani/Udhiyah was distributed in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone ♦

## Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2010

With the blessings of Allah (SWT), on February 22, 2011, Hidaya Foundation successfully completed its 2010 financial audit. A copy of the audited financial statements is available for review at: [www.hidaya.org/financials](http://www.hidaya.org/financials) ♦

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## 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)	