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Putting Things in Perspective: Worldly Life and The Hereafter

Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'Ala (The Glorified and Exalted) created us to test us as to who among us are best in deeds. All our actions and intentions are recorded – how we are towards humanity, towards plants and animals, towards the environment, and on and on.

Based on our actions in this world, we will be rewarded our place in the Hereafter. One day, death will come upon us, and our soul will be taken from our physical body, exactly as it has been the case for our forefathers before us.

We need to constantly remind ourselves of this reality, and that our soul will return to its Creator. Rather than engulf ourselves in the worldly life, we must never forget the coming life in the Hereafter, which is eternal. Following are a few jewels from Al-Qur'an explaining this reality.

Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He is over all things competent - [He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving [Al-Mulk 67:1-2]

And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me. [Adh-Dhariyat 51:56]

Indeed, We have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them

[as to] which of them is best in deed. And indeed, We will make that which is upon it [into] a barren ground. [Al-Kahf 18:7-8]

Every soul will taste death. And We test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned. [Al-Anbya 21:35]

So as for he who transgressed And preferred the life of the world, Then indeed, Hellfire will be [his] refuge. [An-Naziyat 79:37-39]

Indeed, those who do not expect the meeting with Us and are satisfied with the life of this world and feel secure therein and those who are heedless of Our signs For those their refuge will be the Fire because of what they used to earn. [Yunus 10:7-8]

Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter - We increase for him in his harvest. And whoever desires the harvest of this world - We give him thereof, but there is not for him in the Hereafter any share. [Ash-Shuraa 42:20]

But you prefer the worldly life, While the Hereafter is better and more enduring. [Al-A'la 87:16-17]

And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter - that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew. [Al-Ankabut 29:64]



Feeding the Poor with Dry Ration Food and Meat

Every year, Hidaya Foundation distributes food to tens of thousands of people who are among the poorest in the world. Dry ration food distribution is done under the following projects:

One Million Meals - Typically, a dry ration package consists of 20 – 50 kilograms of wheat or rice, 10 – 25 kilograms of lentils, 5 liters cooking oil, and is accompanied with 6 - 12 bars of soap. Each package is enough to feed a family of about 5 or 6 for 1 to 3 months. Donate to feed poor families in Ramadan and beyond.



Fidya - Muslims who can't fast due to old age or illness should give fidya for each day of missed fasting in Ramadan [Al-Quran 2:184-185]. According to scholars, fidya can be based on the price of 1.5 kg of the staple crop of the area where the paying person resides (such as rice, wheat, barley, etc). In USA (based on rice or wheat) this is **approx. \$3.50 for each day of missed fast**. However, one can give more if they like and more poor would benefit.

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr - Every Muslim required to pay Zakat must also pay Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (or Zakat-ul-Fitr) during Ramadan and before Eid-ul-Fitr so the less fortunate Muslims can enjoy Eid. Currently, the suggested minimum cost as per hadith (saying of the Prophet, peace be upon him) for Sadaqat-ul-Fitr is **approximately \$7.00 per person** based on the price of 1 Saa (approx. 3kg) of rice or wheat in USA. If one were to calculate based on the cost of raisins or dates for example, that cost would be more - so one can give more if they like and more poor would benefit.



Kaffara - The prescribed way of making amends for wrong actions is Kaffara. Kaffara can be given for many different kinds of wrong actions (such as intentionally breaking ones fast in Ramadan). There can be many different forms of expiation varying from the degree of the sin and the situation and capabilities of the person who committed it. If one were to want to pay a kaffara for a wrong action, they may seek the advise of a religious scholar on how they should perform it or how much to pay for it. Hidaya distributes kaffara on behalf of donors by providing meals to the poor.

Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice - Hidaya arranges for the sacrifice of goats, lambs, and ox, cows, or buffalos on behalf of our donros, and distributes the meat to the poor. Most of those supplied with this meat would not be able to eat meat otherwise due to poverty. **It costs \$120 for a goat, or \$420 for an ox.**



Hidaya Foundation's Newly Updated Website

Hidaya Foundation (www.hidaya.org) has launched its new updated website! We hope that it will make for a better user experience on different devices. We appreciate any feedback about your user experience.



2018 Independent Auditor's Report

With the Blessings of Allah, Hidaya Foundation successfully completed its 2018 financial audit. A copy of the audited financial statements (as well as previous year statements) are available for review at: www.hidaya.org/financials

Training Software Engineers at Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology

Hidaya has been training software engineers at the Hidaya Institute of Science and Technology (HIST) (www.histpk.org) since 2009. Upon graduating college, students lack the skills needed to be effective in the work force. After taking a 4 month basic course, followed by 4 more months of an advanced course at HIST, the software engineers become skilled enough to be hired in the best software houses in the country and abroad. Many students come from poor backgrounds, and upon completion of training are in a position to not only help themselves, but their whole families. All economically weak, Zakat deserving students are offered support to complete their training.



Widow/Orphan Support in 6 Countries

Hidaya supports orphans and widows under two projects:

Widow/Orphan Support Project - Each widow is given equivalent of about \$40 per month (\$480 for a year) for all household expenses to care for herself and orphans.

No Orphan without Education Project - Each orphan is given equivalent of about \$10 per month (\$120 for a year) towards their education.

Hidaya has been spending almost \$250,000 each month to support nearly 5,000 widows and 10,000 orphans in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Guinea, and Cameroon.



Please join us in this effort of supporting orphans by setting-up a monthly recurring donation or by making a one-time donation towards these projects.

Hidaya's 2018 Accomplishments

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported over 5,000 widows and their orphaned children in 6 countries with monthly assistance (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Guinea and Cameroon)

Marriage Support: Helped 44 young women with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 29 forty ft. containers with donated goods to benefit the poor of Pakistan, worth almost \$475,000

Additionally purchased 56 containers worth almost \$950,000 with various goods from the international market to benefit the poor of Pakistan, Somalia, Somaliland, Cameroon, Guinea, and Sierra Leone

One Million Meals: Distributed over 54,000 dry ration packages to families in 7 countries, (Pakistan, Cameroon, Guinea, Ghana, Senegal, Togo) enough for over 2.5 million meals

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Distributed dry ration packages to 1,200 families, benefiting nearly 10,000 individuals in Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka.

Fidya: Distributed nearly 3,500 dry ration packages to families, benefiting nearly 20,000 individuals

Kaffara: Distributed 390 dry ration packages to families, benefiting over 2,000 individuals

Disaster Relief:

- **Rohingya Refugees** - Helped more than 25,000 individuals in the Cox Bazaar camps with cash and food assistance for Rohingya Refugees
- **California Fires** - supported local volunteer groups to provide food, clothing, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, tents, bedding, transportation, and legal advice and advocacy to affected families
- **Indonesia Tsunami** - and started work on relief efforts to provide assistance to injured individuals, damaged schools, and re-supplying fishing villages

Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 2,750 goats and 167 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit tens of thousands of families in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Guinea

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 286 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit thousands of families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 5,424 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (4,074 ox/buffalo shares, 1,350 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 50,000 poor families throughout 18 countries (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Benin)

No Orphan without Education: Supported over 9,300 orphans in 6 countries with monthly assistance (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Guinea, Cameroon)

Support Hidaya Schools: Operating 45 schools with over 5,000 students from KG – 8th grade in Pakistan

Adult Education: Educated over 1,000 non-literate male and female adults to 8th grade level in Pakistan

Support Poor Students: Supporting nearly 70 students for their higher education

Job Skills Training: Trained over 1,000 students in sewing and 60 students in driving in Pakistan

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Educated nearly 200 students in software development

One Million Trees: Planted nearly 2,500 seedlings

Green Energy: Running 9 Hidaya Trust offices in Pakistan on solar power, reducing electricity costs and ensuring smoother operations during frequent power outages

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 219 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors in Pakistan and in Bangladesh, and distributed nearly 23 million liters of water via water tanker benefiting over 100,000 people in Pakistan

Medical Assistance: Arranged for nearly 1,000 examinations and treatments for patients in need

Animal Farming: Gave 148 cows to families to improve their livelihood

Small Businesses for the Poor: Purchased 90 bee hives for distribution to poor villagers for harvesting honey

Farmer Assistance: Distributed over 1,400 bags of fertilizers and seeds to poor farmers

Car Donations: Received 26 vehicles as donations and gave them away to families in need locally near our SF Bay Area headquarters



Job-Skills Training



Support Hidaya Schools





Widow/Orphan Support



Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations

Donation Form

Name	Card No	 
Email	Expiry Date: (mm/yy)	
Address		
City		
State	Zip	
Phone		
Signature	Date	

Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Zakat (Obligatory Charity)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fidya	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqat-ul Fitr	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	\$ _____	

Set-up a Monthly Donation
(LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK IF YOU ARE DOING A ONE-TIME DONATION)

If you would like to set-up using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided above. Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section so we can properly set-up your donation. By signing, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have filled in above.

Signature: _____

Starting Date: _____