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Putting Things in Perspective: What is The Purpose of Our Existence?

As most of humanity is drifting further from Allah (SWT), it can easily make us lose focus on what really is our purpose in life. Following are some verses from Al-Qur'an as reminders and encouragement, in shaa Allah.

This Life as a Test

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. [Al-Kahf 18:7]

Indeed, We created man from a sperm-drop mixture that We may try him; and We made him hearing and seeing. Indeed, We guided him to the way, be he grateful or be he ungrateful. [Al-Insan 76: 2-3]

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]

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]

Our Purpose in Life

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

Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. [Al-An'am 6:162]

Worldly Life vs The Hereafter

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

Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter - We increase for him in his harvest [i.e.,

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

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]

And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah, so will you not reason? [Al-An'am 6:32]

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]

O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you that, when you are told to go forth in the cause of Allah, you adhere heavily to the earth? Are you satisfied with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But what is the enjoyment of worldly life compared to the Hereafter except a [very] little. [At-Tawbah 9:38]

O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that - then those are the losers. [Al-Munafiqun 63:9]

Supplication for Good in Both Worlds

But among them is he who says, "Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire." (Transliteration: *Rabbana atina fid dunya hasanatan wa fil Akhirati hasanatan waqina 'adhaban-nar*) [Al Qur'an 2:201] ♦



Devastation of a Village

Sudan Flood Relief

Building New Homes for the Vulnerable

In September 2020, torrential rains in Sudan destroyed over 110,000 homes due to heavy flooding, affecting over 650,000 people. The capital city of Khartoum, where the Blue Nile joins the White Nile, was devastated as officials recorded the highest water levels since records began over a century ago. Countless villages in surrounding rural areas with mud homes and structures were completely destroyed to the point that it will take many years for such places to rebuild what they had before.

Hidaya Foundation raised funds from our donors and entered into talks with volunteers in our network from Sudan, as well as with partner organizations who work in those regions to come up with a plan to best utilize those funds.

Alhamdulillah it was decided to identify families in a few villages that were most vulnerable and help them by rebuilding homes for them. In total, we have built 21 houses so far for widow and orphan families, and are continuing to build homes for families in need.

It costs around \$1,500 to build each 13ft x 13ft home, please donate Zakat and Sadaqah towards Disaster Relief efforts. ♦



One of the New Homes



Family in their New Home



Family in their New Home

Widow/Orphan Support - Opening New Fronts

Currently in 9 Countries, Soon Adding Yemen, Syrian Refugees & 10 Countries in Africa

Hidaya currently provides monthly support to nearly 6,300 widows and over 15,000 orphans in 9 countries: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Guinea, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and Gambia. Each month, cash stipends are given of about \$30 for each widow for household needs, and \$10 per orphan child (up to 4 per family) for educational needs. In the coming weeks we will be adding 100 families each from Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Yemen, and we are in planning with 10 more countries in Africa, where we have regular work.

Former Orphans Supported by Hidaya, Now Employees on Hidaya's Team!

One idea behind our orphan support projects from the beginning was always to take the most vulnerable members of society and support them so they could become valuable and contributing members of society as they reach maturity.

Masha Allah, as we have been supporting orphans for over 20 years now, we are seeing the fruits of it. *Alhamdulillah, in Pakistan where it all started, we now have almost 30 members of Hidaya's team who were once orphans supported by Hidaya!* They are working as employees of our partner organization, Hidaya Trust, in various positions at different district operations throughout the country. Once orphans in need themselves, now, masha Allah, they are employees paying it back to other families with the same cause that helped them. Please continue to donate towards the Widow/Orphan support project, and we pray that this type of success can be replicated in all the other countries we are embarking in as well, in shaa Allah. ♦



Some of orphans who became employees - From Top Left: Abdul Ghani Memon - Education Project Manager, Saqlain Sohail Napar - Orphans Project Manager, Muhammad Yaqoob Memon - Orphans Project Asst. From Bottom Left: Sajid Ali Sanjrani - Warehouse Project Asst, Ali Jan Napar - Internee Asst Accountant, Siyam Ali Sanjrani - Orphan Support Project Asst, Aoun Faraz - Construction Project Asst.

Food Distribution to Over 60,000 Families in 21 Countries this Ramadan

Every year, Hidaya Foundation provides millions of meals to the poor throughout Asia and Africa during Ramadan and throughout the rest of the year. Dry ration food distribution is done mostly via our One Million Meals project, but also through the Fidyah, Sadaqat-ul-Fitr/Zakat-ul-Fitr, and Kaffara projects.

This Ramadan, Hidaya Foundation is distributing food to over 60,000 families in 21 countries - Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Turkey (for Syrian Refugees).

Dry Ration Packages typically consist of wheat, rice or flour (25 - 50k), lentils or chickpeas (10kg), cooking oil (5 liter), 12 bars soap (150g each), and at times fresh produce from areas of distribution. A package to feed a family for a month can cost anywhere from \$30 - \$50, depending on the size of the family. Due to buying in bulk, it costs around 50 cents per meal. ♦



Pakistan



Cameroon



Somalia



Guinea



Sri Lanka



Bangladesh



Uganda

Hidaya's 2020 Accomplishments

No Orphan without Education: Hidaya merged the No Orphan without Education project with the Widow/Orphan Support project for efficiency purposes. Nearly 11,000 orphans were supported in: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Guinea, Cameroon, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya.

Support Hidaya Schools: Operated and assisted 35 schools with over 4,000 students from KG – 8th grade

Support Poor Students: Hidaya supported nearly 1,200 students in our schools as well as over 70 students for their higher education in 2020.

Job Skills Training: 658 non-literate adult women were given an education up to the 8th grade level and trained in sewing in Pakistan.

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Trained 136 graduate students in software development to prepare them for industry jobs

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported 5,857 widows and 10,473 orphans with monthly assistance in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Guinea, Cameroon, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya

Marriage Support: Helped 115 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 24 containers (40ft) with donated goods to benefit the poor of Pakistan, worth over \$430,000, and sent 55 containers with purchased materials and foods worth nearly \$982,000 to benefit the poor in Asia and Africa

One Million Meals: Distributed over 63,000 dry ration packages to families in 20 countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Indonesia, USA) enough for nearly 3 million meals

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Distributed dry ration packages to 6,601 families in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Fidya: Distributed nearly 3,075 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Kaffara: Distributed nearly 2,120 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Disaster Relief: Gave food and Personal Protection Equipment in 13 countries for Coronavirus Relief (USA, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Turkey/Syrian Refugees, Indonesia, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Djibouti), built homes for villagers who lost everything in Sudan Floods, and provided assistance to families affected by Pakistan Floods and West Coast Fires

Sadaqah Meat / Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 3,365 goats and 188 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit over 50,000 families in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Guinea, also distribution of fish was started, benefiting thousands of families in Pakistan and Bangladesh

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 312 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit over 4,000 families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 6,170 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (4,655 ox/buffalo shares, 1,515 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to nearly 60,000 poor families throughout 25 countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Yemen, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Senegal, Benin, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Brazil)

One Million Trees: Distributed nearly 20,500 seedlings including fruit & nut trees for planting in villages in Pakistan

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 1,584 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors and distributed millions of liters of water via water tanker benefiting hundreds of thousands of people in Pakistan

Medical Assistance: Arranged for 1,066 examinations and treatments for patients in need

Animal Farming: Gave 163 cows to families for producing their own milk in Pakistan and Bangladesh, and gave chickens and rabbits to dozens of families in Pakistan

Car Program: Received 19 vehicles as donations and gave them away to families and individuals in need in the SF Bay Area, where Hidaya is headquartered



Sadaqah Meat



Clean Drinking Water



One Million Meals



Animal Farming

Donation Form

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