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Putting Things in Perspective: Punishments to Past Nations - Are We Safe From Such Fate?

As we are seeing increasing disasters around the world, we should reflect deeply on why these things might be happening. It is becoming so common to see earthquakes, floods, tornados, hurricanes, blizzards, tsunamis, fires, and more all over the world. People are quick to blame global warming, but shouldn't we also notice a correlation between the increase of immorality and these events? Allah (SWT) has told us in Al-Qur'an about destruction of past nations warned by Prophets Nuh (Noah), Shuaib (Jethro), Hud, Saleh, Lut (Lot), Musa (Moses) (peace be upon them) for sins such as worshiping idols (shirk), usuary (riba), illicit sexual relations (zina), arrogance (kibr), oppression (zulm), and corruption (fasad). The scary thing is, all of these sins are prevalent today, on almost a global level. *So let's be real, shouldn't we be worried about meeting the same fate of nations past?* Let us look to the Qur'an for guidance, in shaa Allah:

Allah's Punishment Of The Previous Nations For Their Disobedience

Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with 'Aad - [With] Iram - who had lofty pillars, The likes of whom had never been created in the land? And [with] Thamūd, who carved out the rocks in the valley? And [with] Pharaoh, owner of the stakes? [All of] whom oppressed within the lands And increased therein the corruption. So your Lord poured upon them a scourge of punishment. Indeed, your Lord is in observation. [Al-Qur'an 79: 6-14]

And he who believed said, "O my people, indeed I fear for you [a fate] like the day

of the companies - Like the custom of the people of Noah and of 'Aad and Thamūd and those after them. And Allāh wants no injustice for [His] servants. And O my people, indeed I fear for you the Day of Calling - The Day you will turn your backs fleeing; there is not for you from Allāh any protector. And whoever Allāh sends astray - there is not for him any guide. [Al-Qur'an 40:30-33]

We Reap What We Sow

What comes to you of good is from Allāh, but what comes to you of evil, [O man], is from yourself. And We have sent you, [O Muḥammad], to the people as a messenger, and sufficient is Allāh as Witness. [Al-Qur'an 4:79]

The Power and Hope in Repentance

The beautiful prayer (du'a) of Prophet Yunus (Jonah) (pbuh) was accepted and given as an example for us. Allah saved him and ultimately his people who turned back to Allah and repented.

And [mention] the man of the fish [i.e., Jonah], when he went off in anger and thought that We would not decree [anything] upon him. And he called out within the darknesses, *"There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers."* So We responded to him and saved him from the distress. And thus do We save the believers. [Al-Qur'an 21: 87-88]

Transliteration for the du'a of Yunus (pbuh) italicized above is, *"La illaha illa anta, subhanaka, inni kuntu minaz-zalimin."*

May we all learn this powerful du'a and from Prophet Yunus' (pbuh) example, and may Allah protect us and spare us from His wrath and punishment. Ameen. ♦

Disaster Relief Updates

Pakistan Floods

Farmer Assistance - In response to the food shortage after much of the country's crops were destroyed last year, in addition to giving cooked and dry ration food, Hidaya distributed vegetable and wheat seed to farmers to plant nearly 65,000 acres costing \$1.5 million. We will be distributing paddy seed and fertilizer to farmers to cultivate over 50,000 acres for the next rice crop in shaa Allah. **\$25** can cultivate one acre of land.

Re-construction Projects - Hidaya has started with re-construction projects, as so many mud homes and buildings washed away with the floods. We are currently rebuilding homes for widow and orphan families and masjid/community centers in rural villages. Pictured on the right is one such masjid/community center which has been completed.

Notebooks to Students - 2.9 million notebooks and stationary will be distributed to the students in flood affected areas to facilitate learning as schools are opening back up.

Cots for Orphans - 112 tons of hollow steel pipe is being used for building cots for more than 5,000 orphans, to get them off the floor and protect them from insect and snake bites while sleeping. Each cot costs **\$50**. ♦



Bangladesh Floods

After floods devastated much of Bangladesh last year, Hidaya's team provided cooked and dry ration food, meat, and more to thousands of families. We are now in the process of helping 200 families to rebuild their homes that were lost in the floods. ♦



Turkiye / Syria Earthquake

In the initial days after the earthquake, nearly 1000 boxes of relief supplies including winter clothes, blankets, tents, medical supplies, diapers, formula and more were collected and prepared at Hidaya's San Jose warehouse to send via Turkish Airlines from SFO for families left outside in the cold. Also, from the initial days and until now our multiple partners in Turkiye and Syria have been supporting in emergency phase efforts with cooked and dry ration food, winter clothing, tents, medical clinics and more.



There are more than 1.5 million people left homeless after this disaster and most are living in makeshift camps. While the first winter is almost over, many of these people will likely still be left outside maybe until the next one. While continuing with food, material and medical support with our partners, Hidaya is in the planning phase now to come up with a good long term solution for as many families as we can to make best use of the funds given by donors. ♦



Ramadan Food Distribution to Over 150,000 Families in 20 Countries

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. Meat is also given to families via the Sadaqah Meat, Aqiqah, and Qurbani/Udhiya projects.

Hidaya Foundation is distributing food to over 150,000 families in around 20 countries this Ramadan. Distribution is currently going on in: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Rohingya Camps, Burma/

Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Turkiye, Syria, Yemen, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, Gambia, Senegal, Zimbabwe, with more to add in shaa Allah.

Dry Ration Packages typically consist of wheat, rice or flour (25kg), lentils (5kg), cooking oil (3-5 liter), sugar (3-5kg), bathing soap for hygiene purposes, and at times fresh produce from the area of distribution. A package to feed a family for a month can cost anywhere from **\$30 - \$50**, depending on the region and size of the family. Due to buying in bulk, it costs around 50 cents per meal. ♦



Hidaya's 2022 Accomplishments



Farmer Assistance

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported 8,183 widows and 15,635 orphans with monthly assistance in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Guinea, Gambia, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Somalia

Disaster Relief: Gave emergency relief assistance and now working on rehabilitation projects for Bangladesh Floods and Pakistan Floods

Support Hidaya Schools: Operated and assisted 6 schools and 24 tuition centers with over 4,500 students from KG – 8th grade

Support Poor Students: Hidaya supported over 4,500 students in our schools

Job Skills Training: Educated 558 non-literate male and female adults to the 8th grade level and trained all the women in sewing in Pakistan

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Trained 161 graduate students in software development to prepare for industry jobs

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture (HIFA): Educated dozens of young adults in ways of cultivating the land, growing vegetables, taking care of date palm trees and mango orchards and continued efforts with tunnel farming and drip irrigation methods on Hidaya's lands. All yielded crops were distributed to benefit the poor in surrounding localities

Marriage Support: Helped 102 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 32 containers (40 ft) with donated goods worth over \$590,000, and sent 84 containers with purchased materials and foods worth nearly \$2,400,000 to benefit the poor and flood affected people of Pakistan

One Million Meals: Distributed 80,000 dry ration packages to families in almost 30 countries, including: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Burma, Turkiye, Philippines, Yemen, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Gambia, Zimbabwe, and gave cooked meals to disaster affected families in Pakistan and Bangladesh, enough for over 10 million meals

Fidya: Distributed 8,500 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Kaffara: Distributed 1,500 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Distributed dry ration packages to over 23,000 families in Guinea, Sudan, Somalia, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka

Sadaqah Meat / Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 3,140 goats and 397 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit over 60,000 families in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Guinea, Somalia, Zimbabwe, also distribution of fish benefited families in Pakistan

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 258 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit over 3,400 families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 6,894 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (5,194 ox/buffalo shares or 742 ox/buffalo, and 1,700 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 50,000 poor families throughout 26 countries Pakistan, Bangladesh, Yemen, Nepal, Burma/Myanmar, Cameroon, Guinea, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Uganda, Tanzania, Djibouti, Zimbabwe

One Million Trees: Planted nearly 1,200 seedlings in villages in Pakistan

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 1,180 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors in Pakistan and Bangladesh, and distributed nearly 11 million liters of water via water tanker benefiting over 100,000 people in Pakistan

Medical Assistance: Arranged for nearly 2,500 examinations and treatments for over 187 patients in need, and treated more than 5,000 patients in mobile clinics and medical camps during Pakistan Floods

Animal Farming: Gave 90 cows to families for producing their own milk in Pakistan and Bangladesh

Farmer Assistance: Distributed seed to farmers affected by floods in Pakistan. Nearly 65,000 vegetable seed kits along with planting tools was given to almost 38,000 farmers to plant nearly 10,000 acres of land, and 50 kg wheat seed was given to nearly 55,000 farmers for planting 55,000 acres ♦



Sadaqah Meat



Animal Farming



Clean Drinking Water

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Expiry Date: (mm/yy) | Visa, Master, Disc, Amex

	Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Zakat (Obligatory Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$8 per person or more if you are able)		\$ _____	
Fidya (\$4/day or more if you are able)		\$ _____	
One Million Meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widow/Orphan Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean Drinking Water (\$300 water hand pump, \$10 water tanker)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total		\$ _____	

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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.*

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