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Putting Things in Perspective: Allah's Promises to the Believers

We are living in difficult times that are very challenging to the believers. We must continue doing our best to spread peace, enjoin good and forbid evil, and never despair. After all, Allah has promised us much good! Following are some beautiful verses from Al-Qur'an with some of Allah's promises to the believers to soften our hearts and remind us so we may remain optimistic:

Allah is with the Believers

"...For Allah is certainly with the believers." [Al-Qur'an 8:19]

"Surely Allah is with those who shun evil and who do good deeds." [Al-Qur'an 16:128]

Protection, Friendship & Safety

"Without doubt, amongst men, the nearest of kin to Ibrahim, are those who follow him, as are also this Messenger and those who believe: And Allah is the Protecting Friend of those who have faith." [Al-Qur'an 3:68]

"Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe, verily, Allah loves not any that is a traitor to faith or shows ingratitude." [Al-Qur'an 22:38]

"No authority has he (i.e. Shaitaan) over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord." [Al-Qur'an 16:99]

"In the end We deliver Our Messengers and those who believe (to safety) Thus is it fitting on Our part that We should deliver those who believe." [Al-Qur'an 10:103]

Forgiveness & Reward

"Allah has promised those who believe and do good His forgiveness and a great reward." [Al-Qur'an 5:9]

Blessings

"If the people of the towns had but believed and feared Allah, we should indeed have opened out to them (all kinds of) blessings

from heaven and earth, but they rejected (the truth), and We brought them to book for their misdeeds." [Al-Qur'an 7:96]

Mercy

"Then, as to those who believed and did righteous deeds, their Lord will admit them to His Mercy. That will be the achievement for all to see." [Al-Qur'an 45:30]

Love

"Verily, those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, the Most Gracious will bestow love for them." [Al-Qur'an 19:96]

Grace

"... And Allah is Gracious to the believers." [Al-Qur'an 3:152]

Guidance

"Those who believe, and work righteousness, their Lord will guide them because of their faith, beneath them will flow rivers in gardens of bliss." [Al-Qur'an 10:9]

Victory

"We will, without doubt, help our Messengers and those who believe, (both) in this world's life and on the Day when the Witnesses will stand forth" [Al-Qur'an 40:51]

"... and it was due from Us to aid (give victory) those who believed." [Al-Qur'an 30:47]

Paradise

"Surely those who believe and do good will have the Gardens of Bliss, staying there forever. Allah's promise is true. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise." [Al-Qur'an 31:8-9]

"But those mindful of their Lord will have elevated mansions, built one above the other, under which rivers flow. That is the promise of Allah. And Allah never fails in His promise." [Al-Qur'an 39:20] ♦

Disaster Relief Updates

Palestine Relief - Food Assistance in Gaza

The harsh reality that the people of Palestine, and especially Gaza are enduring is heartbreaking. Hidaya is working with a partner organization since early on in the conflict to provide food assistance within Gaza.

Since late October, Hidaya has funded over \$600,000 of food parcels and cooked meals in Gaza for civilians under siege. Currently, we are funding 2 distribution points giving out more than 7,000 cooked meals daily to displaced civilian families which have gathered in Gaza. At this pace, soon we will distribute over 1 million meals, which sadly is just a drop in the bucket of what is needed. It costs around **\$1-2 per meal**, please donate so we can continue helping families in great need in shaa Allah.



The situation is very dire for millions affected by this siege, please keep them in your prayers. Hidaya will go on assessing the situation and channelizing funds as the situation permits. ♦

Turkiye / Syria Earthquake - 1 Year Later

In February of 2024, Hidaya's team went on a trip to Turkiye, one year after the earthquake to visit with partners and plan for more projects going forward.

We visited the Akcakale municipality, a district of Sanliurfa Province in Turkiye, which has the longest border with Syria. We met with government officials including the head of the social department and the governor along with our partners to assess needs and make a plan going forward.



We talked about focusing on supporting widows and orphans as well as self employment projects in the region to help struggling families get to their feet, including:

Widow/Orphan Support - Widow and orphan families in need are being supported with monthly cash stipends, and more are being added as the municipality struggles to take care of all

Farmer Assistance - A pilot project has begun for growing vegetables, and larger projects are being planned

Education Centers - Turkish, Arabic, and English language classes and computer literacy (in planning phase)

Self Employment - Workshops where widows make stuffed toys, and other knick knacks for selling so widows may earn and live in dignity (in planning phase) ♦



Food Distribution to about 100,000 Families in 25 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. Meat is also given to families via the Sadaqah Meat, Aqiqah, and Qurbani/Udhiya projects.

Hidaya Foundation is distributing food to around 100,000 families in 25 countries this Ramadan. Distribution is currently going on in: Pakistan, Bangladesh (including Rohingya Camps),

Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Guinea, Philippines, Sudan, Somalia, Somaliland, Zimbabwe, and Palestine.

Typically, dry ration packages consist of rice or wheat (25kg), lentils (5kg), cooking oil (3-5 liter), sugar/jaggery (5kg), soap for hygiene purposes. It costs around **\$50 per package** to feed a family for a month. Also, cooked meals are given in some regions, and cost around **\$1-\$2 per meal**. ♦

Hidaya's 2023 Accomplishments



Widow/Orphan Support

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported over 8,000 widows and 15,000 orphans in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Cameroon, Guinea, Gambia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Somalia

Disaster Relief: Provided relief efforts for Turkiye/Syria Earthquake, Morocco Earthquake, Libya Flood, Afghanistan Earthquake, East Africa Floods, and Palestine Relief for the people of Gaza, built 2 masjid for communities and 4 houses for widows that were damaged by Pakistan floods, built 100 houses for families affected by Bangladesh floods

Support Hidaya Schools: Operated 31 schools with over 5,500 students from KG – 8th grade

Support Poor Students: Supported 161 students for their higher education in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Job Skills Training: Educated 526 non-literate male and female adults to the 8th grade level and trained 318 women in sewing, trained 35 students in Computer and IT skills in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Cameroon

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Trained 89 graduate students in software development to prepare for industry jobs

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture (HIFA): Educated 120 young adults in ways of cultivating the land, growing vegetables, taking care of date palm trees and mango orchards

Marriage Support: Helped 36 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 29 containers (40 ft) with donated goods worth over \$560,000 to benefit the poor and people affected by disasters

Medical Assistance: Arranged for 3,756 examinations and treatments for 172 patients

One Million Meals/Fidya/Sadaqat-ul-Fitr/Kaffara: Distributed over 120,000 dry ration packages to families in 18 countries, including: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar, Turkiye, Syria, Yemen, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Senegal, Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, Gambia, Zimbabwe

Sadaqah Meat / Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 3,093 goats and 354 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit over 60,000 families in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, also distribution of fish benefited families in Pakistan

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 189 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit over 2,800 families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 7,395 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (5,509 ox/buffalo shares or 787 ox/buffalo, and 1,886 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 60,000 poor families in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Yemen, Senegal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Zimbabwe

One Million Trees: Planted nearly 1,000 seedlings in villages in Pakistan

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 2,071 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors in Pakistan and Bangladesh, distributed nearly 90,000 liters of water daily via water tanker to serve over 100,000 people in Pakistan, installed 10 community water stations and restrooms

Farmer Assistance: Distributed paddy and wheat seeds to over 55,000 poor farmers affected by floods in Pakistan for planting over 55,000 acres of land

Small Businesses for the Poor: Distributed 950 push carts and 100 sewing machines to deserving individuals to start their own business ♦



Disaster Relief - Bangladesh Houses



Qurbani/Udhiya



Clean Drinking Water

Donation Form

Name |

Email |

Address |

City |

State | Zip |

Phone |

Signature | Date |

Card No |

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"/>
Disaster Relief (Palestine Relief)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<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: _____