

# Hidaya Foundation



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## **For Immediate Release:**

### **Hidaya Foundation Receives Award From Government Of Pakistan.**

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, USA, SEP 27, 2006 – Hidaya Foundation, a Santa Clara based charity organization, has received the "Sitara-i-Eisaar" (Star of Sacrifice) from the Government of Pakistan, in recognition of its relief work conducted in the aftermath of the 2005 Pakistan earthquake.

President of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, conferred the award to Hidaya Foundation Founder and President Waseem Baloch, during a special investiture ceremony held at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, DC, on September 21, 2006.

The ceremony was held to recognize US government agencies, corporations, non-governmental organizations and individuals who significantly contributed to relief efforts during the Pakistan earthquake. The Sitara-i-Eisaar is a special award created to honor such organizations or individuals.

Upon receipt of the award, Baloch said, "We are extremely thankful to Allah (God) who gave us the opportunity to serve the disaster victims in Pakistan. I must also acknowledge the hard work done by the volunteers here in the US as well as those in Pakistan. Hidaya is still working in the various disaster-struck areas to restore the lives of the victims."

### **About Hidaya Foundation:**

Founded in 1999, Hidaya Foundation undertook a mission to implement educational, social welfare, and charitable projects in economically depressed areas of South Asia, West Africa, and North America, with focus on projects with promote self-employment. Since January 2000, Hidaya has sent over 80 containers of books, computers, clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, toys, and medical supplies to Pakistan and Bangladesh. Additionally, each year, Hidaya Foundation organizes meals for more than 1 million individuals living in extreme poverty.

During the devastating earthquake, which struck Pakistan in October of 2005, Hidaya Foundation successfully raised over \$2.5 million worth of cash and in-kind donations. Close to 30 forty feet containers filled with relief supplies were sent to the earthquake victims with relief items such as tents, sleeping bags, blankets, and warm clothing to help them survive the harsh winter.

Hidaya Foundation partners with several local, nation-wide, and international organizations to provide excellent relief work to help the needy people of the world.

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