

Putting Things in Perspective

Sending Blessings and Peace on Prophet Muhammad

Newsletter

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Surely, Allah and His angels send blessings to the Prophet. O you who believe, do pray Allah to bless him, and send your Salam (prayer for his being in peace) to him in abundance. [Al-Qur'an 33:56]

It was narrated from Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-Aas (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever sends blessings upon me, Allah will send blessings upon him tenfold." (Muslim #384)

Ubayy ibn Ka'b (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I said: O Messenger of Allah, I send a great deal of blessings upon you; how much of my du'a should be sending blessings upon you?" He (the Prophet, peace be upon him) said: "Whatever you wish." I said: "One quarter?" He (pbuh) said: "Whatever you wish, and if you do more, that will be better for you." I said: "One half?" He (pbuh) said: "Whatever you wish and if you do more, that will be better for you." I said: "Two thirds?" He (pbuh) said: "Whatever you wish and if you do

more, that will be better for you." I said: "I will make all of my du'a for you." He (pbuh) said: "Then your concerns will be taken care of and your sins will be forgiven." (At-Tirmidhi #2457)

Abu Muhammad Ka'b bin Ujrah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (pbuh) came to us and we asked him, "O Messenger of Allah, we already know how to greet you (i.e., say As-salamu Alaykum), but how should we supplicate for you?" He said, "Say: Allahumma salli `ala Muhammadin, wa `ala aali Muhammadin, kama sallaita `ala aali Ibrahima, innaka Hamidum Majid. Allahumma barik `ala Muhammadin, wa `ala aali Muhammadin, kama barakta `ala aali Ibrahima, innaka Hamidum Majid (O Allah, exalt the mention of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as you exalted the family of Ibrahim. You are Praised and Glorious. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as You blessed the family of Ibrahim. You are Praised and Glorious)." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Disaster Relief



Over the past several months, wildfires have caused havoc in California, killing over 125 people, destroying over 20,000 homes and displacing tens of thousands of people. Hidaya is supporting local volunteer groups who are providing food, clothing, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, tents, bedding, transportation, and most importantly legal advice and information to affected families and individuals so they may appeal for funds from government and insurance agencies.



Many of those affected are elderly, disabled, uninsured or under-insured people who lack the ability or know how to deal with the tragedy they are facing. Just in the past weeks, the Camp Fire in Butte County was the most destructive and deadly fire in California's history and burned nearly 14,000 homes and over 500 businesses, and completely destroyed the city of Paradise, which was home to more than 27,000 people. Please donate to help families and individuals in need.

Car Donation Project

Hidaya Foundation accepts car donations from our donors in the San Francisco Bay Area for the benefit of less fortunate members of our community.

Vehicles are primarily repaired, smogged and given to individuals in need. At times we also sell vehicles, especially higher end or problematic vehicles which would be a burden for a struggling person/family and then use that money to offset costs of fixing other cars that would be good to give away. We do our best to match up the right vehicle with the recipients based on their needs. For example - a van would go to a larger family, person(s) trying to do business or a homeless person so they may live in it, while smaller cars would be given to individuals or smaller families.

Alhamdulillah, over the past decade, through our Car Donation Project **Hidaya has given over 130 vehicles** to families and individuals

in need throughout the Bay Area, and beyond. Beneficiaries include single mothers, widows, elderly, homeless, refugees, struggling students, among others in the community. Please donate towards the Car Donation Project, so we may continue providing this service to local families and individuals in need.



Qurbani Report

With the blessings of Allah, this year, Hidaya Foundation arranged 5,424 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (4,074 ox/buffalo shares or 582 ox/buffalo, and 1,350 goats/sheep).

Meat was distributed among some of the poorest people in the world in 18 countries: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Benin.

This year's Qurbani project benefited over 50,000 families. Many of these families are not able to eat meat all year other than this occasion due to extreme poverty. May Allah reward all who shared in this effort to make it possible, and accept it from all of us.



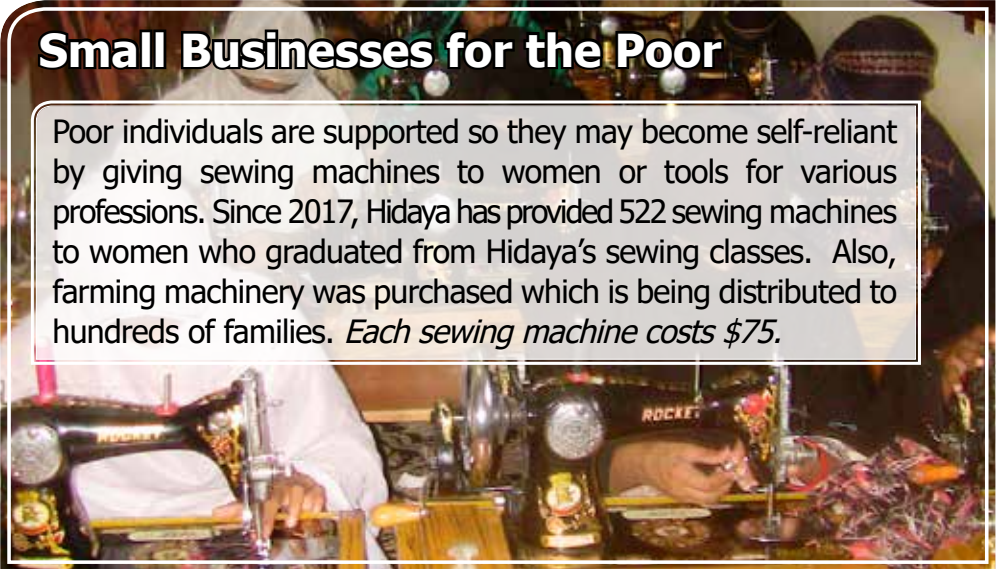
Animal Farming

Poor families are given cows, goats or chickens so they may farm and benefit from milk, eggs, meat, etc. Most recently, Hidaya has purchased 240 cows, 148 of which have been distributed to poor families. The remaining 92 cows will be distributed by the end of this year in shaa Allah. *It costs \$50 for chicken farming with 25 chicks, \$220 for goat farming with 2 goats, and \$400 for a cow.*



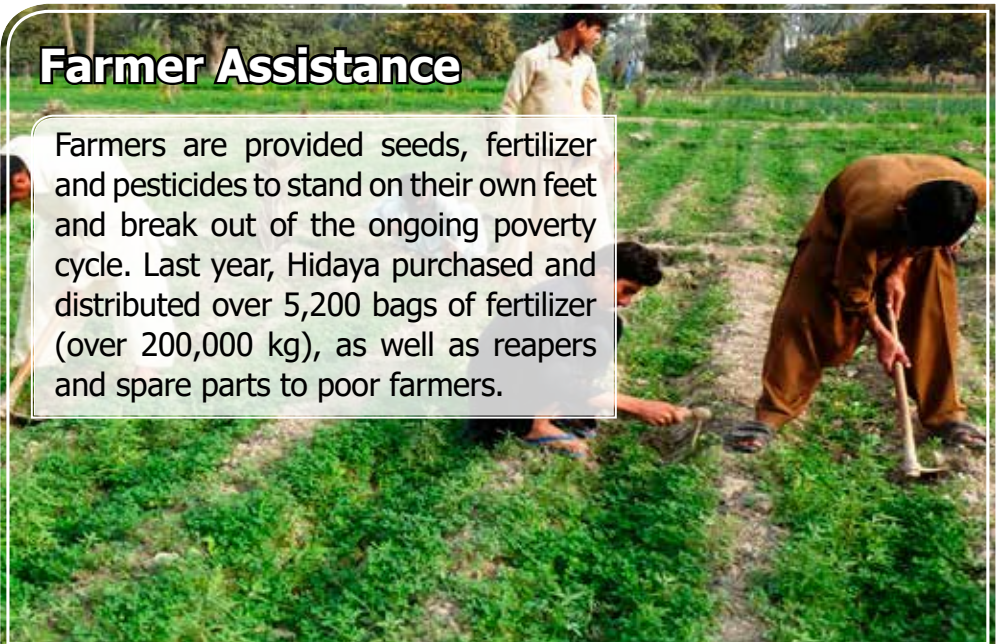
Small Businesses for the Poor

Poor individuals are supported so they may become self-reliant by giving sewing machines to women or tools for various professions. Since 2017, Hidaya has provided 522 sewing machines to women who graduated from Hidaya's sewing classes. Also, farming machinery was purchased which is being distributed to hundreds of families. *Each sewing machine costs \$75.*



Farmer Assistance

Farmers are provided seeds, fertilizer and pesticides to stand on their own feet and break out of the ongoing poverty cycle. Last year, Hidaya purchased and distributed over 5,200 bags of fertilizer (over 200,000 kg), as well as reapers and spare parts to poor farmers.



Donation Form

Name | _____

Email | _____

Address | _____

City | _____

State | _____ Zip | _____

Phone | _____

Signature | _____ Date | _____

Card No | _____

Expiry Date: (mm/yy) | _____

Visa, MC, Disc, Amex

Zakat (Obligatory Charity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Sadaqah (Charity)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
California Fires	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car Donation Project	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Farming (\$50 chickens, \$220 goats, \$400 cow)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Businesses for the Poor (\$75 sewing machine)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmer Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$ _____	

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 to the left. *Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section on the left so we can properly set-up your donation.*

By signing below, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have checked marked on the left.

Signature: _____

Starting Date: _____