



# Zakah Policy

- **1. Introduction**

Zakah is a fundamental pillar of Islam and a powerful means of supporting the most vulnerable in society. At **Fountain of Mercy**, we are committed to ensuring that all Zakah funds are collected, managed, and distributed in strict accordance with Islamic principles, maximizing their impact on those most in need.

- **2. Our Zakah Principles**

- **Shariah Compliance:** We adhere to the guidelines outlined in the Qur'an and Sunnah, ensuring Zakah is distributed to eligible recipients.
- **Transparency:** We maintain clear records of all Zakah transactions.
- **Efficiency:** We ensure timely distribution so that aid reaches beneficiaries when they need it most.
- **Sustainability:** We strive to fund long-term projects that empower individuals and communities beyond immediate relief.

- **3. Eligibility for Zakah**

We distribute Zakah exclusively to the eight categories specified in the Qur'an (Surah At-Tawbah 9:60):

1. **The Poor (Al-Fuqara)** – Those without sufficient means for daily sustenance.
2. **The Needy (Al-Masakin)** – Those facing hardship and financial insecurity.
3. **Zakah Administrators** – Individuals responsible for collecting and distributing Zakah.
4. **Those Whose Hearts Are to Be Reconciled** – New Muslims or those in need of support to strengthen their faith.
5. **Captives and Slaves (Ar-Riqab)** – Those seeking freedom from bondage or unjust detention.
6. **The Debt-Ridden (Al-Gharimin)** – Those burdened by debts they cannot repay.
7. **In the Cause of Allah (Fi Sabilillah)** – Humanitarian and relief efforts in accordance with Islamic principles.
8. **The Wayfarer (Ibn As-Sabil)** – Stranded travellers in need of assistance.

- **4. How We Distribute Zakah**

- **Direct Aid:** Providing food, water, shelter, and medical assistance to those in extreme poverty.





- **Sustainable Solutions:** Supporting education, vocational training, and livelihood programs to break the cycle of poverty.
- **Emergency Relief:** Delivering aid to victims of war, natural disasters, and displacement.
- **Orphan and Widow Support:** Providing financial assistance, shelter, and education to orphans and widows.
- **5. 100% Zakah Policy**

We operate a **100% Zakah donation policy**, meaning every penny of your Zakah directly benefits eligible recipients. Administrative and operational costs are covered through separate donations or general funds.

- **6. Accountability and Transparency**
  - We conduct **strict due diligence** to ensure Zakah funds reach legitimate beneficiaries.
  - We maintain **clear records and financial audits**, ensuring compliance with both Islamic guidelines and legal standards.
  - We provide **regular updates** to donors on how their Zakah has been used.
- **7. How to Give Your Zakah**

Donors can contribute their Zakah through:

- **Online donations** via our secure website.
- **Bank transfers** directly to our dedicated Zakah account.
- **Cash and cheque donations** at our offices or partner locations.
- **8. Conclusion**

At Fountain of Mercy, we take the responsibility of handling your Zakah with the utmost care and integrity. Your Zakah has the power to transform lives—ensuring the most vulnerable are fed, clothed, educated, and given hope for a better future.

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