Our Mission

Zakat Foundation of America fosters giving to alleviate the immediate needs of poor communities and to establish long-term development projects that ensure individual and community growth.

Our Vision

Zakat Foundation of America is unique among humanitarian organizations in advancing zakat as a vehicle for social change. Zakat Foundation channels the egalitarian spirit of zakat into a global vision of social development that transcends national boundaries, and stands as the foremost authority on interpreting zakat as a factor for positive change.
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THE MIRACLE IN YOUR HANDS

You need to read this story because it’s about you. About all the unseen good Allah does with the generous donations you give. About the people you save and the hearts you shape. I had to make an urgent, whirlwind humanitarian trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan this past Ramadan. The trip-planners overscheduled me — by car, by plane, on foot. It was grueling. I was exhausted. With hundreds of miles to go, I was so sore I could barely sit anymore.

"Give me a break!" I called out. "I’m just a human being."

That’s when I got the call: “Can we meet you? We’re here,” in such and such place. “Please. We know you’re busy. But we’ve always wanted to meet you.”

I was astonished. They directed me to a place where I met a handful of the politest, most upright, talented, educated, creative, God-fearing, and happy young men you could ever know.

“We are your children,” one said. I was thunderstruck. “We grew up looking at your picture every day. They would tell us: ‘This is the one who has built this place for you, who sends you these books, supplies, and goods from America.’”

“Astaghfiru’Llah!” (I seek forgiveness from God). The sole word I could find.

Their parents and families died when these fine young men were little children 20 years ago. They grew up orphans, together, in an orphanage near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border — a home and school you funded. Eating food you fed them. Sleeping in beds you bought them.

By Allah, I wept. These young men — now physicians, engineers, politicians, and a renowned Urdu-language writer — had each married and all had lovely children of their own and were happy. Each family had kept my picture, telling their children to call me grandpa. In my exhaustion, frustration and impatience, I realized Allah had diverted me from my brooding, as if to say: Here is the fruit of this blessed work that you, your sadaqah-givers, your Zakat-payers and your staff have done in My path. It is in the service of these vulnerable ones — these afflicted, these orphaned — that you tire yourselves a bit. I know that there can be too much distance between your giving and knowing the impact of your gifts. I know we come to you again, and again, and again in endless appeal.

But please, know that you and us — this Zakat Foundation of ours — we transform pained lives and aching hearts into the most beautiful souls of giving human beings there can be. What a strengthening of this world and our community.

Your brother,

Halil Demir

Halil Demir | Founder and Executive Director
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF YOUR SUPPORT

Zakat Foundation of America started small. Really small — founding director Halil Demir, a part-time secretary, and the occasional volunteer, in a one-room office in Chicago’s outskirt. But what it has become over the past 20 years is monumental. Our humble charity out of suburban Chicago now provides humanitarian relief to millions of people in about 50 countries on five continents.

“We have built orphanages, and today some of our orphans are doctors, engineers, and teachers,” said Halil Demir, founder and executive director. “We have built clinics and hospitals that have saved thousands of lives. Millions of refugees’ lives are changed for the better because of our services.”

A year after being incorporated as a nonprofit in Illinois in 2001, we started our orphan sponsorship program. We reached 13 countries in our first five years, delivering aid to 7,000 Iraq War victims, opening two orphanages in Pakistan and a vocational training center in Ghana, responding to Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, and launching a water well construction program among other life-changing campaigns. Charity Navigator has ranked us a top charity for 10 straight years, as has Better Business Bureau.

“As long as human suffering exists, our work is an urgent necessity. Beyond that, our work to bring awareness to the Muslim community about their Zakat (Charity) obligation will continue until a fair, just and kind world exists.”

— Executive Director Halil Demir

Zakat Foundation of America has used Islam’s third pillar — charity — as a guiding principle in helping people lift themselves out of poverty. Since 2001, we have empowered millions of people, regardless of creed or color, to recover from disasters and escape poverty by taking control of their own lives. We have addressed the immediate needs of poor communities worldwide, all while establishing long-term development projects that ensure individual and community growth. We even published 9 Myths About Muslim Charities: Stories from the Zakat Foundation of America in 2019.

In the last 20 years, Zakat Foundation of America’s aid has reached 80 countries. Now, on a daily basis, we provide food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene supplies, health care and other humanitarian relief. Our goal is to continue expanding our operations, uplifting the disadvantaged both at home and abroad to make self-reliance and a dignified life a reality for all.
CREATING A STRONG FOUNDATION IN CHANDA, KENYA

How much water we have access to at any given moment affects how we live our lives. For David in small-town Kenya, water went from being the reason he was in debt to why he’s thriving.

At first, David’s family and village only had access to river water, which could be contaminated or have muddy paths to it. He would have to take his children to the hospital to address illnesses from water-borne diseases like cholera and typhoid. His wife and children would lose valuable time in their day to get water from the river.

It changed their lives for the better when a water well was implemented near them. They didn’t have to trek for water every morning. It was already there, readily available for their village. Illnesses from contaminated water aren’t a concern anymore.

But the benefit doesn’t stop there. He can grow vegetables in a garden outside his kitchen, give some to his neighbors and sell anything extra. David’s family also takes care of cows, which benefit from drinking fresh water from the village’s well and eating grass hydrated from the same supply.

The water has helped David’s work as a brick maker too.

“We used to make about 300 bricks in a day, but now, because there’s enough readily available water, we are able to make about 1,200 bricks a day,” David said.

He said boys who are normally idle are kept busy through employment. Some boys had to drop out of school because of fees or supply costs. Now, David said, they don’t even go back to their parents to ask for a pen.

“From the same bricks, we have made it a hobby that if one does not have a house, we shall make the bricks, and then use the same bricks to make a house for each member;” David said.
A DEDICATION TO EDUCATION, AS TOLD BY SUMAILA AWUDU

I was 8 years old in third grade when my father passed on. Since he was the bread-winner, everything was gone. As Muslims, we say alhamdulillah in all circumstances.

Life became tough and I was sent to Bawku in the upper east region of Ghana to stay with my grandfather and uncles. Instead of sending me to school, they sent me to learn a trade in motorbike repairs. But since my childhood days, my dream was to be a teacher. I loved to teach, so I decided to come back to Kumasi — where my mother lives — so I can go to school. It was not easy, though.

I had to use one exercise book for all the subjects in school. In fifth grade, I remember I was sent home because I could not pay my weekly school fee. I thought it was the end for me. But Allah sent Zakat Foundation of America. They really took care of me — from junior high through secondary school. That time, there was no free education in Ghana at the senior high school level. Zakat Foundation helped pay all my fees, including tuition and boarding, books and pocket money. In fact, they did all this free of charge.

From there, I moved on to further my education at the Mampong Technical College of Education and finished with a diploma in basic education, and was then offered a job to teach at Sefwi Akontomba in the western region, which I did for three years. After that, I decided to further my own education and am currently doing my B.S. in Information, Communication Technology (ICT) at the University of Education Winneba-Kumasi campus.

Today I am secure, safe and happy, and have a bright future. Glory be to Allah for all He has brought to me, and thank you Zakat Foundation for supporting me.

I am Sumaila Awudu. Congratulations to Zakat Foundation of America on its 20th anniversary. Allah bless them and give them a good heart to continue to help and support the poor and needy like myself.

Ayeeko [well done].
EMERGENCY RELIEF

As COVID-19 viral infections ramped up in the world for a second straight year through variant mutations — with wars, climate disasters, and their disease fallout swelling in the humanitarian background — you doubled down on your worldwide support for our two-tiered program of relief: distributing essential medical assistance, and delivering critical food and clean water relief on five continents.
COVID-19, WINTER AID & FOOD RELIEF

“Whoever saves a life, it shall be reckoned as though he has saved all humankind,” God says in the Quran, and your gifts gave direct, life-saving emergency medical and nutritional aid to more than 750,000 children, women, and men in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas.

AFRICA
You fed and protected from COVID-19 more than 3,000 people in the Central African Republic, including 310 families and 1,550 of their dependents. In addition, your support provided 1,500 people with personal protective equipment (PPE).

In Somalia, ravaged by drought and political conflict, along with COVID-19, your support sent PPE and critical health education to thousands. This included thousands of women and school children.

Your emergency-aid sadaqah charity saved nearly 55,000 lives from flood catastrophe in Sudan alone, including in Darfur, White Nile State, and hard-to-reach rural areas.

MIDDLE EAST
The emergency food-baskets you provided reached more than 6,000 people in war- and disease-ravaged Yemen, while you fed nearly 13,500 in Gaza, Palestine. Additionally, your donations supported the critical schooling needs of more than 55,000 children in Palestine.

After the Beirut port blast, you rushed winter food relief to more than 11,000 people — many of them Syrian refugees — in politically unstable Lebanon and directly aided four months of wreckage clean-up in an area serving 15,000 people.
THE SUBCONTINENT

Your gifts provided emergency food staples, water, and winter relief to victims of the worst flooding in Hyderabad in 117 years. In occupied Kashmir, you helped hundreds with winter relief — including 326 orphaned boys and girls — as well as the Rohingya refugees of Bangladesh and thousands more in Nepal. You also fed thousands of stranded laborers’ families in the slum areas of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

In addition, you rushed desperately needed oxygen supplies for the emergency relief of COVID-19 intensive care unit (ICU) patients when India’s hospitals suffered critical shortfalls.

Your donations provided thousands in Pakistan with emergency food relief (including baby food and formula for children), while delivering emergency flood relief (including sustaining food packages and water) to Sindh province for thousands.

THE AMERICAS

You continued to support Zakat Foundation of America’s critically acclaimed pandemic farm-fresh food distribution program for thousands throughout the United States, while also supplying winter relief blankets and coverings to the most vulnerable and impoverished communities hit by COVID-19 in Argentina.

This is one of two programs from which Zakat Foundation of America does not take any overhead costs, administrative fees or anything else. Every penny of every dollar donated to the Emergency Relief program goes to humanitarian work, none of it to the people implementing it or the organization at large.
Your zakat and sadaqah not only save lives but change lives. You literally build up communities across the world when you fund constructions for mosques, orphanages, and education centers. These structures often bring running water to people who had none. They create powerfully constructive communal focal points that change the day-to-day lives of often-isolated people and stimulate life-altering local cooperation and institutional organization.

Your donations helped save precious lives!
MOSQUES AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

“One who builds a mosque for Allah, Allah shall build for him in the Garden the like of it,” said our Prophet, on him be peace (Bukhari & Muslim). So, across Asia, Africa, and the Americas, your gifts literally built mosques, centers, and programs in deserving communities of great need that continue to benefit thousands of children, women, and men. These projects and programs are spiritual sources of sadaqah jariyah, ever-flowing charity, for you and those on behalf of whom you made these donations. They will stream with you or your loved ones into the grave and the Divine Balances of the Hereafter with felicity.

ASIA

Cambodia
Two remote Cambodian Muslim villages received special contributions in memory of beloved family members that funded the Rawaa AlJassim Mosque and Hurieh Hussien Mosque and Water Well.

The AlJassim Mosque now serves the daily religious and community needs of 250 people. The Hurieh Hussien Mosque and Water Well will fulfill the same daily and Jumua prayer needs of similar number, but it will also have a special convertible divider for a women’s section and activities. In addition, the mosque brings a water well for the entire community’s daily uses.

Pakistan
Special sadaqah jariyah donations built two much-needed mosques and an additional orphanage for girls in Pakistan. The Madina Mosque Aliput Muzaffargah accommodates 150 worshippers and 12 Quran studies students in a village of about 5,200 that had no proper prayer place.

The Jamia Masjid Akbari Gujranwala holds 200 worshippers and 20 Quran studies students. With special charity, Zakat Foundation of America also constructed the new Bashir Begum Chaudhry Girls Orphanage to comfortably serve 60 orphan girls, as our partner orphanage in the area had no more space to house these vulnerable children.

Philippines
In a large rural island village, your gifts constructed a two-story Education Center & Mosque with six classrooms and a library. It serves at least 2,500 worshippers, with its primary beneficiaries being the 300 boys and 200 girls of the community who are now schooled there.
AFRICA

Rwanda
Nothing is more important than open education in this nation that suffered one of the great communal calamities of our time, and your contributions have made this education possible. The newly built Leutrim Hoxha Education Center now holds vocational training facilities for teen mothers and others who have left school, teaching them tailoring. It also has a library for the Quran education of children. Currently, 160 vocational learners train there while another 208 students use its facilities.

Uganda
Specially designated sadaqah jariyah donations built four new mosques in this East African nation that, although one of the richest in natural beauty and rare wildlife, remains among the poorest countries in the world.

The Ameera Zakariya Elaila Grand Mosque serves a population of 1,800 villagers with prayer space for 800 worshippers.

The Ibad Ar-Rahman Mosque in another country hamlet gives prayer space to 160 adults and serves the spiritual and educational needs of 150 children, while Masjid Al-Salam accommodates 250 adults and 200 children in a separate village.

Ongoing charity also built the Dr. Ahmad Nasef Mosque for a village of several thousand. Its nearly 1,300 square feet of domed prayer space with an outside minaret hold 400 adult worshippers and serve the education needs of 600 children. The mosque is fully powered by a solar electric system and has a water well that provides running water to the community.

Ghana
In Ghana, your donations enabled Zakat Foundation of America to build a multi-purpose community center that serves many social needs for 4,500 people from 10 different local communities. It holds a library study, a conference hall that also serves as an indoor game room and accommodates up to 100, a health clinic complete with a physical therapy gym, and a 300-seat auditorium.

In addition, you built Masjid Salihin and Water Well to house the prayer needs of 260 worshippers, and to serve as a social gathering space with running water for hundreds more community members.

THE AMERICAS

Your generosity did not neglect the community-building needs of thousands more where many of you live, in the United States. You supported the vital work of the Charity & Security Network to develop crucial fair and protective national nonprofit and philanthropic policy at the federal and state levels in the United States.

Your gifts also helped meet the critical health needs of thousands on Chicago’s (often uncared for) South Side with the development of a holistic health care model through the Salaam Community Wellness Center (SCWC).

You supported Upwardly Global, our partner agency that works to bring economic stability to immigrants and refugees in the U.S. You directly helped 495 refugees, asylees, and immigrants with professional backgrounds make the difficult societal and economic transition. You aided another 350 under- and unemployed refugees and immigrants in obtaining jobs through intensive one-on-one coaching in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas.
Every living thing, God made from water.  
Water gives the gift of life.

WATER, AN EVER-FLOWING CHARITY

Nothing holds a higher charitable value than the drinkable water we give to those who need it. And when that life-giving blessing is made to flow to people perpetually, in the form of mechanized wells and hand pumps — that charity continues to flow for as long as that water benefits the living, all the way into our graves and onto our scales of Judgment in the life Hereafter. And this holds true for each living thing — human, animal, or plant — that the water source quenches and cleanses, every time each one takes from it.

It’s for this reason that it’s called a sadaqah jariyah, charity ever-flowing. It is exactly this for the one on whose behalf that water source has been established, whether that person is living or has departed to the mercy of God.

This report period, you engineered 235 new wells — in Cambodia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Mali, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Somalia, and Uganda — gushing life and blessings to at least 318,011 people, not to mention their animals and crops. You also established 340 new hand pumps in Nepal, as well as in Cambodia, India, and Pakistan, providing water for some 7,383 people and their creatures and plants.

Altogether, that’s 575 new water sources, benefitting 325,394 people.

These wells and pumps do more for the people they serve than provide a running, clean-water source. They save countless hours a day for thousands formerly burdened with retrieving it from a lake or stream. It’s typical in these villages and communities for women to walk miles to bring home water for their family’s everyday use — drinking, washing, cooking.

They save tens of thousands from sources contaminated with waterborne diseases. These wells and pumps truly burst with multiple Godsend.

God grant you and your loved ones the blessings you have plumbed for the hundreds of thousands in need you have sufficed with the flow of life.

Your gifts can build you a palace in Paradise!
2021 WATER SOURCES

PAKISTAN
- Water Well: 15
- Hand Pump: 20

NEPAL
- Water Well: 245

PHILIPPINES
- Water Well: 13

INDIA
- Water Well: 20
- Hand Pump: 20

CAMBODIA
- Water Well: 10
- Hand Pump: 55

KENYA
- Water Well: 7

UGANDA
- Water Well: 79

SENEGAL
- Water Well: 5

GHANA
- Water Well: 80

SOMALIA
- Water Well: 5

MALI
- Water Well: 1
God’s first command to Muslims is “Read! In the name of your Lord who created” — and you’ve helped refugees, the displaced, orphans, single mothers, and countless others fulfill this divine injunction with your generous donations.
Education

In Gaziantep, Turkey, Zakat Foundation of America has founded and filled a landmark university exclusively for refugees that has become a beacon for all humanitarian organizations. Zahraa University is exclusively populated by Syrian refugees — students, staff, professors, and administrators. It has now graduated nearly a thousand men and women — in engineering, education, economics, and theology — whose lives had come to a disorienting halt from war and displacement. Your gifts have made their learning, books, facilities, accommodations, and food entirely free.

In Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Kenya, Cambodia and the Philippines your sadaqah-charity educates and trains thousands — especially young, impoverished girls and boys — providing them schools, classrooms, teachers, books, tuition and education supplies.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, your donations are now giving 74 orphans — girls and boys — the assistance they need to attend 10 different schools with comprehensive scholarships covering all aspects of their education, including individualized support mentorships.

Zakat Foundation of America also deploys your charity to send teachers into homes in Dhaka, where 30 girls and 21 boys — all pre-primary aged children — gather in groups of five to 10 to begin their early childhood learning, giving them an immensely valuable head start on their education. Your gifts also fund private mentor support for these children.
FOOD SECURITY

Your generosity and Zakat Foundation of America’s extensive network of field and partner offices fed more than 4.5 million meals across five continents.
FOOD SECURITY

God commands us in the Quran, “and feed the afflicted ones, the indigent poor” — and you fulfilled God’s order with exemplary generosity. Your gifts — at both Ramadan and Hajj time in our 2020-2021 fiscal year — fed more than 4.5 million meals to combat hunger and food insecurity in 41 countries.

No two seasons on any calendar in the world center on feeding people, and inspire the giving of nutritious food to the starving and food-vulnerable, like Ramadan’s month-long fast and fast-breaking obligation and Hajj with its prophetic Udhiyah/Qurbani sacrifice.

Together, you and your Zakat Foundation field workers and aid experts gathered, prepared, and hand-distributed millions of pounds of highly nutritious, calorie-packed food bundles to some families that did not know when their next meals would come. These food gifts fed these families daily for up to two months.

During Ramadan alone, your aid provided more than 1.4 million pounds of food in addition to more than 514,000 warm meals. And when it comes to food packages that you donated to last a family of five for the entire month, you gave more than 2.67 million meals. That doesn’t include the United States, where we plated more than 440,000 meals, far exceeding our goal of 100,000 meals.

Just in Hajj time, for Udhiyah (Qurbani), your generosity and Zakat Foundation’s extensive network of field and partner offices fed more than 1.35 million meals to children, women, and men in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and the United States.

That is a significant contribution to creating food security among the hungry in our world.

From Sri Lanka to Afghanistan, Yemen to Palestine, Ethiopia to the Ivory Coast, Haiti to Bolivia, and New York to Chicago — your donations of farm-raised, freshly slaughtered, hand-delivered meat and the highest nutritional value dairy, grains, fruits and vegetables saved thousands of families and tens of thousands of lives.

And you didn’t forget to bring joy to the children with the thousands of toys you provided to them to celebrate the Eids!
A BIG HELP FROM BIG TECH IN RAMADAN

Zakat Foundation of America has invited “big tech” partners to embrace and create direct avenues for Muslims to support causes they care about this holy month.

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PARTNERSHIP

Zakat Foundation of America and food-delivery platform DoorDash partnered in a campaign called Feel the Hunger to Do Good this Ramadan, providing warm meal distributions throughout the month.

The partnership allowed Zakat Foundation and DoorDash to feed 15,000 people, with Zakat Foundation pledging another meal for every post to social media that tagged @ZakatUS and @DoorDash. The partnership with DoorDash helped us reach more than 440,000 people in 11 states and D.C. This was part of a commitment Zakat Foundation made to provide more than 100,000 meals domestically this Ramadan.

“Food insecurity exists everywhere,” said Amna Mirza, chief marketing officer at Zakat Foundation of America. “This pandemic has shown us that our neighbors are hungry, some waiting for 10 hours in food lines. Recognizing this, DoorDash is helping power meals during this critical time.”

High-profile officials attended and helped distribute at several events, including but not limited to:

- Cook County Commissioners Bridget Degnen (12th District) and Alma Anaya (7th District)
- Illinois State Senator Celina Villanueva (11th District)
- Illinois Rep. Aaron Ortiz
- Illinois Rep. Elizabeth Liza Hernandez (24th District)
- Lake County Sheriff John D. Idleburg
- Councilmember Aisha Wahab of Hayward, California
- Hayward Mayor Barbara Halliday (California)
- Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell

- California
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Virginia
FACEBOOK SELECTS ZAKAT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA FOR #MONTHOFGOOD CAMPAIGN

Zakat Foundation of America was featured as a top charity in Facebook’s brand-new #MonthofGood campaign to celebrate — and give back during — Ramadan.

It’s one of five nonprofits Facebook selected to help Muslims fulfill their Zakat obligations, which are typically done in Ramadan (though it is not mandatory to do so in the holy month).

“With over 1 million nonprofits in 19 countries that can receive donations directly through Facebook, we are honored to be highlighted as one of five organizations to give to in Ramadan,” said Amna Mirza, chief marketing officer at Zakat Foundation of America.

GOFUNDME GOES THE DISTANCE IN AMPLIFYING ZAKAT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA’S RAMADAN IMPACT

Fundraising platform GoFundMe became the third big tech partner to join us in celebrating seasonal giving this Ramadan.

GoFundMe featured Zakat Foundation of America, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Penny Appeal USA as its three Muslim humanitarian organizations to support during the last 10 days of Ramadan.
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Your blessed giving provided thousands with the means to create and grow their own incomes. In the form of livestock, skilled trades, expert guidance, and connection to marketplaces, you put the means of sustainable enrichment and financial independence in the willing, working hands of household heads throughout the world.
LIVELIHOODS

The sadaqah you gave in initiated (God willing) this kind of blessed economic migration from destitute dependency to self-reliant sufficiency for hundreds of household heads eager to work but bereft of means to work with.

So, like the Prophet, on him be peace, binding an implement of earning for a Companion in need, you put the mediums of sustainable livelihood in the hands of hundreds of household heads.

You provided dispossessed rural families with mating pairs of dairy and meat livestock to start income-generating herds of their own. You trained others, particularly women with families, in vocations and then gave them the business skills and expert entrepreneurial counseling to free themselves from impoverished dependence. You paved the way with your charitable gifts for refugees and asylees to find the training and job-placement opportunities they needed to thrive in their new homelands.

Your generosity allowed us to establish more than 15,500 sustainable livelihoods.

Gaza, Palestine
You expanded the incredible Gaza Home Garden and Food Security Enhancement Project — building rich greenhouses for families to grow food in year-round — from 182 beneficiaries, or about 30 families, to 337 more people cultivating, selling, and eating from the 5,500 pounds of food produced per greenhouse in each of the year’s two growing seasons. That’s 40 more households added in this period. The greenhouses produced an average of 3,200 kilograms of tomatoes at an average value of $1,083. Families consumed 12.5% of the produce and sold the surplus.

Jordan
Your funding continued for our expert-run Vocational Education Centers, teaching sewing, knitting, and handcrafts; International Computer Driving License (ICDL), a computer-literacy certification program; web design; Hypertext Preprocessor program (PHP) for work on computer servers; along with touch typing.

Turkey
You supported the work of FLOKA Women’s Department, providing psychological aid, human development, handcraft and vocational training, and job placement for women supporting families.

Pakistan
You continued a decade-long expansion of our African and Asian Livestock Program, providing 25 mating goat pairs to the all-female, orphan-run Sarghoda Orphanage farm that benefits widows and orphaned girls.

These goats were purchased to establish a goat farm that supports the orphanage. The farm provides good-quality, hygienic, organic milk to the orphans.
Bangladesh
Your funding of Zakat Foundation of America’s landmark Sewing Training Program directly trained and gave sewing machines, equipment, and marketplace presence to 136 new seamstresses supporting their families.

United States of America
You helped meet America’s growing mental health crisis by funding direct professional counseling for self-care, anxiety, depression, substance abuse as well as parenting. This included emergency financial assistance for food, rent, and utilities. Khalil Center, a Zakat Foundation of America project, is renowned for its professional psychological and spiritual mental health care. You also enabled us to partner with Access California Services.
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

“As for those already settled and firm in faith, they love those who emigrated to them,” God said in the Quran, setting a standard for all time as to how we are to receive, help, and feel about our brothers and sisters driven to immigrate for personal safety, livelihood, and to seek asylum from persecution. You sought to live up to this with the exemplary assistance you gave for more than 83,250 refugees.
REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Your generous help aided the relocation, housing, language services, health care, education, certification, job placement, and socialization of thousands who have sought refuge from genocide, oppression, conflict, and displacement.

It created pathways to sustainable livelihoods for women at our Vocational Training Center in Jordan. There, they learn sewing, knitting, handcrafting, typing, web design and more to sell their products and get jobs that help them become financially independent. Similarly, in Kenya, we work with RefuSHE — a long-time nonprofit partner — to empower unaccompanied adolescent girls and young women with primary education, life skills, and vocational training.

Our refugee services looked quite different in Lebanon, where your aid allowed us to provide emergency winter relief that included heating fuel, blankets, warm meals and more. Your generosity sheltered and fed vulnerable families that the August 2020 Beirut blast affected. You ensured food security for vulnerable Syrian refugee families in Beqaa and Aarsal’s informal refugee settlements.

In Palestine, you supported students and improved their schools while providing essential food assistance during COVID-19. With UNRWA, we delivered food directly to homes for Palestinian refugees living in Gaza, all while ensuring enhanced hygiene and physical distance measures.

ROHINGYA CULTURE CENTER — CHICAGO

The Rohingya have been called by many humanitarian experts the most persecuted people in the world. Your charitable gifts have completely changed the lives of the few thousand able to gain immigration rights to the U.S. through the building, funding, and programming of the now vibrant Rohingya Culture Center, serving 5,682 men, women, and children who have rebuilt a new Rohingya community in Chicago.

You’ve sponsored a robust education curriculum of Quran study, English literacy, in-home English assistance, and homework help for school children. You fund an innovative and highly successful primary-school student Citizenship-ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Your sadaqah provides general casework assistance — legal, social, and employment placement — for nearly a thousand families, in addition to sporting activities (including a really good youth soccer team!) for young Rohingya-Americans.
SUDANESE AMERICAN CHARITY — CHICAGO

Your sadaqah is transforming the lives of 800 refugee families from Sudan by aiding in the construction of a resource center for them through our nonprofit partner. The SAC Center provides relocation, housing, language, health care, education, translation, legal, licensing, job placement, and socialization services.

You’ve shown your firm faith and the genuine love in your heart for the refugees who have migrated in need to you.
FIVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Change hearts, change the world!

Your caring help brought five helpless Rohingya children to Chicago. They came traumatized by seeing the killing and loss of their families. They suffered nightmares and emotional insecurity through childhood because of their horrendous shock. They grew up as teens torn between two worlds, ways, and plights with identity crisis.

But this year, your sustained support lifted these five high-achieving orphans to high school graduation at the tops of their classes, winning university acceptances. Once unsure and insecure, they’re now smart, capable, educated and, most importantly, loving human beings, supremely motivated and prepared to face the challenges of life and make a positive difference in the world.

Here lies the true success of our partnership — you and the Zakat Foundation.
ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Throughout our programs, you’ve helped us care for 718,492 orphans and vulnerable children. You showed your compassion and goodness in changing the lives of 2,477 children — specifically within our orphan sponsorship program — with your sustained $50-a-month sponsorships.
ORPHAN CARE

It takes just $600 a year to uplift an orphaned child with shelter, food, clothing, schooling, and health care through Zakat Foundation of America’s Orphan Sponsorship Program (OSP) — a pioneer among orphan sponsorship programs in developing a system of non-discrimination in its support structure for orphans by equalizing their sponsorship selection across age, gender, race, and appearance differences. Zakat Foundation’s OSP, moreover, works to keep orphans in the care of, first, a guardian (often a mother) or a family household when this option exists.

The number of orphans you now provide life-altering care for in Yemen rose to 250, in Pakistan and Palestine to 200 each, and in Mali to 182.

You’ve also sustained your orphan care in Kenya, Jordan, Ghana, India, Niger, Sri Lanka, Iraq, and Bangladesh — among 14 countries in total — including the 862 mainly Syrian orphans you are now caring for in Turkey.

Upon this solid Orphan Sponsorship Program foundation, we together can build a compassionate, transformative, and secure future for tens of thousands of children deprived of their human support and protective structures worldwide.

*This is one of two programs from which Zakat Foundation of America does not take any overhead costs, administrative fees or anything else. Every penny of every dollar donated to the Orphan Sponsorship Program goes to the children in need.*
From Ghana and Mali to Bangladesh and India, to the United States, and in dozens of countries, you and your Zakat Foundation of America reached the ailing with aid. Together, we provided physical, mental and spiritual health care to more than 252,700 individuals this reporting period, not including treatments as a result of natural and man-made disasters. Health disparities not only affect individuals, but the society as a whole; our services are aimed at reducing the barriers of time, money and accessibility.
TAking care of our loved ones, near and far

In Bananzole, Mali, your support meant treating malaria, acute respiratory infections, diarrhea, acute dehydration and malnutrition. It also meant providing vaccinations and antenatal care. In addition to improving clinics in Mali, your empathy reached the unwell in rural Ghana.

The Mother & Child Health Care system is set up to provide treatment in slum areas of Bangladesh. Patients are given medicines for free as prescribed by our professional doctors. Clinics successfully provided quality treatment to men, women and children. Two MBBS doctors are available twice every week for two hours, providing treatment and medicines. Also in Bangladesh, our team held health camps, went door-to-door for health counseling and awareness, and held courtyard meetings.

Similarly, in nearby India, Ehsas Clinic provides medical consultation and medication to people living under extreme poverty in slum areas.
KHALIL CENTER
A ZAKAT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA PROJECT

The Muslim mental health crisis is a constant, with families fighting depression and anxiety and youth struggling with suicidal ideation. The psychological well-being of our communities is at stake, and western therapy models don’t come close to adequately serving the psycho-spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters.

Khalil Center worked to actualize its vision of seeing a world where Islamically integrated psychological services are readily available to Muslims everywhere. It focused this year on expanding clinical services, widening its scope, and empowering Muslim communities with preventative tools from around the globe.

Through the support of our dedicated therapists, psychologists, and social workers, Khalil Center served over 2,300 Muslim clients from across the world, delivering nearly 18,000 sessions in a single year. These services include individual, marital, family counseling, premarital coaching, career counseling, psychiatric medication management, religious consultations, and more! Khalil Center’s clinics are nested in major metropolitan cities in North America including Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Toronto to help target areas with high Muslim populations.

In addition to clinical services, Khalil Center’s greatest goal is prevention. Islamically integrated psycho-spiritual education is a huge step in preventing mental health issues before they even occur. In 2021, Khalil Center delivered 58 psycho-spiritual events educating over 4,400 attendees from eight different countries.

Its direct clinical services and preventative educational programming helped strengthen individual resilience, family cohesion, parental relationships, premarital awareness, and overall character development and socio-emotional well-being for Muslims around the world.
EXPANDING OUR IMPACT IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

ZAKAT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA OPENS REGIONAL OFFICE IN ARGENTINA

It started with a 2008 permaculture project in Brazil and included a quote on the wall from Janusz Korczak, a Polish educator, translated into Portuguese:

“A criança já é uma pessoa, não apenas o adulto de amanhã,” which in English comes to mean: “Children are not the people of tomorrow, but are people of today.”

Fitting, then, that Zakat Foundation of America started with a long-term, sustainable development program like permaculture, the fruits of which reach children generations to come. Even more fitting, then, that Zakat Foundation continued providing different types of humanitarian aid in the region ever since, reaching and uplifting generations that grew up facing the destruction earthquakes and hurricanes have done to their countries. Facing food shortages and limited access to education.

Zakat Foundation of America leadership chose Cordoba — Argentina’s second-largest city — as the site for its office because its infrastructure, resources, and location make it an ideal hub for program coordination, aid distribution, and travel for medical and relief teams in the area. The Cordoba office is set to help strengthen the organization’s impact working with partners in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and in other countries, adding a deep, positive presence to the humanitarian sector in the region.
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIPS

We are in a unique and critical time in our nation’s history. Millions in the United States are in need, and Zakat Foundation of America is here to help them. We have helped with food and water, education, refugee resettlement and so much more with our U.S.-based programs.

And while Zakat Foundation of America is in your communities and the streets working hard to reach those in need, we are not alone. Political leaders, elected officials, civil servants, religious leaders, and our beloved volunteers are working with us to better serve those in need.

We are very grateful to those in Chicago — our home — and beyond who have stood by us and with us, who have supported us in serving those who have been marginalized and aiding us in helping those in underprivileged communities.

Zakat Foundation of America is also thankful to our partners who assisted us in reaching impoverished communities here in America and beyond.
PARTNERS AT HOME

In a six-month span during the pandemic, from February 2021 to August 2021, Zakat Foundation of America distributed more than 1 million pounds in greater Chicago. Half of the food was given away in food deserts in the south and west sides among the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities. It amounted to about 15,954 pounds per week, serving 387,156 kids and their families. We intentionally contributed to achieve the city’s goal in 5 of the 10 neighborhoods in the Planning and Development’s INVEST S/W program, supporting Chicago Lawn, Bronzeville, North Lawndale, Homan Square, Auburn Gresham, Belmont Cragin and Belmont Central.

A few partners helping to facilitate this work:

**Congress for Illinois**
- Bobby L. Rush; Congressman, 1st District
- Marie Newman; U.S. Rep. from 3rd District
- Jesus “Chuy” Garcia; Congressman, 4th District
- Mike Quigley; Congressman, 5th District
- Brad Schneider; Congressman, 10 District

**Illinois State Representatives and State Senators**
- Aaron Ortiz; State Representative, 1st District
- Theresa Mah; State Representative, 2nd District
- Delia Ramirez; State Representative, 4th District
- Patricia Van Pelt; State Senator, 5th District
- Lakesia Collins; State Representative, 9th District
- Celina Villanueva; State Senator, 11th District
- Robert Peters; State Senator, 13th District
- Edgar Gonzalez Jr.; State Representative, 21st District
- Liza Hernandez; State Rep. Distr 24th, Chair Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and Co-chair Conference of Women Legislators (COWL)
- Kambium Buckner; State Representative, 26th district
- Rita Mayfield; State Representative, 60th district

**Chicago Aldermen**
- Pat Dowell; 3rd Ward
- Patrick D. Thompson; 11th Ward
- Jorge Cardenas; 12nd Ward
- David Moore; 17th Ward
- Mike Rodriguez; 22nd Ward
- Michael Scott Jr.; 24th Ward
- Byron Sigcho Lopez; 25th Ward
- Gilbert Villegas; 36th Ward
- Samanta Nugent; 39th Ward
- Andre Vasquez; 40th Ward

**Other Public Partners**
- Jefferson Park Police Department
- 9th, 10th and 25th districts’ police stations

**Lake County**
- Sam Cunningham; Mayor of Waukegan
- Angelo Kyle; Lake County Commissioner — 14th District
- Lake County Sheriff Office

**Cook County Board**
- Dennis Deer; Cook County Commissioner 2nd District
- Bill Lowry; Cook County Commissioner 3rd District
- Alma Anaya; 7th District, Cook County
- John P. Daley; Cook County Commissioner 11th District
- Bridget Degnen; Cook County Commissioner 12th District
- Sandra Lewis; Director of External Affairs, Cook County President Office (President Preckwinkle)
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)
- Eira Correal Sepulveda
- Kimberly Neely Du Bucler
SERVING HUMANITY TOGETHER

ActivateGood
ADAMS Center
Ahiska Turkish American Council
Al Huda MD
Al Ma'a'un Masjid
Al-Mustafa Center
Al-Nanda Center
Al-Takuf Organization
Almuminun Islamic Center
Amatullah’s Treasures
An Noor Islamic Center
Ansar Al Bir Community Center MC
Anthony Spencer
Apex Mosque
Ar Rashidun Organization
Arab American Association
Arab American Family Services
Ashe Assisted living West Jefferson
Avendale assisted living Cary
Awakenings Resource Center
Baba Ganoush Durham
Bartlett Reserve Durham
Beaumont masjid Tawheed community center
Beehives Home assisted living, Panama City
Benson Memorial United Methodist Church
Bethany House
Bethel Gospel tabernacle
Big Green Chicago
Bloom Township
Brekenridge Assisted living, Rocky Mount
Brian Center Health and Rehab, Hertford
Brookdale Northville Wayne
Brookdale Dickinson Ave Greenville
Brookdale Lake Highlands, Dallas
Brookdale Reidsville NC
Brookdale Valley View, Garden Grove
Brunswick cove, Winnabow
Burlington Masjid
CAIR Los Angeles Chapter
CAIR MN
CAIR Philadelphia Chapter
Camelia Gardens Durham
Carolina rehab, Cumberland
Catawba Senior assisted living Claremont
Centro Romero
Chapel Hill Masjid
Charter Senior Living Sylvania
Chatham Commons Cary
Chicago Dream Center
Chicago Dream Center - church
Chowan River rehab center Edenton
Christ Oasis Ministries
City Council of Upper Darby, PA
CIOGC, Council of Islamic Organizations Greater Chicago
Clerk's Office of Township of Lyons
Cleveland house, Shelby
Club Apaseo el Alto
Coalicion de Misiones Mexicanos
Community's Child Food Bank
Cornerstone Community Outreach
Corona Masjid
Creekside Senior Living, Bountiful
Utah
Cricket Wireless
DC-ISWA
Delaware Difference Makers
Delaware Emergency Management Administration
DEVOAD
Direct Relief network
Diyanet Mosque
DoorDash
Dover Interfaith Mission Homeless shelter, Dover DE
Elias
Emmanuel Dining for Homeless
Englewood Community Center
Enlace Chicago
Ethiopian Center for Peace & Progress, ECPP
Evergreen Islamic Institute
Families Helping Families
Family Promise of DE
Food Forward
Fresh Choice Supermarkets
Friendship House, Newark & Wilmington, DE
God’s Gang Youth Organization
Governor’s Office of Volunteerism
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Guatemalan Chambers of Commerce
HACAP Corporate Office
Harbor Senior Living of South Hills
Pittsburgh
Heartfelt residential Care
Heartfield of Cary, NC
Heartland Alliance
Hibachi Blue
Hollywood masjid
ICCI (Islamic Community Center of ICNA Center
Iglesia Metodista Unida Adalberto
Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation
Illinois)
India Grille Restaurant DE
Indian University: Lily Family School of Philanthropy
InterAction
Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina, Greensville
Islamic Association of Raleigh
Islamic Center of Columbus County
Islamic Center of Greensboro
Islamic Center of High Point
Islamic Center of Kuwait
Islamic Center of Lumberton
Islamic Center of Morrisville
Islamic Center of the Triad
Islamic Center of Yorba Linda
Islamic Community center of Lancaster
Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis
Islamic Oasis
Islamic Relief
Islamic Society of Central DE, Dover
Islamic Society of DE
Island Assisted Living Hempstead
Jamaat Ibadurrahman Masjid
Jesus Word Church
Journey’s of Statesville
Justice for Justus
Lakeview Pantry
Latinos Organization of the Southwest
Laurels of Pender, Burgaw
Legacy house of Ogden
Liberty Commons Sanford NC
Life Care, Banner Elk
Light of Islam
Lincoln United Methodist Church
Lincoln United Methodist Church
Little Angels Foundation
Little Village Education Collaborative
Lodge lane assisted living, Wilmington
Long Island Muslim Society
Lovejoy Temple Church of God in Christ
Mahrooosh Restaurant PA
Manor Care ,Lancaster PA
Marsha MedSpa
Masjid Al Farooq
Masjid Al Kauhar
Masjid Al Madinah Upper Darby PA
Masjid Al Mumineen
Masjid Al Nur
Masjid Ar Rahman Coatesville, PA
Masjid ar Razaque, DE
Masjid As Sabiqun, Chester, PA
Masjid Isa Ibn MArAiam
Masjid Taqwa
McDougal Terrace Apartments
MCWS Canton MI
Mediterranean Grill & Grocery
Mental Health Partnerships
Mental Health Partnerships, Seaford DE
Mercy Corps
Metro Chicago Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mexican Consulate
Ministry of Caring inc
Morning side of Concord NC
Morningstar World Harvest Church
Mosque Foundation
Nemours Hospital for Children

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
New Life Covenant
New Life Montgomery
New Mt. Oliver A.M.F. Zion Church
New Spirit Baptist Church
Noblest People Learning Center
Norristown Islamic Society, Norristown, PA
Oak Leaf village, Toledo
OC Heritage Council
Office of Rep Ilhan Omar
Orange County OC Heritage Club
Our Lady of Suyapa Sanctuary & United Given Hope
Palestinian American Club
Paramount Senior living Center, Newark
Parkwood Town Food Hub
PCRF
PCRF DE Chapter
Pilsen Food Pantry
Pine Street Senior Center Lumberton
Pinnacle Rehab and health, Smyrna
Police Department Durham
Project BooksForAll, NJ
Readi Chicago
Redeemed Outreach
RefuSHE
Rescue Mission of Salt Lake City
Rescue Mission Women’s Shelter, Salt Lake City
Residence At Panama, Panama City
Resurrection Project
Rev. Robin Hood
Rocky Mount Islamic Center
Rohingya Culture Center
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Sagrado Corazon Lutheran Church
Sahaba Initiative Local Food Shelter Muslim
Sanad Organization & Al-Nahda
Sanitation Department Durham
Season at Southpoint Durham
Season at Southpoint Durham
Senator Coon’s Office
South Side Community Services
South West Collective
Southwest Organizing Project
Spanish Community Center
Spring Arbor of Apex, NC
St James Missionary Church
St. Stephens Lutheran Church
Stanley County Senior Center Albemarle
Stonehenge of Ogden, Washington Terrace UT
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Sunrise at Sheepshead Bay,Brooklyn
Sunrise of Cary, NC
Susan S Ballis Bothel, MA
Tauheed Youth Group
The Arbors at Westbury, Jericho
The Bristol assisted, Massapequa
The Bristol Assisted Living at East Meadow
The Hallmark,Houston
The Loretto, Wilmington
The New Homestead home Kew Gardens NY
The Preserve at Alm Aire,Pampano Beach
The Soul of Children in Chicago
Thornton Township
Turkish community center of Atlanta UNICEF
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
United Neighborhood Organization
United Way of DE
Unstoppable Dawah PA
Upper Darby City Council
USAID
USDA
Userve Utah
VolunteerMatch
West Anaheim Medical Center
Westminster Presbytarian Church
Weston Senior Center,Wilmington
Whispering Knoll Assisted living,Edison
PARTNERS ABROAD

The African Union, a continental coalition founded in 1963 of 55 member states, represents all African countries. Consulates celebrated the “Unity Day;” Zakat Foundation of America was invited as a special guest and honored to attend.

Phumzile Mazibuko, the Consul General for the South African Consulate General, said in her introduction to the African Union, “We see Zakat Foundation of America as an outstanding partner; we can proudly say that its programs and projects reach a majority of our member countries. Our gratitude and thanks goes out to Zakat Foundation of America. We welcome you as our beloved guest.”

Beyond attending and being recognized at The African Union meeting, Zakat Foundation of America also met with:

- Reyna Torres, General Consul of Mexico
- Sandra Mendoza, Consul for Community Affairs for the General Consulate of Mexico
- Gonzalo Chavez, Consulate of Honduras
- Billy A. Muñoz Miranda, Consul of Consulate Guatemala
- Ivonne Sanchez, Vice-Consul, Consulate General of Guatemala
- Dixon Moya, Consul of Colombia
EXPANDING OUR REACH

When it comes to states, Illinois is home to the largest Muslim community, according to a report the Illinois Coalition published. With this in mind, Zakat Foundation of America resolved to move its headquarters closer to the heart of Chicago, the state’s largest city by both population and land mass.

With our leadership in agreement, we moved to purchase the beautiful and historic Centennial Methodist Church. We have begun rejuvenating this wonderful building before we open it to the community.

The Centennial Methodist Church is at the heart of historic Chicago’s Bronzeville.

In the early 20th century, Bronzeville was known as the “Black Metropolis” and was one of the nation’s most significant concentrations of African American businesses and culture. This gives Bronzeville a special place in Chicago’s history. The Centennial Church was one of the first churches built here by the African American community and has played a very crucial role in the African American history of Chicago.

Upon completion, the Centennial Center will not only be the headquarters for Zakat Foundation of America, but it will also be a center for cultural, religious, and social activities for the surrounding communities and a landmark to Chicago's extensive history to all those who visit.

The Centennial Center, inshaAllah, will bring Muslim humanitarian organizations — such as Zakat Foundation of America — closer to the heart of the generous people of Chicago and will enable us to become an even greater part of Chicago’s rich and expansive history.
Volunteer Engagement

 рук 3,197 Volunteers

itime 10,000+ Hours

 869 Events
ADVOCACY

Zakat Foundation of America is honored to advocate for your philanthropic rights by representing your voice in thought leadership, charity coalitions, and advocacy work.

INTERACTION

Zakat Foundation is an active member of InterAction — a coalition of nearly 200 U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working to eliminate extreme poverty, safeguard a sustainable planet, and ensure dignity for all people.

Our participation with InterAction provides us a platform to learn and share best practices, nurture partnerships with global leaders in humanitarian service, and to share our Muslim-American story with fellow faith-based and other American charities. On your behalf, we have built critical alliances with global leaders to help open the channels for just and fair treatment to overcome the unique obstacles Muslim charities face.

TOGETHER PROJECT

Zakat Foundation is also a founding member of the Together Project — a coalition of U.S. Muslim charities to lift the profile and facilitate the integration of Muslim-run charities with other faith-based humanitarian organizations.

Last year marks five years of our continued efforts to meet with members of Congress to nurture understanding and protect funding for our humanitarian work. Not only have we created awareness about the domestic and international impact of Muslim-American giving, but we also successfully collaborate to address misinformation and political attacks against any associate charity.

CHARITY & SECURITY NETWORK

In Zakat Foundation’s capacity as an advisory member of the Charity & Security Network, we meet with agencies, lawmakers, and government to make laws easier for U.S. citizens who would like to donate to fragile political areas including Syria, Yemen, Occupied Palestine, Congo, Venezuela, and Iraq. Because of our policy recommendations, laws are in the process of changing to make it easier for Americans to give to Muslims in need abroad.
ZakatShop

Everything in our ZakatShop is created with a purpose, with attention to beauty, and with the intention to do the greatest good. When you shop at ZakatShop, you are saving lives and serving humanity — it is humanity above all else that connects us.

ROOTED IN PROPHETIC TRADITION

“None of you truly believe until you love for another what you love for yourself.”

We immediately connected with ILLM Founder Qasim Arif, a world-renowned calligraphy and typography artist, over a love for humanity. Driven by the belief that we all have a purpose in life, Qasim immediately resonated with our organization’s core value of “humanity above all else.” With pen in-hand, he captured one of humanity’s essential aspects: Hubb (Arabic for love).

This shared vision brought to life not only love for each other but the beauty of humanity. It brought to life a beautiful garment that spreads love and light to humanity. In our long-term vision, we intend to sell the products our beneficiaries make so you can support them in yet another way, but this time with a tangible reminder.

Your purchase is powerful! When you shop at ZakatShop, 100% of all proceeds will go directly toward our programs. The power of your purchase through ZakatShop can support an orphan for 1 month, send a girl to school for 1 semester, feed an impoverished family of five for a month, or help provide fresh water to a village. When was the last time you could do that with your purchase?

zakat.org/shop
20 YEARS WORTH CELEBRATING
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
of The Zakat Foundation of America

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Zakat Foundation of America (a not-for-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, financial statements).

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Zakat Foundation of America as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

PKF Mueller
THE ZAKAT FOUNDATION OF AMERICA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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![Pie chart showing support and revenue distribution]

- Programs & Services: 94%
- Administrative: 3%
- Fundraising: 3%

- Guidestar
- CFC
- BBB
- Partnership
- Charity Navigator
- Four Star Charity
- 2020 FOR-Rated
- Accredited Charity
- InterAction
Your zakat is powerful. We use it as a vehicle for social change. Rest assured that we are here to help you give your zakat where it can have the most impact. In 2021, 94¢ from each dollar donated went directly toward programs serving those in need. 3¢ went to administrative costs, and 3¢ went to fundraising costs.