

“OUR FOUNDATION IS TRUST”

# Amaana Hands Inc.

“Empowering the Poor and Needy with Dignity and Respect”

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## Skill Training - Golden Needle School



Job skills training is the key to independence for many. In all countries of operation AH is providing the necessary tools to achieve this goal. In India and Bangladesh we provide young men with finance to start their own businesses. Others are given the finances to buy a “Rickshaw” to start their transportation business. Sisters in Cambodia are enrolled in training to become a seamstress and the result is fantastic. After training they are given contracts to work in a clothing factory to earn a living and in turn they are expected to train others to become seamstresses. This project is very successful that we encourage you to continued providing the resources in your donations to upkeep this rewarding project.

**AH continues to provide skill training to its recipients so that they can become independent and provide for themselves. Recipients receives training as Seamstresses and are then provided with a job to earn an income for themselves and family.**

The brother in the photo at right from Pakistan is a recipient of AH self-sufficiency project. He is now earning a living for himself and family. AH financed the purchase of the donkey and cart for a vegetable business. Would you like to help someone to start a business to earn a living?



**From Poverty to Business Owner**

**Brother Akram and family of 6 children being funded to open a small shop to earn a living**

Brother Akram has no source of income to provide for his family. He is willing to work and has the dire need to take care of his family. Our volunteer, Maulana Hafiz Yunus heard of his plight. He found that Br. Akram to be an ideal candidate for AH Self-Sufficiency program. Hence, AH financed all the items for him to start a village shop. Today brother Akram is operating his own business and taking care of his family. These are the projects AH finance in the hope of eradicating poverty and give stability. *Al Hamdu lillah*, your *Zakaah* has changed his unfortunate situation out of poverty.

## In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalamu `Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuhu Ramadan Kareem.

I greet you with the blessings of peace, wishing you a successful and blessed month of Ramadan. I pray that the Day of `Eid will meet us in stronger *Imaan* (faith) and the bounties of Allah. I praise Allah and thank Him for the blessed partnership we have built over the years to join hands in a united effort to eradicate poverty from among the most vulnerable in the *Ummah* (community). It is with your support we are given the opportunity to assist so many needy people towards self-sufficiency, to provide comfort to the orphans, widows, battered women, single parent, unstable families, medication for the sick and the vulnerable children in distress.

Being generous and sharing is often misunderstood to mean only giving money to the poor. AH has taken that to a higher level. That is, to bring dignity and respect to the recipients. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (s) said "Even a Smile is Charity." Our volunteers in the field treats everyone fairly with love and kind words of upliftment. We try to comfort their distress ensuring them that AH donors will not forsake their needs. Very often we convey to the recipients of your donations that this help is coming from your caring brothers and sisters. We present on your behalf a genuine concern for their well-being.

It is important for you to know that the impact you have made in the lives of the deserving children, women and men is being appreciated to its fullest and certainly rewarded by Allah in this life and the Hereafter. It is with your kindness and generosity that the poor children are being taken care of. Battered and single-parent women are given support to move forward with their lives. AH Self-Sufficiency projects has proven remarkable success. This project removes the hardships with lack of employment and economic instability.

I thank Allah for the assistance from our affiliates and volunteers in the fields that has made your donations and *Zakaah* stretched to its maximum benefits. May the blessings of giving continue to fuel our enthusiasm to give, comfort and support those in distress from among us. May our sacrifices of giving be recognized by Allah. May He always keep you and your family under His love, mercy, protection and provide for us all the path to *Jannah* (paradise). *Ameen*.

*Zeleena Hack*, Executive Director (Volunteer)

AH subscribes to transparency in its operations. It is registered with the NY and NJ State Attorney General Office, Bureau of Charities and also files its Form 990 as required by federal law each year. Please visit their websites for full disclosure of AH assets and expenditures.

## GIFTS OF NEW CLOTHING



The Girls in photo is from the Madarsae - E - Hijra Niswan Raya Choti girls Orphanage in Hyderabad, India. AH volunteer, Brother Ahmad Sharief from Texas coordinated a sewing class for the older girls at this orphanage. With their sewing skills they in turn sewed beautiful clothing for these younger girls at the orphanage. The result is heartening and satisfying in putting funds directly in the hands of young women for their own benefit and growth.

### Knock! Knock! - I am hungry!

It is almost *Maghrib*, in Guyana. Little fingers striking at the AH volunteer (*Muazzin*) door. Standing outside is 8 year old Sonnie "I am hungry," he said. After *Madrassah* he lingers around the Masjid with haunting thoughts

Knock Knock

"I am hungry!"

that there would be no dinner when he gets home. The *Muazzin's* family invites Sonnie for dinner ensuring that he is well fed before going home. Due to poverty many children goes to bed hungry. With your *Zakaah* AH secured meals and clothing for Sonnie. You have answered the call of this young caller, Thanks on his and many other poor children behalf.

## Housing Assistance



AH volunteers seek out the poor that are living in squalor like the one above to assist them out of such unlivable conditions. Your *Zakaah* and donations brings real changes to many poor around the world that needs a secure house to live. Please help them!

## Breast Cancer patient living in poverty with her family in a zinc shack

I was in the field checking on the volunteers in the various villages and to speak with our recipients. I want to report on the plight of one recipient who is suffering from Breast Cancer. Unfortunately she has the extra burden of living with her husband and a 15 year old daughter in dire poverty. They are living in this house (shown left) 12 feet by 8 feet made from old zinc sheets. The floor is made of old boards with large creases 3 feet off the ground. This family has been living in this condition for over 12 years. Her monthly doctor's fees are US\$40.00 which is being paid for with your *Zakaah* and donations. Our plans are to **build** a house and to provide more assistance to this needy family. They are now on the monthly grocery hampers list. Please help us to bring ease, security and comfort to this poor family.

### Living in Shackles is not a choice



The shack above is the home of a poor elderly couple in Cambodia that AH is working with to provide grocery and other basic needs. With your *Zakaah* and donations we can make life easier for them by building a proper house for them to live in. Come join us in this noble mission to bring security, dignity and comfort for this family.

### WATER WELL IN GHANA & MOZAMBIQUE



AH has decided to provide financing for the completion of community water well in Africa instead of the individual wells. With the community well many more residents of poor villages benefits from your assistance. Immediate appeal is for a community water tank to be built in Mozambique to serve students in the community schools. With this project your *Zakaah* will be doubly rewarded since the students as well as residents will benefit.

### A Widow's Request

Sister Hameezah is a widow in Pakistan, with six daughters and one son whose husband died a year ago. She is struggling to take care of her family. Al Hamdulillah it is with your kindness her needs were fulfilled.

“They feed with food - despite their own desire for it - the indigent, and the orphan and the captive (saying): ‘We feed you purely for the sake of God. We desire no reward from you, nor thankfulness.’”

Surah Al-Insan 8-9

## Taking Aim at Hunger – Monthly Grocery Hamper

**US \$150,000. per year is needed for this project in Guyana and Cambodia**

In an effort to provide for the hungry AH created its Monthly Grocery Hamper project to bring basic food items to the poor. This effort has reached Guyana and Cambodia. It provided bread for the displaced of the Syrian War and has fed the poor, indigent, orphans and even the strayed animals in many countries.

The monthly grocery hamper project remains AH mainstay project that targets the malnourished and those who seek help to feed their families. It certainly is making a difference. AH realized that making poor people less hungry is not an easy challenge. No matter how frequent food is given, people will still need to eat again, but we are confident that your *Zakaah* and donations can help us fix this problem. We can eradicate hunger, but it depends on your continued contribution as our only resource to invest in a sustainable effort to maintain the desire to eradicate hunger from the poor. Help us to complete this journey, *Insha Allah*.



## No Place To Call My Home



**Monthly Grocery Hampers A Lifeline for many families in Guyana, Cambodia, India and other countries. Families are given food packages and other basic necessities on a monthly basis.**

For the past 10 years the blind sister above in photo is being supported by AH because of her most unfortunate situation. She does not have a permanent place to live. She moves from house to house and is uncertain where she will stay any given night. This grateful sister expressed her thanks to Allah and to AH donors for their support to bring her comfort, security and a sense of permanency. She presently is one of AH monthly grocery recipient and she has now become a member of AH family. Please continue to support her and assist us to do the same for so many others who calls upon us.

## Sponsor an Orphan - \$30. per month



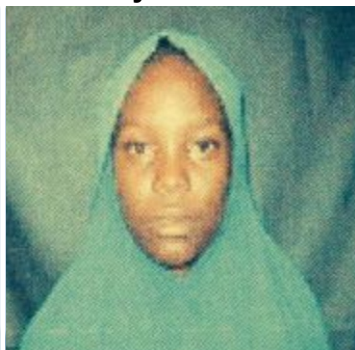
**Jhon - Haiti**



**Phyo - Burma**



**Jobayed - Bangladesh**



**Hawa - Kenya**

## RAMADAN SERVICES

**SADAQATUL FITR**

\$8.00 Per Person  
(Distributed in Grains)

**IFTAR**

Donate to the Iftar Fund in Africa, Cambodia Guyana, India & Bangladesh

**FIDYAH**

Compensation for unable to fast due to illness & old age (\$8.00 per day)

## Orphans and Needy Children

AH continue to provide substantial assistance to the Orphans and poor children with safety and security while strengthening their self-esteem to move ahead in their life's struggles. Your generous support of *Zakaah* and donations is the hope to their well-being. Please continue to donate heartedly towards this rewarding cause. As a policy of operation, AH insist that orphans and poor children receive top quality assistance and not just to give them old and used items. Hence, our volunteers are instructed to seek out these children so that we can provide them with full service to meet their basic needs. AH carefully evaluate their needs,

especially in education and provide the needed assistance to combat poverty in their lives. New clothing, footwear and school supplies are bought for each individual orphans according to their requests. School fees are paid for their education. Teachers are selected and paid accordingly so that



the children receive quality education. For this reason we encourage your participation by continuing to give your *Zakaah* and donations towards this rewarding project. Come on board with us because these children make *Du'ah* for the donors and surely their cries are heard by Allah. **Sponsor an orphan or child for \$30. per month per child.**

### Quran and Arabic Class

Teachers and students are provided financial assistance for their education and Quranic memorization. Monthly cost is \$30. for the operation of each class. AH provides the support to them for their books, clothing, footwear and stipend to teachers for their services to the poor. Your *Zakaah* and donations is their lifeline.

#### Cambodia



These young boys in photo above were given the opportunity to digest fresh meals and delicious delicacies bought with your *Zakaah*. They were also given grocery and other basic needs as they requested. AH instructs its volunteer to report on their pressing imminent needs so that we can step in and provide it for them. Your response is bringing joy, security, hope and comfort to their well-being. *Shukran.*

### Orphans in India

Young girls struggle to maintain their dignity, moreso those in poverty. AH provides a safety net for them. The girls in photo at right are orphans in India. They look forward for the help AH brings to them from its donors. Let us together bring ease, comfort and safety to them.



The Prophet (s) said: "After the Judgment I will open the door of Paradise and will enter and along with me will be the poor of this Ummah."

## “From Good comes Good”

AH provided support to a student who completed his Alim and Quran memorization course in South Africa. After his graduation he traveled to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh for *Da'wah* and to do volunteer work for AH. He was instructed to seek out the poor children, orphans, widows and the homeless. He recently



completed the following projects and we appeal to you to continue to donate your *Zakaah* and other donations so that we can provide more services to the poor:

1. Purchased beds and linens for the orphans.
2. Basic needs such as clothing, footwear and school supplies were given to the orphans and poor children.
3. He initiated small business opportunities for brothers so it can generate incomes to support themselves and families. The businesses he assisted them to start range from starting business, giving families a pair of mating goats for rearing and milking, a donkey and cart for a vegetable business. These business ventures are helpful to strive towards self-sufficiency to take care of themselves and families.
4. Groceries such as rice, flour, sugar, spices, etc. were distributed to families of poor households.

### Sponsor a Blind Orphan for Quran Memorization in Bangladesh

15 year old Sazzadur Rahman's goal is to become a *Hafiz* (one who memorized the entire Qur'an). So far he has not let his blindness stop him from memorizing 14 *Juzs* (chapters) of the Qur'an from 1 to 13 & 30. But Sazzadur is in much need of treatment in order to reach his goal. He lives in the Abdullah Ibne Umme Maktum(r) Institute in Bangladesh where he receives some level of care. Your sponsorship will help provide Sazzadur with medical treatment, education and clothing for the harsh winter months.



Sazzadur Rahman,  
Blind Institute Hifz student



The photo above is our young future Haafizh. Al hamdu lillah they are dedicated and discipline with their Quran studies.

Maulana Yunus has visited several *Haafizh* School (Quran memorization) in Bangladesh in search of improving the quality of learning and living standards. He found that the room where the children were memorizing, needed to be repaired. Also the children were in need of prayer rugs, educational materials and other necessitates to enhance their studies. AH is pleased to report to you that with your *Zakaah* given last year we cemented the classrooms, carpeted the entire *Salaah* room and purchased groceries that were requested.



Before

After

### CLEFT SURGERY

This is Marawan Fareh 4 years old from Djibouti

AH paid for 30 Cleft Lip surgeries in Ethiopia, Sudan Djibouti, Nigeria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The cost is \$250. per surgery

The Prophet Muhammad (s) said:  
“Give charity without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity”(Tirmidhi)

## Widows, Single-parent household battered and divorced women

Women in disadvantaged positions is a priority project for AH work. Many of these women are facing hard times because of the unfortunate situations they are in. Your *Zakaah* brings great relief to them and vast improvement in their well-being. AH not only provide financial assistance to them, we also provide opportunities such as rent assistance for them to uplift themselves. They are given job training, counseling and other basic services in order for them to make that extra step towards self-reliance in safety and security. Your *Zakaah* and donations is at work and is making a difference in the lives of so many women in disadvantaged positions. Help us make the road smooth for our sisters. Thanks on their behalf for your generous support.

## Qurbani Project



Over 125 animals were sacrificed at a cost of over US\$75,000.00

*Qurbani / Zabeeha* are done on your behalf in a host of countries such as Cambodia, Bangladesh, India, Guyana, Africa (Kenya, Sudan), Afghanistan and Iraq.

## Animal Feeding from non-Zakat Funds

It is related that a woman gave a thirsty dog water. For that Allah forgave her of her sins. AH started a feeding program for stray dogs in Guyana. The volunteers cook fresh food and then heads off to the streets to feed the dogs.



## Goats for rearing and milking



In June 2014 AH volunteer Maulana Yunus went in search for needy families to initiate our self-sufficiency program in Pakistan. One of the recipients, Abdul Kaiyoom (in photo at left) with a family of 7 was given

a female goat with 3 baby goats as seen in photo to begin his own farm and business selling goat milk for a living. This goat rearing and milking program was given to several other needy families to start their own business to support their families. The cost of each goat is \$225.

## Soup Kitchen in Newark New Jersey

Amaana Hands has generously sponsored monthly soup kitchens at the National Islamic Association in Newark, New Jersey. Volunteers from the Masjid served lunch on the last Saturday of every month rain or shine. Prepared meals along with water and fruits are served to the needy within the Newark community. One recipient said:



“This is the only proper meal I’ve had for the week.” Amaana Hands sponsored the months of May, June and July. Monthly cost is \$150. to sponsor a soup kitchen.

## Syrian Refugees

AH is embarking on several projects to assist the Syrian refugees in the Turkey camps. Immediate donations are needed to accomplish this task in order to bring safety and security to people suffering from the effects of war.

Goat herding program: Dairy cows, sheep and goats give milk that feeds their owners and can be sold as yogurt or cheese at market. They produce young that expand the herd for resale. These animals are prized as members of the family and insurance against lean times. The cost of 1 goat is \$100. a pair of mating goats \$200. and a cow \$450.

In Turkey, we have 1100 students sponsored for uniforms, supplies and teaching staff for two schools in Gaziantep. 1st to 8th grade; the teachers are refugees. The cost to sponsor a student is \$50 a month.

Additionally, AH is utilizing your *Zakaah* to continue its bakery program in the refugee camps in Turkey. The bakery is providing fresh bread daily for the refugees. It also creates jobs for the families and brings a sense of security for people in the refugee camps.

## Burial Assistance

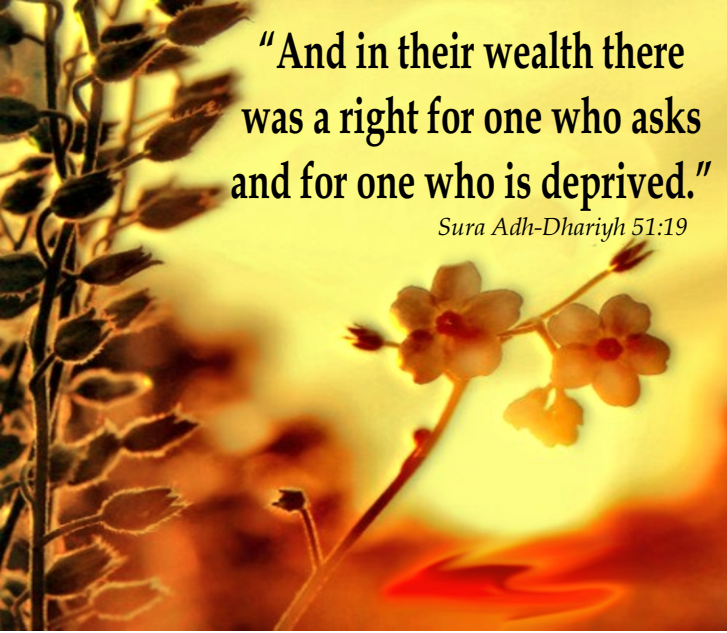
AH provides burial assistance to those who cannot afford burial expenses for their deceased relatives. This service is done in the USA, Cambodia and Guyana. These are times when many are feeling the pains of a lost one, but by alleviating the stress of burial expenses brings a sigh of relief to the poor. Allah will relieve the pain of a person on the Day of Judgment for the one who relieve the pain of someone in this world.

## ASSISTANCE IN THE USA

Over \$60,000 each year for small kindness

Amidst wealth and affluence resides obvious poverty and inequality. Such is the unfortunate situation in the American society. One of our monthly recipient from NY called to inform us that in order for him to have his eye surgery he must pay a \$300. co-payment. AH obliged and his eye surgery was successful. Another recipient who lost her job because of a job related injury was faced with rent related problems. She also has to take care of her ailing aged mother. Each month she has to choose between paying the rent, buying groceries or paying utility bills.

AH stepped in and ease her burden by taking care of her dire needs, the credits are due to your *Zakaah*. One family needed help because the bread-winner of the home is incapacitated from a serious accident. Now your *Zakaah* and donations assist this family each month to take care of their monthly expenses. AH assists three Muslim Women Shelters in New York, Maryland and Florida. *Al hamdu lillah* your *Zakaah* helps serve the individual needs of each sister upon their humble request. Two of these shelters also housed



**"And in their wealth there was a right for one who asks and for one who is deprived."**

*Sura Adh-Dhariyh 51:19*

children. The children are given new clothing and educational supplies. AH volunteers counsels the women while visiting them. Another case is in New York, a young sister had a brain tumor surgery. After her diagnosis she was divorced and homeless. She was very ill and had no family to care for her in NY. She asked for money for her return flight to Pakistan. Not only did AH purchased her airfare but our volunteers took her to the airport and ensure that she was well taken care of. Another call came in from a sister from Pennsylvania. She had a sad situation. She needed groceries and clothing for herself and grandchildren. Even though that we did not have a volunteer within her locality we could not turn her away. We mailed the clothing and sent her a supermarket grocery gift card. It is important to note that all requests are investigated in order to be qualified for help. Other major issues our youths face is bullying and depression. These cases are handled confidentially and referred for professional services. Also AH continues to visit the sick at hospitals and nursing homes.

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