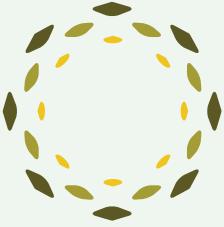




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**Contribute to the
Ta'fuf Shares
project**



Zakat and Sadaqat Fund



**To secure a stable source
of income For needy families**



- **Introduction**

Praise be to Allah who bestowed and endowed, and who rewards charity-giving and Zakat paying individuals. Peace and blessings be upon the Prophet of guidance, his family and companions, and those who followed him.

The mission of the Zakat and Charity Fund, under the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Endowments, necessitates raising awareness on the importance of Zakat as a religious duty, developing its sources and advancing mechanisms employed for the collection and disbursement of Zakat and charity to eligible individuals. In light of this mission, which aims to facilitate strengthening social solidarity, the Fund has prepared a clear strategy that encompasses programs and projects that contribute to achievement of desirable objectives. This strategy is based on scientific research studies and field surveys conducted by a number of specialized administrative staff and social researchers.

The project promotes transparency by means of allowing access to information and data of programs, funds and activities carried out by the fund. In addition, it symbolizes the concept of partnership between government and private institutions, and forms the actual commencement of joint action on the institutional and individual levels alike.

Zakat Fund has the honor to invite you to lend a hand and maintain its project “Ta’afuf Shares’, which will play an active role in supporting the fund, by your membership. This is crucial to facilitate accomplishing social solidarity and enhancing philanthropic activities that aim to secure a decent life for citizens.

- **Why “Ta’afuf Shares”?**

The Zakat and Charity Fund was keen to select a name that is in harmony with modern institutions and at the same time, is based on Islamic perspectives. As such, the term “Shares” was specified to denote trading, profit-sharing and development activities. On the other hand, the term “Ta’afuf” (modesty) was chosen based on verse 273 of Surah Al-Baqarah, describing the category of people that is eligible for charity, which says:

2:273 ******(Charity is) for the poor who, in Allah’s cause are restricted (from travel), and cannot move about in the land, seeking (for trade or work). An ignorant man would think that they are self sufficient because of their modesty. Thou shalt know them by their (Unfailing) mark: They beg not importunately (or at all). And whatever of good ye give, be assured Allah knoweth it well. ******

Likewise, there is a Hadeeth by the Prophet to this end:

Narrated Abdul-Hamid bin Jaffar: there was a man who was asked by his mother to approach the Prophet, peace be upon him, and ask for charity as other people do. The man says I then went to the Prophet, whereby he was giving a sermon. The Prophet was saying: (Allah will provide substitute for the one who is modest, and will give means to the one who does without asking for charity. Anyone who asks for charity while owning the equivalent of *five uqiyahs is considered someone who begs importunately). The man said to himself: Then, one’s owning a camel and his servant owns another one has better life than one who owns five uqiyahs. The man went back without asking.

- **Vision of the project**

To secure a stable source of income for needy families through a continuous societal partnership.

- **Mission of the project**

To serve needy families, enhance their standard of living and alleviate their poverty to help them abstain from begging and mendicity, by means of contributions from capable society members to sponsor these families year round.

- **Objectives of the project**

1. Encourage all institutions and individuals to participate in societal partnership.
2. Help needy families abstain from mendicity.
3. Contribute to enhancement of social solidarity.

- **Methods of contribution**

Contribution can be made by means of purchasing shares, each of which is valued at 200 BHD, 150 BHD, or 100 BHD. The total amount needed to sponsor a single family over a period of one year is set at 2400 BHD, 1800 BHD, and 1200 BHD (respectively).....member.

*Uqiyahs: or okka is historical unit of weight. The standard Istanbul okka equaled 128.3 g.

- **Membership**

- 1- Diamond Membership: is granted to institutions and individuals who are corresponding to sponsor 10 families for a period of one year and, whose shares, according to the following categories, are estimated at a value of: A) 24,000 BHD B)18,000 BHD C)12,000 BHD
- 2- Gold Membership: is granted to institutions and individuals who are corresponding to sponsor 7 families for a period of one year and, whose shares, according to the following categories, are estimated at a value of: A) 16,800 BHD B)12,600 BHD C)8,400 BHD
- 3- Silver Membership: is granted to institutions and individuals who are corresponding to sponsor 4 families for a period of one year and, whose shares, according to the following categories, are estimated at a value of: A) 9,600 BHD B)7,200 BHD C)4,800 BHD
- 4- Bronze Membership: is granted to institutions and individuals who are corresponding to sponsor 1 family for a period of one year and, whose shares, according to the following categories, are estimated at a value of: A) 2,400 BHD B)1,800 BHD C)1,200 BHD

- **Membership Features**

Members take part in developing visions and plans pertaining to the project programs and activities.

Members take part in all media programs pertaining to the project.

Members take part in formal occasions of the fund.

Members have access to all information and data pertaining to the project, and to the degree of compliance of the former with the overall strategy.

Membership certificate approved by the Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

- **Eligibility for Sponsorship**

The family shall be registered with the Zakat and Charity Fund.

The head of the household shall be a Bahraini citizen.

The family shall meet Zakat eligibility criteria according to the mechanism adopted by the fund.

Number of Eligible Families

The Zakat and Charity Fund oversees more than 2000 Bahraini families, and this number is subject to increase according to the allocated budget. Eligible families are identified according to the fund's criteria and requirements, as well as studies conducted by social researchers. The number of sponsored families is distributed among governorates of the Kingdom.