



Helping Hand

For Relief and Development

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BURMA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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Question 1:

Does Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD) have presence in the affected area /camp already?

ANSWER:

Yes: HHRD is providing assistance to Internally Displace persons (IDPs) in Sittwe Burma, and the recent Burmese refugees in India; while we are ready to render compassionate assistance based on our earlier experience in Bangladesh, as soon as the Bangladeshi Government allows the humanitarian services for the Burmese Refugees.

Since last many years HHRD has been engaged in Burma relief programs by providing relief to the Cyclone victims in Burma, Refugees to Cox Bazaar Bangladesh in 2007, and yearly seasonable Zabiha/Udhiya Programs.

Responding to the recent crisis in Burma, HHRD is providing relief in Burma with the help of its partners in the region and HHRD Asia Regional Office based in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Wasim Saleem from HHRD Asia Region Office along with Helping Hand International Projects Director Irfan Khurshid, are coordinating this Burma Assistance Program with our partner NGOs in Thailand "Asian Resource Foundation - ARF (offices in Thailand, Pakistan, Nepal, and Rangoon Burma)" and "The Asian Muslim Action Network - AMAN" (offices in Thailand).

Helping Hand Representative Wasim Saleem has committed him to help the victims of this disaster by his presence in the field, and is traveling to Thailand, Burma, and Bangladesh.

Wasim Saleem is planning to spend his Eid helping the victim of this disaster.

If the Bangladesh Government allows the existing stopped humanitarian aid, then Wasim Saleem will visit Bangladesh, which will include visiting Burmese Refugees in Cox Bazar, Chittagong, Bangladesh, where there are more than 200,000 refugees living in camps mostly since last many years. In past, we had worked for the Burmese Refugees in Bangladesh, and do the same particularly this Ramadan & this Eidul Fitr Insha'Allah.

Question 2:

How did Helping Hand vet & select the implementing partner(s) NGO in Burma?

Answer:

In the past, we have worked on Thailand Floods with these vetted NGOs, ARF/AMAN.

In order to select & vet such NGOs as ARF, we follow very strict IRS guidelines, Generally Accepting Accounting Practices (GAAP) of USA, and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

For HHRD operations, we are very open. So one can visit our website, go to a tab called Reports on the top of the screen, and under that Tab, one can see all the IRS Forms 990 and External Auditors' Reports from year 2005 till 2010 (our External Auditors are presently finalizing the Audit of Year 2011).

Because of being this open, Alhamdulillah HHRD has got the Top Four Star Charity Status and is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity.

HHRD also has credible vetted NGOs in Bangladesh and India to provide the assistance to Burmese refugees.

Question 3:

Has any money donated reached the Rohingya Muslims through your Org.? In which countries / camps?

ANSWER:

Yes:

Food Relief has been sent to 1,500 families including at two locations mostly affected in Rakhine State of Burma.

Our partner ARF has office in capitol city of Myanmar (Burma) called Yangon (Rangoon).

Now from Capitol of the State of Rakhine called Sittwe; about 70 km journey by boat (no road communication), there is a place called Buthidaung; and from Buthidaung on-wards another 30 km. away is Maungdaw; among other these are the two locations, selected for our relief work, through our partners ARF/AMAN, who are coordinating activities from Yangon with local Burmese Muslim Organizations.

HHRD has also started to assist Burmese Refugees in India, while is fully prepared & only waiting for the green signal from the Bangladeshi Government to provide services to the Burmese refugees.

Question 4:

How long does it take for donations to reach the Rohingya Muslims?

ANSWER:

It may vary, but on an average 2 weeks, but mechanism & local authorities cooperation is gradually improving, as this issue has now getting some international attention.

Question 5:

For those writing checks & credit card donations, who do they make it out to?
Is it tax deductible?

ANSWER:

They can make Checks payable to "Helping Hand for Relief & Development" and in memo write "Burma Assistance Program".

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Question 6:

What are your Operational Costs?

ANSWER:

For this, please visit this Web-Link:

<http://www.hhrd.org/hhrd-reports.aspx>

IRS Tax Deductible Certificate is also present at this web-link.