

Water For Life (WFL) – Water And Sanitation Hygiene (WASH)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q-1- Are WFL and WASH projects Zakat Eligible?

A-1- There are various opinions among Respected Islamic Scholars about this. In areas hit by disasters and/or drought stricken, some of the Ulema-e-Karam allow the use of Zakat money for water projects. Generally speaking Scholars do not allow the water projects as Zakat eligible. HHRD does not spend general zakat on these projects, but if some donors send Zakat money for a water project, we do not object, as patrons are responsible for making this choice based on the opinion of the scholars, whom they can refer to locally in their communities.

Q-2- Can we do WFL and WASH projects in the name of our loved ones?

A-2- Yes: When the patrons give their kind donations for WFL and WASH projects, we do ask in whose name the project will be done, so that a plaque is placed at the site of the project, requesting beneficiaries to pray for the loved ones of the families, who have sponsored the project.

Q-3- How do fresh water shortages occur?

A-3- Mainly there are four reasons for water paucity: an arid weather, drought (a period in which rainfall is much lower and evaporation is higher than normal); dehydrating of the ground due deforestation and overgrazing by cattle; and water stress due to increasing numbers of people that rely on limited levels of run-off.

Q-4- What is the life of a Water Well and Water Pump project?

A-4- Both these projects involved initial digging and boring. This initial effort and bore is done until the water source is properly done, and as such the reward will be InshaAllah be eternal. The other materials and infrastructure have varying life of ten to twenty five years, which with proper maintenance and replacement can be further enhanced.

Q-5- How is the maintenance and sustainability of the WFL and WASH projects ensured?

A-5- Just like for all other long term programs and projects, HHRD ensures that WFL & WASH endeavors are owned by the community for future maintenance and sustainability through local water committees and/or humanitarian forums of local credible and respected personalities.

Q-6- How do you choose the location of the WFL and WASH projects?

A-6- Usually HHRD projects and programs are chosen based on an emergency relief effort in the area. Whenever HHRD is involved in providing emergency relief services, WFL & WASH projects as long-term strategies are always considered wherever feasible and needed. Typically that would mean that the regions where HHRD operates are not easy, needing more efforts & resources for proper implementation, and that is reflected on the price and longer schedules of the WFL & WASH projects.

Q-7- Why do the WFL and WASH projects costs fluctuate?

A-7- The cost of WFL and WASH projects is dependent on the easy availability of necessary materials; simple access to the project site; locally available good & less expensive vendors, suppliers, labors and experienced contractors; regulations of the governments'; types of terrain & soil conditions; depth of digging; etc. And as such the prices fluctuate from region to region within one country; and from country to country.

Q-8- Does HHRD perform water quality laboratory tests?

A-8- Yes: HHRD local teams perform two water quality tests: One before the start of a WFL project to test the soil of the area to determine the approximate quality of water at the source aquifer. After determining the appropriate location to dig for the water project, once the water project is finished, another comprehensive water quality test is done at a credible laboratory to determine the fitness of the drinking water as per various international and national standards.

Q-9- Who implements the projects?

A-9- Usually the local HHRD country teams with the help of credible contractors and suppliers implement the projects. Sometimes collaboration is done with other local reliable NGOs, who may have better access to good vendors, contractors, and labors to implement the projects. Like in Pakistan from 2015 on-wards, HHRD has signed a MoU to collaborate with one of the most reliable & experienced NGOs of Pakistan “AL-Khidmat Foundation” in order to implement majority of the WFL and WASH projects. In such cases HHRD teams do proper monitoring and evaluation of the implemented projects.

QUESTION-10- How can one participate?

A-10- You can either mail to 21199 Hilltop Street, Southfield, MI 48033, USA, a Check or Money Order in the name of “Helping Hand For Relief & Development”, or donate using credit card or bank information at specific web-link on HHRD.Org website:

<https://www.hhrd.org/donate.aspx?proid=20>

On-Line in the Comments Section, or when sending the Check / Money-Order, write a note on a piece of paper mentioning which project you want to sponsor (see the next page), in whose name is the project being done, so as to prepare the proper marble plaque, and mention in the note that the In-Charge of HHRD USA WFL & WASH be informed about your donation. Please call 1.832.275.0786 for more information on the exact location and projects availability.

Price List of Various Projects in Different Countries for 2017

WATER PROJECT TYPES AND COUNTRIES	PRICE
AFRICA: Shallow Well With Affrediv Pump (Somalia / Kenya / Uganda / Tanzania)	\$5,000
AFGHANISTAN: Shallow Well With Affrediv Pump	\$3,500
PAKISTAN: Community Hand Pump	\$1,500
PAKISTAN: Dug Well Project with Pulley	\$2,500
PAKISTAN: Submersible Pump with Water Storage Tank	\$3,000
PAKISTAN: Water Gravity Scheme (In Hilly Area)	\$4,500
PAKISTAN: Water Filtration Plant	\$28,500
KENYA: Restroom with Hand Wash Stands in Schools	\$1,700

Targets for Various Countries for 2017

Countries	Number of Projects	Beneficiaries	Funds Needed
Pakistan	250	153,400	\$1,171,000
Afghanistan	20	8,000	\$70,000
Kenya	09	10,000	\$45,000
Somalia	10	11,000	\$50,000
Tanzania	16	17,000	\$80,000
Uganda	05	6,000	\$25,000
Total	310	205,400	\$1,441,000