

# WASH - WFL: Frequently Asked Questions:

## Q-1- What is WASH and WFL?

A-1- WASH means “Water And Sanitation Hygiene”.

As can be seen, WASH has three items: Water / Sanitation / Hygiene. They are interrelated to each other.

All these three things within WASH sustain and reinforce each other.

As an example, let's say if we don't have toilets, water can get polluted; and deprivation of clean water means hygiene is not achievable.

Within HHRD WASH Program, we have WFL, which is “Water For Life”.

WFL aims at providing access to safe and clean water with the installations of Arched & Submersible Water Pumps, Shallow & Deep Water Wells, Gravity Flow Water Projects, Water Filtration Plants to Purify Water, and other similar infrastructure projects.

Within the Sanitation part of WASH, HHRD aims to work in providing access to basic toilets and latrines for refugees, as well as children at schools, to use basic toilets (& maintain them).

Also Hygiene in WASH aims at promoting and cultivating sound hygiene practices, especially handwashing with soap; and also encouraging hygiene practices through the provision of Hand Wash Stands.

For this, Messenger Muhammad PBUH said: “Cleanliness is Half the Eimaan (Faith)”  
- (Ibne Majah - - - Hasan).

**Q-2- How long does it take for WFL / WASH Projects to be done after one donates?**

A-2- Since water projects have certain technical requirements and approvals at different levels from various government entities, usually it takes 6 to 15 months from country to country for water projects to be completed after one of our respected donors has given. During this time frame, donors are most welcome to call or text at +1 (832) 275-0786; to ask for updates. We are also in touch from our end with our esteemed donors, wherever & whenever possible, as we aim to complete the projects in the best possible & sustainable manner, and then provide a final formal completion report.

**Q-3-Can we do WASH and WFL projects in the name of our loved ones?**

A-3- Yes: At website [www.HHRD.Org/Water](http://www.HHRD.Org/Water), you will find donation levels of various projects in different countries. If patrons choose one of these donation levels to Give, and in the Comments provide names of loved ones. We will place a plaque at the water site in their names. If you do not provide any specific name, then we do the project in your, and your parents, family, & friends names by placing plaque.

#### **Q-4- How do fresh water shortages occur?**

A-4- 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-5- What is the life of Water Well and Water Pump projects?**

A-5- Both Water Well and Water Pump Projects involve initial digging and boring.

This initial effort and bore is done until the water source is discovered, all works done properly, and as such the Reward will InshaAllah be eternal, as the same bore & digging can be utilized to make future new water projects, due to varying water depths.

The other materials and infrastructure have varying life of three to eight years, which through the local communities, who properly adopt these projects; so these communities doing proper maintenance and replacements further enhance the lives of these projects.

### **Q-6- How is the maintenance and sustainability of the WASH and WFL projects ensured?**

A-6- Just like for all other long term programs and projects, HHRD ensures that WASH & WFL endeavors are owned by the local communities for future maintenance and sustainability through local water committees and/or humanitarian forums of credible and respected personalities.

### **Q-7- How do you choose the location of the WASH and WFL projects?**

A-7- 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, WASH & WFL 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 having been hit by catastrophes; and as such needing more efforts & resources for proper implementation, and that is reflected on the price and longer schedules of the WASH & WFL projects.

By involving the local communities and a detailed preliminary analysis, final locations are determined, and within a certain catchment area, three or more sites are identified for water access, so that overall cost can be controlled (try to avoid standalone one projects in an area, but can consider them if based on extreme needs).

### **Q-8- Why do the WASH & WFL projects costs fluctuate?**

A-8- The cost of WASH & WFL projects are dependent on the easy availability of necessary materials; simple access to the project site; locally available good & less

expensive vendors, suppliers, labors, & experienced contractors; regulations of the governments'; types of terrain & soil conditions; depth of digging; inflation, etc.

And as such the prices fluctuate from region to region within one country; and from country to country.

### **Q-9- Does HHRD perform water quality laboratory tests?**

A-9- 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.

If water is not found to be suitable at any stage, HHRD then tries to locate a different place; only drawback is it delays the project; but we want to make sure, we provide up to standard water.

### **Q-10- Who implements the projects?**

A-10- 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.

In case HHRD's WASH and WFL are done by other Vetted Partner NGOs, HHRD Teams in such cases do proper monitoring and evaluation of the implemented projects.

## **Q-11- Are WASH and WFL projects Zakat Eligible?**

A-11- 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 (Scholars) 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-12- How do I participate?**

A-12- 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/water>

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 slide), 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...