

Islamic Practices

Islamic Charity



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Learning Objective

- To understand, and be able to explain, the different types of Islamic charity

Success Criteria

- To describe why charity is important in Islam.
- To describe the different types of charity in Islam.
- To explain why zakah is important in Islam.

Why Are Muslims Concerned About Poverty?

Complete the poverty task sheet.

The Problems of Poverty

Both of the pictures below show people in poverty. Annotate these pictures to show the problems these people face as result of poverty.

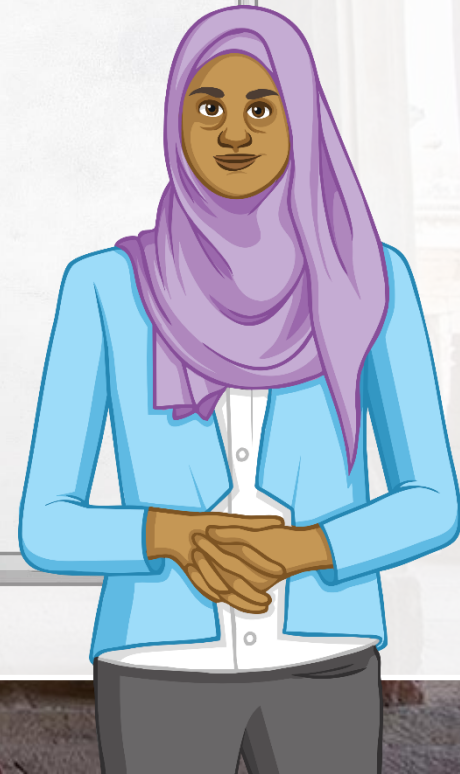


Why Are Muslims Concerned About Poverty?

In your books, answer this question:

Why do you think Muslims are concerned about poverty?

1. Poverty's terrible effects.
2. The idea that all people belong to God.
3. Ideas relating to moral virtues such as kindness.
4. Ideas relating to Judgement Day.



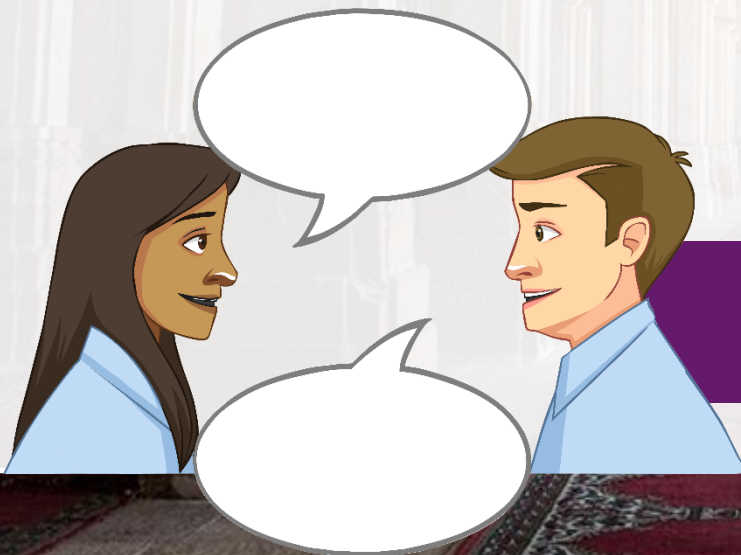
Charity



Charity involves giving money or assistance to those in need. Charity is incredibly important to Muslims. One **hadith** records Muhammad (PBUH) as having said:

He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while the neighbour to his side goes hungry.'

What does this tell us about poverty?
Discuss your answer with your partner.
I will ask some of you to share your views in one minute.



The quote says that Muslims must help the needy if they are to be true believers.

Zakah Recap

- This is a mandatory charitable payment. This means they must be made by all Muslims who can afford it.
- If a person's income and other wealth is more than their living expenses and the nisab they must pay zakah.
- This is paid at a rate of 2.5%.
- In the UK, this can be distributed by the local mosque or by a charitable group, such as Islamic Relief.



Sadaqah Recap

- This is additional charitable giving.
- It is voluntary and can be given at any time and to any one in need.
- This is seen a positive action in Islam.



Shi'a Islam and Charity

- Shi'a Muslims are also expected to make an additional charitable payment known as Khums.
- Like zakah, this is a tax on an individual's wealth and income once living costs have been deducted. This tax is paid at a 20% rate.
- Initially, half of this money was used to support the imams. However, Shi'a Muslims believe that the current imam is currently in hiding.



In the modern world, roughly half of this money is spent on the needy. The half previously reserved for the imams is given to a religious scholar to promote the spread and teaching of Islam.

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Did you meet today's aims?



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