



THAAKAT FOUNDATION

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HOW DOES MY ZAKAAT CONTRIBUTION HELP PEOPLE AT THAAKAT FOUNDATION?

Providing education to children living in poverty is a long-term, sustainable solution that empowers them to break the cycle of poverty. While handouts may offer short-term relief, education builds lasting independence and opportunity.

At Thaakat Foundation, we focus on strengthening the full arc of education by addressing the real challenges children face. We recognize that learning is not possible if a child is hungry, unwell, or living in extreme instability. That's why our education programs are supported by integrated food, healthcare, and welfare initiatives that remove barriers and allow children to truly thrive.

ZAKAAT SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- **Providing Education:** 6,000 students across 8 schools in and around the Jam Chakro landfill
- **Healthcare:** On-site medical facilities, now being provisioned into a city hospital
- **On-campus meals:** Prepared and distributed through our central food kitchen
- **Economic relief grants:** “Business-in-a-box” support for families in need
- **Counseling:** Available to students and their families
- **Scholarships:** Supporting access to continued and higher education
- **Home rebuilding and clean water programs:** Provided in rural communities lacking infrastructure

HOW IS ZAKAAT DISBURSED?

Thaakat Foundation follows the Wakala model of Zakaat distribution. Under this model, Muslim parents of deserving children nominate Thaakat Foundation as their wakil (agent) at the time of school admission and authorize us to receive Zakaat on their behalf. These funds are then used to provide education and essential support to their children throughout the year.

Prior to disbursement, Thaakat has each incoming contribution tagged and allocated to the particular initiative to ensure it is used accordingly.



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SHARIAH COMPLIANCE

Every initiative receiving Zakaat is reviewed regularly by an independent Shariah Council based in Karachi, Pakistan. This review confirms beneficiary eligibility and verifies that proper practices, controls, and processes are in place for Zakaat collection and distribution.

Each initiative is provided with a Zakaat eligibility certificate outlining the terms and details. This can be provided to donors at any time.

HOW ARE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL COSTS HANDLED?

Any administrative, financial, or legal overhead at the organizational level is fully covered by our Lifeline Fund, which consists entirely of non-Zakaat contributions, including corporate matches and corporate sponsorships. This protects Zakaat funds and ensures they are used only for their intended purpose.

On the ground, our programs are delivered by over 400 dedicated employees, including teachers, kitchen staff, and essential support teams. These individuals are directly involved in the Zakaat allocation and delivery process. As their work is integral to providing eligible Zakaat services, these operational costs are factored appropriately and are considered Zakaat-eligible, in line with Shariah guidance.

Learn more about our efforts worldwide at:

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