Your duty for their dignity
the transformative power of international zakat financing
Provides a shared foundation of social and economic justice, that can contribute to shared prosperity through the principles of inclusive participation and risk sharing.
The UN estimates developing countries will need; 2.5 TRILLION USD A YEAR to achieve the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY 2030.
“Every year, between $200 billion and $1 trillion are spent in ‘mandatory’ alms and voluntary charity across the Muslim world.”
Islamic Finance analysts estimate

“Our rituals are there, but often they lack the spirit. Our giving shouldn’t be driven by our desire to prove that we are good people… Our giving should be smart and effective.”

TARIQ CHEEMA, founder, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists
To help with the devastating drought in Kenya, in 2017 the Zakat Council of the Malaysian State of Perlis contributed zakat financing support for the affected state of Kitui, coordinated by

Kenya Red Cross

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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“Ndengu: Kiuutani kya Uthui”
or
“Green Gram: A Storm of Wealth”

Achievements

- **US$1.2 MILLION**
  - the zakat contribution to the project

- **175,000 FAMILIES**
  - with livelihood strengthening and water supply

- **US$20 MILLION**
  - the total return to the selected families from crop sales

- **20,000 METRIC TONES**
  - of green grams harvested

- **245,000 ACRES**
  - planted in Kitui county

- **30 BOREWELLS**
  - rehabilitated with low-maintenance solar-powered pumps
“Through our partnership with the IFRC, we can get more involved, and build our experience and knowledge to create greater impact.”

“We see this as a pilot to demonstrate to the world how Zakat can be transformative in its impact locally and internationally.”

-The State Mufti, MAIPS
Transformational value of Zakat
Ordinary people contributing to extraordinary impact

FORECAST-BASED FINANCING
helped identify the best crop for local conditions

BUILDING TRUST AND PARTNERSHIPS
Dignity of communities, trust of financiers, government and aid agencies

INVESTMENT RETURNS AND SOCIAL IMPACT
$1.1 million grant yielded $1.6 million in total impacting 1.2 million people

PAYING IT FORWARD
The Kitui farmers who received seeds in turn became contributors for communities in Garissa county

BEYOND CHARITY
Zakat can support long-term, sustainable and shared prosperity

REWIRTING THE NARRATIVE
Islamic Social Finance can catalyze development not only for Muslims but people around the world

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We no longer need handouts. With this project, we have enough to buy a cow or goat, save for another planting season and we can keep going for a while. Our aim now is to help our neighbours who have less.

-A woman farmer who received the green gram seeds.