

Iraq has suffered from many problems due to past wars, resulting in various issues, including displaced families and thousands of orphans in need of physical and psychological care. Economic difficulties have also led to a lack of access to essential services for a decent life.

The Satuta project aims to help families secure a stable income and enhance their societal standing by facilitating business ownership and reducing associated barriers. This would also give families a dignified way of living and generate a halal income.

Families have been provided with a Satuta and repay its cost in installments.

Thanks to the generosity of the Nudba Group, arrangements were made for 22 Satutas, enabling families to attain self-sufficiency and generate a steady income. On a slow day, families would earn US \$10. However, families earn significantly more during busy periods (e.g. Muharram, Arbaeen). This has helped them to become self-reliant, reducing their dependence on charities to cover their expenses and enabling timely installment payments.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and the success of this wonderful initiative, the Satuta project will continue, helping more families overcome economic difficulties.

The initiative has also expanded, inspiring people outside the Nudba Group to provide aid. Donors from the United States provided 12 satutas. This initiative will also be made available for other donors to contribute towards.

I want to share an inspiring story of one family which benefited immensely from this program. There was a man with a disability in one leg. It affects his walking, and he cannot stand completely straight. He has two beautiful daughters, a wife, and parents depending on him earning a living. Despite his efforts to find a job, his disability made it challenging, leaving them dependent on charity. When his case was brought to the Nudba Group and The Zahra Trust Canada for consideration for a Satuta, he was promptly given one after assessing his ability to drive safely. Alhamdulillah, he started working immediately. In addition to providing rides to people in his neighbourhood to get to their destinations, he now works for a local water company delivering clean water to homes. He is now independent, living with dignity. He can support his children and take care of his wife and parents.

Another inspiring story is of one of the orphan families. This family has four orphan children who live with their mother in Karbala. The eldest brother, who is almost 20, was trying hard to find a job to care for his three young siblings. He couldn't find work because he didn't have any skills. So we trained him to drive a satuta. After receiving a satuta, he immediately contacted the zone management department around the Shrines. He started working with FT to transport packages and luggage or anything else that needs to be moved between zone with care. Alhamdulillah, he earns a good income. He also helps anyone in the neighbourhood during times of emergency, so if anyone has to go to the hospital, no matter the hour, he takes them. When we asked him, what makes him the happiest, he said he can take his little brother and sister to play zone now, which makes him extremely happy because the transportation cost was expensive and he couldn't afford it.

The impact of receiving Satuta was not just limited to that person, it has been life-changing for their families, and it has brought ease and comfort to people living around them.

























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- With over a decade of experience and the consistent exponential growth of our
 operations on the ground each year, we are expertly positioned to deliver aid
 internationally on your behalf, facilitating various innovative solutions to poverty and
 services to those most in need.
- We employ our own dedicated teams of experts in the field of humanitarian aid across our areas of operation with specialist local knowledge.
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- 100% Islamic dues policy.
- The Zahra Trust Canada is often the only NGO operating in remote and hard-to-reach areas, which means we are able to benefit underserved, isolated and marginalized communities.
- We fed more people than ever between 2021-2022, and we continue to expand our food programme each year to reach more, addressing the issues of food insecurity and malnutrition.
- We employ sustainable and holistic solutions to chronic poverty in order to prevent the need for ongoing or emergency aid.
- We are highly adaptable to the constantly changing environments of our areas of operation and the world, which is why we can respond to evolving needs swiftly.
- We empower communities through the direct consultation and participation of community leaders and members.
- Our programmes are developed and applied with the context of each area and culture in mind.
- We are able to identify where aid is most needed as well as beneficiaries that are most in need through the application of effective needs assessment processes.
- Our head operating unit, The Zahra Trust, is an NGO in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) since 2017.

BECOME A SUPPORTER

There are many more ways to support The Zahra Trust Canada than donating, from volunteering to raising awareness and starting your own fundraiser.

It is a great feeling to rally the support of your friends, family and social media followers to give to a cause that is dear to you. At The Zahra Trust Canada, we have numerous initiatives across continents that make a difference to families in need yearly.

We have compiled a fundraising toolkit to help you organize your own fundraiser for the cause of your choice.

You can also contact our team, who can offer you advice and support throughout the process; tag us in your fundraising social media post so we may share the post on our social story to boost your reach!



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