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CANADA



THE NUDBA GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

2023

"SURELY, THERE EXISTS IN THE HEART OF THE BELIEVERS, WITH RESPECT TO THE MARTYRDOM OF HUSSAIN (AS), A HEAT THAT NEVER SUBSIDES." - PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

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**ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



OUR MISSION VISION & VALUES

OUR VISION

A world where everyone has access to the basic necessities in life, living self-sufficiently with spiritual development.

OUR VALUES

Inspired by the Holy Household (a.s), The Zahra(s) Trust Canada aims to assist people in the practices taught by them with the principles of our faith.

OUR MISSION

The Zahra(s) Trust Canada's mission is to aid those suffering from war, poverty and famine by providing basic philanthropic needs, enabling them to survive and making them self-sustainable so that they will no longer require aid.

WHAT WE DO

- Provide emergency aid to those in need as a result of conflict and natural disasters
- Provide seasonal support throughout key periods such as Shahr Ramadan, Eid ul-Adha and Muharram
- Provide food aid to families that experience a chronic lack of access to nutritional food items
- Empower communities through education and development programmes
- Facilitate access to quality healthcare and medication for those that are unable to afford it
- Support the institution of the family through the provision of welfare, easing the burden of breadwinners to provide
- Facilitate access to formal and spiritual education and training to enhance community development





Since it was established in 2020, The Zahra(s) Trust Canada has provided thousands of people across the world with relief and development aid.

Driven by the virtues of Islam and inspired by the Holy Household (a.s), we aim to alleviate suffering, poverty and disadvantage due to conflict, natural disaster and discrimination.

We aim to provide aid that is impactful, making individuals and communities self-sufficient so that they are no longer required to rely on aid and assistance.

Our expert teams are on the ground across our areas of operation all year round, and we are poised to swiftly respond to those in urgent need.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS RAISED

Over \$300,000 was raised between Arbaeen 2022 and Arbaeen 2023

Programs supported:

- Food Aid
- Water Aid
- Economic Welfare & Development
 - Satuta Program
- Shelter Aid
- Orphan and Widow Care/Underprivileged Support
- Education Support
- Medical Aid
- Volunteer Visits/Aid Groups
- Projects through Partnerships:
 - Anaamil Rahma
- Shahr Ramadan Initiatives
- Muharram/Arbaeen Support
 - Sabeel-e-Hussain at Mowkeb 470



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Over the past year, The Zahra Foundation rebranded itself as The Zahra(s) Trust Canada. Despite the name change, our mission remains the same: to provide support to the most vulnerable members of our community. Unfortunately, the need for humanitarian aid and support is only increasing.

Thanks to The Nudba Group of Toronto, we were able to make a positive impact in many people's lives through various campaigns and projects. Some of these campaigns focused on providing basic necessities like food, water, and shelter. Meanwhile, other projects such as the Annamil Rahma school, the Satuta Program, and care/support for orphans, widows, and vulnerable children have continued to grow.

Our visitors and volunteers have seen our projects firsthand and have participated in these humanitarian activities to help our beneficiaries.

The Zahra(s) Trust Canada team would like to extend our sincere gratitude to The Nudba Group of Toronto and its generous donors for their unwavering support. Their kindness has allowed us to continue helping our beneficiaries and improving their quality of life.

May Allah (swt) bless all the donors for their gracious efforts, philanthropy, and duas.



THE NUDBA GROUP



MUSTAFA'S STORY

There is a young child named Mustafa who suffers from a severe case of diabetes; he experienced difficulties with insulin injections, preventing him from attending school.

His condition became so severe that a machine was installed on him that would monitor his insulin level and inject insulin when needed.

This intervention significantly improved his condition and quality of life. Now, he is able to return to school, where he can receive an education and play with his friends.



MUSTAFA'S STORY



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SABEEL-E-HUSSAIN ARBAEEN 2023





SANAD'S WHEELCHAIR



FOOD & OTHER AID DISTRIBUTIONS







VISITING AN INDOOR PLAY CENTER



IMPACT STORY

In Diwaniyah, a family has a 20-year-old daughter with a disability, and she was lying on the floor as she was paralyzed.

When the mother was asked what assistance would be needed, she mentioned that diapers were a priority as the high cost made it extremely difficult to purchase them.

The Zahra(s) Trust Canada team bought diapers for her for six months. The mother was pleased and relieved as the burden was lifted from her mind.

When The Zahra(s) Trust Canada team also spoke to the daughter, she mentioned that she could not go outside because of her condition. The Zahra(s) Trust Canada team bought a wheelchair for her to ease the burden on the family and enable the girl to go outside.

The family was incredibly grateful for the assistance from the team. They are also registered as beneficiaries of The Zahra(s) Trust Canada to ensure the daughter's needs, such as medicines and a medical bed, are looked after.

SATUTA PROJECT

The Satuta project, which commenced in 2022, persisted through 2023. The primary goal of the project is to assist families in securing a stable income and elevating their societal standing by promoting business ownership and reducing associated barriers. This approach not only provides families with a dignified standard of living but also generates a halal income.

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

Thanks to the generosity of the Nudba Group, arrangements were made for 23 Satutas in 2023. This has empowered families to become self-reliant, diminishing their dependency on charitable assistance.

The Nudba Group's admirable initiative continues to be successful, thanks to the generosity of donors, and is poised for growth each year.

In Najaf and Karbala, many men lack sufficient education or skills, resulting in minimal to no income.

SATUTA PROJECT

The Satuta project has been instrumental in helping them generate income and provide for their families. Moreover, it enables them to spend quality time with their families, contributing to building solid relationships and foundations.

In Najaf, there is an illustrative case where a father left a family. The mother, with two children, the eldest being 18, found themselves without support from either the government or the local community since the children were not orphans. They were burdened with various bills, including education and housing expenses.

The eldest child faced challenges securing employment due to lacking education and specialized skills. Considering moving outside the city for work, he, fortunately, qualified for the Satuta project. This not only allowed him to remain in Najaf but also covered the housing expenses and his sibling's education costs.

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O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both.

Surah An-Nisa, Verse 135

ORPHAN AND WIDOW CARE

Around the globe, millions of people need food aid. Today, about 200 million children's lives are at risk because they are malnourished. Beyond this, more than 30% of the world's population faces moderate or severe food insecurity.

The Nudba Group helped facilitate different initiatives for both widows and orphans that provided them with support and care in different ways. The success of these initiatives cannot be understated, and we are thankful to the Nudba Group and their donors for all of their incredible support.



IMPACT STORY

In Najaf, a family of orphans lived in a 2-bedroom house, where one of the rooms lacked a roof. During the winter, the home experienced various issues, such as water entering.

When the family was approached to determine the assistance needed, they mentioned that roof repair was a priority. During winter time, they would have to leave their home due to the issues caused in the house.

Once the roof was repaired, the family was pleased. This allowed them to stay in their home during winter without worrying about damage occurring to the house.

WIDOWS PROGRAMS

A program for widows was initiated, providing them an opportunity to consult with a female doctor. The program aimed to offer emotional and mental health support while addressing the social challenges faced by the widows.

Additionally, the program focused on developing skills that would empower widows to overcome some of the challenges they encountered. Those who participated in the program thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from the sessions.

With the success of this program, we aim to sustain the momentum by continuing it in the near future.



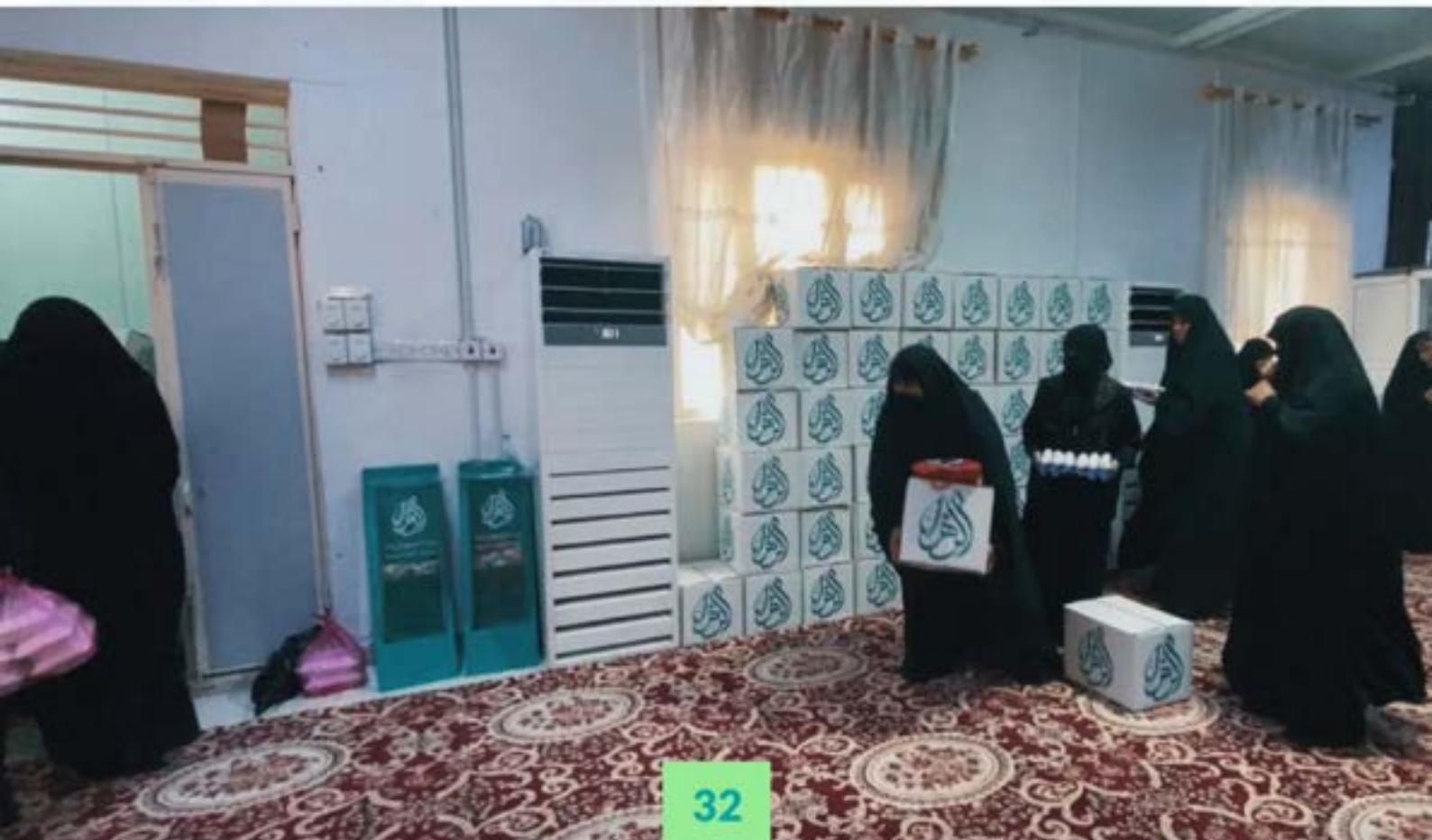
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ORPHAN CARE

Caring for orphans has been a fundamental initiative supported by the Nudba Group.

Whether it's been giving gifts, sharing meals, or purchasing clothes, the Nudba Group has made sure to make the orphans feel special and loved.

The generosity and commitment of the Nudba Group toward orphans has been incredible and serves as an inspiration to not only The Zahra(s) Trust Canada but also the community in general.



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Those who in charity spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret and in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 274

VOLUNTEER VISITS

Different groups have come to see various projects and initiatives by The Zahra(s) Trust Canada, ranging from visiting orphans to providing gifts and sharing meals, to providing satutas for vulnerable families.

These visits enable zuwwar to volunteer for the projects and give back in a different way. It also allows donors to see their generous contributions in action towards incredible causes.

The Nudba Group has played an instrumental role in facilitating these volunteer visits, allowing zuwwar to observe and participate in these causes in a different manner that fosters a greater appreciation for the work being done to assist vulnerable people.

"Hats off to each and every one of you for everything you do. We pray for a special elevated place in this dunya and hereafter for all of you and your loved ones, inshaAllah."

- Statement from someone on a volunteer visit



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**My Lord if only You would delay me
for a brief term so I would give charity
and be among the righteous.**

Surah Al-Munāfiqūn, Verse 10



Conflict alone drives 80% of humanitarian needs.
WORLD BANK



A record 37 million children worldwide were displaced by conflict alone last year. This figure has not been reached since the second world war and does not include displacement by other means, such as natural disasters. *UNICEF 2022*



The United Nations Global Humanitarian Overview 2021 reports that 235 million people worldwide require humanitarian assistance and protection.



The Uppsala Conflict Data Program reports that in 2021, there were 46 active armed conflicts worldwide, resulting in the displacement of over 50 million people. Yemen and Afghanistan remain among the countries most affected by armed conflict, with ongoing violence and political instability exacerbating humanitarian needs.



The World Bank estimates that the number of people living in extreme poverty increased by 131 million in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the total number of people living in extreme poverty now standing at over 700 million globally.

WHERE WE WORKED

Iraq:

- 2.4 million people are in acute need of food and livelihood assistance. *WFP 2022*
- Nearly 3 million people (1.3 million children) affected by the protracted conflict continue to need humanitarian assistance. This includes 1 million people (463,760 children) with acute humanitarian needs and 990,500 children and women at risk of gender-based violence. *UNICEF 2022*
- 1.4 million children in Iraq live in poverty, and 2.4 million Iraqis are internally displaced. *UNICEF 2022*
- 3 million children do not have access to regular education. *UNICEF 2022*

Yemen

- With 80% of the population in need of humanitarian aid and protection in Yemen, it is now the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. *UN Yemen 2023*
- More than 14 million people are in acute need, and more than three million people have been displaced from their homes since 2015. *UN Yemen 2023*
- Currently, 3.2 million children are internally displaced. *UNICEF 2023*
- 400,000 severely malnourished children are at risk of death in Yemen. *UNICEF 2023*

Tanzania:

- Providing universal access to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) could reduce Tanzania's economic losses by \$1.9 billion per year by 2030. Only 61 percent of households have access to essential water supply, 32 percent to basic sanitation, and 48 percent to basic hygiene (per the Sustainable Development Goals' definitions). *World Bank 2023*
- Over 50% of children currently experience either monetary poverty, non-monetary poverty or a combination of both. *UNICEF 2022*
- Chronic malnutrition rates are above the African average, with 32 percent of children under five being stunted and 34% of children under 5 being stunted. *WFP 2023*

Lebanon:

- Lebanon is almost three years into an economic and financial crisis that is among the worst the world has seen. *World Bank 2022*
- 46% of Lebanese households are food insecure. *WFP 2022*
- 88% of Syrian refugees in Lebanon are extremely poor. *WFP 2022*
- Between October 2019 and April 2022, the national currency lost more than 90 percent of its value, and the price of the basic food basket monitored by WFP recorded an eleven-fold increase. *WFP 2022*

Kenya:

- 35.6% of people live on less than US\$ 1.90 a day *WFP 2022*
- 29% of children in rural areas are stunted *WFP 2022*
- Malnutrition remains high, with 29 percent of children in rural areas and 20 percent of those living in cities stunted *WFP 2022*

Afghanistan:

- 24.4 million people in Afghanistan are projected to be in humanitarian need. Almost 23 million people are projected to face acute food insecurity. *UN Afghanistan 2022*
- Over one million children risk dying from severe acute malnutrition. *UN Afghanistan 2022*
- 15.2 million children are in need of humanitarian assistance. *HNO 2023*
- 17.6 million people will need health humanitarian aid. *HNO 2023*

Pakistan:

- An additional nine million people risk being pushed into poverty on top of the 33 million affected by last summer's devastating floods in Pakistan. *UNDP 2023*
- By mid-January 2023, as many as 4 million children lived near contaminated and stagnant flood waters, risking their survival and well-being. *UNICEF 2023*
- Approximately 54.6 percent of the rural population is multidimensionally poor. *WFP 2022*
- 16.4 percent of Pakistanis (38 million people) are moderately or severely food insecure, and 1.8 percent are severely food insecure. *WFP 2022*
- Currently, Pakistan has the world's second-highest number of out-of-school children (OOSC), with an estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 not attending school. *UNICEF 2023*

India:

- 664 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, including 286 million children. *UNICEF 2022*
- 1.3 billion people suffer from food- and nutrition-related challenges. *WFP 2022*
- The 2022 Global Hunger Index ranks India at 107 out of 121 nations, six places lower than its previous ranking. *Global Hunger Index 2022*
- The country has 18 percent of the world's population, but only 4 percent of its water resources, making it among the most water-stressed in the world. *World Bank 2023*

Syria (Earthquake Emergency only, in Partnership with UNHCR):

- At least 7,259 people were killed, including 2,153 children and 1,524 women as a result of the earthquake. *RELIEF WEB 2023*
- An estimated 5.37 million people across Syria may have been made homeless, while 10.9 million people, nearly half of Syria's population, were affected. *RELIEF WEB 2023*
- More than 123 residential areas, villages, towns and cities were badly damaged. Many power plants, water facilities, hospitals and public infrastructure also sustained damage. At least 453 schools were damaged. *RELIEF WEB 2023*

Türkiye:

- More than 48,400 lives have been claimed due to the earthquake, and 115,000 were injured across the 11 provinces of Türkiye. *RELIEFWEB 2023*
- By 23 February 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change conducted damage inspections for 1.25 million buildings, revealing 164,000 buildings were either destroyed or severely damaged.
- The International Organization for Migration estimated that about 2.7 million people were made homeless.

THE ZAHRA(S) TRUST CANADA AT HOME

Throughout the year, The Zahra(s) Trust Canada team also focused on initiatives at home, such as food insecurity, children's aid, youth engagement, senior assistance, and burial cost coverage for the underprivileged within the community.

This enabled our team to strengthen bonds with the local and national communities. Our trustees, volunteers and staff thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with various local groups and were humbled by the kindness, support and generosity they each experienced while representing The Zahra(s) Trust Canada.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Zahra(s) Trust Canada focused on including the youth from the community to volunteer, instilling a sense of giving back. We thank their hard work for embracing our charitable initiatives and helping make our work possible.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are the backbone of the entire charity sector, and this could not be more true at The Zahra(s) Trust Canada.

We are proud and honoured to work with so many talented, skilled and committed volunteers from all backgrounds across the country who choose to make The Zahra(s) Trust Canada their charity of choice for giving the most valuable thing; their time. We owe our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication.

Some of the voluntary opportunities we have had this year included:

- ✓ Tabling opportunities
- ✓ Community outreach
- ✓ Administrative & marketing support
- ✓ Event support

If you would like to volunteer with The Zahra(s) Trust Canada, please visit:

www.zahratrust.ca/get-involved

Our creative volunteer-led initiatives also included:



Sponsored hikes



Events



Bake sales



Charity iftars



Fundraising pages



RELIGIOUS DUES & SERVICES

The Zahra(s) Trust Canada is expertly positioned to help you fulfil your religious dues and provide access to religious services.

We have written permission (Ijazah) from the majority of the leading Maraje'; may Allah (swt) grant them a long life.

We ensure that religious dues are taken and distributed to those most in need in accordance with Islamic jurisprudence.

Some of our services include:

- ✓ Zakat
- ✓ Khums
- ✓ Fidyah & Kaffarah
- ✓ Zakat al Fitr/ Fitriyah/Fitrana
- ✓ Islamic Will Writing

For more information about our religious dues and services, please contact us at: info@zahratrust.ca or visit www.zahratrust.ca



WHY MAKE THE ZAHRA(S) TRUST CANADA YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE?

- With over a decade of experience and with the consistent exponential growth of our operations on the ground each year, we are expertly positioned to deliver aid internationally on your behalf, facilitating a variety of 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.
- Through our local teams, we are poised to respond to crises as they unfold.
- 100% Islamic dues policy.
- The Zahra(s) 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 are able to respond to changing 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.

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