

Have your masjid or community agree to dedicate one Jumah prayer to the issues of poverty and disease. We have prepared a sample khutbah for your use. Your email can also use the Qur'anic references outlined the introduction prepared by Imam Zaid Shakir.

Each participating masjid will be encouraged to set-up a table in the lobby areas with materials about ONE Sadaqa and the ONE campaign. The materials should include the elements of the tool kit with a special emphasis on the "Take Action" in Your Home and Community guide for community dinners.

A sample jumah "ONE Sadaqa" Khutbah (sermon) has been prepared for your use. Some useful ayah (verses) have been provided for you use. These ayah (verses) can be used as the basis for a short comment in the khutbah/ jumah or evening khatira between the pairs of rakah.

Encourage your masjid, organization or community group to place the One Sadaqa Campaign materials on the organization's website.

The evening programs of the masjid could be modified to include the ONE program. If the affair is an interfaith event, during the discussions each faith can share from their own traditions the values and actions that deal with the obligation to end poverty and disease.

Khatira

After the isha prayers a short talk can be given to highlight the issue of global poverty and disease. The speaker can borrow from the khutbah or reflections provided or can speak on the topic, as they like.

Monthly Potluck Dinner or Other Community Functions

Community members can request or assist the masjid in dedicating part of the evening to the issue of poverty and disease in the world. The video can be shown in the masjid, an information table set-up, special prayers can be offered. Attendees should be encouraged through announcements and emails to make a special prayer to end poverty and disease in the world and to dedicate themselves and their resources to the cause.

Khutbah

The Imam can be asked to address the issue of poverty eradication in the Khutbah. The khutbah can also mention the institutionalization of zakat as a system to redistribute wealth to the needy. The masjid can have an information table and ONE Sadaqa – Sabbath materials can be distributed after the Khutbah.

ONE Sadaqa Khutbah

All Praise is do to Allah, We praise Allah, We seek Allah's guidance, We seek Allah's forgiveness. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah and Allah alone and I bear witness that Muhammad (pbuh) is Allah's last servant and messenger. We ask Allah mercy on the prophet Muhammad (pbuh), on his family, on his companions and on all those who follow his upright example until the Day of Judgment.

Oh Allah, allow us to live a life of mercy, kindness, love, sacrifice, gratitude, caring, and sharing with others. Fill our community and our world with deeds of righteousness for the feeding of our souls and for the caring for our needy both near and far. Ameen

Inform

Allah teaches us in the Qur'an that we are called upon to care for the weak and the hurting whether they are or are not part of the body of believers (the Ummah);

1. Have you seen him who denies the Recompense?
2. That is he who repulses the orphan (harshly),
3. And urges not the feeding of *AlMiskîn* (the poor),
4. So woe unto those performers of *Salât* (prayers) (hypocrites),
5. Who delay their *Salât* (prayer) from their stated fixed times,
6. Those who do good deeds only to be seen (of men),
7. And refuse al-ma'un (neighborly assistance)

Imam Shafee ra said that if there were no other revealed surah of the Quran except this one it would have been enough to guide all of mankind to the straight path it would have been Surat Al-Asr.

By the token of time through the ages

Surely mankind is at loss

Except for those who have Iman (spiritual faith connection/relationship with Allah)

and do deeds of taqwa (Surat Al'Asr.....)

One of the characteristics of the Quran is repetition. When ever Allah, The Almighty, repeats something it means that it is important. In that regard the phrase Innal latheena Aminu was amalus salihat (Arabic) meaning 'verily those who have faith – Iman- and follow

it with deeds of righteousness is repeated over 25 times throughout the Quran. The reward for these people is described as the ultimate reward – paradise, the good in this world, the good in the hereafter and Allah describes that they are the 'best of creatures'.

Allah describes;

'...Those who pray to be seen of men and neglect the feeding of the poor or providing basic neighborly needs' (Suratul Maun –Neighborly Assistance)

The prophet Muhammad (pbuh), as, said, *'that Gabriel (as) impressed upon me the rights of my neighbor until I thought he would inherit from me'*. In another hadith the prophet Muhammad (pbuh), as, said *'None of you will be Muslim until you believe and none of you will believe until you want for your brother what you want for yourself'*.

Perhaps, one might think that this limited to Muslims yet in another authentic narration he, pbuh, said, *'None of you are Muslim if you go to bed with your stomach full and your neighbor is hungry'*. When the companions asked who is our neighbor? He (A.S.) pointed and said those who live 40 this way and 40 that way.....(in pointed all directions).

The Quran and the hadith of the prophet Muhammad (pbuh) connected belief Allah with the act of caring for the needs of the poor.

Second khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, we ask Allah's peace and blessing upon the prophet Muhammad (pbuh). I would just like to share with you some statistics about global poverty and health.

- In 2007, HIV/ AIDS killed nearly 2.1 million, 1.7 million people died from Tuberculosis and malaria killed another 1 million people. These global pandemics disproportionately affect the world's poorest people and Africa is the hardest hit. The good news is that these diseases are preventable and treatable using proven, cost-effective strategies. Antiretroviral medication to treat people living with HIV/ AIDS as little as \$140 per patient per year. Malaria can be all but eliminated through four highly successful interventions: insecticide-treated bed nets (\$6) and anti-malarial treatment (\$2 per dose), as well as indoor residual spraying and preventable treatment for pregnant women.
- Despite proven potential of expanding education, 72 million children remain out of school around the world; 33 million of them in Africa. The good news is that important progress has been made through initiatives such as the World Bank's Education for All Fast Track Initiative (FTI). For example, six African FTI countries increased enrollments by 40% within four years of their endorsement.
- Every year, 10 million children die before their fifth birthday, most of them from preventable or treatable causes such as measles, diarrhea, malnutrition and other ailments. Approximately, 500,000 mothers die each year from complications during child birth, and tens of millions more suffer from pregnancy related illnesses and injuries. The good news is that simple, cost-effective solutions exist. Access to clean water, vaccinations and a basic healthcare package can lower the risk of childhood death by two-thirds.
- One billion people across the world lack access to clean water and 2.6 billion do not have access to basic sanitation. A growing body of evidence reveals that investing in water and sanitation could reap widespread developmental benefits in health improvements, more time for work and school and high economic returns.

Our Sadaqa by the grace of Allah can have great power and effect for our lives and the lives of others. I would like to share with you a short story...

Many years ago, a young man and woman had planned to be married in a big masjid and had planned a big reception with meal provided by their favorite restaurant. The wedding day came and at the last minute the bride-to-be had a change of heart. The Masjid was notified, the family and guests turned away in wonder. The groom spoke indirectly to the bride and they agreed that the food from the caterer would be given to a "soup kitchen" in the community that they both knew. As Allah would have it, a few weeks later they did get married in a small and simple ceremony with the Imam and small group family and friends. After twenty years of marriage the couple shared their story with a group of mostly young

people. A wise elder sister said, I think it was Sadaqa that has placed so much blessing in your marriage.

The couple had never thought about the Sadaqa they had given that day. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, 'you will not have truly given until you give from that which you love'. They had given from what they loved it because it was *for them* the best think they could do. While they were hurting they thought of others who are suffering even more. Their story illustrates that iman is a connection with Allah and the deeds of righteousness (surat al-Asr) can flow from them naturally when one has faith, even in a state of personal hardship. But reward of pure Sadaqa benefits those who receive it and those who give it. It only requires that we have the will to care.

Challenge

The prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, 'If you see an evil act (Three Actions) stop it with your hand, and if you cannot stop it with your hand, use your voice – speak out on the issue, and if you cannot use your voice then put your heart on it – pray, hate it in your heart, but that is the weakest of faith'.

Today I am challenging you to commit yourself to help the cause of ending poverty and disease around the world during this season of . Here are some ways that you can help;

1. Today, we are not fundraising. We are asking you to search your soul and find a way that YOU can commit to doing to end poverty and disease in our world.
2. Register at the website of the ONE Sadaqa Campaign
3. Call or email to a friend and tell them that this issue is important.
4. Host a breakfast, lunch or dinner at your home, Masjid, school or community center dedicated to raising awareness of global poverty.
5. Contact your elected officials to let them know that you want action taken on poverty and disease eradication in our global village
6. Make dua that Allah make our deeds are acceptable and effective

Closing supplication (Dua)

Oh Allah,

Guide us among those whom you have guided.

Protect us among those whom you have protected

Take as a friend among those whom you have taken as a friend.

Ya-Rahman

Show mercy to us for you are the best of those who show mercy

Have mercy on us and make us merciful to those in need around us.

Ya-Razaaq

Show your bounty upon us and those in need around the world – for You are the source of all of our sustenance

Ya-Jami

You are the Gathering- Help Your people to work together to address the challenge of poverty and disease in our world today.

Ya-ThalJallaeewaliqram

Help us to do as your Prophet has taught us to even a small deed done consistently is good.

Ya-Allah

Accept this commitment from us

Oh Allah make our efforts successful in this life and in the hereafter

Oh Allah, bless Muhammad (pbuh) Rasoulihi Kareem and his family, and his companions and those who follow him until the day of judgment, amen,

Aqemah Salat:

Recite in the first rakah

ONE Sadaqa Guide: School, Home and Community Based Programs

“Take Action” in Your School, Home and Community Guide for small groups and families has been prepared to help generate discussion about poverty issues and to suggest ways in which we can take action on a local and global level.

Pledge to:

1. Host a ONE Sadaqa at your home, masjid or community center.
2. Email your friends the postcard and the link to the ONE Sadaqa campaign so that they will understand the concept prior to attending.
3. Prepare a table with the global banquet display.
4. Have guests arrive before the time of lunch/dinner and have them visit the “Banquet Table”.
5. Call the adhan and offer prayers.
6. Offer some refreshments, finger food or appetizers
7. Share the ONE interfaith video (7 minutes) with the group.
8. Read Imam Zaid Shakir’s reflection on global poverty.
9. Have dinner together and discuss in small groups:
 - a. How does your faith tradition raise your awareness of those that are hungry in a world of plenty?
 - b. How does our faith and moral convictions call us to action around the issues of poverty and disease in our world?
 - c. Share verses from the Quran and Hadith around the issues of poverty and our collective responsibility.
10. Ask the group to visit the ONE.org website, register and join the campaign.
11. Afterwards: blog about the experience or send an email to friends, family and other leaders in our community to advocate for the eradication of hunger and disease in our community and our world.

Global Hunger (Oxfam America) Banquet

Set a table with signs for each plate. The table will symbolize the world. The table will illustrate what people eat in the developed world (15%), developing world (35%) and in the underdeveloped world (50%). The plates will have the type of meal that people at differing levels of wealth or poverty consume for dinner. The number of plates of each type illustrates the proportion of poverty in the world. The plates could be color-coded for poverty and the host can list some of the nations with the corresponding color-coded.

The dinner for that night should be set-up buffet style and the diners must pass the global hunger banquet before they collect their food. Each table place should have materials for the ONE Sadaqa Campaign.