



Al Fidaa News

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SUMMARY

- Registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO NO: 070-651)
- Registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO NO: 930 033 996).
- Registered Black Economic Empowerment Organisation (BBBEE NO: CLK006312010/1)
- WE OPERATE:
 - >30 Soup Kitchens, feeding over 100 000 meals a month.
 - Several Maktab Madressa's in PE.
 - Skills Development Centre

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Who is Al Fidaa Foundation?

The Eastern Cape is one of the poorest of the provinces in South Africa. Statistics reflect the high unemployment in the region with many families battling to survive.

According to the Human Sciences Research Council (2004): "Approximately 57% of individuals in South Africa were living below the poverty income line in 2001, unchanged from 1996. Limpopo and the Eastern Cape had the highest proportion of poor with 77% and 72% of their populations living below the poverty income line, respectively".

Furthermore, there is a severe lack of formal education and training. Women are most severely affected due to a lack of education and formal training, rearing of large families and little or no financial assistance from their husbands.

The Eastern Cape is in dire need of social welfare and programs to stimulate skills development and business growth.

AL FIDAA FOUNDATION was formed in August 2008 to assist the needy in areas of the Eastern Cape. Our ambition is to assist impoverished individuals, irrespective of creed, race or culture.

To achieve this goal a two-fold strategy has been initiated viz.

a) A **Soup Kitchen Feeding Project** comprising of thirty five soup kitchens which have been established for the removal of immediate poverty in various areas in and around the greater Port Elizabeth area.

b) Several **Skills Development Programs** have been initiated by Al Fidaa Foundation to give financial independence to males and females within the poorer sectors of the community. Furthermore several micro-enterprises (e.g. house shops) have been funded to bring dignity and financial independence to many financially disadvantaged persons who have contacted Al Fidaa Foundation.

SOUP KITCHEN FEEDING PROJECT

The Soup Kitchen Feeding Project began in 2008 initially providing approximately 1000 meals a month at its first few soup kitchens. However, within the course of 2 years, it has expanded its operations and now runs 35 Soup Kitchens in various areas of Port Elizabeth and East London.

The foundation currently provides over 100 000 meals per month to the impoverished including the aged, abandoned children, homeless and the destitute. Many Soup Kitchens are located within impoverished areas providing a nutritious meal to the

community. The impact of these projects on the lives of the people within these communities has been the greatest achievement for Al Fidaa Foundation.

Several soup kitchens have been established at various disadvantaged schools in Port Elizabeth to provide a nutritional meal for these school children. Many schools have responded positively to the outreach programs of Al Fidaa Foundation. Some schools report a 90% increase in attendance since the introduction of the Al Fidaa Foundation Feeding Projects.

Editorial

Respected Readers

Muslims in South Africa have a universe of thanks to express to Allah Ta'ala for the bounties which He has showered upon them e.g. water facilities so accessible for wudhu, freedom to offer Salaah anywhere, Jamaats moving to and fro in the country and the performance of Haj without government intervention. These privileges cannot be found even in Muslim countries. Yes, our hearts should cry in gratitude to the Kindness of Allah Ta'ala in granting us what so many citizens in other countries would find impossible to experience in their lives.

Through Charity we can protect our loved ones and promote Islam in South Africa. Our Beloved Master and Teacher Muhammad (Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) has mentioned in a Hadith reported in Sahih Bukhari: "Undoubtedly you are helped and provided sustenance due to the blessings of the weak and destitute amongst you."

Many times the luxuries we enjoy are directly due to the blessing of helping the needy in our communities: A poor family relative, sponsor-

ing a bursary to a deserving student or a sincere donation to your local madressa or organisation. With poverty engulfing our local communities, a sincere contribution to the needy in our midst will sustain the Goodness which Allah Ta'ala has blessed the community of South Africa.

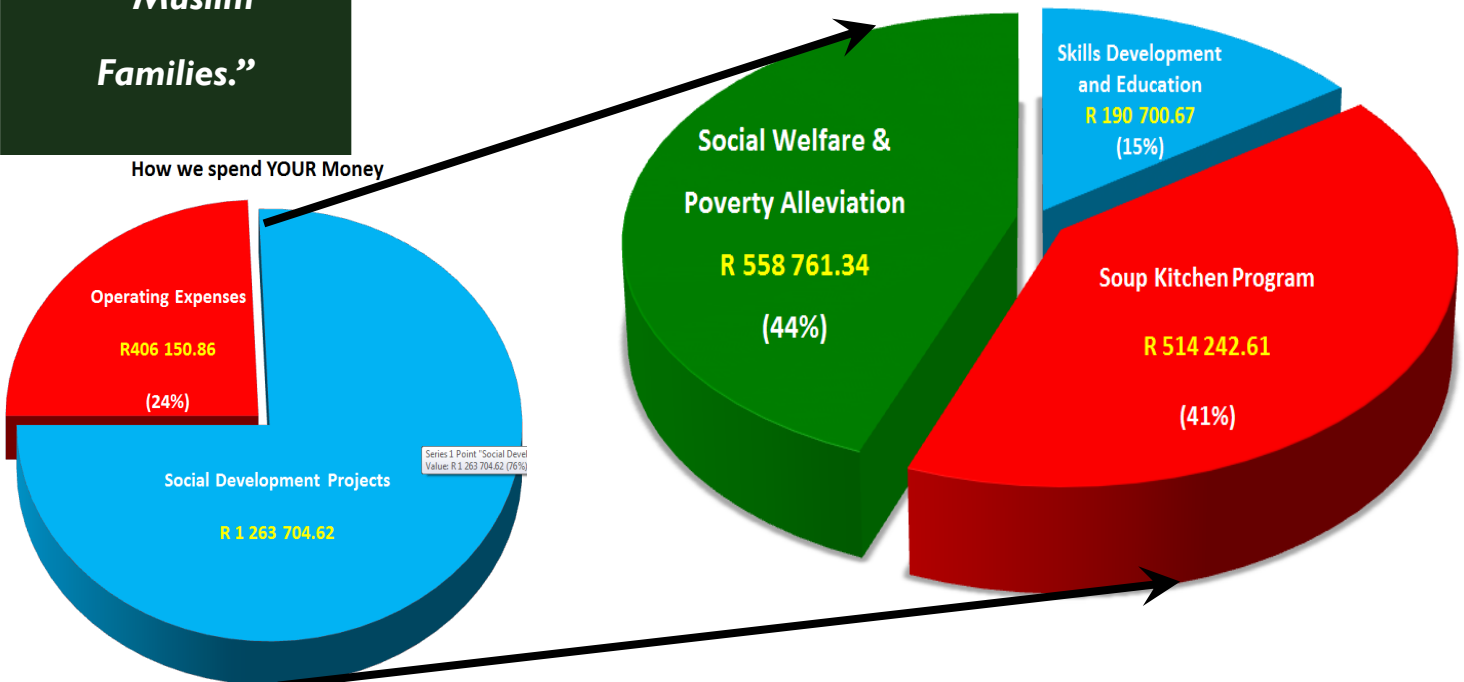
This newsletter highlights some of the activities of Al Fidaa Foundation over the last few months. **May Allah Ta'ala reward all our donors for their contributions without which we would not have been able to feed the hungry, educate our youth in madressas, empower the unemployed with skills to facilitate employment or distribute Zakaah to hundreds of deserving Muslim families in Port Elizabeth.**

Until our next edition, I make dua that Allah Ta'ala protects our beloveds, grant each Muslim Divine Happiness in this world and the next & may Allah accept all our Ibadaat in this glorious month of Ramadaan. Aameen!

Ramadaan Mubarak!!!
MI. Nazir Munshie (Ameer)

**"We distribute
 R50 000.00
 Zakaah per
 month to 200
 Muslim
 Families."**

Social Development Projects



Zakaah Distribution

Al Fidaa Foundation has made a commitment to distribute at least R50 000 in Zakaah every month to eligible muslim families in the form of food parcels. A database with over 500 muslim families has been generated and is updated regularly. Random inspections are carried out to ensure the eligibility of the recipients.

recipients on the database, distribution is rotated monthly so that each family can benefit from these contributions.

To ensure that our donors Zakaat is distributed properly, we have records of all the Zakaah recipients as well as receipts for the food parcels.

Each parcel contains essential groceries such as sugar, rice, oil, canned foods, mealie meal, flour, cereals etc. The parcels cost R250.00 each, thus R50 000 zakaah equates to 200 food parcels which are then distributed to 200 muslim families a month. However, due to the large number of re-

Jazakallah to all those who have donated Zakaah to Al Fidaa, this has helped many muslim families who are living in extreme poverty and are in dire need of assistance.



Shaikh Shatri & Al Fidaa Foundation Feed the community of Motherwell

Alhamdulillah, the muslim community of Port Elizabeth was once again graced with a visit by Shaikh Abu Bakr Shatri during the second week of July 2011. Shaikh Shatri is an internationally famous Imam and Qur'an reciter. He is currently the Imam of Al Furkane Mosque in Hay Annassim, Jeddah. During his short visit, Shaikh Shatri performed salaah & recited quraan at various masajid in Port Elizabeth. However, his program at the Motherwell Masjid was perhaps the highlight of his visit to PE. Motherwell is an area that is severely affected by poverty, crime and other social problems.

The masjid has a madressa which is well attended by the muslim youth of the area. During Shaikh Shatri's visit, the masjid was almost filled to capacity by the youth and elders of the area who came to listen to the melodious recitation of Shaikh Shatri.

There are many muslims living in Motherwell that are also severely affected by poverty, however the Masjid in Motherwell is a symbol of hope and guidance for the commu-

Al Fidaa Foundation operates a soup kitchen at the Motherwell Masjid providing nutritious meals to the impoverished muslims community. However, during Shaikh Shatri's visit a special meal was prepared by Al Fidaa Foundation for the muslim community of Motherwell that was generously sponsored by Hafez Salim Ally of Desai's Wholesalers (Uitenhage). The highlight of the program was the fact that Shaikh Shatri himself helped serve the food to the hungry muslim community of Motherwell.

Madressa Projects

Al Fidaa Foundation has established madressas in Bloemendaal, Kensington, Salt Lake and Helenvale. The response from the children of these communities has been tremendous. The madressa's serve as symbol of Islam and provides essential Islamic teachings that these children to deal with the hardships such as poverty, drug abuse, domestic violence and gangsterism that they that are faced with on a daily basis. Al Fidaa Foundation also provides meals to ~300 muslim children daily at several Madressa's located in in Arcadia, Bloemendal, Schauderville, Booyens Park, Helenvale, Kensington and Salsoniville.

For the madressa in Helenvale, Al Fidaa Foundation had been using the Helenvale Resource Centre which houses the municipal councilor's office. However, this building is due to be demolished soon and thus an alternative venue needed to be found so that the madressa could continue to operate and serve the Helenvale Community.

Alhamdulillah, the family of the late Dr. Mansoor has allowed Al Fidaa Foundation to move the madressa to their building thus allowing the children of children to continue receiving much needed Islamic education. May Allah reward Dr. Mansoor and his family for their support of this worthy cause.

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SUMMARY of ACTIVITIES

FEEDING PROGRAM

The Foundation has established the following Feeding Programs:

- >30 Soup Kitchens in Port Elizabeth.
- >5 Soup Kitchens in East London.
- **Livingstone Hospital:** Outpatient Feeding Program.
- Knysna Orphanage.
- Over **100 000 meals provided a month** to the impoverished and destitute.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Foundation has established the following Skills Development and

Empowerment Programs:

- Sewing classes.
- Sponsorship of computers to schools.
- Other skills development and empowerment projects.
- Sponsorship of training courses.
- Sponsorship of small business start-up costs.

OTHER PROJECTS

- Green fingers project.
- Housing project.
- Sponsorship of tunnel farms to schools.
- Sponsorship of stationery and schoolclothes.



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Others for the pleasure of the
Almighty*

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Skills Development

Al Fidaa Foundation has embarked on an intensive Skills Development Program to train, educate and empower impoverished individuals to become financially independent. To achieve this goal the Foundation has established a **Skills Development and Training Centre**.

The foundation initially offered **Sewing Classes** under the mentorship of a SETA accredited instructor to young, unemployed women from various impoverished areas in Port Elizabeth. Several women have successfully completed the training course.

The foundation has chosen **Sewing Classes** as these skills are easily acquired and require little or no formal education/training. Upon completion of the sewing course, successful graduates can initiate their own micro-enterprises and generate an income for themselves and their families or obtain a job in the clothing and textile manufacturing industry.

Al Fidaa is currently setting-up a **computer laboratory** at its Skills Development Centre which will provide **basic to advanced computer literacy training** to impoverished & unemployed individuals.

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

SIGN-UP FOR A MONTHLY DEBIT ORDER OF R100.00