

# **ZAKĀT RECIPIENTS DIRECTORY (NIGERIA EDITION)**

## **A NOTE BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Zakāt is not a charity. It is a precisely defined obligation with precisely defined recipients. Allah named eight categories of eligible recipients in Sūrat al-Tawbah (9:60) and your Zakāt must go to one or more of these categories to be valid.

This directory exists to bridge the gap between knowing what you owe and knowing where to send it. It covers verified organisations across Nigeria, guidance on giving directly to individuals in your community, and criteria for identifying trustworthy recipients on your own.

Every organisation listed here has been verified with registration numbers, physical addresses, contact details, and operational history where available. Use this directory with confidence, but always exercise your own judgment and consult a scholar if doubt remains.

# HOW TO IDENTIFY A TRUSTWORTHY ZAKĀT ORGANISATION

Before sending your Zakāt to any organisation whether listed here or discovered on your own, verify the following:

## **RC Number**

A Corporate Affairs Commission registration number confirms the organisation is legally recognised in Nigeria. Always ask for it if it is not publicly displayed.

## **Operational History**

How long has the organisation been operating?  
Longevity combined with a clean reputation is a strong positive indicator.

## **Beneficiary Data**

Can the organisation tell you how many people they served last year and how much they distributed?  
Transparency about numbers signals accountability.

## **Physical Address**

A trustworthy organisation has a verifiable physical location not just a phone number or social media page.

## **Multiple Contact Methods**

Phone, email, and website together indicate a functioning, accountable operation.

## **Scholarly Oversight**

Is the organisation led by or accountable to qualified Islamic scholars? An organisation with no named scholarly oversight warrants caution.

## **Community Reputation**

What do scholars and community leaders in your area say about the organisation? Local reputation is often the most reliable indicator of all.

# **VERIFIED ORGANISATIONS BY STATE AND ZONE**

## **KANO STATE (NORTH WEST)**

### **Kano State Zakkat and Hubusi Commission**

This is the official government-affiliated Zakāt body for Kano State, inaugurated in February 2025 under Governor Abba Yusuf. It is one of the most established and structurally accountable Zakāt bodies in Nigeria,

operating under the Kano State Sharī‘ah implementation framework.

Current Chairman: Barrister Habibu Dan Almajiri

Secretary: Sheikh Dr. Sani Ashir

Address: State Secretariat, Kano

If you are based in Kano or want your Zakāt distributed within Kano State, this commission is among the most trustworthy options available. Its government backing provides a layer of accountability that many private organisations cannot match.

### **Al-Furqan Charitable Foundation**

This is a registered Islamic charity established in 2007 with a presence in Kano and beyond.

Address: 9A, Alu Avenue, Nasarawa G.R.A., P.O. Box 2635, Kano State

Phone: +234 806 555 8888

### **LAGOS STATE (SOUTH WEST)**

#### **Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation (ZSF)**

This is the most established and transparent Zakāt organisation in South West Nigeria and arguably in the

country. Founded in the year 2000 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission under RC 21237, ZSF has operated continuously for over two decades.

In 2025 alone, ZSF disbursed ₦296.6 million to 1,835 beneficiaries across Nigeria during their 21st annual disbursement ceremony. In 2024, five leading Zakāt agencies, ZSF among them collectively disbursed ₦736 million to 4,234 beneficiaries, a 28.2% increase from 2023. These figures are publicly verifiable and reflect an organisation with genuine financial transparency.

ZSF serves all eight eligible categories of Zakāt recipients and has a track record of including widows, the sick. This reflects a broad and compassionate interpretation of their mandate.

Corporate Head Office: Suite 10, Tafawa Balewa Square, East Pavilion, Opposite High Court, Lagos Island

Zakat House: 12, Olajide Street, Off Itire Road, Ishaga Close, Mushin, Lagos

Phone: +234 1 295 0882, +234 803 538 2911, +234 805 580 4899

Email: [info@zakatandsadaqat.org.ng](mailto:info@zakatandsadaqat.org.ng)

Website: [www.zakatandsadaqat.org.ng](http://www.zakatandsadaqat.org.ng)

## **Muslim Welfare Fund (MUWELF)**

Established in 1997 by five Muslim professional organisations, the Association of Muslim Professionals, Movement for Islamic Culture and Awareness, The Companion, The Criterion, and the Muslim Teachers Association. MUWELF brings together the resources and networks of organised Muslim professionals for welfare and Zakāt distribution.

Address: Murhi International Plaza, Plot 45, Ogunnusi Road, Omole-Ikeja, Lagos State

## **Amal Mabruuk Foundation**

Amal Mabruuk is a Lagos-based registered Islamic charity with a specific focus on uplifting the less privileged. Relatively newer but registered and operational.

Location: Lagos State

## **OYO STATE (SOUTH WEST)**

### **Zakaat and Awqaaf Amana Foundation (ZAAF)**

Established in 2013 and formally incorporated in 2017 under RC 110787, ZAAF is one of the most active Zakāt bodies in Oyo State. It operates from Ibadan with a

branch in the Ibarapa area and an Abuja branch as well, making it one of the few organisations with genuine multi-location reach outside of Lagos.

Head Office: Km 129 Lagos-Ibadan Expressway,  
Boluwaji, Sanyo Area, Ibadan, Oyo State

Phone: +234 805 741 8308, +234 805 858 1632, +234  
805 261 5308

Email: [zakatandawqaaf1437@gmail.com](mailto:zakatandawqaaf1437@gmail.com)

Bank: Polaris Bank — Account Number 4091164767

Ibarapa Branch: Surelere Islamic Centre, Behind Jare  
Pharmacy, Sango Eruwa

Phone: 0810 171 0741, 0805 262 4051

## **Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation — Ibadan Regional Office**

ZSF also maintains a regional presence in Ibadan for residents in Oyo State who prefer a locally accessible point of contact.

Address: Km 129 Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Boluwaji,  
Ibadan, Oyo State

Email: [info@zakatandsadaqat.org.ng](mailto:info@zakatandsadaqat.org.ng)

## **KWARA STATE — NORTH CENTRAL**

### **Oasis Muslim Care Foundation (OMCF)**

A registered Islamic welfare organisation based in Ilorin, actively collaborating with other Islamic bodies in Kwara State for Zakāt distribution.

Address: 12, Ilofa Road, G.R.A., Ilorin, Kwara State

## **ABUJA FCT — NORTH CENTRAL**

### **ZAAF Abuja Branch**

The Abuja branch of the Zakaat and Awqaaf Amana Foundation operates from a central mosque location in the FCT, serving people who want their Zakāt distributed within Abuja.

Address: Hasbunallah Central Mosque, Angwan Cement, Along Karmo Road, Abuja  
Phone: 0809 085 4821, 0805 379 6312

## **NATIONWIDE ORGANISATIONS**

These organisations operate across multiple states and are suitable for any Nigerian Muslim regardless of location:

### **Islamic Relief Nigeria**

The Nigerian arm of Islamic Relief Worldwide, one of the most recognised and audited Islamic humanitarian organisations globally. Operating in Nigeria since 1996, Islamic Relief works across multiple states with a focus on emergency relief, education, and welfare for eligible Zakāt recipients.

Website: [www.islamic-relief.org.ng](http://www.islamic-relief.org.ng)

Email: [info@islamic-relief.org.ng](mailto:info@islamic-relief.org.ng)

Phone: +234 803 502 0214

### **Muslim Hands Nigeria**

An international Islamic agency with Nigerian operations established in 2005. Muslim Hands focuses on poverty alleviation, orphan support, and community development across Nigeria.

Website: [www.muslimhands.ng](http://www.muslimhands.ng)

Phone: +234 803 321 9693

Email: [info@muslimhands.ng](mailto:info@muslimhands.ng)

## **Jaiz Foundation**

This is a non-profit humanitarian arm associated with Jaiz Bank. The Jaiz Foundation operates across Nigeria with a focus on poverty alleviation, health, and education for eligible recipients.

Website: [www.jaizfoundation.org](http://www.jaizfoundation.org)

Phone: +234 706 620 9523

Email: [info@jaizfoundation.org](mailto:info@jaizfoundation.org)

## **NASFAT (Nasrul-Lahil-L-Fatih Society of Nigeria)**

It is one of the largest and most organised Islamic societies in Nigeria with chapters across the country. NASFAT runs welfare and Zakāt programs through its national network and is particularly strong in the South West.

Website: [www.nasfat.org](http://www.nasfat.org)

Phone: +234 1 743 3029

Email: [info@nasfat.org](mailto:info@nasfat.org)

## **Al-Mu'minaat Foundation**

A verified Nigerian Islamic charity with a focus on Muslim women and families in need.

Website: [www.almuminaatfoundation.org.ng](http://www.almuminaatfoundation.org.ng)

Phone: +234 818 127 3678

### **Islamic Ummah Relief (IUR)**

IUR is a registered, non-partisan, non-profit, non-sectarian organisation with offices in Nigeria, the United States, Ghana, Niger, and Uganda. IUR focuses on capacity building, economic development, education, and support for widows and orphans particularly in rural communities where other organisations rarely reach.

## **GIVING DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

Giving Zakāt through an organisation is not the only valid method and for many Nigerian Muslims, giving directly to individuals they know personally is both simpler and more effective. The Prophet ﷺ encouraged giving to those closest to you who are eligible, and the Maliki school places no preference for organisations over individuals.

Here is how to identify and give to eligible individuals in your own community:

### **Step 1: Look within your immediate circle first**

Before looking outward, consider extended family members living in genuine poverty, neighbours whose financial situation you know well, members of your masjid community who are struggling, and widows or orphans known to your local Islamic community.

Remember, you cannot give Zakāt to your parents, children, spouse, or grandparents but almost any other relative who is genuinely poor and in need qualifies. Giving to an eligible relative combines the reward of Zakāt with the reward of maintaining family ties.

### **Step 2: Assess eligibility honestly**

A person is eligible to receive Zakāt if they own less than nisāb in zakātable wealth and do not have sufficient income to meet their basic needs. Signs of genuine eligibility include inability to afford consistent meals, living in inadequate housing with no means to improve it, inability to afford basic medical care, being in debt with no realistic means of repayment, and being a student of Islamic knowledge with no independent income.

A person who owns property, runs a business, or earns a regular income — even a modest one may not qualify. Use your honest knowledge of their situation.

### **Step 3: Give with dignity**

The Maliki school encourages giving Zakāt in a way that preserves the recipient's dignity. Where possible, give privately rather than publicly. Give the full amount at once rather than small installments that feel like drip charity. Your niyyah is what determines the act not the label you give it.

### **Step 4: Give enough to make a difference**

You are not obligated to divide your Zakāt among many recipients. It is permissible and often more impactful to give your entire Zakāt to one or two eligible individuals, particularly if doing so meaningfully improves their situation rather than merely supplementing it.

### **Step 5: Keep a record**

Note who you gave to, how much, and on what date. This protects you in case of any doubt later and helps you build an accurate Zakāt record across years. The Zakāt Annual Tracker included in this package is designed for exactly this purpose.

## A FINAL WORD

The effort you put into finding the right recipients for your Zakāt is itself an act of worship. It reflects that you understand this obligation is not a box to tick but a right belonging to those Allah designated and you are determined to fulfil it properly.

If after consulting this directory you remain uncertain about a particular organisation or individual, the safest path is always to consult a qualified scholar before proceeding. Your purchase of this guide also includes 90 days of access to the Zakāt Q&A WhatsApp group, where you can ask these questions directly.

May Allah accept your Zakāt, purify your wealth, and place barakah in whatever you give and whatever remains. آمين