
WZF CALLS FOR UNITED ACTION OF ZAKAT INSTITUTIONS WORLDWIDE TO FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global economic landscape has been crushed by the current pandemic of Covid-19, which also has been taking thousands of lives. It may create economic turbulence which affects global economic progress significantly. The poor and the needy will be the most affected group of people because they lack of access towards health care facilities and economic resources. Zakat institution is expected to play a critical role to reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic particularly on the poor and the needy.

Therefore, The World Zakat Forum (WZF) calls all zakat institutions across the globe to contribute in reducing the spread of Covid-19, and predominantly, to participate in mitigating possible poverty rate increase during this economic downturn due to the coronavirus pandemic. In general, the WZF advises its member countries to execute their strategic distribution of zakat funds based on the local needs. In particular, the WZF recommends the following actions:

1. Strengthening collaboration with respective government to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Establishing contingency plan to assist the most vulnerable and underprivileged group of people due to possible multidimensional crisis as the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.
3. Consolidating zakat resources to assist the medics, paramedic and humanitarian volunteers in the frontline endeavor to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. Exchanging information and experience in handling the Covid-19 among WZF member countries.
5. Providing critical assistance for those working in the informal sector of the economy which highly depends on daily income sources.
6. Strengthening global cooperation among WZF member countries for potential collaboration to conduct crowdfunding donation in order to help member countries facing Covid-19.

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