



The South African National Zakáh Fund (SANZAF)

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About Us

The South African National Zakáh Fund (SANZAF) popularly known as the Zakáh Fund is an independent national faith based welfare institution committed to the economic, educational spiritual and social upliftment of the destitute.

SANZAF Profile

At a Muslim Youth Movement (MYM) conference in Rustenburg on 16 December 1973, a paper outlining the need for a nationally co-ordinated Zakáh agency was presented.

On 12 April 1974, a feasibility study and blueprint for a Zakáh Fund was presented at a convention held in Braemar. A resolution was passed calling for the formation of the South African National Zakáh Fund.

Whilst this was taking place in the former Transvaal and Natal, another initiative was under way in the Cape. Zakáh Fund Cape was launched in 1975.

In 1977 a meeting between Zakáh Fund Cape and Transvaal & Natal SANZAF representatives was held. At this 'formalisation' meeting, agreement to merge and form a national network was reached. The first National head office was based in Cape Town. By 1979 three regional offices were established in the former Cape Province, Natal and Transvaal.

SANZAF subsequently expanded to Kimberley and Bloemfontein and currently comprises 34 offices & satellite branches throughout the country making it the single largest independent Zakáh institution in Southern Africa.

SANZAF: Our Status and Milestones

- Registered as a non-profit organisation (NPO 007-160)
- Registered with SARS for VAT (4320215348)
- Registered as a trust (IT 1670/96)
- Registered as a public benefit organisation (PBO 930001714)
- Registered with SARS for tax exemption (RG/0240/08/04)
- Membership of Proudly South African (CM 040623/9)
- Recognition by Social Services as a Service Provider
- Recognition by Disaster Management of the City of Cape Town as a Service Provider
- Recognition by the Mayoral office of the Unicity of Cape Town and the Director of the Volunteer Centre for SANZAF's volunteer programme
- 2007 Winner of the FNB / Wesbank Islamic Finance Business Awards in the category Corporate Social Investment

What it means to be registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO)

A Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) is any welfare, religious or cultural body, private school, bursary fund or charitable trust that has been approved by SARS. The PBO's legal status can take the form of either a Trust, a section 21 Company or an Association of Persons. SANZAF is registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO – 930001714). The benefit to the donor is that any cash donation that is made to SANZAF can be claimed back from SARS. By donating to a tax exempt body the donor benefits from paying the 10% Donations Tax and Income Tax on Donations to certain PBO's. As an example, for a cash donation of R10, 000, an amount of R1,000 can be claimed back from SARS. As a result of its registration as a PBO, SANZAF is authorized by SARS to issue its contributors or donors with a Section 18A Tax certificate upon request. This will allow them to claim their 10% donations tax rebate. In this way, you are able not only to assist SANZAF help those displaced from their businesses and homes but also other relief organisations in South Africa.

SANZAF'S WELFARE PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

SANZAF's Welfare Projects are designed to assist needy families and individuals with their short term poverty alleviation requirements as well as their long term educational and developmental needs in order to assist them in becoming financially self sufficient.

A list of projects and programmes are as follows:

Education & Empowerment

Literacy - Aimed at developing English & Arabic literacy and numeracy.

Educational & Empowerment – Financial aid to needy students for tertiary education at Universities, Technikons, Colleges and Islamic Educational Institutions.

SANZAF IDB Loan Scholarship - The IDB Scholarship Trust provides specialist tuition to previously disadvantaged students in grades eleven & twelve so that they can acquire suitable grades to enter tertiary institutions.

Development

Skills Development & Employment - A programme aimed at motivating and rehabilitating recipients so that they may strive to become financially independent.

Business Training Programme - By initially assessing the capabilities and skills of recipients and the subsequent enhancement of these abilities, the project is intended to assist people to a state of self-sufficiency.

Student Development Programmes - Children of needy families, victims of the effects of apartheid education are assisted. The aim is to upgrade their academic performance in order to meet the criteria for a South African National Muslim Bursary Fund.

Operations

Operation Fitrah - An integral part of SANZAF's Ramadán Programme where SANZAF ensures that needy families are not subjected to begging on the day of Eid.

Operation Winter Warmth - An operation which helps 100's of homeless and 1000's of shack dwellers with warm clothing, shoes and blankets during the cold winter months.

Operation Qurbáni - SANZAF co-ordinates the distribution of Qurbáni meat to the destitute during the period of Eid-ul-Adhá

Operation Muharram - Programmes held during the month of Muharram designed at honouring the aged for their contributions to society as well as programmes for our children.

Feeding Scheme - Feeding is conducted primarily at unemployment queues, old age homes, orphanages and refugee shelters and other disadvantaged communities.

Emergency Relief

Emergency Relief – As a registered service provider for the Disaster and Risk Management (DRM) of the City of Cape Town, emergency relief is rendered to all those affected by fire, flood and other disasters.



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In the category

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