



SANZAF National Ramadan Fact Sheet

Ramadan 1436 (June/July 2015)

Ramadan Activities 2015:

- SANZAF aims to feed over 9 000 people every night and an additional 60 000 over weekends during Ramadan through our partnerships with masjid in under-resourced areas throughout South Africa.
- SANZAF will conduct daily Iftar Programmes at 95 masjid across the country for Ramadan 1436 (June/July 2015).
- SANZAF will also distribute non-perishable food parcels to over 3 300 families in need at the start of Ramadan.
- It will cost SANZAF over R1.7 million for the month to ensure that families in need are served a nutritious meal to break their fast with. This can only be made possible through the contributions and generous donations from the public.

Operation Fitrah 2015:

- Operation Fitrah's objective is to ensure that every Muslim is free from want on the auspicious day of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- Operation Fitrah is one of the vital annual relief projects undertaken by SANZAF. The campaign has shown significant growth in both magnitude and effectiveness over the past 41 years.
- This year SANZAF will distribute more than R5 million in nutritional food, fresh produce and canned goods at the end of Ramadan
- Approximately 23 000 families across South Africa will be helped on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- Operation Fitrah is conducted over a three-month period and includes the individual assessment of families and home visits to verify the eligibility of recipients.

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- SANZAF considers referrals from other agencies and has been involved in partnerships with institutions and organisations for over 40 years.
- The success of the project is based on an interactive approach, which includes planning and networking with individuals and groups that enable SANZAF to accomplish goals that could not be achieved alone.

The benefits of such collaborative partnerships for Zakatul-Fitr are:

- Each masjid and community centre operates within a defined area.
- The chance of duplication is eliminated i.e. beneficiaries do not receive more than one parcel.
- More poor and needy families are reached.
- Professional beggars who take advantage of the occasion are identified and rooted out.

SANZAF General Facts:

- The South African National Zakah Fund (SANZAF) was established in 1974 and is the single largest Zakah institution in SA.
- SANZAF is registered as a non-profit organisation, as a trust, a public benefit organisation and is registered with SARS for tax exemption.
- SANZAF is committed to serving the community 365 days of the year.
- The NGO has 29 offices in six provinces with over 113 full time staff.
- SANZAF assists in empowering local communities through poverty alleviation, education, skills development and disaster relief.
- As part of our motto to change lives through development and relief, SANZAF development projects are undertaken with accredited partners, to empower beneficiaries with skills and the potential to earn a sustainable income. These courses are aimed at contributing to poverty relief.

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- The SANZAF Education, Empowerment and Development (SEED) Programme is aimed at empowering and helping help those in need of financial assistance to achieve their full potential starting at nursery school level through to post-graduate studies. The SEED Programme has five tiers: Early Childhood Development, Youth and Community Development, Islamic Studies, Vocational Training and Tertiary Education. The SANZAF Bursary Fund forms part of this programme.
- The SANZAF 5 Pillars Plus Quiz, which is aired daily on iTV during Ramadan, is aimed at educating young Muslims about Islam. The Quiz is based on 5 Pillars, an Islamic board game, designed to educate players on various aspects of the pillars of Islam from the basics to interesting "Did you know?" facts.
- As a public institution SANZAF aims to create public awareness about Zakah by using appropriate broadcast, print, online and social media platforms to communicate key messages to both its donor and beneficiary communities. SANZAF also hosts Zakah workshops and seminars as well as Q&A programmes on radio and television to educate and engage the public about Zakah.
- 2013 Winner of the PMR Africa Diamond Arrow Award for the significant role played as non-profit charitable organisation for outstanding work in serving the community and empowering the poor.
- The audited financial statements are available to the public annually via sanzaf.org.za and are published in both Muslim Views and Al Qalam.
- SANZAF has accounting best practice standards in place to demonstrate good governance and accountability at all levels.
- The organisation ensures easy payment methods for donors including Debit Card Machine or Cash Payments.

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