

# FIYSABIYLILLAH

COMPASSIONATE AID ORGANIZATION

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**Fiyabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization** is a Canadian registered charity committed to enriching the lives of the less fortunate through the initiation and support of sustainable projects, and through the development of one`s faith as the ultimate source of strength.

Support from Fiyabiylillah is making a significant difference in our community. May Allah reward all the donors abundantly for their kindness and generosity.



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Eyeglasses, sunglasses, and cases will be collected for distribution to those in need free of charge

Donations can be  
dropped off at the  
Fiyasbiylillah Learning  
Centre  
Located at 375 Ritson Rd  
N, Oshawa  
Text at 416-562-3844  
before dropping of items

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Dear Readers,

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh!

As 2025 became a year of trial for many around the world, it also provided an opportunity for helping those in need from a humanitarian, political, advocacy, and spiritual perspective. It provided many of those privileged to have enough, to ask the hard questions and reflect on how we can do more, and become more, for the pleasure of Allah SWT.

Change is inevitable, and how charitable organizations navigate the impact social media has on writing the narrative on the priority of those in need is a challenge. It forces small charities like us to stay true to our organization's vision, while being adaptable to change and staying responsive to our donor's needs, but more importantly putting Allah SWT at the forefront of the decisions and projects we engage in. While reviewing the projects over the last two years for this newsletter, I realized how important it is to continue to build sustainable projects worldwide that provide real impact to individuals, families, and communities. Seeing updates from individuals and institutions of projects initiated ten years ago and the impacts they have on the development and growth of communities is heartwarming. It reminded me that our job is not to help everyone, but to be ready to help in the way Allah SWT gives us the opportunity to.

At the end of 2024, Fiysabiyillah was audited by CRA (Canadian Revenue Agency) on the operations of the Organization for the period from January 2022 to December 2023. Alhamdulillah, October 2025, we received a letter of the audit results identifying some minor areas for improvement, but no issues were identified to change our registered charity status. As a charitable organization it is always a challenge to keep on top of the business of running an organization - which involves agreements, reports, finances, and meetings which, while necessary, are far less rewarding to a volunteer's heart. I sometimes fail to see the accomplishments we have achieved and the people we have touched. Reading our newsletter reminds me of the important work we accomplished in 2024-2025 and is the reason I continue to encourage myself, our volunteers and donors to strive for more. Please enjoy reading about our projects and know we could not have completed any of these projects without your support and Allah's guidance.

Fiysabiyillah is looking forward to our 2026 initiatives, continuing with our recurring projects like food hampers, orphan education and care, and water well development. This year, we will also be focusing on raising funds for new projects like our Orphan Home in Tanzania, and a Skills Learning Centre in Pakistan. In addition, we are planning a fun local event where all proceeds will go towards our Orphan Education and Care Program - On July 18th we will be hosting a Country Fair with games, fair food, and entertainment, InshaAllah. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

*Nafeeza Nabibaksh*

# INVESTING IN PEOPLE

By: Nafeeza Nabibaksh

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To equip youth and women with marketable and employable skills.
- To reduce unemployment through skill-based job creation and entrepreneurship.
- To promote economic independence and sustainable livelihoods.
- To prepare youth for professional work opportunities—some of whom will be employed within the PDS Sustainable Village and partner institutions like Zanzibar Eco Tours Company.



Tailoring and dressmaking course

Fiyasbiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization has worked with PDS (Perspective Development Skills) Charity in Zanzibar Tanzania for several years supporting their orphan school, providing iftar and food hamper to villagers, and funding critical infrastructure like a water well. PDS Organization is dedicated to empowering youth and women in Zanzibar through vocational, technical, and entrepreneurship training. In 2025, we committed \$1000 USD to support two courses (1) Tailoring and Dress Making and (2) English Language through the PDS learning centre. These are practical 6-month courses that enable young men and women to gain essential skills for employment, entrepreneurship, and community service—helping them build a future of self-reliance and dignity.

**PDS Charity is appreciative of the support by Fiyasbiylillah donors in investing their money towards building a more skilled and empowered community with increased income opportunities, enhanced productivity, and reduced poverty, contributing to Zanzibar's vision of inclusive and sustainable development.**

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّى يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ

*Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.*

[Quran 13:11]



English language course



Workshop Attendee



## Community Development in Mayuge District, Uganda

**By: Mrs. Shereen Kalamadeen**

Mayuge District is a small rural settlement in the Eastern region of Uganda, within which lies Bubalagala Village, one of many villages in the Bukatube Sub-county. The population of the village is estimated to be approximately one thousand people.

As a rural community, many basic facilities that we often take for granted are considered luxuries.

Education is a critical component in helping children pursue a purposeful and successful future, while sanitary living conditions support healthy upbringing without the burden of avoidable health issues. This approach is also in accordance with an Islamic way of life.

One of the major challenges in this region has been access to latrines, which, prior to 2021, was a serious concern due to the practice of open defecation and the resulting spread of intestinal worms. Although most villages were declared defecation-free in 2021, access to latrines and hand-washing facilities remains a concern, particularly in communal areas. In addition, the children of the settlement did not have a school or classroom and were required to walk to a neighbouring village to receive a basic education. With the many hardships already facing the community, this placed an added burden on families and children.

With the financial assistance of Fiyabiylillah and the help of Allah, we were once again able to fund this life-changing project. Work commenced in January 2025 with the construction of a well, providing a clean water supply for the entire settlement. The project then progressed in multiple phases, including the construction of a classroom with toilets and showers, a community room, and a kitchen to prepare meals for the children. The entire project was completed in October 2025, and the school has been named Khadijah Girls' School.

This project has positively impacted the entire community, providing a hygienic and Islamically compliant environment that will continue to benefit pupils now and in the future. It is only through the will of Allah and the continued support of Fiyabiylillah's donors that projects like this become a reality. While we are often consumed by our own personal challenges, it is important to remember the hardships faced by communities thousands of miles away. In this case, we have been able to make a difference, and Inshallah, we will continue to deliver transformative community projects in the future.



Children learning at the Khadijah Girls' School

# AGRICULTURE4CHANGE PROGRAM

## SHELTER FOR THE KIDS

Reported by Abdullah Salim, FCAO Volunteer in  
Kilwa, Tanzania



School children clearing the land where the shelter is being built

### Primary Objectives

- To Improve goat health and reduced mortality rates.
- To Increase productivity (meat yield)
- To promote therapeutic engagement through animal care for disabled children
- To Provide a sustainable source of milk and meat for students' nutrition.
- Create opportunities for hands-on learning in livestock management.
- Generate income through the sale of milk and manure.

Special thanks go to Fiyasbiylillah Companionate Aid Organization for providing the Mtanga Disability School with two goats in 2019. Alhamdulillah, the goats have multiplied to over ten goats now cared for by the children. However, a few challenges faced our goats, which include the absence of modern shelter, fencing, and diseases. The goats were sleeping in bare areas of the yard and sometimes entered inside the teachers' house and gardens. Absence of shelter (hut) for goats is a source of increased mortality rate and poor meat yield. Over the last six years, we lost twenty goat kids from predators and disease which led us to ask Fiyasbiylillah in 2025 to assist us in funding a goat shelter for the school. The initial proposal of a larger shed was not approved by the Fiyasbiylillah Board, but a more adequate size facility for the current herd and future growth was agreed upon. In June 2025, \$1000 USD was approved and sent for the goat shelter project based on a detailed project proposal and cost estimate.



Children surrounding the new goat shelter

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# AGRICULTURE4CHANGE PROGRAM

The shelter constructed had the following important features:

- **Capacity:** Large enough to comfortably accommodate existing goats, with room for future growth.
- **Ventilation:** Adequate airflow to prevent respiratory problems.
- **Cleanliness:** Raised floor or slatted design to ensure proper drainage and hygiene.
- **Feed and Water Access:** Built-in feeding and watering stations to minimize waste.
- **Space:** Sufficient area to allow goats to move freely and reduce stress.
- **Site Preparation:** School administration selected a suitable location on school grounds in consultation with local agricultural experts on livestock care and management.



COMPLETED GOAT SHELTER



WATER TROUGH FOR GOATS



CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

The Disabilities school has established a routine for feeding goats and cleaning, involving students in age-appropriate tasks, depending on their abilities. We currently compost the manure for our school garden and use milk for school meals. In the future, we hope to have surplus to sell it to our local community.

Overall, this project has been a great success, and we wish to once again thank Fiysabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization for the generosity in helping the children of Kilwa Mtanga Disability School.



Children gardening

## MTANGA DISABILITY SCHOOL GARDENING PROGRAM 2025 UPDATE PROVIDED BY HEADMASTER MR. MOHAMED NJAU

Vegetables garden program established by Fiysabiylillah and developed by the school in 2020 is continuing to grow and prosper, Alhamdulillah. Before closing school for the year, students made vegetables nursery for vegetables seedlings for two to three weeks, and are planting, cleaning and watering. Watering of the garden is made possible by the water well that was built by Fiysabiylillah in 2020. Some amount of money this year sent for the goat shelter was also used to purchased pesticides for controlling plant diseases.

# AGRICULTURE4CHANGE PROGRAM

## SUSTAINING INDONESIAN FARMS

BY: HUSNAH AZMI



Excavating for the submersible water pump

In November 2025, Fiysabiylillah successfully completed the construction of a submersible water pump in Tapen Village, Central Java, Indonesia, providing a reliable and sustainable water source for local farmers and strengthening the community's agricultural resilience.

For years, farmers in Tapen Village faced persistent irrigation challenges due to unstable and insufficient water supply, limiting crop productivity and increasing uncertainty during the growing season. This project addressed those challenges by drilling to a depth of 90 metres to access a dependable water source, installing a 3-inch submersible pump, connecting power lines, and constructing a protective shed to safeguard the system.

Local contractors were engaged to ensure the work was completed safely and to provide employment opportunities for the local community. The completed system now supports irrigation for nine rice fields, enabling more consistent watering, improved crop yields, and greater income stability for farming families. Upon completion, the pump was formally made available to the local farmers, with regular monitoring planned to ensure long-term functionality and continued benefit to the community.

This project is a testament to the power of community-driven solutions and compassionate giving to create lasting change. We are deeply grateful to all those who supported this initiative. May this source of water be a source of ongoing sustenance and blessing, and may Allah place barakah in the harvests, livelihoods, and lives of the people of Tapen Village.

**“He is the One Who sends down rain from the sky, from which you drink and by which plants grow for your cattle to graze. With it He produces for you ‘various’ crops, olives, palm trees, grapevines, and every type of fruit. Surely in this is a sign for those who reflect.”**

Surah an-Nahl, Ayah 10-11



Building the shelter around the pump



The completed shelter

# A STALL WITH A PURPOSE

By: Rawdeyah Hooseinny

It was a beautiful Sunday in September, with sunshine, warm air, and a buzz of excitement filling Masjid E Ayesha's parking lot during the Community Carnival. Tented stalls lined the space, offering a wide variety of products and ethnic cuisines, alongside bouncy castles for children and food trucks adding to the culinary flair. Sounds and aromas filled the air as the community gathered to shop, eat, pray, reconnect with friends and family, and celebrate the growing Muslim community in Whitby.

Fiyasbiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization was pleased to host a stall at the carnival, sharing information about its local programs and international projects, while also offering free English Qurans to those interested in unlocking their meaning in a more familiar language. It was a beautiful surprise to see so many young Muslims eager to take a Quran and excited to read Allah's message. May Allah (SWT) guide them in their journey and bring them closer to Him with every word they read.

Lastly, may Almighty Allah reward everyone who stopped by to learn more about Fiyasbiylillah's work locally and abroad, showed their support through donations, or took a newsletter or brochure (Ameen!). Meeting so many people who were surprised to learn of a homegrown charity in Whitby reinforced the importance of maintaining a strong and visible presence within the community, and continuing to share our message of help and aid.



FCAO Executive Member, Fozia Hooseinny, pictured next to the stall

## THROUGH THE EYES OF A VOLUNTEER

By: Walaa Al Wagdy



FCAO volunteers sewing sanitary pads

Throughout the year, I have been involved with Fiyasbiylillah in an ongoing project focused on sewing and preparing sanitary pads for women and girls in underserved Islamic communities. This initiative addresses an essential yet often overlooked need, helping preserve dignity, health, and confidence. The work takes place continuously throughout the year, with distributions arranged based on community needs and available resources. Being part of this effort has shown how practical support, when offered with sincerity, can make a meaningful difference in daily life.

One of the most impactful aspects of this project has been recognizing how something simple can ease both physical and emotional hardship. Knowing that these supplies help women and girls feel cared for and supported has been deeply motivating. This work is carried out with the intention of serving for the sake of Allah, trusting that quiet acts of compassion bring barakah and relief, even when they happen far from view.

Looking ahead, I hope to help expand this project by increasing production capacity and supporting wider distribution in the coming year. With Allah's permission, this effort will continue to grow and remain a source of ongoing benefit, reflecting Fiyasbiylillah's commitment to mercy, dignity, and sincere service.

# Helping Humanity: Working Under the Shade of Fiysabiylillah

Written by Share2Care team

Share2Care (S2C) has been privileged to work under the compassionate guidance and support of Fiysabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization, an organization that truly embodies the spirit of Fiysabiylillah — service in the path of humanity. While Share2Care carried out the groundwork in Gaza, reaching those in urgent need on the ground, Fiysabiylillah stood firmly beside us, supporting our efforts by assisting donors with tax receipts and contributing generously toward vital relief initiatives. Together, this collaboration enabled the delivery of food, water, shelter, winter supplies, and emergency aid to families facing unimaginable hardship.

One of the most recent joint initiatives was the Emergency Tent Project, supported by Fiysabiylillah to provide immediate shelter for displaced families. As cold and rainy weather conditions continue to affect vulnerable populations worldwide, the situation in Gaza remains especially dire. Families are enduring extreme conditions, many literally sleeping in water, exposed to the elements, with little protection.

These are not merely words or distant headlines; they are harsh realities. We ask ourselves a simple yet powerful question: How do we want our own children to sleep at night? This reflection alone speaks volumes about the urgency of the situation and the responsibility we carry as a global community.

Fiysabiylillah has consistently supported humanitarian causes, particularly through Food Relief initiatives during the blessed month of Ramadan and Qurbani distributions during Eid al-Adha. Their dedication to sustained, meaningful impact has been a source of strength and inspiration for Share2Care. We thank Fiysabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization for their unwavering trust, support, and commitment to humanity. Together, under the shade of Fiysabiylillah, we continue striving to bring relief, dignity, and hope to those who need it most.



Tent funded by FCAO in Gaza, Palestine



Children receiving aid

# 2026 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

## Feed the Needy Program

Your monetary donations will purchase **basic food items for needy families** during the month of Ramadan.

### Food Hampers - **\$100\***

Distributed in the following countries:  
**India, Pakistan, Syria, Gaza, Sudan, Lebanon, Tanzania and Kenya.**



\* Items of food hampers vary in each country based on need and cost.

## Drinking Water Program



Providing drinking water to rural villages, where a safe and reliable water source does not exist in the following 3 countries:  
**Gambia, Kenya, and Pakistan.**

If you would like to donate to complete an entire well in any of these countries please contact us directly.

The cost for each drinking well ranges from **\$2,000-\$8,000** depending on the depth of drilling, accessibility, type of well, and security needed.

## Menstrual Kit - **\$10**

Contains:

- Reusable sanitary pads/shields
- Plastic lining and underwear



## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Interac e-transfer - [info@fiysabiylillah.org](mailto:info@fiysabiylillah.org)

Cheque - Payable to Fiysabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization

Mail to: 31 Elmeroy Court, Whitby, ON, L1N 8A5

USA donors - Zelle to [donation@fiysabiylillah.org](mailto:donation@fiysabiylillah.org)

PayPal -



- Include the project(s) you are donating towards, and your contact information.
- Your full mailing address is required for a tax deductible receipt.

**No Administrative Fees**

## Orphanage Education & Care Program

Assisting four different groups of orphans in Jordan, Tanzania, and Kenya

### Syrian Orphans & Widows - Jordan

⇒ Shelter, food, and medicine **\$360/yr**

### PDS Charity School - Zanzibar, TNZ

⇒ Primary School and Daycare  
⇒ Education, food, school supplies, transportation, and uniforms **\$300/yr**

### Hudaa Academy- Kenya

⇒ food, education, supplies **\$300/yr**

### Markazil Orphanage - Kenya

⇒ Education & Supplies

**\$150/yr**



## Fiysabiylillah Orphan Home - Kilwa, TN



Providing a permanent shelter for 30+ orphans.

**\$20,000**

Phase 1: Purchase Land/Building  
Phase 2: Design & Construction

## Village Irrigation Water Project - Indonesia

- ◆ Installation of a submersible water pump and irrigation pipes for **\$2,000**



- ◆ Providing a reliable water source for village farmers, ensuring optimal irrigation for rice fields.

## Skills Training Centre - Karachi, Pakistan

Centre aims to empower underprivileged individuals with vocational and computer skills.

**\$8,500**

Includes:

1. Site Preparation
2. Equipment and Materials
3. Staffing
4. Training Programs



# SUSTAINING LIFE THROUGH WATER

Reported by Kishwer Saleem,  
FCAO lead in Pakistan

In 2024 and 2025, Fiysabiylillah completed the construction of fifteen drinking wells in rural villages across Sindh Province with the help of Healers Welfare Group in Pakistan, raising over \$ 23,000 from generous donors.



**IT IS NARRATED THAT SA'D IBN 'UBADAH ONCE ASKED THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAWS) "O MESSENGER OF ALLAH, WHAT CHARITY IS BEST?" THE PROPHET (SAWS) REPLIED, "GIVING WATER TO DRINK." SUNAN AL-NASĀ'Ī 3664.**

Locations	
City	Village
Taluka Kaloi	Hoshu Patel Pasoo Banai Khuli Suni Mori
Taluka Mithi	Bhatwo Hariyar
Taluko Diplo	Veerum Veri Onheiro Bapraiyo Marasa Veri Lasio Taluk
Taluka Islamkot	Batangari Mehari Tabho Munghat



Locals pictured in front of the newly built well

**"ASSALAMU WALAIKUM. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK FIYSABIYLILLAH COMPASSIONATE AID ORGANIZATION FOR ASSISTING US TO OBTAIN THREE WELLS FOR OUR LOVED ONES. WE HOPE A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE CLEAN WATER AND IT WILL BE A SOURCE OF CONTINUOUS BLESSING FOR THEIR SOULS FOR A VERY LONG TIME."  
- THE ULLA FAMILY**

# STANDING WITH SYRIAN WIDOWS IN JORDAN

By : Afaf Abu Hussein



Syrian orphans playing on the streets of Amman, Jordan

**War leaves behind more than destroyed cities; it leaves behind families trying to rebuild life from loss.** In Jordan, many Syrian widows are doing exactly that after losing their husbands to the conflict. Their strength is quiet, steady, and deeply humbling.

Through Fiyasbiyallah, we are supporting these widows and their children with the generosity of Canadians who chose to give, not out of obligation, but out of compassion. These donations are helping provide the essentials many of us take for granted: education for children, food on the table, and support with everyday household expenses.

During my recent visit to Jordan, we met directly with the widows. We sat with them, listened to their concerns, and asked a simple but important question: **Has this support made a difference?** Their response was unanimous: gratitude. They shared how the assistance has helped them keep their children in school, manage daily living costs, and regain a sense of stability during an incredibly difficult chapter of their lives.

We are also extending support to another woman in Jordan whose 14-year-old daughter is facing a serious medical condition. The family is now receiving help to cover her treatment; relief that means hope, care, and dignity during a time of fear and uncertainty. This work is not about numbers or reports. It is about people. Sitting with these women, hearing their stories, and witnessing their resilience was profoundly humbling. It served as a reminder that meaningful change often begins with listening and that generosity, when guided with care, can restore more than material needs. It can restore hope. **To everyone who contributed: your kindness is reaching homes, hearts, and futures. And it matters more than words can fully express.**

# Ghusl of the Dead

By Ruwaidah Khan

Fiysabiylillah Compassionate Aid Organization is an organization committed to the improvement of all who are involved. Not only are there opportunities to serve Allah (SWT) through acts of service to the needy, but the organization is also committed to increasing the Islamic knowledge of its members as well.

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a presentation training women to perform the ritual of bathing the dead (ghusl mayyit). This act is a compulsory one for all Muslims who have died and whose body is able to be washed. Sister Nurjahaan ran the seminar. She has many years of experience in bathing the dead and works with the mosque in Montreal where she and her team of volunteers work to aid the family of the deceased in performing the bath.



Ghusl demonstration

She began the program by addressing a variety of issues dealing with the rules and protocol of the ghusl. She then moved on to explain the actual process of washing the body, showing us the tools and materials such as sidr, (crushed leaves from the lote tree) and camphor and how to use them. Throughout the entire process she continuously stressed the importance of respecting the body and treating it with the utmost decency. Watching the care with which this final act for the deceased is performed makes one truly appreciate the beauty, wisdom and dignity of Islam.

Seminars like this are a great benefit to the community as they increase the number of women who are knowledgeable about the rules and standards of this practice. This was an extremely well-executed and informative session full of very useful and relevant information. It is wonderful to be able to access programs such as this.

## Volunteers Needed!

Fiysabiylillah has ZERO Admin fees. 100% of all money donated goes towards our projects.

We are looking for assistance in the following areas:

- Web Design/Social Media Content
- Bookkeeping
- Youth Group Leaders/Camp Counselors
- Fundraising



# Responding to Hunger with Action

By: Husnah Azmi

Fiysabiylillah's Feed the Needy Program has continued to deliver food aid to families across the globe. Food Hampers and Iftars during Ramadan were distributed in Guyana, India, Pakistan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Tanzania, and Kenya this year, with items tailored to each country based on local needs and costs. Generous donations have allowed us to reach hundreds of families, providing nourishment, comfort, and support during our most holy month.



Volunteers packing food hampers in Lebanon

## Lebanon Food Relief: Supporting Families in Crisis

This Ramadan, our program reached Lebanon for the first time, a country still reeling from heavy Israeli bombardment since October of 2023. Thousands of families were left displaced, struggling to access even the most basic necessities like food, as homes, businesses, and livelihoods were destroyed.

Through a partnership with a local charity, Wata'awanu Relief Association, we were able to provide food hampers to 100 families, bringing immediate relief and comfort during a critical time. Generous donations totaling over \$15,000 ensured that these families could have nutritious meals while they navigated the uncertainty of rebuilding their lives. Thanks to this collective effort, families in Lebanon felt the warmth of community support and the hope that even in the midst of hardship, they are not forgotten.

# A Heart without a Home: The Story of Bibi Sharifa

By: Abdullah Salum and Nafeeza Nabibaksh



Bibi Sharifa & A. Salum

We were first introduced to Sharifa Abdallah Hassan, widely known as Bibi Sharifa, a slight woman of small stature, and a face aged with experience and a resilient heart when we visited Kilwa, Tanzania in 2019. She was born in 1954 in Kilwa Historic Town, the second born of Abdallah Hassan's family. Like most females in her village, she did not have the opportunity to attend formal school, but through life's challenges she gained deep wisdom, strength, and compassion. Today, Bibi Sharifa, is the humble caregiver and the founder of Bibi Sharifa Orphan Home.

She married and was blessed with three children. In the 1990s, during the height of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, tragedy struck the family and two of her children passed away due

to the disease. They left behind four young children, who were orphaned at a very early age. Without hesitation, Bibi Sharifa opened her home and heart to her grandchildren, taking full responsibility for their care. Over the years other vulnerable children were also brought to her home for care. Together with her husband, she cared for them as her own, despite having very limited resources. In 2002, Bibi Sharifa faced the devastating loss of her husband, and was left alone in the small mud house to care for her remaining children and four grandchildren. With no stable income and no formal education and employment, she relied on small businesses like food vending and small-scale farming. She cultivated millet, cassava, sweet potatoes, maize and rice and sometimes occasionally received support from kind donors who provided food, clothing, and school supplies for children. Despite immense hardship, Bibi Sharifa never gave up. Her life is a powerful example of compassion and resiliency, and the understanding our provisions are from Allah (SWT). Through her courage and dedication, she has given hope, care, and a future to children who might otherwise have been forgotten.

Despite ongoing struggles and support, the challenges remain overwhelming. In 2023 the owner of the home supporting the orphans, reclaimed his home and sold it to investors. Since then, they have been moved from worsened conditions year after year with no home to call their own. In late 2025, it was brought to the attention of Fiyasbiylillah the real need for a property that could be purchased to provide a secure and safe place for Bibi Sharifa to shelter the 32 orphans that remained in her care.

At the time, we knew raising funds would not be the issue, but we needed more time to research and discuss the ownership and management of such a home in Kilwa. The Fiyasbiylillah Board understood we did not have the capacity to run an orphan home

in Tanzania for perpetuity. As a result, it has taken us a few months to come up with a plan after speaking with experts in the country and creating a board in Tanzania to be responsible for ownership.

**Bibi Sharifa recalls in 2019, hope arrived when Board members of Fiyasbiylillah visited Tanzania and personally witnessed her conditions. The organization supported the home by providing two sewing machines at the time to develop tailoring skills and a means to get income for basic needs. In addition, they have been supporting in the form of monthly food supplies, goats for sustainability, and other necessities over the years. This assistance helped stabilize the orphanage and allowed the children to survive with dignity.**

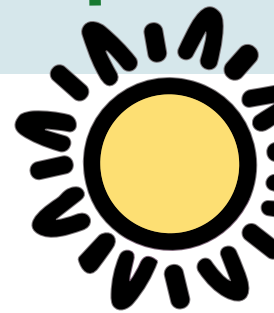


Bibi Sharifa and 12 orphans in her care (plus two volunteers distributing aid), 2025

**This year with your help, we hope to have this new project funded for the Orphans of Kilwa and provide Bibi Sharifa with the comfort of having a permanent place for her generous heart to reside.**

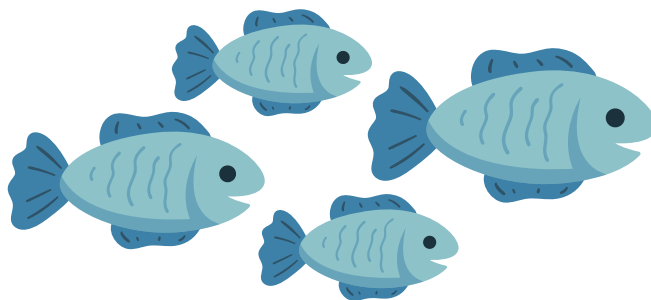
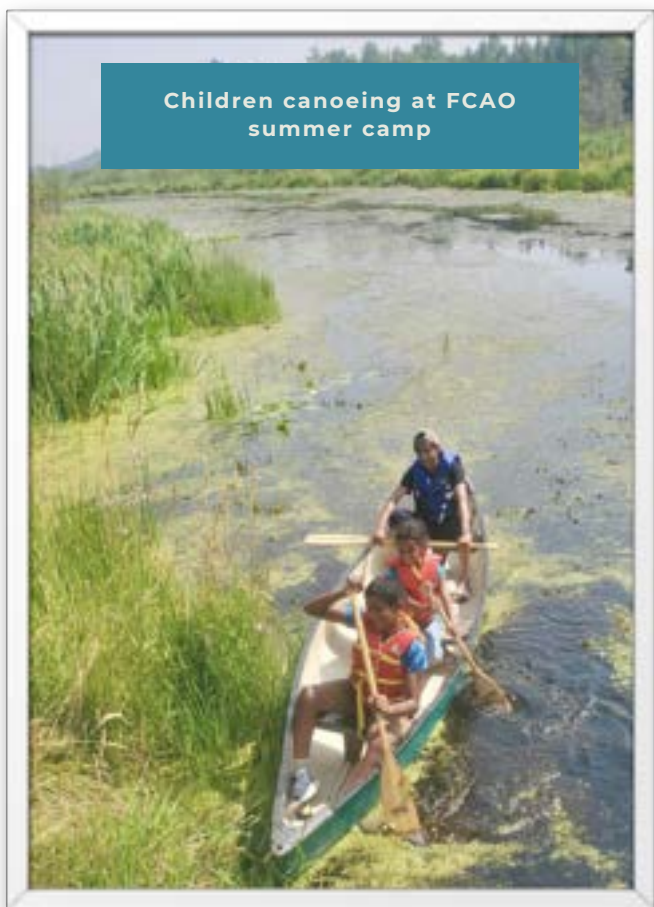
# Growing Together at Summer Camp

By: Muhammad Khan



There aren't many things that would get me up early in the morning during **summer break**, but whenever it was camp day, the excitement made it easy to get out of bed. Volunteering at the summer camp became something I looked forward to on a daily basis, not only because I was able to spend time outdoors, but because of the time spent and memories made with family and newfound friends. Whether it was fishing, canoeing or going for walks up the cornfield, there were always so many things to do. On days we got to go fishing, we would spend our days teaching the campers how to cast, untangling knots and celebrating like crazy whenever we did catch a fish. Fishing is something I'm really passionate about, **so seeing some of these kids catch their first ever fish with smiles etched onto their face was really heartwarming**. Canoeing was another highlight of camp, especially on calm afternoons when the lake looked like glass. We would steady the kids in the canoe as they climbed in and paddled alongside them, laughing and joking along the way. The races we had with each other were some of the most enjoyable times I've had in a while. But honestly, it was the time spent in between activities that made the days special. We would try to climb the big tree at the farm, play

monkey in the middle with the campers and us counsellors would lead Islamic talks after prayer. By the end of the day, we were exhausted, mosquito bitten and usually smelled like lake water, but it was absolutely worth it. We would drive back home as the sun set, talking about our favourite moments and planning what we would do the next day. Those long summer days are some that I will cherish forever, and **I am super grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at the Fiyabiylillah Summer Camp.**



# IN LOVING MEMORY OF ASIA MAKTABI

Obituary written by Sister Najma Ghauri, R.N



Asia passed away Nov. 20, 2025 from a long-term illness. She is survived by her husband, her family in Aleppo, Syria and a brother in Canada.

For Asia, Islam was her life. She lived and breathed Islam, her tongue always busy with “zikr” of Allah and “salam” for our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

She was a teacher, artist, fashion designer, friend and loyal companion. She accepted you as you were, always encouraging you to become the better version of yourself, Islamically.

She used attractive drawing methods to enrich her Islamic teaching to her younger students. Many homes in Whitby, Oshawa and Ajax display her artistic talent on calligraphy-embellished dinner plates. She once turned a tablecloth into an attractive flared skirt with a matching bow to decorate her neck.

Asia was simple, kind, generous, resilient, loving and quick to forgive.

She will be remembered for the Islamic knowledge and guidance she imparted to us and for the light-heartedness she gave us through her Arabic dancing skills.

Sadly, another light has gone out.

## *Al Nur - A Poem by Asia Maktabi*

You are the Nur  
You are the Nur of the Nur  
Who created the Nur.  
Without your Nur,  
There is no Nur in the world.  
You are the Nur,  
Before every Nur  
and after every Nur.  
You are the Lord of fire and  
paradise.  
You are the Lord of earth and  
heaven.  
You are the Lord of clouds and  
mountains.  
You are the Lord of seas and  
rivers.  
You are the Lord of trees and  
fruits.  
You are the Lord of angels and  
mankind.

Everything in the world  
glorifies you.  
Everything prostrates to you.  
And, after all that You have  
created,  
Do we really know You?  
Do we really love You?  
Do we really appreciate You?  
You are the Nur.  
You are the Nur of the Nur.  
You are the Nur of the hearts.  
You are the Nur of the minds.  
All Praise be to you.  
Who is close and far.  
Who is here and there.  
Who is everywhere.  
For our sake,  
You created everything.  
Always you are waiting for us.  
Waiting our return to you.

Waiting our repentance to you.  
Oh Mankind!  
Did you meditate for one second?  
Did you think for one moment?  
He, Who is Alone,  
Who listens to our Duas,  
Who sees all our movements.  
Who watches us breathe.  
Never be miserable.  
You, who is with Allah.  
Bless you, bless you.  
Thousands of blessings  
For the one who knows Allah.  
And His Nur which covers this  
world.  
Blessings, Blessings  
To the one who knows this Nur,  
And who lives  
With the Nur of the Nur.

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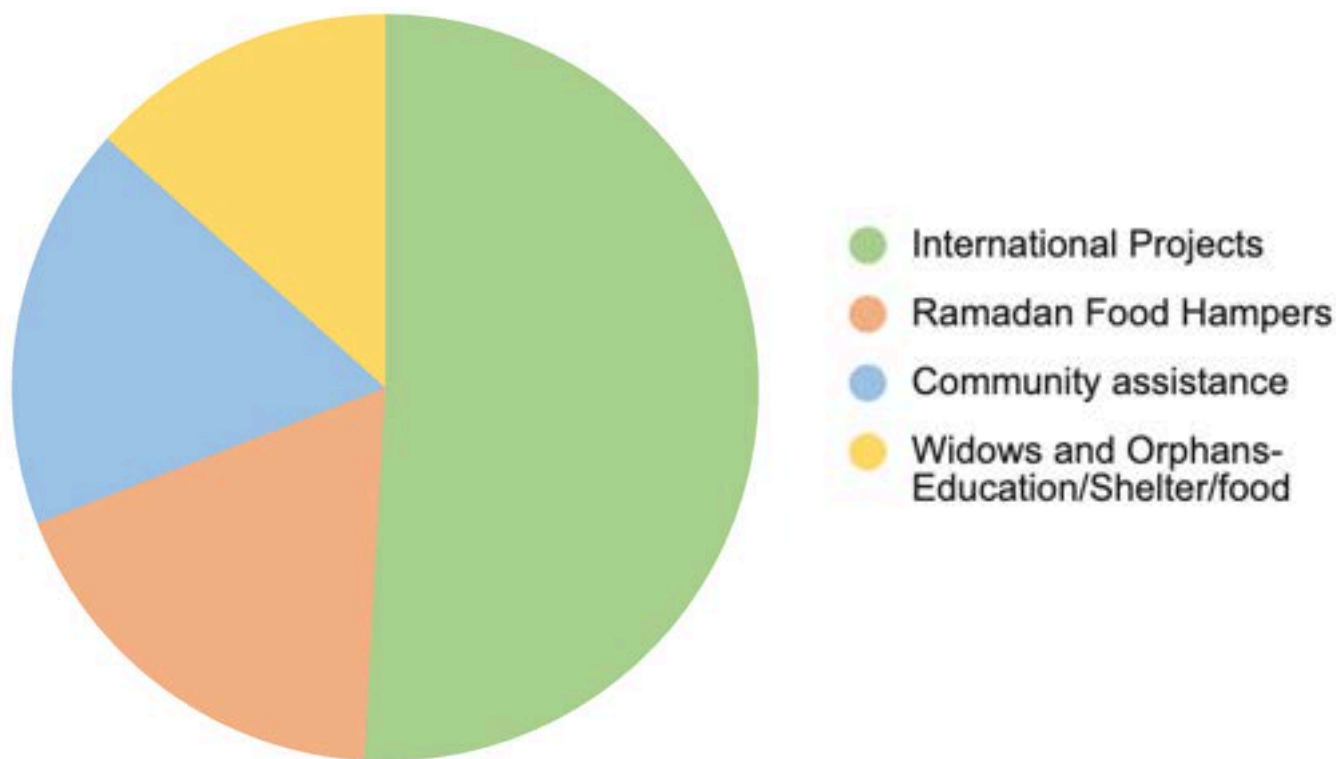


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أَنْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

Go forth, whether light or heavy, and strive in the way of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is better for you, if you only knew.

Quran [9:41]

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