

Your Sacrifice, Their Blessings

This report details the impact of donors' Aqiqah contributions in 2023.



#### **GLOBAL EHSAN RELIEF**

## **AQIQAH 2023**

Every year, in conjunction with our Qurban programs, Global Ehsan Relief offers a special Aqiqah service for donors who want to perform this important Sunnah.

In the blessed month of Zulhijjah, donors can earn double the rewards by performing Aqiqah for their children and donating the meat to those living in poverty. The fresh meat provides much needed nutrition for families in need, many of whom rarely have the luxury of eating meat.

In 2023, more than 400 needy people in Sri Lanka benefited from this Sunnah, thanks to our generous donors.



#### SIGNIFICANCE OF

## **AQIQAH**

Umm Kurz narrated that she asked the Messenger of Allah () about the 'Aqiqah. He said: "For the boy is two sheep, and for the girl is one, it will not harm you if they (i.e. the sheep) are male or female." - Jami at-Tirmidhi.

Aqiqah is a Sunnah performed upon the birth of a child, to express gratitude to Allah S.W.T for blessing the family with offspring. The Prophet S.A.W. himself offered Aqiqah for his beloved grandsons, Hasan (R.A.) and Husain (R.A.).

Aqiqah usually takes place on the seventh, fourteenth or twenty-first day after a baby's birth. But if one is not capable of doing so, then they may perform Aqiqah any time before the child reaches puberty.

Though it is not obligatory, Aqiqah is a highly recommended sunnah (mustahabb) for anyone who can afford it. It's a great opportunity to not only emulate our beloved Prophet S.A.W., but also provide much-needed nutrition to communities in need.



### **AQIQAH**

### **PROCESS**

We work with trusted partners around the world to ensure that your Aqiqah is done in accordance with Syariah and best practices.



# SELECTION & PROCUREMENT

Our teams and partners in each country visit local farms a few days prior to hand-pick the livestock that will be slaughtered. They examine the animals and ensure that only the healthiest animals that match the requirements for Aqiqah are chosen.

# SLAUGHTER & PACKAGING

The animals are sacrificed at local mosques, courtyards, or slaughterhouses, by experienced personnel who adhere to Islamic guidelines when carrying out the slaughter. The meat is then weighed and packed into 1-2 kg packets for distribution.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

The packed meat is then delivered to the beneficiaries' villages or camps, and distributed accordingly. Our beneficiaries include the poor, needy, orphans, widows and the elderly.

### **IMPACT**

### **OF YOUR AQIQAH**

On 30 June, our GERSL team proceeded to Annoor Mosque in Koorkandam, Thoppur, for the distribution of fresh Aqiqah meat. They carried out the distribution in compliance with Shariah guidelines.

The president of the trustee board, Mr. Sathaam, expressed gratitude for receiving fresh mutton for the first time in the village. He mentioned that many villagers had not consumed mutton for several years and conveyed his appreciation to the GER team and donors.

The implementation of the Aqiqah program in Annoor Mosque provided much-needed meat to the community, especially widows and orphan families.

Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, the Aqiqah program was successful, Alhamdulillah.















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