A PROPOSAL TO ALL THE MOSQUES IN BRITAIN: PLEASE ESTABLISH FREE FOOD BANKS, IN ORDER TO FEED THE HUNGRY/NEEDY AND POOR PEOPLE IN THE UK, ESPECIALLY THE NON MUSLIMS!

Dear Imam, Dear Chairman Dear Director Dear Secretary

Assalam Alaykum

Please allow me to give you this suggestion :

Please organize a free FOOD BANK in your mosque in order to feed the hungry/needy/poor people in Britain. As we all know, there is a wide recession and a wide financial crisis today which is affecting a lot of people in the UK and all over the world.

Besides, many are becoming unemployed and have no proper income in order to feed their families and children. There were many worrying reports and figures lately about this food crisis, which is affecting also a lot of British children.

Already there are over 200 000 British people who are going around "begging" for food to survive?

Many go at night to collect any food which was thrown by the supermarkets and restaurants. There are now more than 300 food banks in Britain which are functioning, almost all operated by the churches. It was reported lately that every week, 3 new FOOD BANKS open in Britain!

EVERY MOSQUE IN BRITAIN SHOULD START HAVING A FOOD BANK FOR MANY REASONS:

-We always collect Zakat and Sadakat, which we can use to buy foods for the poor and needy (UK/abroad).

-It is a duty in Islam, to take care of the local needy people around you

CHARITY STARTS AT HOME!

-Some churches are already offering free foods to some needy Muslims

-Most of us have got foods which we do not need and might be thrown away

-There are rewards to us when we offer foods to anyone who is in need.

-Our mosques by and large are not helping much and contributing to the welfare of our British society, especially to the non-Muslims.

This is one way of DA'WA !

-This welfare act to help the hungry needy non-Muslims, will give a great publicity and a good image to our mosques, to all non-Muslims, especially when the image of our mosques is very bad today in the British media. As you might know, there is now a nasty organized campaign by the NF/EDL in the UK and in Europe against mosques and against the building of any new mosque?

One can give the foods to the needy on Saturday or on 1-2 evenings during the week.

Volunteer's brothers and sisters will be needed especially in collecting the foods.

A van can be used to go around and collect foods from the Muslims (houses/restaurants/supermarkets/schools...) Even to collect free edible foods from the major supermarkets(bread, tins/cans, fruits/vegetables etc...) which are thrown away...?

It might be a good idea to organize once/week in the mosque, a free hot meal to any non-Muslim in need. One can give a short talk or show a short nice film on Islam or charity in Islam while people are eating. There are many volunteer brothers/sisters who will be interested to do the cooking. Ramadan is a great easy occasion in order to offer some of our foods to the hungry poor non-Muslims.

Also, it will be helpful, to collect good clean clothes in good condition and to display nicely in place of the mosque

For any non-Muslim to help himself/herself and take any.

We like to recommend to all Muslim relief organizations in Britain to get involved in organizing with the mosques, this unique charity humane project: free food banks.

It is important to start to take care first of the poor hungry needy non-Muslims in the roads around the mosque and to concentrate on the lonely poor old people who live in the area around the mosque.

May ALLAH guide us all to serve Islam, Muslims and our all society...ameen Wassalam Alaykum

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