



The Lady Fâtemah Charitable Trust

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Your Eminence Hoojatul Islam wal Muslimeen sayyed Jawad al – Shahrestani  
Qoum, Iran

Dear Seyyed Jawad al-Shahrestani

RE: *The Lady Fâtemah (a.s.) Charitable Trust*

Salaam alaykum.

Please, permit me to introduce my organization and sincerely thank you for taking the time to read this letter. *The Lady Fâtemah (a.s.) Charitable Trust* (LFT) is a UK based charitable organisation (registered charity number 1072270) and is entirely dedicated to humanitarian work. The philosophy of LFT is based on empowerment and generating self-sufficiency, as that provides a strategic solution to poverty. The areas we focus on include education and healthcare, as well as socio-economic regeneration and micro finance.

From an operational point of view, one of the founding principles is to operate on the basis of zero administration fees with staff volunteering their services and ensure that every penny donated goes directly to those in need, thereby avoiding any wastage. Furthermore, LFT attaches the utmost importance to transparency in all financial dealings. This doctrine of transparency is translated to all aspects of LFT's work, from verification of appeals, to providing full receipts to benefactors for every donation. It is continued through to the public reporting of each project on our website. The brochure of LFT is attached herewith with some photos of some projects. For more detailed reports please visit <http://www.ladyfatemahtrust.org>

We seek to communicate current projects to donors through regular communications such as monthly newsletters, which are emailed to a donor base of 5,000 individuals from different communities.

Since its formation LFT has undertaken projects across various countries, some of which are outlined below:

### **India:**

Thus far approximately 50 water wells, hand pumps and submerged electric water pump wells have been dug. All the wells have been named in the memory of Bibi Sakina, with a plaque posted at all the sites. In the healthcare arena, LFT has assisted with the cost of medical treatment ranging from open-heart surgery to hearing aids. LFT also provides housing assistance, education and micro finance by way of teaching girls how to sew and thereafter buying sewing machines for them to earn a living. Aged couples receive milking cows. In so doing families are made independent and self sufficient, rather than relying on sadaqah. Assisting Orphans and widows. Recently we have assisted the victims of Kashmir by building 40 shelters to the shias in the Earthquake region.

### **Afghanistan:**



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Soon after the fall the previous regime assistance to Shias was given on a similar basis as above. Building shelters, assistance to Orphans and widows, medical assistance and distribution of food.

### Iran:

LFT has provided medical assistance for Iraqi and Afghan refugees. Currently the team is trying to raise funds for assisting Iraqi refugees in Iran. LFT raised funds for the Bam earthquake victims and distributed them through the office of Sayed Fouad al-Sharestani in Tehran. All projects in Iran are scrutinized by Bro Sayyed Fouad Shahrestani prior to implementation and implemented through his organization, the Iraqi Refugee Aid Council (IRAC).

### Iraq:

LFT has been active during the month of Ramadhan in Iraq prior to the fall of the previous regime. Since then, LFT has increased its activities through the help of Sayyed Hussein al-Shahrestani. Projects undertaken have been the Ramadhan Iftar project, EID gifts, Assistance to Orphans and widows and helping with basic necessities of hospital items in Najaf Hospital. One of the key projects in Iraq for LFT has been the establishment of Kerbala EYE Clinic where every day an average of 40 patients are checked and glasses are dispensed, free to those who can not afford to pay. This eye clinic has received blessings of Ayatollah As Sayyed Ali Seestani and his son Sayyed Mohamed Redha Seestani who are fully aware of the services given from this clinic. LFT has also shipped all equipment required for establishing an eye Clinic in Basra, the first of its kind in that part of Iraq. Insha allah this second clinic will be up and running in the coming days. LFT has also started assisting widows of Basra Marsh Land by way of providing them with milking water Buffalos. LFT recently hosted a gala dinner to raise funds for the Karbala Eye Clinic, which is now in its second year.

For detailed information on the activities of Lady Fatemeh (as) Trust, please visit our website: <http://www.ladyfatemahtrust.org>

The greatest problem of our Trust is a constant shortage of funds, so that we find ourselves unable to respond to applications for assistance. On the other hand, Shias residing outside the Islamic world approach us asking whether it would be possible to discharge their Islamic duty of paying Khums through LFT's services. Being able to accept Khums taxes and spend part of Sahm al-Imam on LFT's charitable activities would greatly enhance LFT's ability to assist poor and needy Shias.

We would be extremely honoured if you would support our application to you.

Thank you once again and we look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

Amirali Karim  
Chairman

The Lady Fatemah (a.s.) Charitable Trust

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على المشروع المذكور وايضا الباقي اليهنا  
مع تسليم وصولات المكتب بكامله المبلغ  
الى اصحاب الحقوق الشرعية .



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