



## Zero Partners with United Nations

Zakat Partnership - Zero and UNHCR Canada come together to serve the needy

**Toronto, April 26, 2021** - Zero Mortgage and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) two purpose-driven organizations in Canada, are partnering on a global zakat program (Refugee Zakat Fund). This program is an effective distributor for harnessing the power of Zakat to transform the lives of refugees, especially in hard-to-reach areas. This announcement comes during the Holy month of Ramadan, where Muslims fast between dawn and sunset. It takes seconds to help families afford food, water, medicine and shelter to get from one Ramadan to the next. 100% of funds are distributed to displaced persons.

\$18 can help 1 refugee afford food, shelter, water and medicine for one month

\$55 can help 3 refugees afford basic essentials for one month

\$219 can help 1 person afford basic essentials for a year

\$493 can help a family afford basic essentials to the end of 2021

\$657 can help 3 people afford basic essentials for a year

\$1,095 can help 1 family afford basic essentials for a year

Help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000 to help 750 Yemeni displaced brothers and sisters and 228 Rohingya refugee families afford food, water, medicine and shelter for one year.

*“Both of our organizations feel a deep sense of responsibility to serve these communities where so many Muslims are displaced, especially in this Holy Month of Ramadan, and we calling upon both Muslims and Non-Muslims during this critical time to donate. Zero Mortgage offers a unique option to Canadian Muslims who can refinance their homes or transfer mortgage existing mortgage and take extra amount to pay for past Zakaat years that they did not make payments. Zero Scholars are available to do this calculation to have clients fulfill the 5 pillars.”* said Reead Rahamut Zero Vice President, Business Development and Financial Advisory.

Commenting on the campaign, UNHCR’s Islamic Philanthropy Senior Officer for North America, Mohammed Abu Asaker said: *“We are very grateful for Zero Mortgage for its commitment to advancing the humanitarian values of Islam in response to humanitarian situations. In the Holy Month of Ramadan, let’s bring our compassion and make our Zakat a remedy to refugee brothers and sister, who need it the most.”*

To make your donations please visit these dedicated Zero-UN webpages:

Zero Mortgage Yemen:

[https://give.unhcr.ca/page/80234/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=RAM21\\_YemZak\\_ZM](https://give.unhcr.ca/page/80234/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=RAM21_YemZak_ZM)

Zero Mortgage Rohingya:

[https://give.unhcr.ca/page/80237/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=RAM21\\_RohZak\\_ZM](https://give.unhcr.ca/page/80237/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=RAM21_RohZak_ZM)



### **About The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, leads international action to protect people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. We deliver life-saving assistance that includes shelter, food and water, as well as help safeguard fundamental human rights. We also develop solutions that ensure people have a safe place to call home where they can build a better future and work to ensure that stateless people are granted a nationality.

### **About UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund**

The Refugee Zakat Fund was launched by UNHCR in 2019, harnessing the power of Zakat to transform the lives of the most vulnerable refugee and IDPs worldwide and strengthening partnerships and collaboration with Zakat institutions and foundations. The fund is backed by ten fatwas, including the Canadian Council of Imams, and is subject to strict governance, ensuring the utmost transparency at every step - from donation to provision of assistance. For more information about the Refugee Zakat Fund, click on the following link: <https://www.unhcr.ca/how-to-help/islamic-philanthropy/>

### **About Zero Mortgage**

Zero Mortgage is Canada's leading Islamic financial institution. Zero has partnered with some of the leading Canadian financial institution to bring Halal financing products to the community at the most competitive prices. Zero has financed hundreds of homes coast to coast over the last few years with thousands of clients who have registered with our company. Zero Mortgage has secured a leading international group of scholars to sign our fatwa who collectively sit on over 50 Islamic Banks all over the world.

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