



# Widows and Destitute Family Support Program

Abu Huraira RAA reported that the Messenger (pbuh) said, "one who strives for the widows and the poor is like one who fights in the cause of Allah (swt). He (pbuh) added, "I consider him as one who stands up (in the prayer) without rest (all night) and one who fasts without break." (Bukhari)

## OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM:

The goal of this program is to provide financial aid to widows, single and divorced mothers as well as destitute families so they can live a respectable life and their children are able to attend school. This program was initiated in the year 2013 with 8 families. **With your generous support we are able to support 198 families this year.**

We encourage younger women to go back to school or take up vocational training like tailoring and beautician courses so they could gain employable skills and support themselves.

## PROGRESS:

Year	Total number of Families	Widows	Divorcees & Destitute	Children	Financial Aid (Rupees per year)
2013	8	4	4	29	300,000
2014	32	25	7	94	1,164,000
2015	89	64	25	199	2,712,000
2016	117	92	25	229	3,120,000
<b>2017</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>4,812,000</b>

## 22 YEAR OLD WIDOW WITH 3 CHILDREN:

Amina Begum is a 22 year old widow with three children (ages 3years, 2 years and 9 months). Her husband died in October 2016. Her in-laws sent her back to her mother, Fareeda Begum. Fareeda Begum's husband (Amina's father) died in the year 2012. She has 10 children. Ameena Begum is the eldest and only one who got married at the age of 18.

SEED has been giving financial aid to Fareeda Begum since 2013. With the addition of Amina and her 3 children Fareeda begum's financial hardship increased. SEED is now paying Amina Begum's expenses also. Amina Begum has studied till 10th grade. We have counselled her to go back to school. At present she is in a shock. In time we will train her to obtain skills so she can live a respectable life.



## WIDOW FAMILY IS SELF-SUPPORTING AFTER 5 YEARS OF HELP:

SEED started paying educational expenses of the four children of a widow in 2012. The widow took Tailoring course and SEED purchased her a sewing machine. She started earning Rupees 5,000 per month. SEED continued paying educational expenses of her children. Her oldest daughter completed MSc and BEd. She is a teacher. Her second daughter and third son completed Engineering degrees. Her fourth son has completed BCom degree. This widow informed SEED that they do not need financial support from SEED anymore.

**Five years ago this family was struggling to survive and now after 5 years of support they are able to help themselves. This is possible due to the generous support of SEED donors.**

### WIDOW Ms. Z. BEGUM (HAFIDHAH QURAN):

Ms. Z. Begum is a widow. Her husband died 12 year's ago. She lives with her brother who is employed in a hotel and has small income.

Ms. Z. Begum is a Hafidhah of Quran and earns some money by teaching Quran to children. They live in a small house with another brother who is ill and unemployed. SEED is helping her for last 3 years and now she is living a decent life.

Ms. Z. Begum



### WIDOW Ms. S. SULTANA:

Ms. S. Sultana is a widow and has 4 children. She is receiving SEED's support for last 3 years. Her oldest has completed Hifz-e-Quran and now he is in College. Her second son is also in college. SEED pays their college tuition fee and a monthly stipend to support their day-to-day expenses. Both sons are good students. S. Begum is earning some money by tailoring clothes. Without SEED's support she cannot send her children to school. In 3 to 4 years this family will not need SEED's support

Ms. S. Sultana



### WIDOW Ms. S. KHATOON:

Ms. S. Khatoon is a 40 year old widow. She lives in a two room house. She has two children. Her son is employed but has health issues and does not earn regular income. Her daughter had sever health issues. Her daughter's school management contacted SEED for her treatment. With SEED's support she was cured. She is still unable to join school. SEED is giving monthly stipend to this family.

Ms. S. Khatoon with Daughter



### Ms. H. BEGUM (DIVORCEE):

Ms. H. Begum was divorced by her husband one year after her marriage. She is 24 years old. She lives with her father who drives a Taxi. With SEED's support Ms. H. Begum has completed her BSc degree and now pursuing MSc. After completing her MSc, she plans to work. SEED is giving her financial support for her education as well as for her expenses. In few years she will be able to support herself.

Ms. H. Begum (Divorcee)



### TWO SISTERS LOST BOTH PARENTS:

Sameena and Rubina lost both of their parents and now they live with their Grand Parents. Their Grand Father is old, in ill health. He is unable to work. Their Grand Mother is also not healthy. Grand Parents were having financial hardship and could not afford to educate the girls. SEED is providing financial support for their education as well as for their expenses. Both girls are in high school.

Sameena and Rubina with their grand parents



### WIDOW WITH TWO CHILDREN, ONE OF THEM IS BLIND:

Ms. U Menon is a widow. She has no family support. SEED is giving her financial support since 2014. Her son, Mr. Manikonta is blind. He has completed high school and at present pursuing "Teacher's Training". SEED has paid his tuition fee for "Teacher's Training". He is expected to graduate in May 2017. Ms. Menon's daughter is in college. She will be off SEED support by July 2017 when her son will start his employment.



Ms. Menon with her blind son



Mr. Manikonta.

### WIDOW Ms. NY WITH 5 CHILDREN:

Ms. N.Y's husband died during 2015. She has 5 children. She is a teacher. Her school director recommended her to SEED. She was in debt. She owed school fee for her children. She was struggling to take care of her children. With SEED's support she has paid off tuition fee she owed to her children's school. All her children are in school now and she is able to live a decent life.



### WIDOW Ms. T. BEGUM WITH 3 CHILDREN:

Ms. T. B. is a widow with 4 children. She is a teacher and her salary is not enough to pay for her family's needs. SEED is paying her monthly stipend that helps her with children's education. Her oldest son is in college and SEED is paying his college tuition fee.



**WIDOW Ms. MERAJ BEGUM:**

Ms. Meraj Begum has 3 children (2 daughters and one son). Her husband was a tailor. He died during 2015. After his death, Ms. Meraj Begum was struggling to feed her children. She was earning some money by sewing clothes. Her income was not enough for her family. Her 17 year old son, Mohammed Najeeb, quit school and started working. He was driving a rented auto-rikshaw and helping his family. Ms. Meraj Begum contacted SEED. We asked her to send his son to our Vocational Training Institute. She said that if he goes for training, the family cannot survive because his earnings were essential to pay family's expenses. SEED offered her support for monthly expenses (Rupees 5,000 per month) for the duration of his training (6-months).



Mohammed Najeeb completed 6-month training course and has become a Refrigeration & Air Conditioning technician at the end of March 2017. Now he can earn up Rupees 15,000 per month and his family can live a respectable life.

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