

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



**National Zakat
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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

On behalf of the National Zakat Foundation (NZF), I would like to thank you for your generous contributions and support. We have crossed our 5-year mark as an operational entity and we are much closer to our mission of providing end-to-end Services for Zakat payers and recipients across Canada.

Zakat is more than just a financial contribution, it keeps our connection as brothers and sisters and truly creates love in our hearts for each other, it is the Haqq (right) of the poor and our obligation to support them.

All of our achievements are a result of your support;

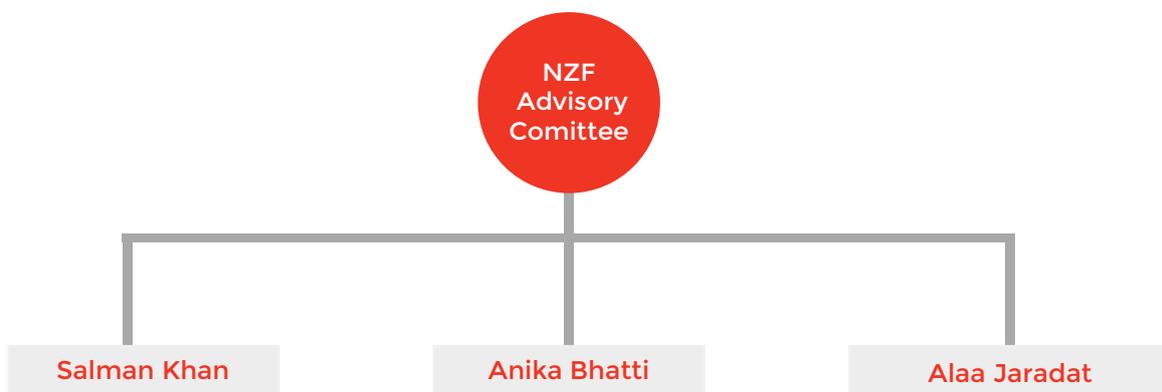
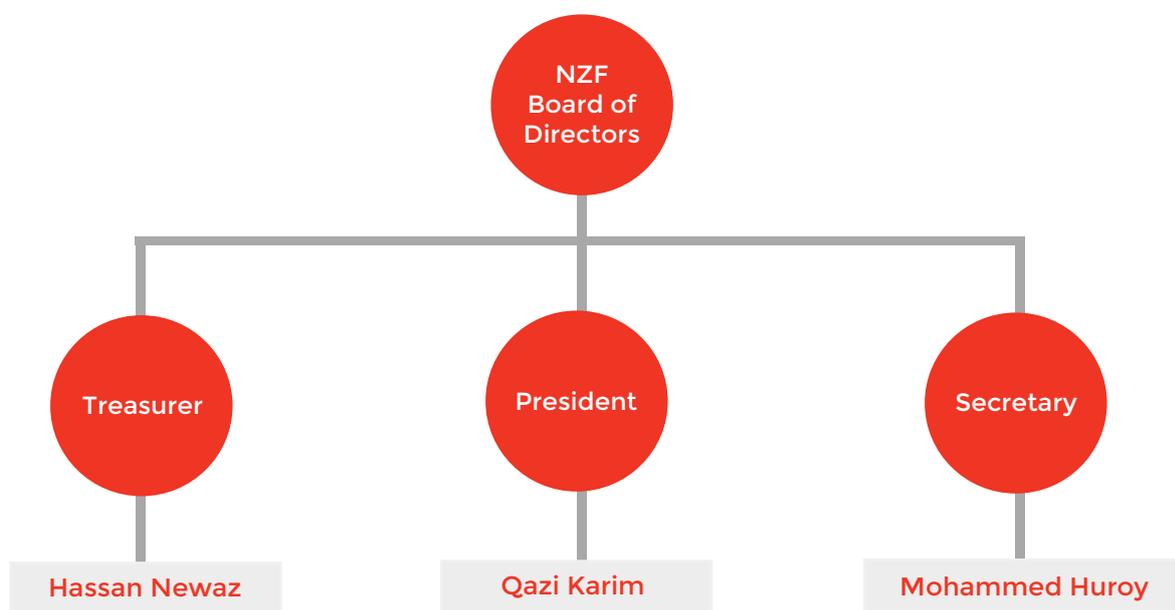
- We have distributed over \$2 Million in Zakat to thousands of people in need. Please note that according to our policy, for anyone to qualify for Zakat they must be below the silver Nisab (which is approximately \$400).
- Our Zakat qualification process ensures that those who receive Zakat are truly in need and deserving; we have processed Zakat applications from more than 75 cities across Canada.
- This year we opened our third Nisa Homes transitional shelter in Windsor, Ontario. For the first time, with the help of our generous donors we were able to purchase this shelter. We have started taking in residents escaping from unfortunate circumstances, such as domestic abuse and homelessness. Nisa Homes continues to deliver a much needed service in our community. It provides a safe haven to our sisters who are fleeing domestic abuse or are otherwise homeless.

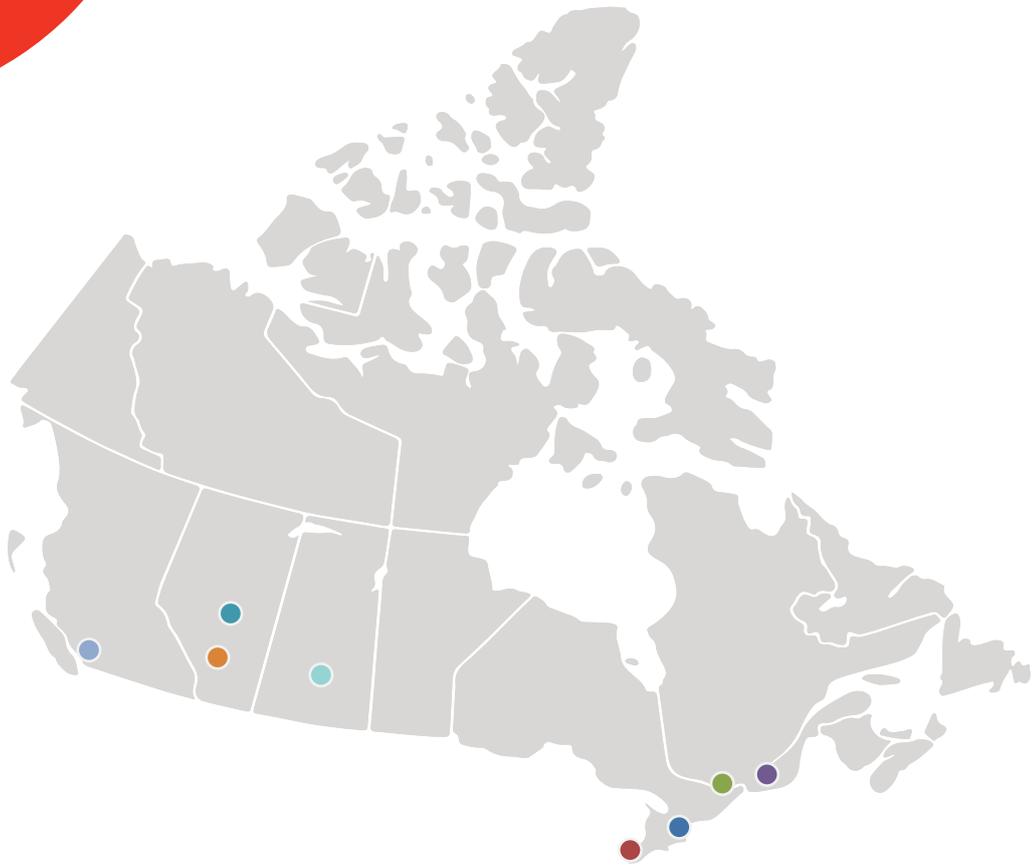
We consider you a part of National Zakat Foundation and request that you help us in our mission to revive this essential pillar of Zakat. Kindly spread the word amongst your friends and family members about NZF, and remember, for everyone who is motivated to pay Zakat because of your efforts, their good deed will be written in your books as well inshaAllah.

We look forward to your continued support.

Zubair Qasim | Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS





OUR TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS AND POSITIONS

Toronto	Zubair Qasim Zaid Mirza Omar Awan Gary Larocque Rayyan Enzo Zainab Husain Amer Choudhury Yomna Salem Sara Moselhy Asmaa Ellithy Sagal Noor Samina Zubairi Alia Khan Sophia Raja Sabeeha Shaikh Reena Vanza	Executive Director Distribution Manager Finance Manager IT Manager Marketing Manager Creative Director Outreach Manager Administrative Assistant Senior Caseworker Caseworker Caseworker Caseworker Caseworker Caseworker Outreach Coordinator Nisa Homes Mental Health Promoter
Windsor	Mahwish Ayub Razaan Barquni	Nisa Homes Regional Manager Nisa Homes Caseworker
Surrey	Zainab Ibrahim Azia Hamid Hina Butt Amal Shokil	Caseworker Caseworker Caseworker Counselor
Ottawa	Rehan Samad Sumbal Asif	Ottawa Regional Manager Regional Lead
Montreal	Asim Baig	Montreal Regional Manager
Vancouver	Ajaz Shaikh Jamal Siddiqui Nazeer Bawa	Vancouver Regional Manager Advisor Advisor
Calgary	Maria Arshad Du'ah Alsoubani Sondous Alsoubani	Nisa Homes National Manager (Interim) Project Coordinator Research & Data
Edmonton	Yasmine Youssef	Nisa Homes National Manager
International	Najwa Naim	Graphic Designer

INTRODUCTION TO NZF

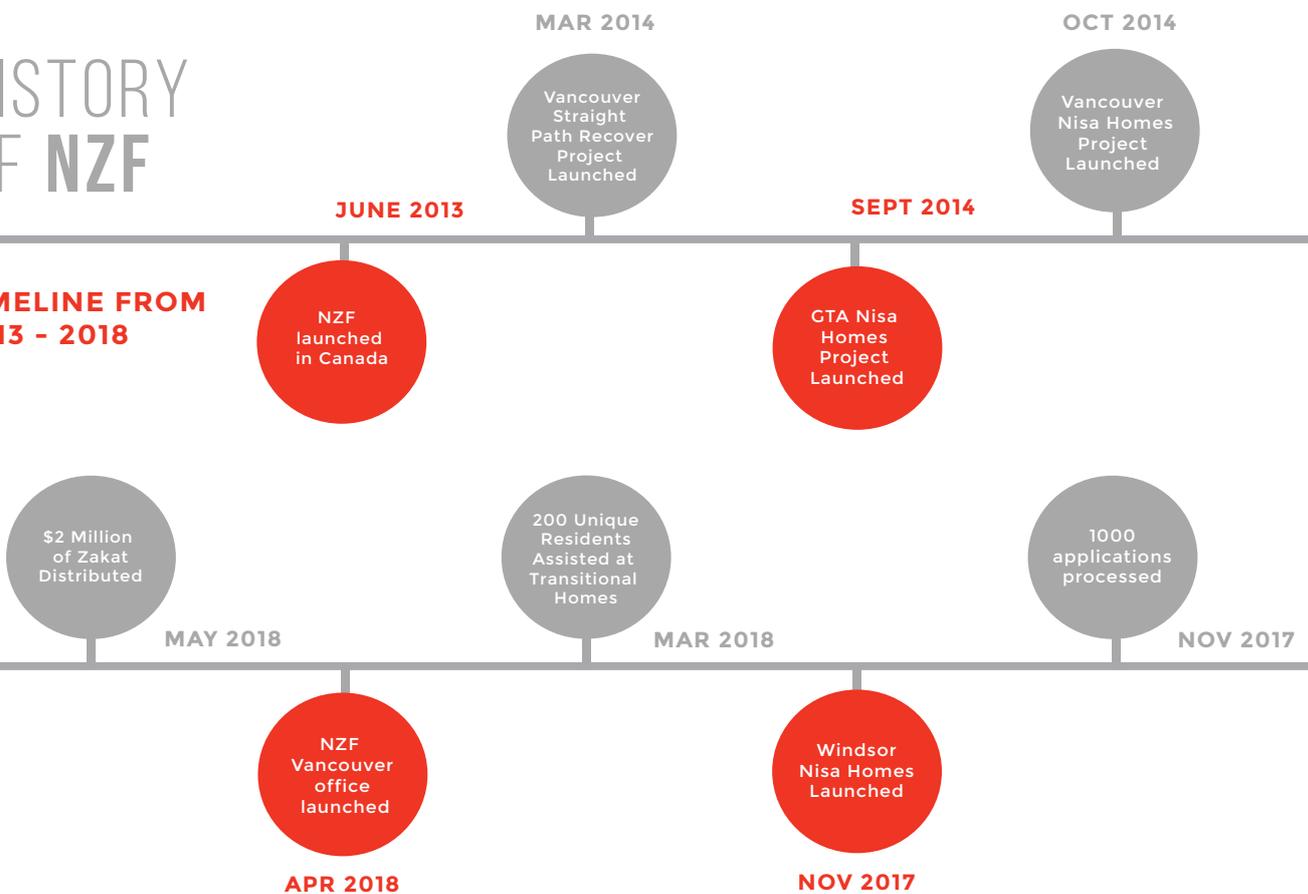
Our vision is to be the Premier Zakat Institution establishing a selfless and self-sufficient Canadian Muslim community, where no individual in need is left abandoned.

The Prophet (PBUH) sent his companion, Mu'adh ibn Jabal, to the people of Yemen, who were from the Jews and the Christians, commanding him to invite them to Islam. He (PBUH) said:

“Call them to bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and that I am the messenger of Allah.”

HISTORY OF NZF

TIMELINE FROM 2013 - 2018



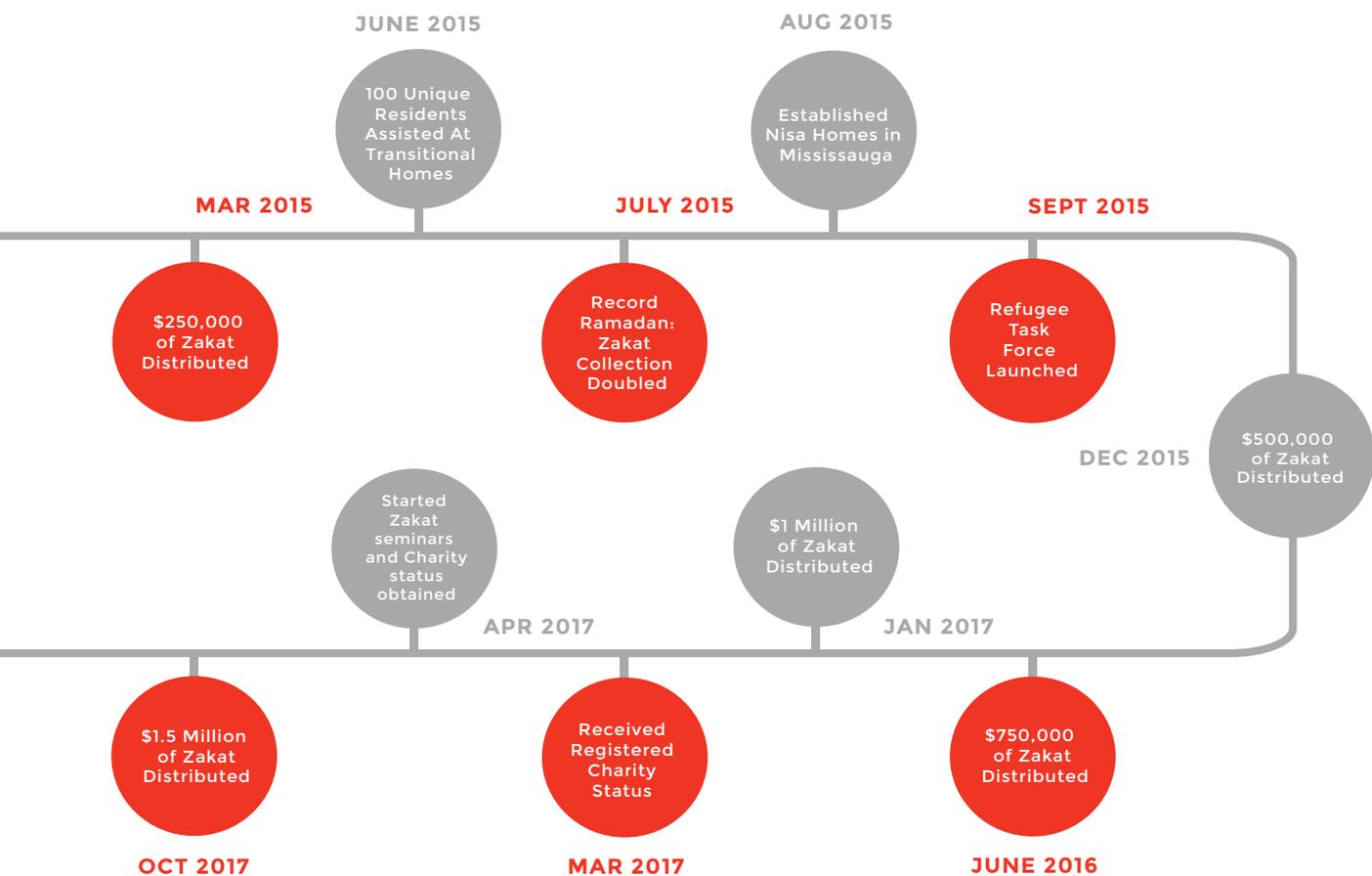
If they obey that, then tell them that Allah has enjoined upon them five prayers every day and night.

If they obey that, then tell them that Allah has enjoined upon them Zakat (obligatory annual charity) from their wealth, to be taken from the rich and given to their poor.

If they obey that, then beware of (taking) the best of their wealth. And beware of the supplication of the oppressed, for there is no barrier between them and Allah.” [Authentic according to Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah, and more]

Later, ‘Umar, another companion of the Prophet (PBUH) and the caliph at the time, admonished Muadh for sending him one-third of the Zakat of Yemen saying that he was sent to take from the rich and give to the poor, not to be a tax-collector. To this, Mu’adh replied, “I would not send you anything had I found someone to take it from me.” The next year, Mu’adh sent half of the Zakat from Yemen for the same reason. And the third year, he sent all of the Zakat from Yemen to Madinah, saying that he did not find a single person in Yemen who was eligible for the collected Zakat. [Narration 1912 (p. 710), Kitab al-Amwal of Imam Abu ‘Ubayd al-Qasim ibn Sallam]

At National Zakat Foundation, this hadith is a clear representation of our goal. This hadith shows us that it is, in fact, possible to develop a strong, functioning, and independent society with the correct use and distribution of Zakat. Following the instructions that the Prophet (PBUH) gave to Mu’adh, we use the Zakat we receive by distributing it to those amongst us who are in need of it.

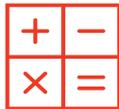


OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY WITH AN
END-TO-END ZAKAT SERVICE, ENCOMPASSING:



Education



Calculation



Collection



Distribution

WHO WE ARE

National Zakat Foundation focuses on authentic local Zakat collection and distribution.

We began our initiative in 2013 and as we gained momentum we applied for charitable status to establish a dedicated service for the 3rd Pillar of Islam in Canada. We have been able to collect and distribute more than \$2 Million in Zakat within Canada to date.

WHAT WE DO

As a foundation that seeks to revive the forgotten pillar of Zakat, we have two principal aims:

ONE



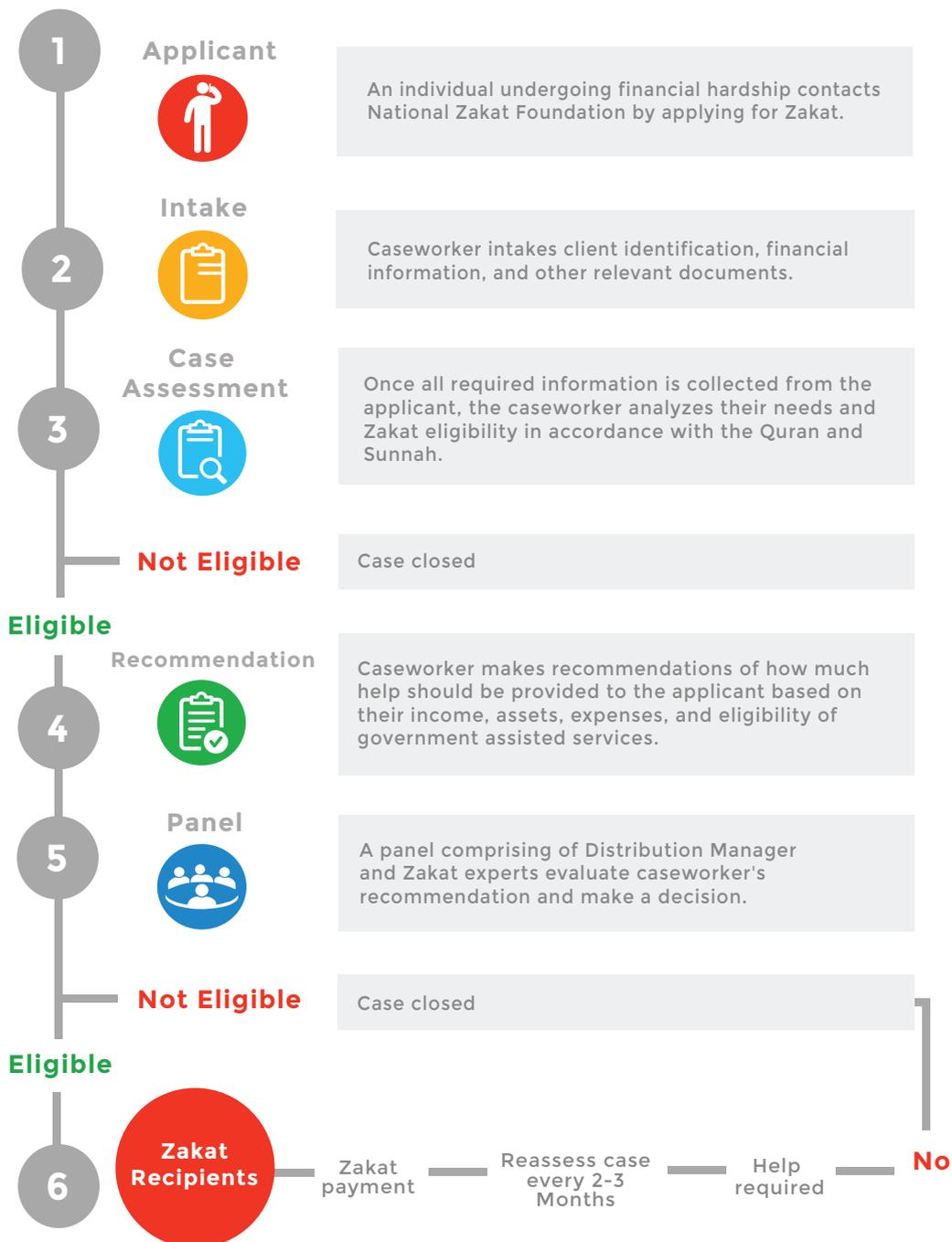
Every dollar of Zakat that should be paid by Canadian Muslims is paid accurately and appropriately.

TWO



Those among us who are eligible to receive Zakat are not forgotten and are supported in the most impactful way possible.

OUR DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

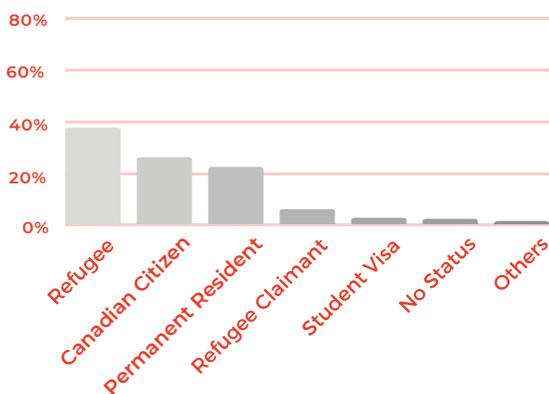


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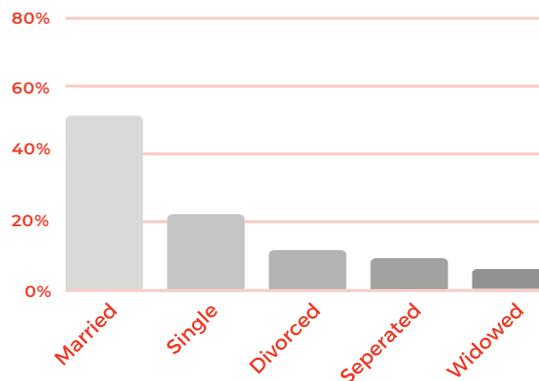


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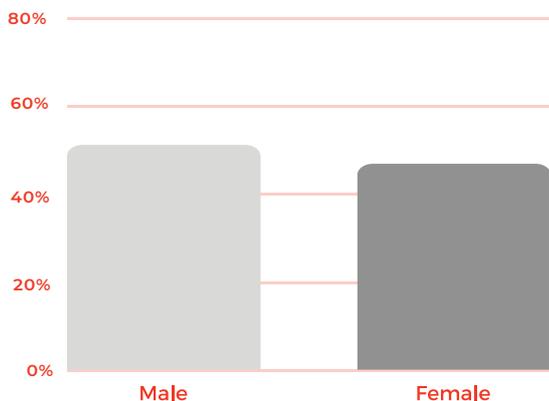
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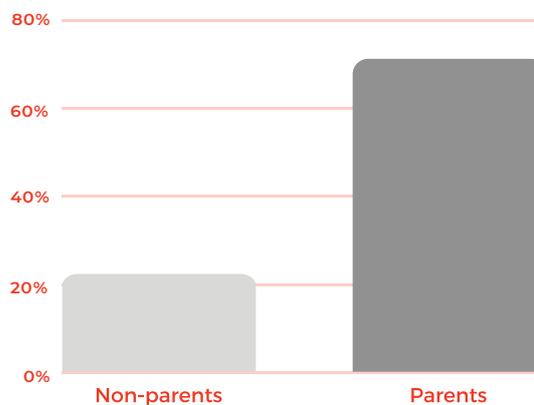
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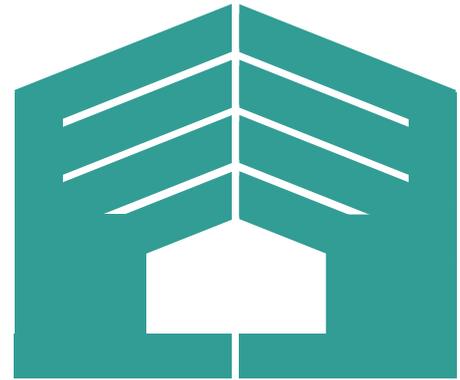
GENDER



PARENTAL STATUS



"O you who have believed, spend from the **good things** which you have earned and from that We have **produced for you** from the earth. And do not aim toward the **defective** therefrom, **spending** [from that] while you would not **take it [yourself]** except with closed eyes. And know that **Allah is Free of need and Praiseworthy.**"
-Quran - 2:267

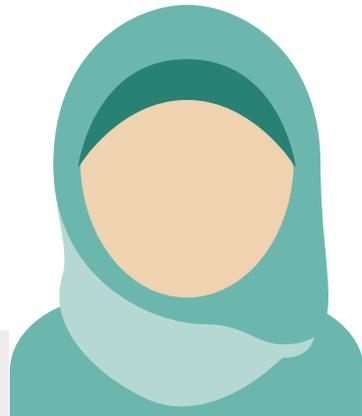


NISA HOMES

Nisa Homes is the first and only group of transitional homes (temporary shelters) for Muslim women and children in Canada. We are a safe home for women fleeing domestic abuse, women who are refugees or newcomers or homeless or at risk of homelessness. This home is a place of empowerment where the vulnerable are given hope, where the broken are rebuilt and the helpless are given their dignity.

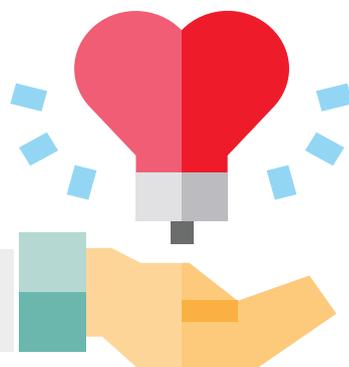
OUR VISION

To be the premier sheltering project for Muslim women and children across Canada.



OUR MISSION

Nisa Homes strives to empower women to regain the confidence, means, and ability to start afresh.



OUR TRANSITIONAL HOMES

Our 8-bed Vancouver home was the first to open to residents and began operations in September 2014. Our 12-bed Toronto home was established shortly after and has successfully been running since October 2014. A 10-bed home in Windsor Ontario is our latest Nisa Homes project and was launched in November 2017. By the grace of Allah, we have assisted approximately 220 women and children transition from being victims of domestic abuse, homelessness and poverty to stability and safety across all three homes to date.

WHAT WE OFFER



Basic necessities: Food & Home



A safe and secure environment



Confidential and supportive counselling (both individual and in group settings)



Activities for children and women



On-call physician and mental health staff



One-on-one casework and information



Programs and Services, including life skills development, support groups, and children's activities

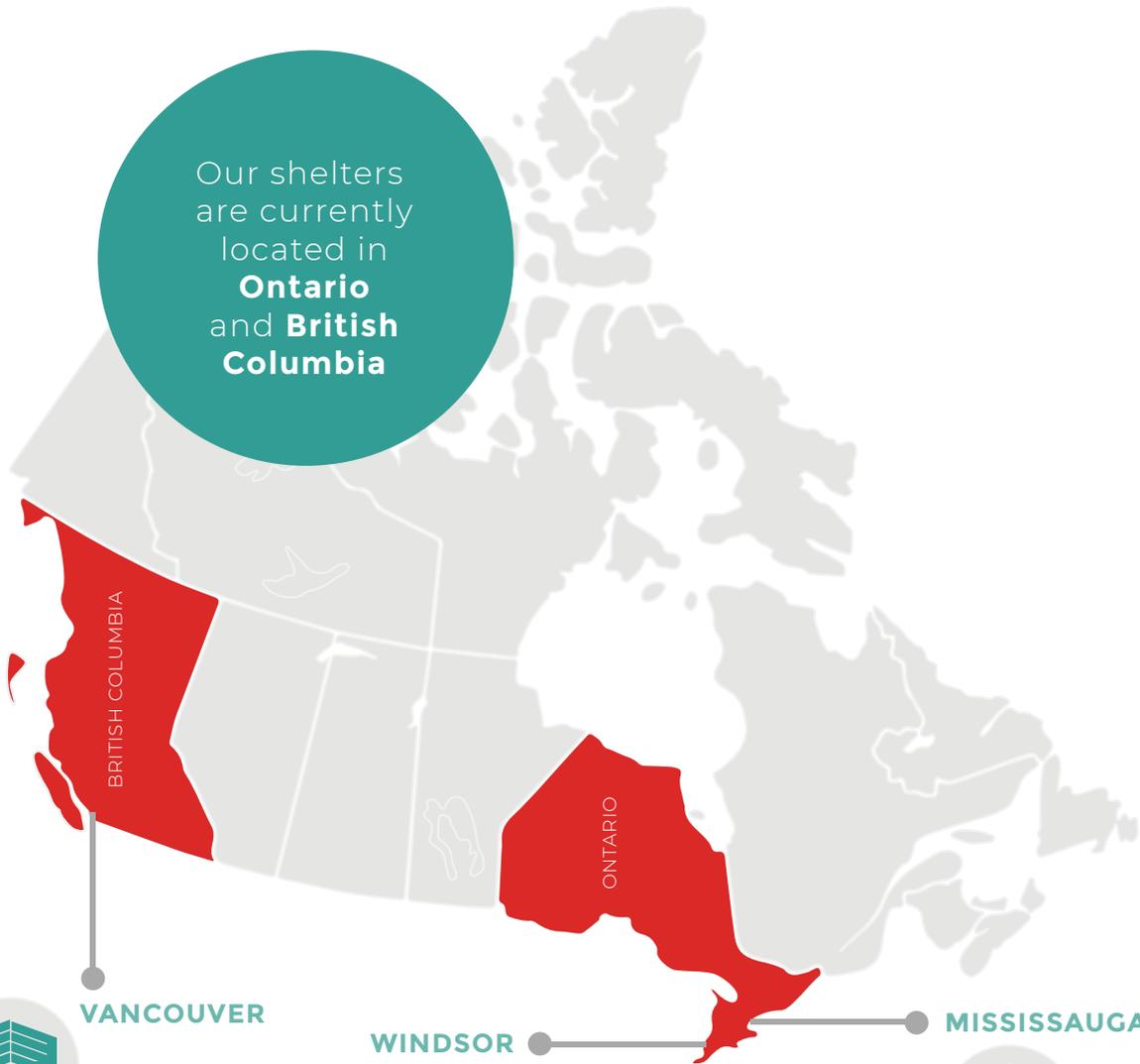


Services in multiple languages including English, Urdu, Arabic, Hindi, Punjabi. Additional professionals on call for Somali, Farsi, Dari, French, Kurdish and Turkish





Our shelters are currently located in **Ontario** and **British Columbia**



VANCOUVER

WINDSOR



MISSISSAUGA



THREE-STEP TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

What do we do when someone comes to us for assistance?



EMERGENCY NEEDS

We address their immediate needs. Whether it is food, shelter or money, we assist them with whatever they need at that very moment.



ZAKAT AID

We provide them with Zakat aid for a period of time in order to assist them in regaining stability during this difficult time in their lives.



SELF-SUFFICIENCY PLAN

We assist them in applying for various government aid programs, jobs, and other avenues of income with the goal that they can achieve self-sufficiency and financial stability.

Our goal is that our residents are able to regain stability in their lives and reinvest into society.



Thank you to the Nisa Homes team. You've done the best job out of anyone else I've reached out to for help, going above and beyond in supporting me even after I left. You've helped me regain my trust in people.

Nisa Homes was like my mother's warm embrace when I felt the whole world had turned its back on me. When every door was closed, Nisa Homes was the only place that took me in and helped me more than I can imagine. Thank you to Nisa Homes.



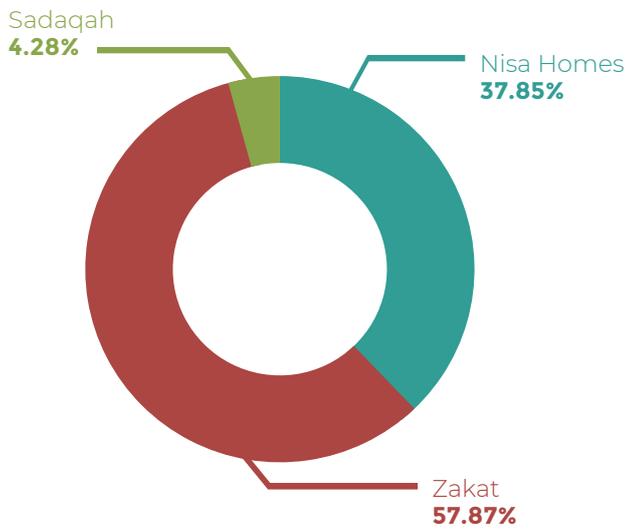
My experience at Nisa Homes was profound. I always felt safe and welcome. I am thankful for the counseling services offered which gave me the opportunity to learn about myself. I will cherish my experience at Nisa Homes as this was a life-changing event for me. Wishing Nisa Homes much success.



TESTIMONIALS

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

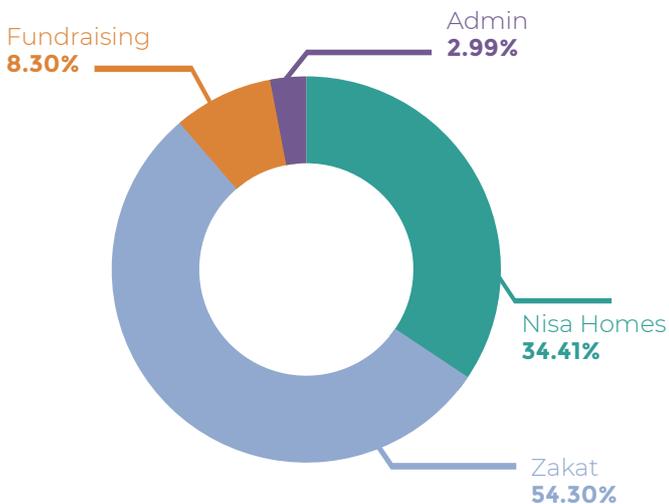
2017 DONATIONS



Nisa Homes	\$	464,122
Zakat	\$	709,736
Sadaqa	\$	52,497
	\$	1,226,355*

*Surplus amounts from donations that are not used in the current fiscal year are passed onto the next year's expense. NZF strives to utilize all donations it receives by distributing them within one lunar year.

2017 EXPENSES



Nisa Homes Operations	\$	356,455*
Zakat Disbursements	\$	562,472
Fundraising	\$	85,986
Admin	\$	30,925
	\$	1,035,838

*Includes the purchase of Nisa Homes Windsor Transitional Home for the amount of \$149,099

“The believer’s shade on the **Day of Resurrection** will be his charity.”

[Tirmidhi]

OUR SUPPORTERS



Sh. Alaa Elsayed



Sh. Bilal Ismail



Sh. Daood Butt



Sh. Hacene Chebbani



Dr. Hamid Slimi



Sh. Ismail Davids



Sh. Tawfique Chowdhury



Sh. Yusuf Badat

COMMUNITY AFFILIATES



FAQ'S

What is your admin cost?

Our admin cost is only 3%. We try our best to cover all our admin costs through non-Zakat donations.

Is NZF a registered charity?

Yes, we received our charity status in 2017. However, NZF has been operating in Canada since 2013.

Which cities and provinces do you help in?

We are a national organization, with the ability to help Muslims all over Canada. Our assistance has reached over 70 cities and towns across Canada.

Do you assist Muslims only?

We follow strict guidelines of the Zakat policy, helping Muslims with their immediate needs. However, there are some instances when the Zakat panel may approve non-Muslims for assistance with Sadaqah funds.

How much money have you distributed?

As of 2017, we have distributed over \$2 million of Zakat across Canada.

How long do recipients have to wait to get assistance?

We strive to process the application within 10 days. However, in certain extreme emergencies, an application may be expedited.

Do you help with overseas relief efforts?

We believe in giving Zakat locally, according to the instruction that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) gave to his companion, Mu'adh, who was sent to spread the message of Islam in Yemen, "O Mu'adh! Inform them that Allah makes Zakat obligatory for them. (It is) to be taken from their rich and given to their poor." [Bukhari]

What is the objective of local Zakat distribution?

Our focus is to provide short-term and temporary assistance for 1-3 months, allowing the recipient to take necessary steps toward self-sufficiency.

To calculate your Zakat, please visit nzfcanada.com/calculate/
To donate, please visit nzfcanada.com/donate/
To apply for Zakat, please visit nzfcanada.com/apply/
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