

GIVE SMART CHECKLIST

YOUR GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE GIVING WITH MUSLIMGIVE

01

VERIFY CHARITABLE STATUS

- Canadian Charity:** Is it a registered charity with the **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)**?
- US Charity:** Is it a 501(c)(3) organization registered with the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**?
- UK Charity:** Is it registered with the **Charity Commission for England and Wales**?



02

REVIEW FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

- Request and review the charity's **audited financial statements**.
- Assess the **percentage of funds** used for direct aid versus overhead expenses.
- Ensure there is a clear explanation of how donations are **allocated** and **used**.



03

EVALUATE ZAKAT POLICY

- Is there a **clear public Zakat Policy**?
- Are **Zakat funds kept separate** to other funds?
- What is the **turnaround time** for Zakat distribution?
- Is there a **vetting process** for Zakat funds application?
- Is there mention of the **Zakat administration cost** amount?
- What would happen in the case of Zakat being **undistributed over 1 lunar year**?



04

ASSESS GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

- Check the charity's website for a listing of **board members' names and photos**.
- Check the charity's website for a listing of the **senior leadership team names and photos**.
- Ensure **board members** are at **arm's length** to avoid conflict of interest.



OR

VISIT MUSLIMGIVE.ORG

Feeling overwhelmed? MuslimGive has conducted the research for you.

CHECK THE RATINGS OF 50+ OF YOUR CHOSEN CHARITIES HERE TO ENSURE YOU ARE DONATING TO TRUSTWORTHY CHARITIES.

Don't see a charity rating? Submit a request [here](#).