



## Our Zakat Policy

ISF accepts Zakat under the category of 'Fi-sabeelillah' which covers spreading Deen-al-Islam.

Scholars from Sunni schools of thought have categorised 'Fi-sabeelillah' in the following ways:

- 1- Those who are physically struggling for the cause of Allah
- 2- Those who are physically struggling for the cause of Allah AND those who cannot afford to perform Hajj
- 3- The first two kinds of people AND those who are struggling in the cause of Allah through general acts of goodness, such as building masjids or defending Islam through Da'wah, and so on.

This third opinion is supported by some earlier scholars and many later scholars. The evidence for this opinion is that the Sunnah mentions many matters that are 'Fi-sabeelillah' other than physical struggle. For example, the Prophet (saw) said, "**Whoever leaves (his home) to seek knowledge, then he is fi-sabeelillah until he returns.**" (Tabarani) Many scholars from Sunni schools of thought have stated that particularly in contemporary contexts, **'Fi-sabeelillah' apply to community organisations that provide Islamic education and engage in spreading the truth about Islam in the wider community; especially for organisations based in non-Muslim societies.** On this basis, ISF trustees consider our organisation to be eligible for Zakat.

Above all, ISF aims to educate our children to be strong, independent Muslims, who have a deep knowledge of their values, history and religion, and who choose to serve Islam due to their own personal conviction. Our ***Principles of Shakhsyah Education*** aim to develop Shakhsyah Islamiyah, and to prepare our children to take part in and serve their local and wider communities. Since ISF is a charity which educates both children and the wider community about Islam, and which aims to develop children into da'wah carriers and servants of Islam, it accepts Zakat under the category of 'fi-sabeelillah.'