

[To the] Supreme Religious Authority Grand Ayatollah Al-Sayyid Ali Al-Hussaini Al-Sistani (may Allah prolong his life)

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatoh,

Al-Ayn Foundation, whose seeds you planted and whose buds you watered, is now using its branches to shade the orphans and widows of Iraq. It has expanded its branches and offices in Iraqi provinces and districts, searching for orphans to sponsor. Al-Ayn has provided relief to the honourable people of Iraq from the afflictions the country has gone through: caring for those wounded and displaced due to the war against the terrorist organisation; providing relief to those affected by the COVID19- pandemic; and supporting health institutions to combat the virus. Throughout, the Foundation has been enlightened by the guidance of your verdicts. Today, Al-Ayn is extending its experience, caring for and sponsoring orphans in other countries, which are suffering just as Iraq and its people are suffering.

Throughout Al-Ayn's 16 year journey so far, the number of orphans which it cares for has increased, exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand orphans this year. We strive continuously to ensure that their sponsorship is of the highest quality possible, covering aspects of physical and mental health, education, housing projects, vocational training, self-sufficiency projects, and legal support, as well as developing their abilities and building their personalities. This is in addition to monthly financial allowances and in-kind allowances, which have been provided since the establishment of the Foundation. Those responsible have been exerting their maximum efforts to ensure that the services provided are of the highest level and most developed, taking guidance in their efforts from your continuous recommendations and directions.

Having grown significantly, we have now completed the registration of Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation as an international organisation which aims to care for orphans and the needy in all countries facing disasters. Today it has global fundraising offices in: the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Sweden, Germany, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, France, Finland, Austria, and soon, with the will of Allah SWT, in other countries. All these offices collect donations and religious dues which they are authorised to receive, to provide support for our orphaned children and needy brothers and sisters in countries receiving aid (recipient countries). Through success from Allah Almighty, the blessings of your continuous support, and the aid of donors from around the world, Al-Ayn has been able to provide its services in Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, Ghana (Africa), and soon, with the will of Allah SWT, to a number of other impoverished countries.

Our Grand Sayyid, due to this significant expansion, as well as the decision to include widows and ill people in need in recipient countries in our support and programmes, our expenses have increased, both in quantity and type, and this has in turn increased the burden on the Foundation.

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation International - including its members in fundraising and recipient offices, staff and volunteers - is honoured to express its gratitude and great appreciation to your eminence for your continued care for the Foundation throughout the period of its work, with your blessings and authorisation to receive religious dues and to spend them on the affairs of the orphans of the believers and on the needy. This authorisation has been in place since 6 Safar 1428AH, and was extended on 25 Safar 1430AH, 10 Safar 1433AH, 12 Safar 1436AH, and 5 Safar 1439AH. The authorisation has been given under the care and supervision of his eminence Sheikh Amjed Riyadh, who is appointed and authorised by yourself, and the Foundation has performed all the necessary procedures to ensure that funds reach those who deserve them. We submit this request to your eminence to extend the period of authorisation for this work now that the previous period has elapsed, so that believers from around the world can contribute to the expenses of caring for orphans and supporting those who are needy and displaced and ill, and providing relief to those affected by disasters and calamities. We request you to authorise (for this purpose) the CEO of the Foundation, pursuant to your general religious jurisdiction over the needy in receiving funds on their behalf, and to permit the CEO to authorise in his turn those who deputise him. We request your eminence's permission for us to receive and spend the following:

- 1) Religious dues, including both Sahm Al-Imam and Sahm al-Sada.
- 2) Sadaqa of all types, and Sadaqa collected in boxes and wallets designated for that purpose and electronic Sadaqa after the completion of its receipt. All of these are considered received Sadaqa as per your authorisation.
- 3) Continual charity (Sadaqa Jariya), and the one-third of the inheritance of the deceased, and grants and the income from charitable endowments (Waqf), which are used to construct buildings as Waqf under the custodianship of the supreme religious authority, and the profits of which go to the orphans and other needy individuals, taking into consideration relevant conditions and restrictions.
- 4) General donations and udhiyyas and vows (Nather) and in-kind assistance such as clothes, food, household items, electrical equipment, and construction material.
- 5) Zakat, Kaffaras of all types, Rad Al-Mathalim, Majhool Al-Malik, Laqita, Zakat Al-Fitra, and the share of one-third of Udhiyyas of pilgrims (Hujja), which are apportioned to the needs, and similar dues.
- 6) We also request your eminence's permission in managing endowments (Waqf) registered in the name of Al-Ayn, and which are under your custodianship, and in securing the necessary expenditure needed for the continuation of the work of Al-Ayn and its branches and offices around the world, through the above donations mentioned, taking into consideration conditions and restrictions, in addition to interest from fixed and operational deposits in banks, and income from non-conditional grants, and payments in lieu of paid services provided to non-beneficiaries in the Luminous Stars and Hikayati buildings.

We request that you encompass in your kind blessings the appointment of his eminence Sheikh Nazar Yousef as deputy to the General Supervisor of the Foundation, his eminence Sheikh Amjed Riyadh.

We also ask your eminence to continue to bless our work and to pray for our continuous success under your supervision and kind care.

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

We renew our thanks and appreciation to those working for, supporting, and contributing to the charitable activities of this pioneering foundation, for the distinctive care it provides to our beloved orphans and to needy individuals, including those who are widowed, ill, and displaced. We congratulate them on the expansion of (the Foundation's) work and its inclusion of countries other than Iraq. We ask Allah Almighty to grant everyone further success in continuing this blessed journey, and to increase their reward. We have given you permission with regards to what you have requested, in relation to the areas mentioned, conditional on the supervision of the eminent honourable scholar Sheikh Amjed Riyadh, may his support be maintained, with the appointment of the eminent scholar Sheikh Nazar Yousef, may his support be maintained, as his deputy. This permission is for a period of five years. I advise everyone to invoke the observance of Allah Almighty in private and in public, and to observe precaution, for it is the way to salvation.

May Allah's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.



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