



Use and Retention of Funds

GiveLight Foundation (“GiveLight”) is a non-profit humanitarian relief organization. Its main focus is to provide crisis relief, build and manage orphanages. The children we support through GiveLight typically require financial, personal, and emotional support and many of them come from distressed backgrounds.

In furtherance of its purpose, GiveLight raises funds through several programs. These programs include Zakat, general donations, educational, endowment funds and more. A list of all the programs can be found on the GiveLight website.

Use of Funds: The funds are used to provide financial, personal, and emotional support to the children, support daily running of the GiveLight homes and partnerships that we have with other relief organizations having similar goals, and any related needs of the children or management of the orphanages. Funds are also used for special programs for the children or the homes based on the current needs and on a case-by-case basis, for example, a repair to the home or blankets/jackets for the winter etc. Funds that are specifically earmarked by the donors are used as earmarked.

Retention of Funds: GiveLight’s needs may be immediate, yearly, or over a certain period of time. Immediate needs include daily food and other necessities for the children, such as school fees, clothes etc. They also include monthly bills for the homes, such as electricity and water bills, monthly wages to the employees etc. Yearly needs include management and upkeep of the homes, yearly tuition and school fees, expenses for Ramadan and Eid, hiring of employees, purchasing of beds and necessary furniture etc. Needs that span across a period of time include construction of a new home. These are just a few examples of the needs and needs may vary from home to home and country to country. Since the needs span across various periods of time, e.g., immediate needs, monthly / yearly needs, and needs over a certain period of time, GiveLight retains the funds such that they may be spent appropriately based on the timing of the needs. Additionally, since donations are cyclical with some months being low and some months, such as Ramadan, being high, and the children and homes reliance of the funds, GiveLight’s planning includes retention of funds such that they may cover at least a forward-looking 12–18-month period such that any downturn, low donation months, economic ups and down, such as recently caused due to Covid, do not affect care needed for the children and the homes.

In some cases, the Funds are earmarked for a special purpose or the funds are earmarked as Zakat and in those situations, GiveLight uses such funds for immediate or near term needs to comply with the rules and regulations of Zakat to be spent within a defined period of time. GiveLight’s planning for a rainy day and retention of funds provides GiveLight the needed flexibility to ensure proper care and attention to the children and homes through the year and beyond.