

Islam Question & Answer

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12938 - Who Should Receive Zakat al-Fitr?

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To whom should Zakat al-Fitr be given? Is it permissible to donate it to charitable funds for building a mosque, for example?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

[Zakat al-Fitr](#) should be given to the poor Muslims in the land or city where it is given. Abu Dawud reported from Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) enjoined [zakat al-fitr](#) , to be paid in Ramadan to feed the poor..."

It is permissible to [send Zakat al-Fitr to the poor](#) of another land whose people are in greater need.

It is not permissible to spend [Zakat al-Fitr](#) on building a mosque or other charitable projects.

And Allah knows best.