

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله، وبعد:

al-Salam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah,

This letter is provided to Amaanah Refugee Services (“ARS”), a federally registered 501c3 non-profit corporation (EIN: 26-3047598) located in Houston, Texas. Acting as ethical and clerical counsel, I am providing this letter to satisfy the need of donors who inquire about ARS’ Zakat eligibility when donating to support their services. ARS services women and children who are refugees and/or migrants and seeks to empower them through support, training, and mentorship.

After reviewing ARS, its operations, mission, and policies related to Zakat, I determine it to be substantively within the parameters of classical Islamic scholarship related to the category of Zakat recipients they service through their collection and use of those funds. Any and all funds donated to ARS are considered eligible as Zakat, fulfilling the donor’s religious duty as a pillar of Islam.

This opinion letter states a professional judgment as to the Zakat eligibility of ARS and its related policies and procedures. It is not an opinion on any of other documents, services, or practices of ARS nor should it be construed as a general affidavit as to proximity of unrelated practices to Islamic ethics and rules.

This opinion is being rendered for the benefit of the donors and may be provided to them upon request, displayed in the ARS offices, and included in various office materials. The views set forth in this opinion letter are valid for one (1) year from its date.

Sincerely,

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