

# **Consultant Opportunity Announcement**

# Zakat Research & Symposium

## Background-about the opportunity

Islamic Relief USA is organizing a symposium on modern-day Zakat management and affairs in the U.S. We are seeking the expertise of a Zakat scholar or practitioner to provide valuable support on Zakat field research, the symposium, and post-symposium activity.

#### Deliverables-what you will do

- Survey questionnaire design, aligned with the symposium's objectives.
- A presentation showcasing key findings from the preliminary survey for symposium attendees.
- Speaker presentations refined and improved based on guidance provided.
- Onsite participation for the actual day of symposium activities: (Co)facilitation of talks, panels, presentations, data tabulation from participant input.
- Creation of a publication source-to be determined during the project cycle-that highlights and analyzes (but not limited to): the preliminary study, symposium findings, post-symposium activity; vital literature on Zakat as it pertains to the Quran, the Prophetic Sunnah, Islamic history; and relevant U.S. and global Zakat patterns.

## Qualifications-what you will bring

- Strong background in writing, research methodology, survey design, statistical methods and data analysis.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- Proficient on the landscape of Muslim communities across the U.S. with a strong profile of relationships with these populations.
- Proven track record in providing guidance and support to speakers for events.
- Able to travel where needed to execute various components of this project.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Zakat, Islamic economics, and NGO management.

#### **Deadline & Contact Information**

Inquiries of interest—your cover letter and resume--will be accepted until **February 1, 2024**. Please submit your materials and all other correspondence to <u>para@irusa.org</u>. Professional samples related to Zakat from your portfolio are highly recommend with the interest submission, but it is optional.