

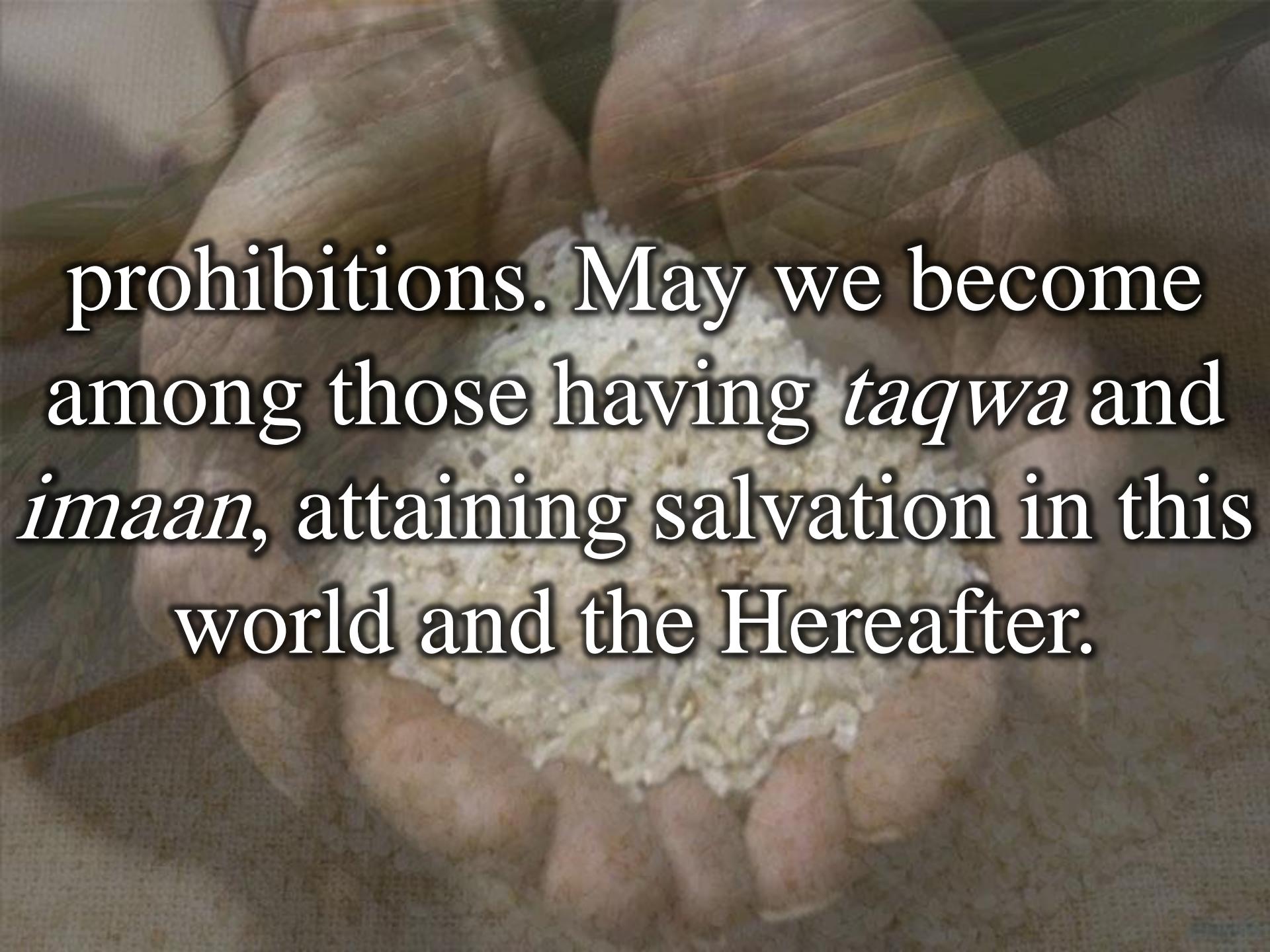


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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

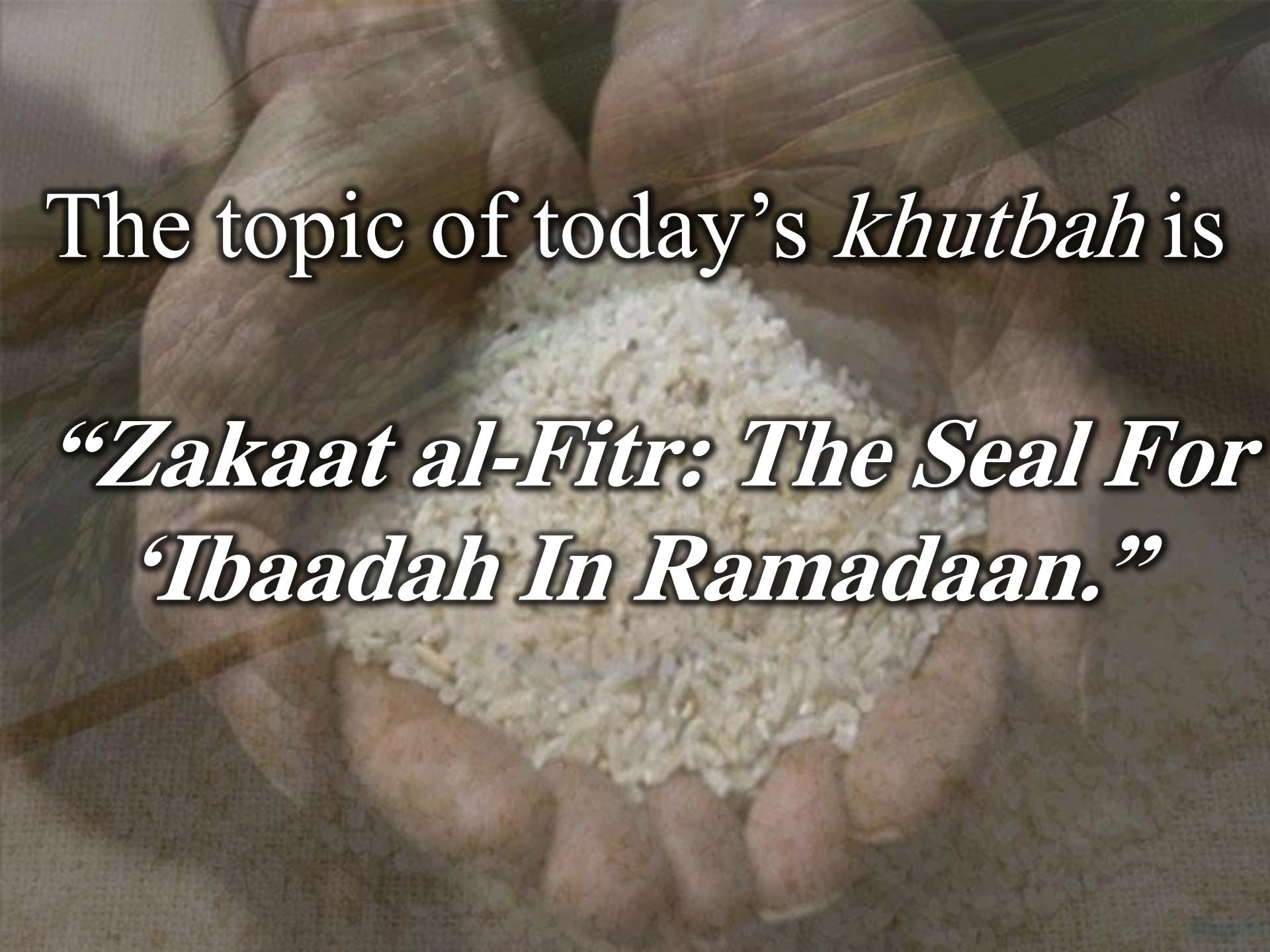
ZAKAAT AL-  
FITR: THE SEAL  
FOR 'IBAADAH  
IN RAMADAAN



Let us strive to increase our  
*taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* with full certainty  
and sincerity, by fulfilling all of  
His Commands and avoiding all  
of His



prohibitions. May we become among those having *taqwa* and *imaan*, attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.



The topic of today's *khutbah* is

***“Zakaat al-Fitr: The Seal For  
‘Ibaadah In Ramadaan.”***

*Ramadaan* is a month of mercy and forgiveness. In this month, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* has decreed the ‘*ibaadah* of fasting for an entire month, for the purpose of elevating

the status of mankind unto becoming *muttaqeen*. Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’an:

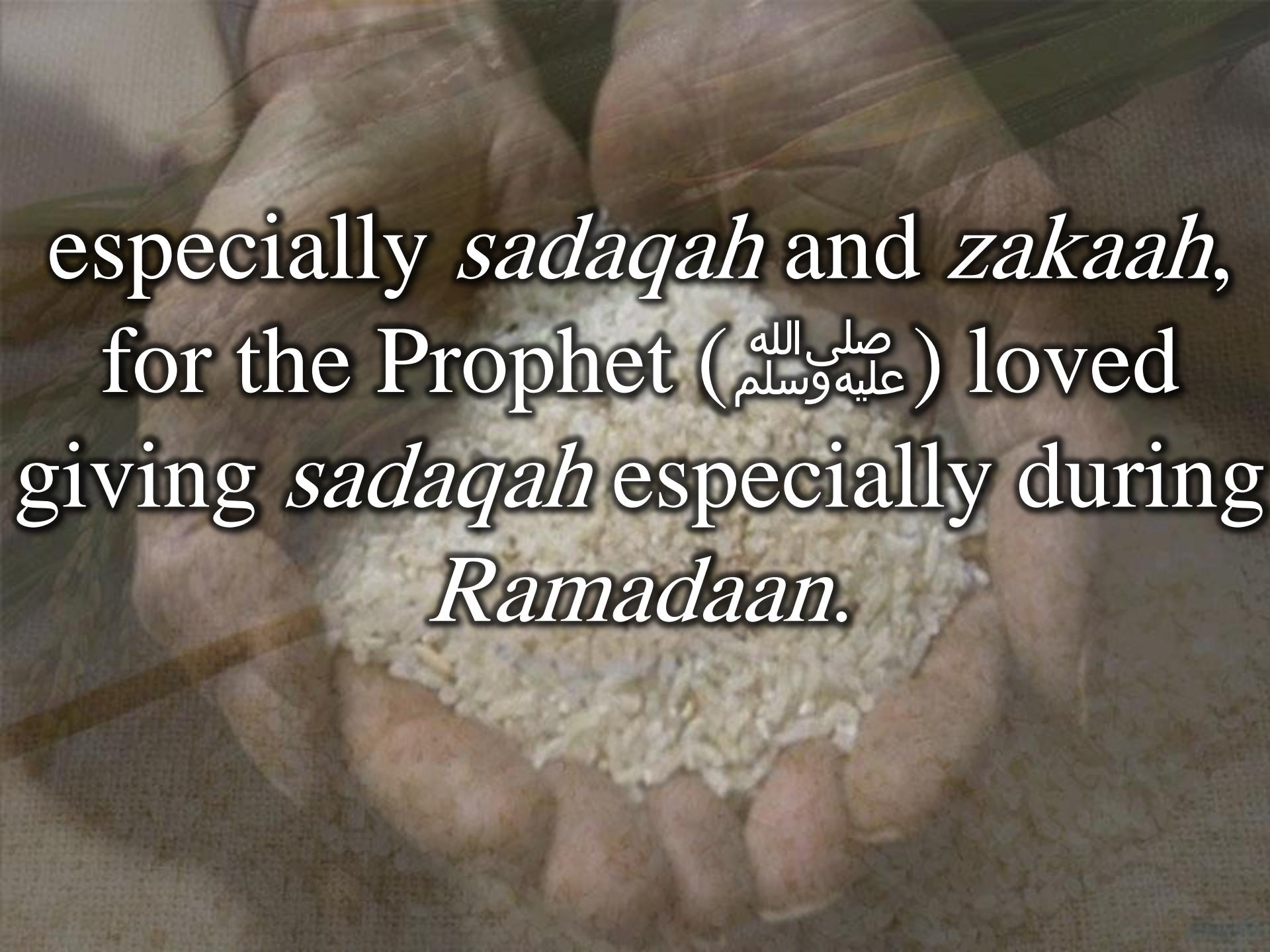
“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon

**those before you that you may  
become righteous.”**  
**(al-Baqarah 2:183)**

In this month, we are highly encouraged to increase our righteous deeds especially giving in the path of Allah such as the obligatory and supererogatory *sadaqah*, for Allah *Subhaanahu*

*Wata‘aala* has promised  
tremendous reward that are  
limitless upon every deeds that  
we perform.

Therefore, let us strive to  
increase our ability to perform  
righteous deeds



especially *sadaqah* and *zakaah*,  
for the Prophet ﷺ loved  
giving *sadaqah* especially during  
*Ramadaan*.

*During Ramadaan, Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala has ordained zakaat al-fitrah. This is intended to purify the body and soul of the fasting person from sins that were previously committed.*

Also, it was also ordained to aid the poor and needy so that they too can celebrate ‘*Eidulfitr* with joy. This is based on the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu* whom narrated:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) enjoined *zakaat al-fitr* on the one who fasts (*Ramadaan*) to purify him from any indecent act or speech and for the purpose of providing food for the

the needy. It is accepted as *zakaah* for the person who pays it before the '*Eid* prayer and it is *sadaqah* for the person who pays it after the '*Eid* prayer.

(Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah, ad-Daaraqutni, al-Haakim: *hasan*)

Hence, the scholars had stated those that delayed in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* until its allowable time expires (after *salaat al-'eid*), that they have sinned and remain obligated to fulfill it.

Furthermore, it becomes a debt upon them until it is fulfilled even if at the end of their lives.

Indeed, *zakaat al-fitr* is *waajib* upon every living Muslim during *Ramadaan*

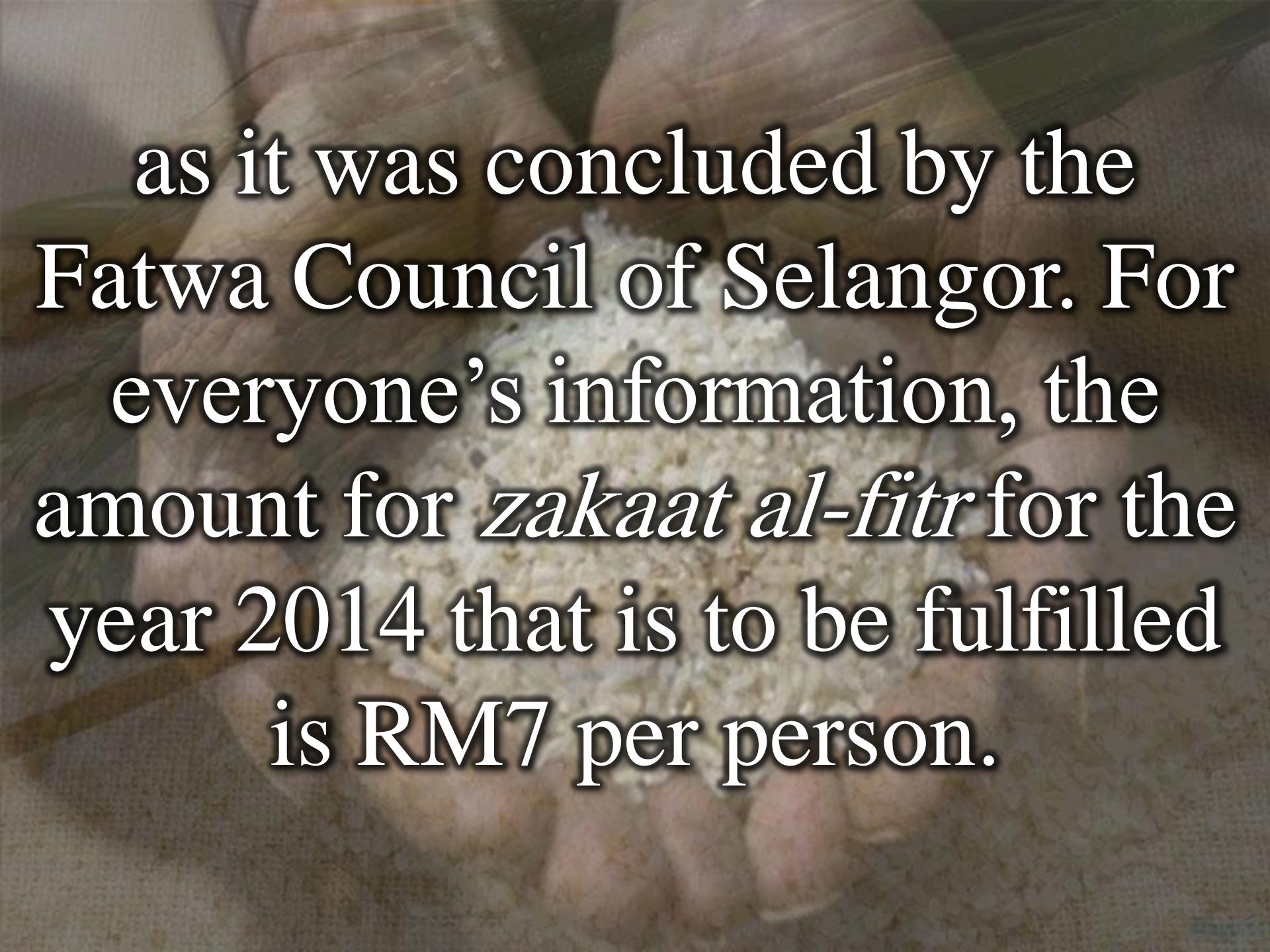
and *Shawwaal*, whether they are free individuals or slaves, male or female, adult or children, poor or wealthy. Narrated ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*:

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) enjoined *zakaat al-fitr*, a *saa'* of dates, or a *saa'* of barley, upon all the Muslims, slave and free, male and female,

**young and old, and he commanded that it be paid before the people went out to pray.**

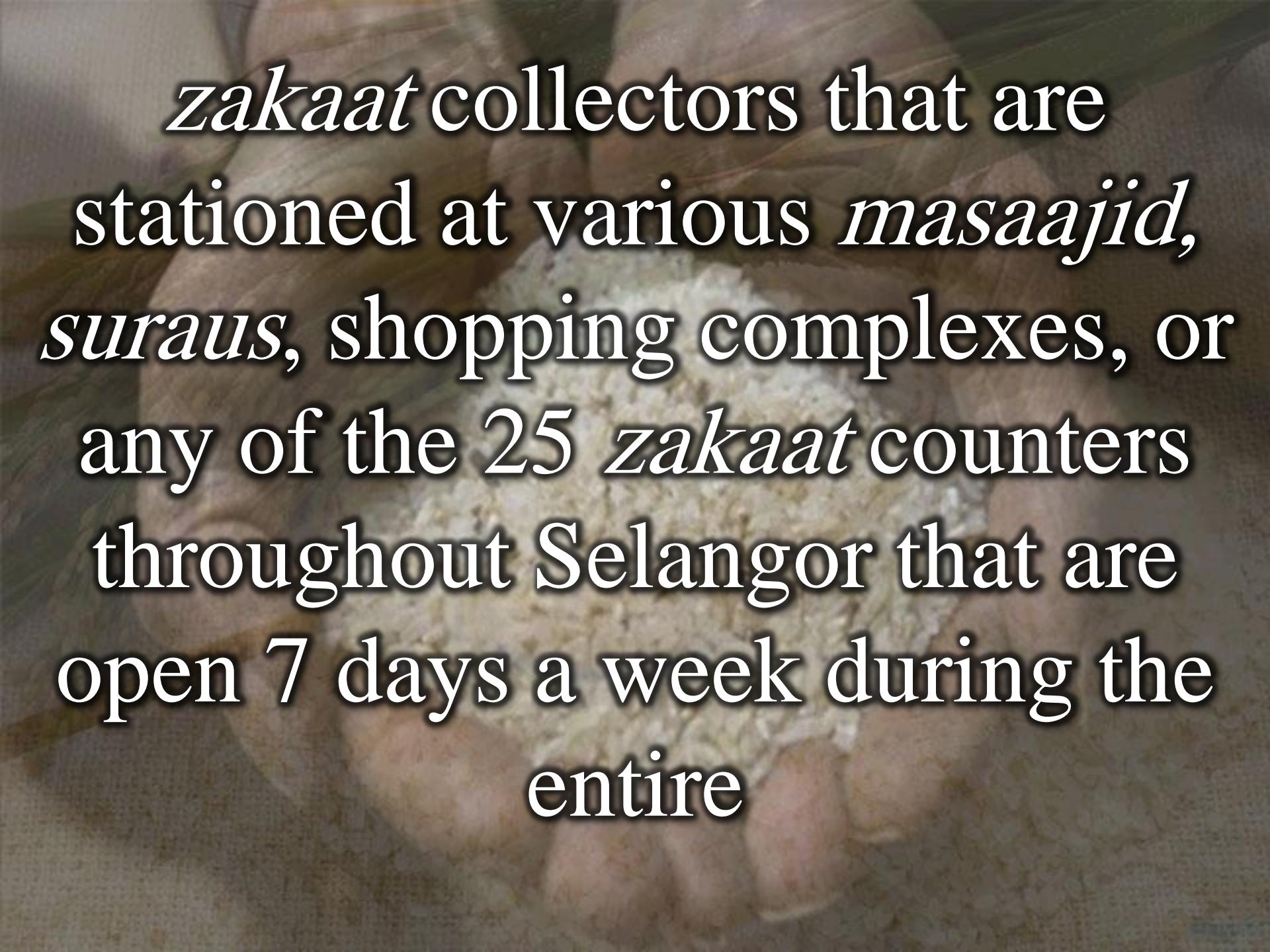
**(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)**

This *hadeeth* clarifies the required quantity for *zakaat al-fitr* that is to be fulfilled, which is 2.7 kg of the staple diet that can be given in the form of money based upon the current price of rice,



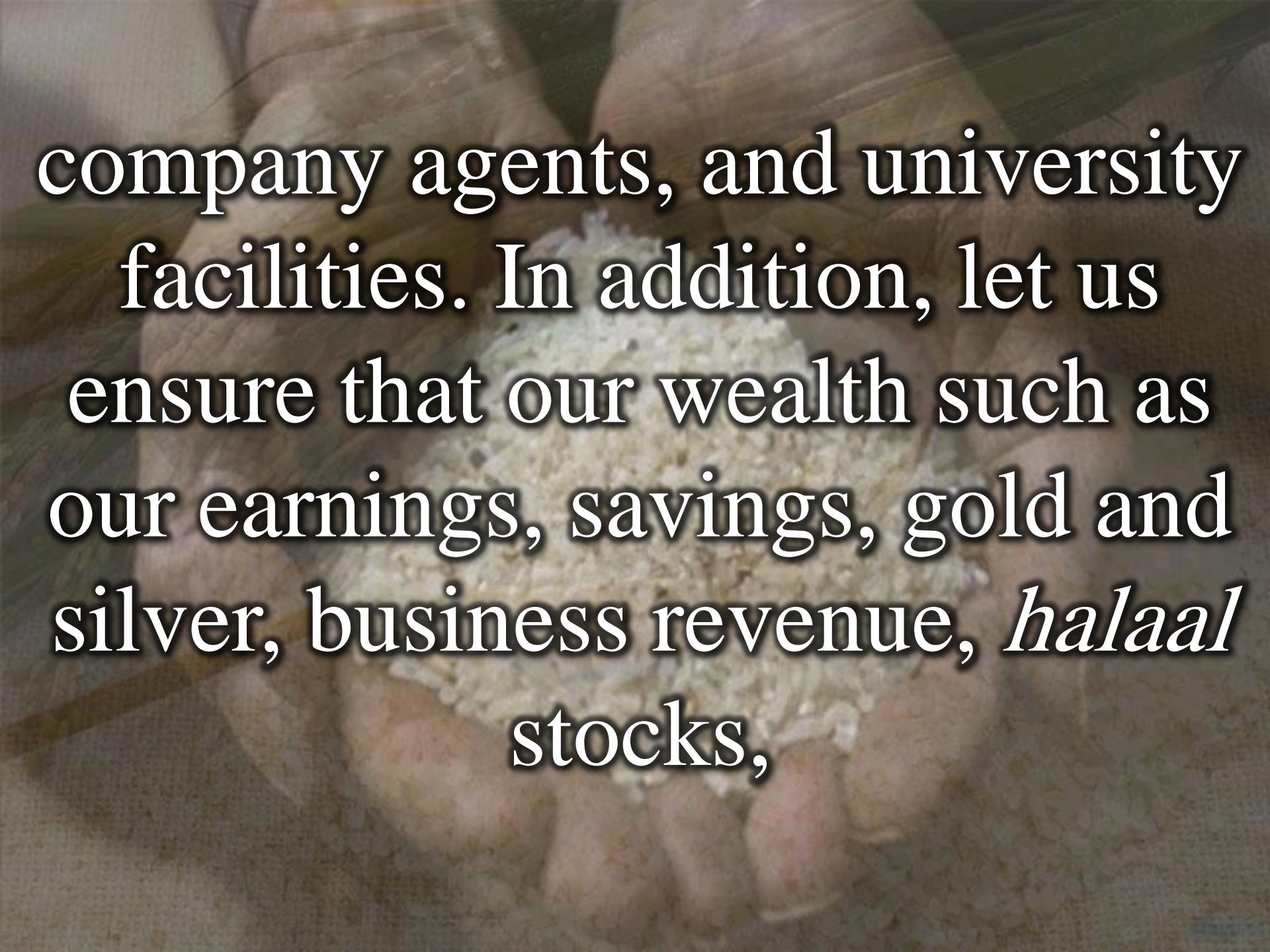
as it was concluded by the Fatwa Council of Selangor. For everyone's information, the amount for *zakaat al-fitr* for the year 2014 that is to be fulfilled is RM7 per person.

Therefore, I would like to humbly invite the Muslims to mark this *Ramadaan* as the initial step in fulfilling our zakaah. You can fulfill your zakaat *al-fitr* with any of the 2427 appointed

A person in traditional Islamic clothing, possibly a mufti or imam, stands outdoors with hands clasped in prayer. They are wearing a white agal (headband) and a light-colored robe. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

*zakaat* collectors that are  
stationed at various *masaajid*,  
*suraus*, shopping complexes, or  
any of the 25 *zakaat* counters  
throughout Selangor that are  
open 7 days a week during the  
entire

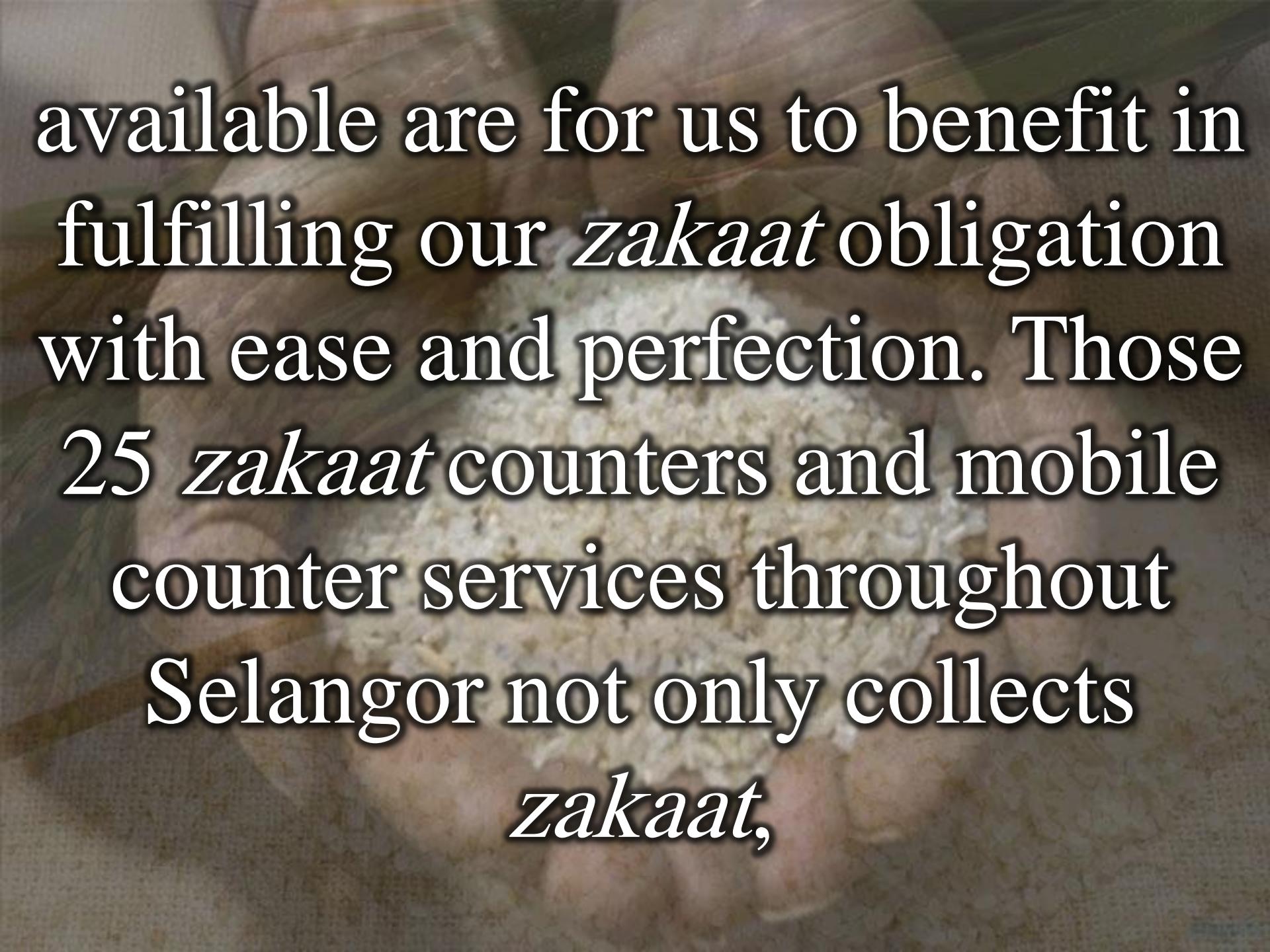
*Ramadaan*. Furthermore, one can also fulfill their *zakaat* using other facilities provided such as short messaging service (SMS), internet banking, debit card and Islamic credit,



company agents, and university facilities. In addition, let us ensure that our wealth such as our earnings, savings, gold and silver, business revenue, *halaal* stocks,

EPF withdrawn funds,  
agricultural produce, livestock,  
and others, have all their rights  
fulfilled with *zakaat* through all  
available facilities mentioned  
earlier.

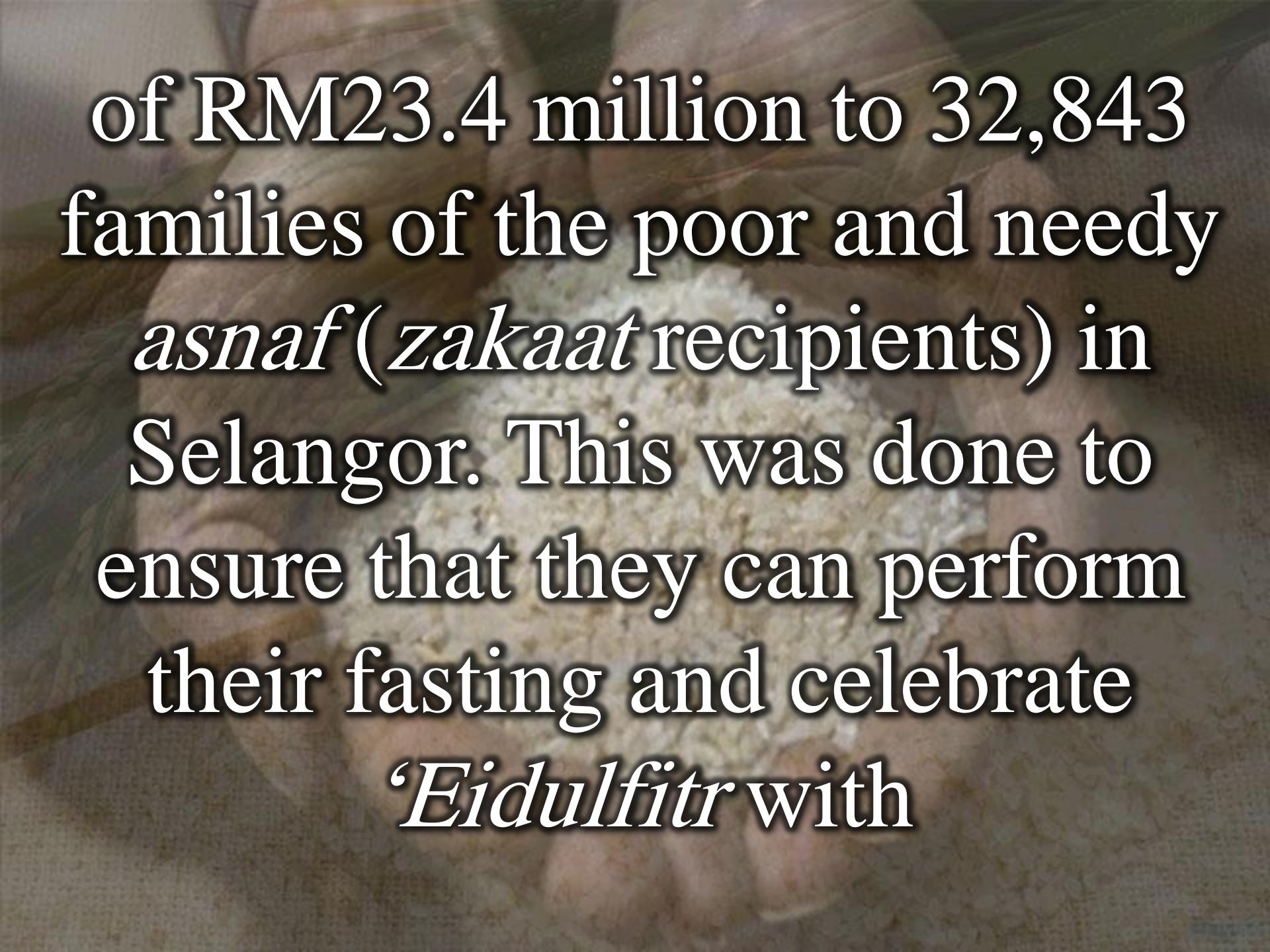
All the facilities made



available are for us to benefit in fulfilling our *zakaat* obligation with ease and perfection. Those 25 *zakaat* counters and mobile counter services throughout Selangor not only collects *zakaat*,

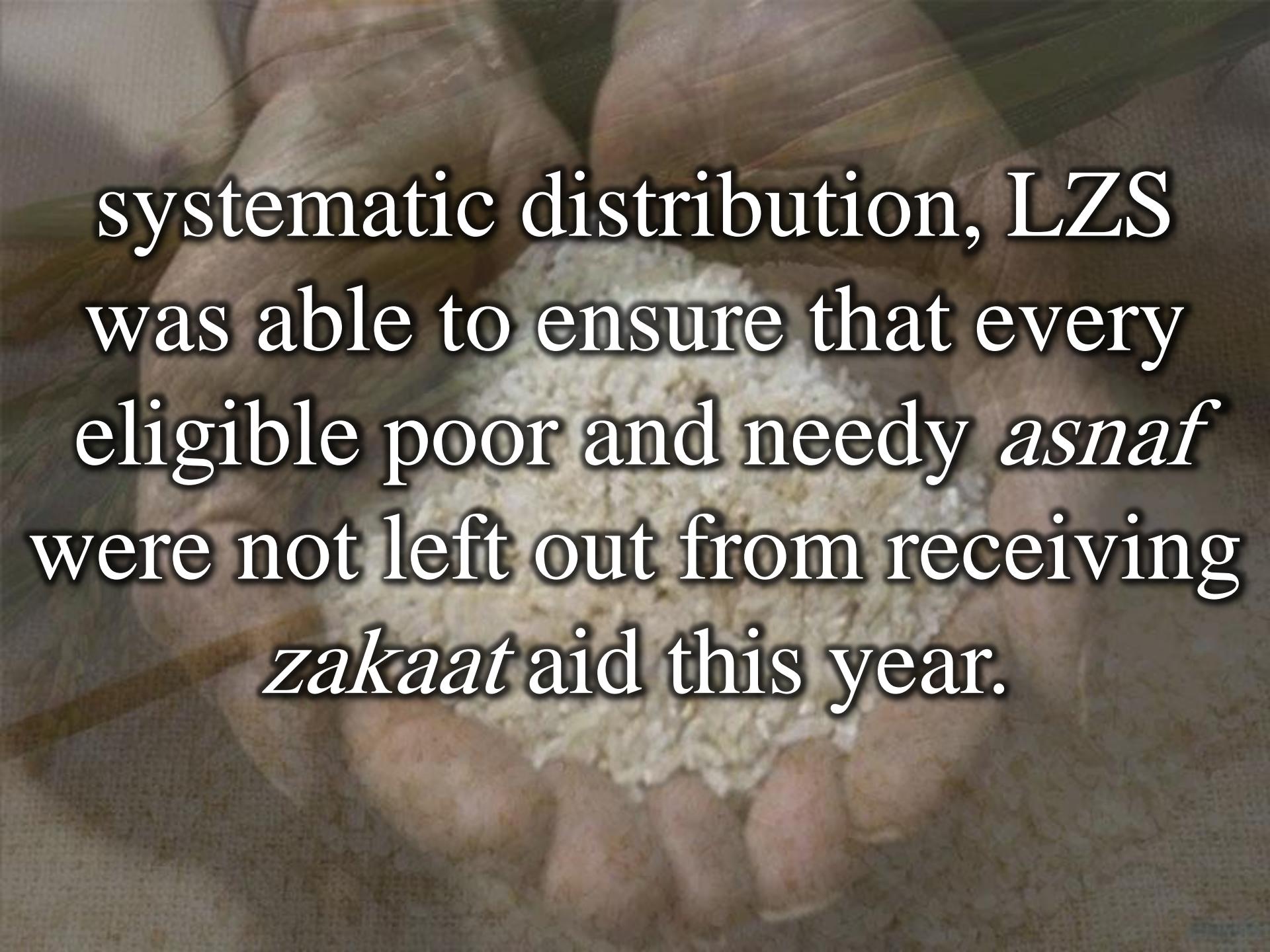
but also provides the facility to process requests for *zakaat* assistance.

For *Ramadaan* and '*Eidulfitr* of this year, the *Zakaat* Board of Selangor (LZS) has expedited the disbursement

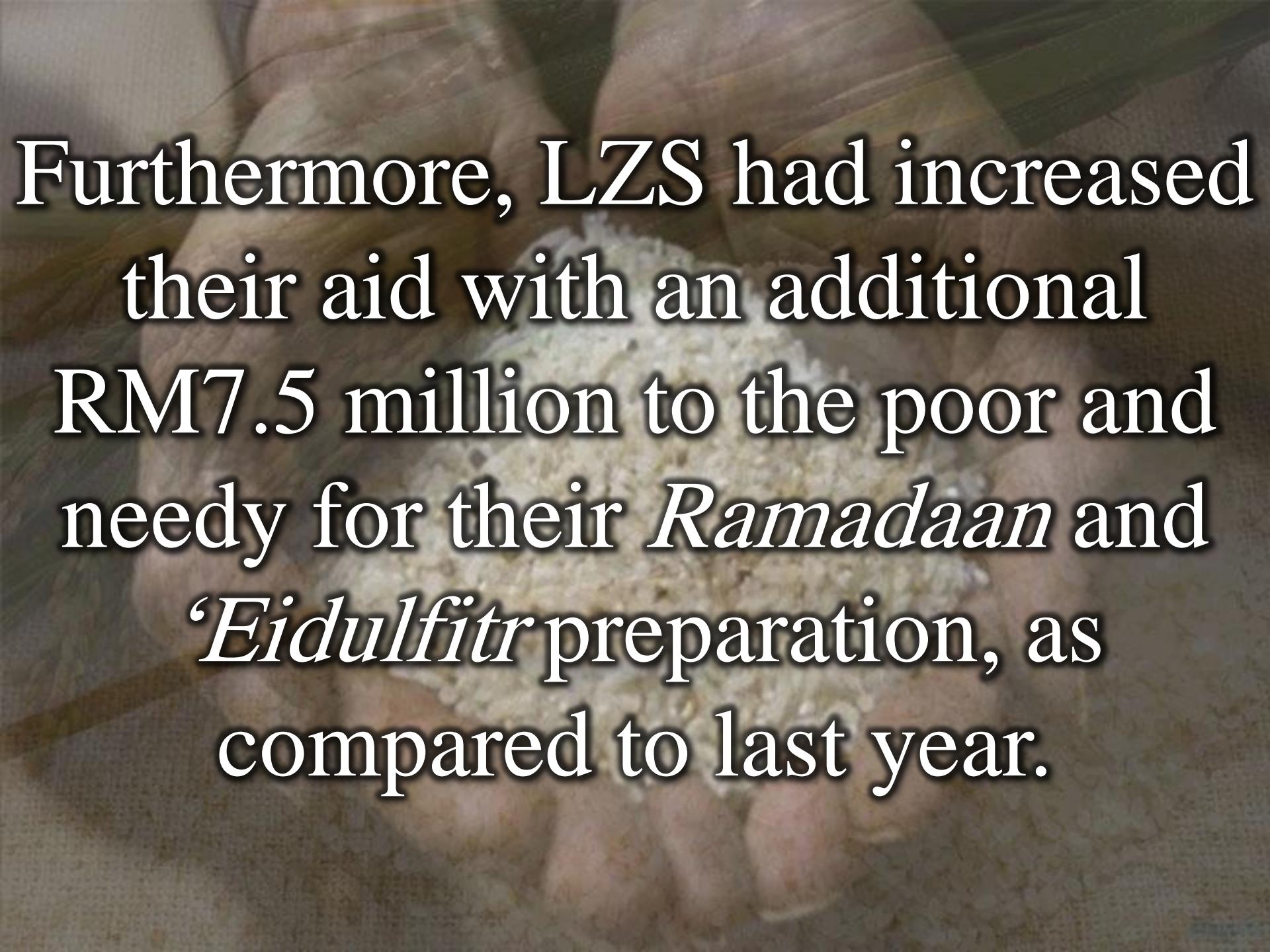


of RM23.4 million to 32,843 families of the poor and needy *asnaf* (*zakaat* recipients) in Selangor. This was done to ensure that they can perform their fasting and celebrate ‘Eidulfitr with

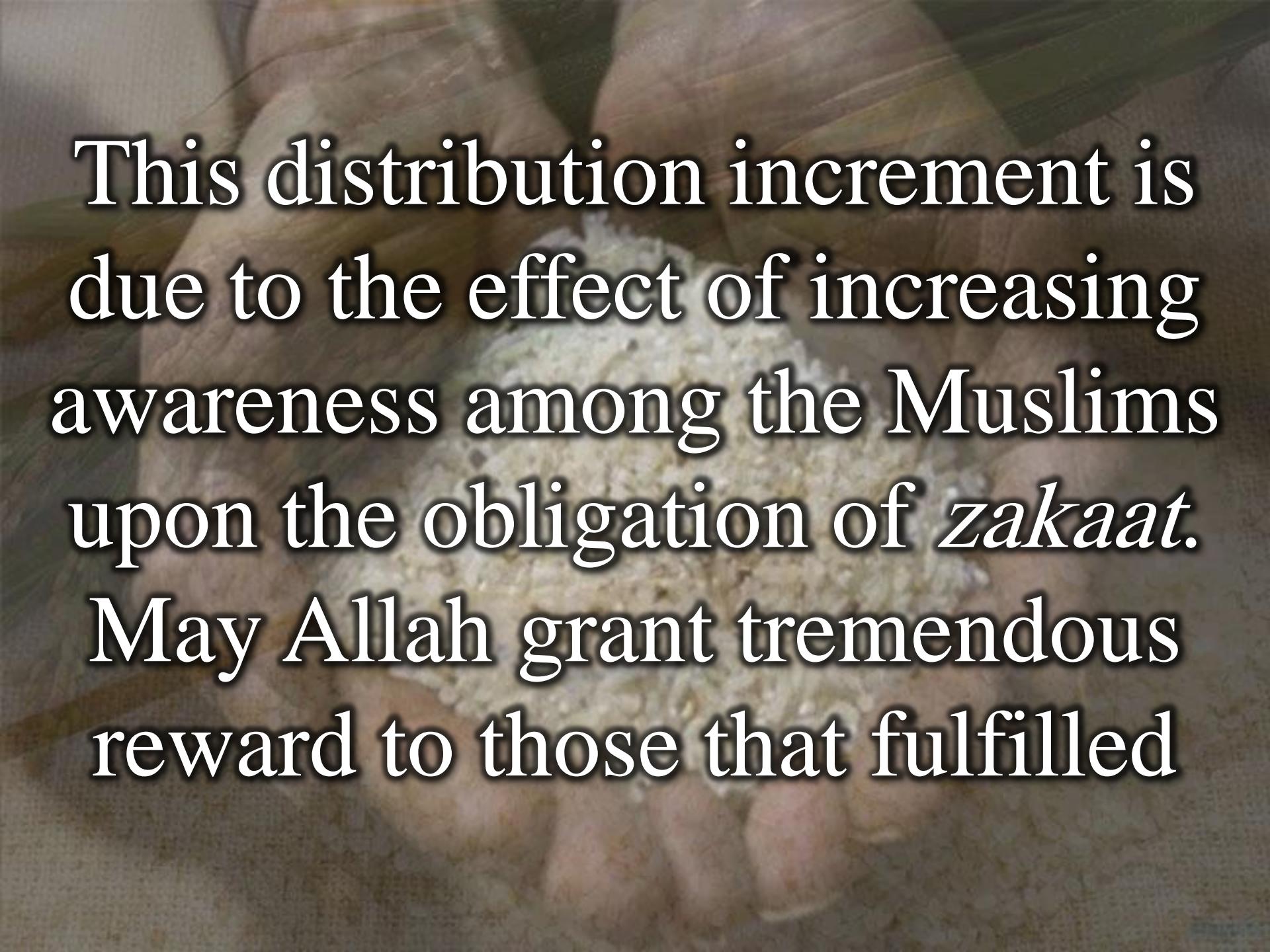
completeness. Actually, this total distribution was more than the actual *zakaat al-fitr* accumulated in 2013 at RM19.6 million. With proper collection management, along with structured and



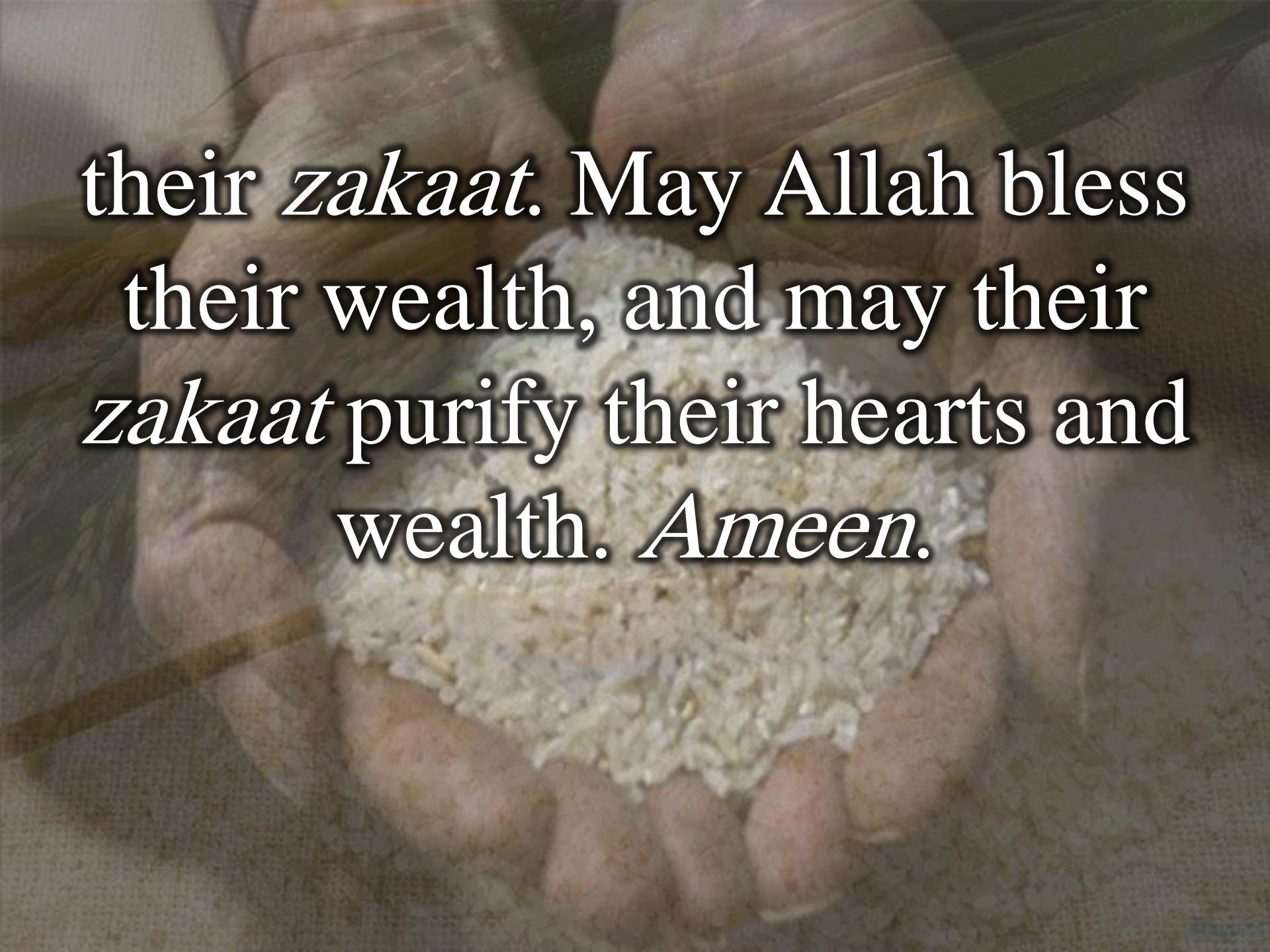
systematic distribution, LZS was able to ensure that every eligible poor and needy *asnaf* were not left out from receiving zakaat aid this year.



Furthermore, LZS had increased their aid with an additional RM7.5 million to the poor and needy for their *Ramadaan* and *'Eidulfitr* preparation, as compared to last year.

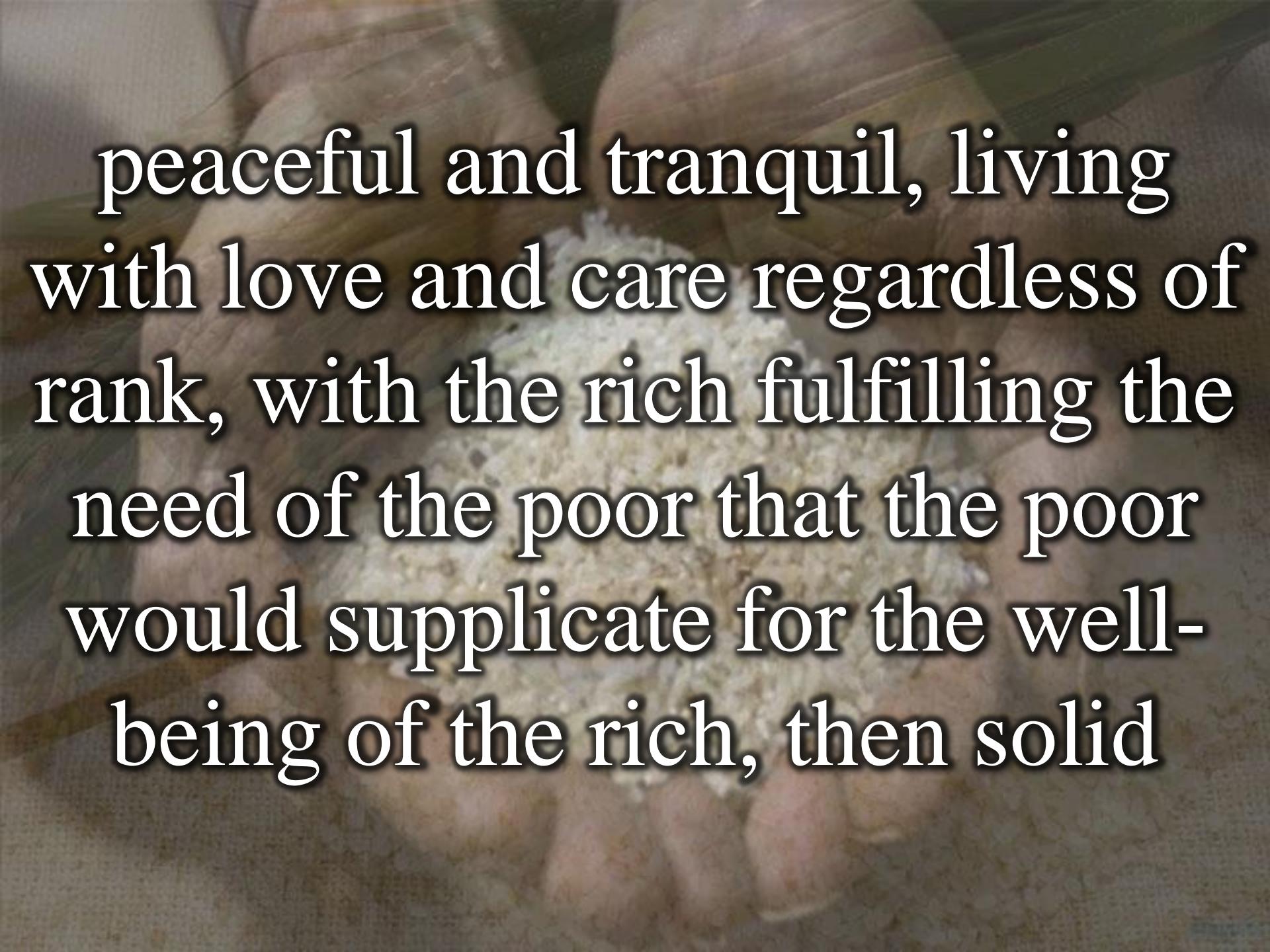


This distribution increment is  
due to the effect of increasing  
awareness among the Muslims  
upon the obligation of *zakaat*.  
May Allah grant tremendous  
reward to those that fulfilled

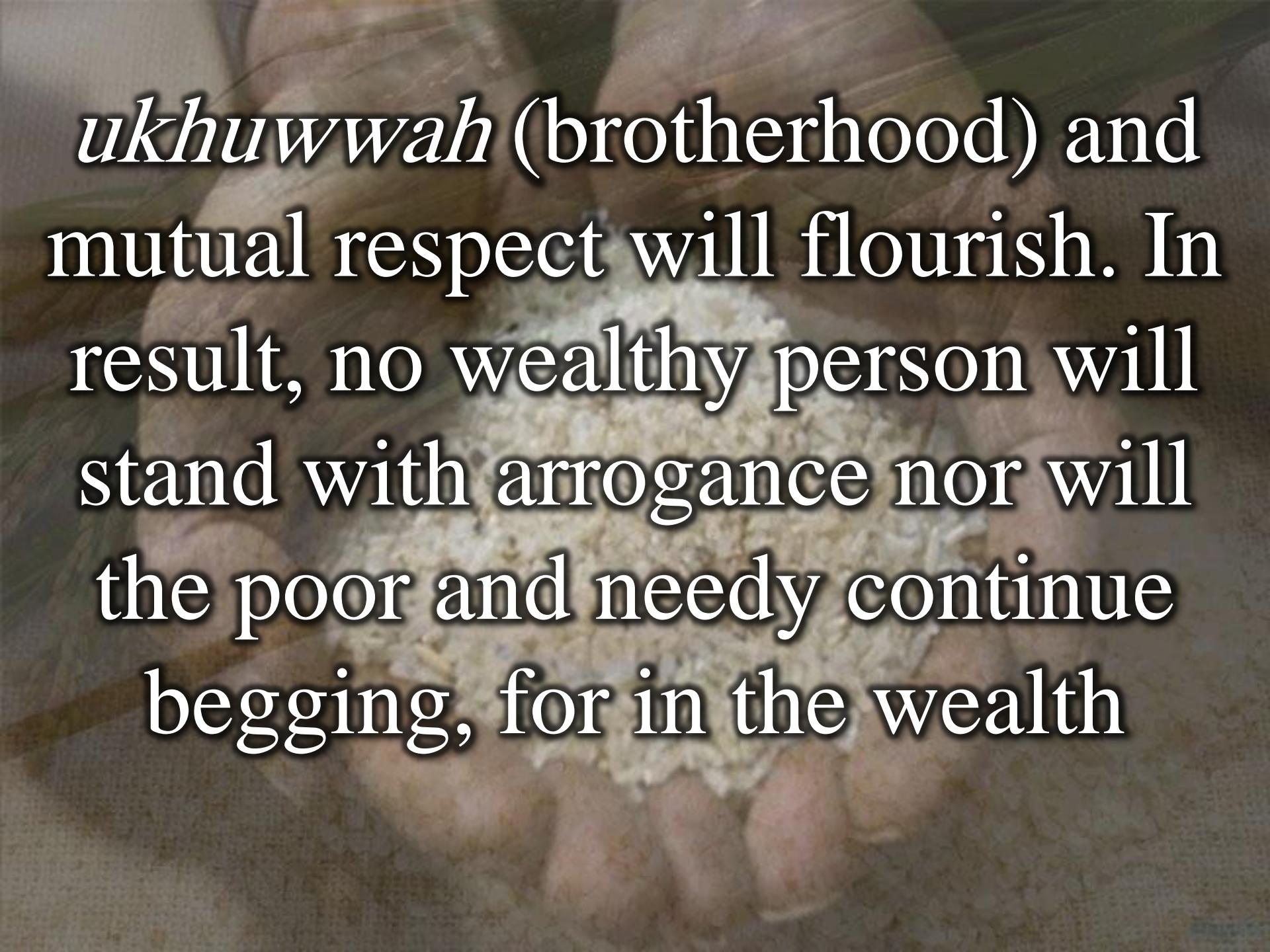


their zakaat. May Allah bless  
their wealth, and may their  
zakaat purify their hearts and  
wealth. *Ameen.*

That is the special *du‘aa* that is recommended to be supplicated by the *zakaat* recipients for those generous ones that had fulfilled their *zakaat*. When the Muslims living in a nation that is



peaceful and tranquil, living  
with love and care regardless of  
rank, with the rich fulfilling the  
need of the poor that the poor  
would supplicate for the well-  
being of the rich, then solid



*ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) and mutual respect will flourish. In result, no wealthy person will stand with arrogance nor will the poor and needy continue begging, for in the wealth

accumulated by the rich, there remain the rights of the poor and needy that must be fulfilled. This was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* in al-Qur'an:

“And from their properties  
was [given] the right of the  
[needy] petitioner and the  
deprived.”

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:19)

In conclusion, I humbly implore  
upon all of us:

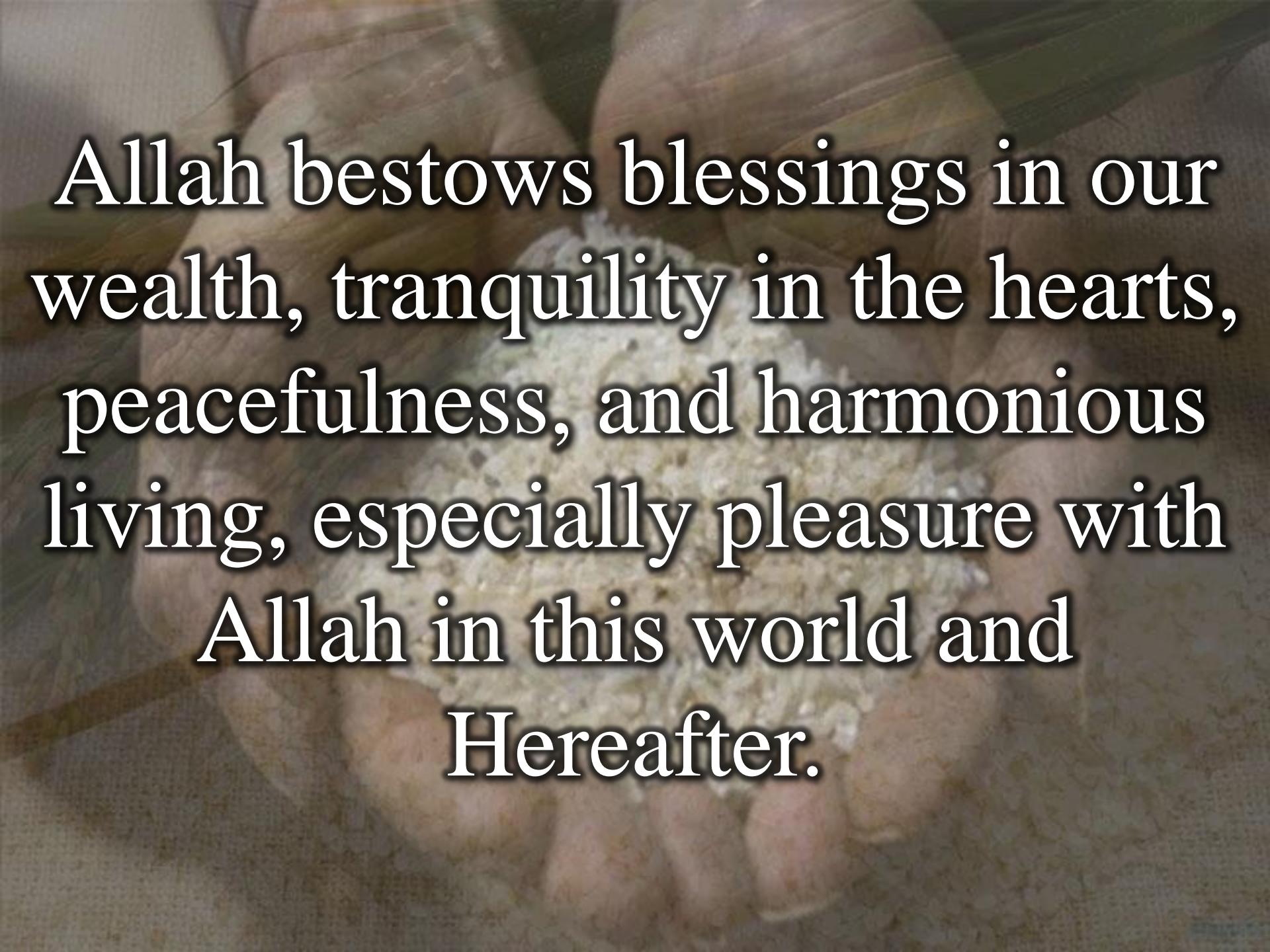
1- Let us strive to increase our  
good deeds in *Ramadaan*  
especially in *sadaqah* and  
*zakaah* for Allah has promised  
multifold rewards

to His slaves engaging in  
righteous deeds.

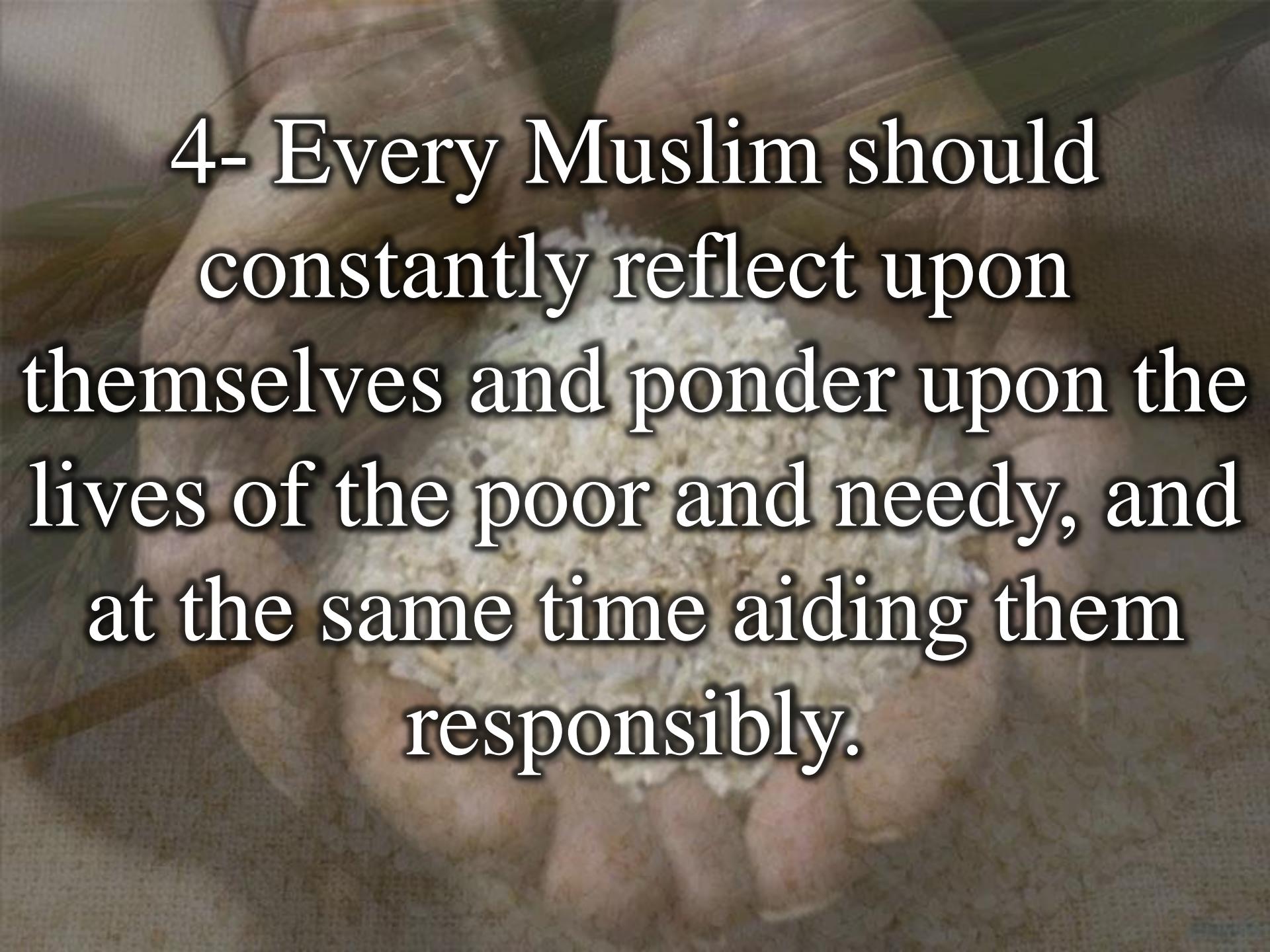
2- Let us not procrastinate in  
fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* for it is a  
*fard* that is ordained in  
*Ramadaan* aside from the  
obligation of fasting.

There is no more excuse for all kinds of facilities have been made available.

3- Indeed, *zakaat* is a mercy from Allah to the worlds. When we fulfill the obligation of *zakaat*, then



Allah bestows blessings in our wealth, tranquility in the hearts, peacefulness, and harmonious living, especially pleasure with Allah in this world and Hereafter.



4- Every Muslim should constantly reflect upon themselves and ponder upon the lives of the poor and needy, and at the same time aiding them responsibly.

“And the example of those  
who spend their wealth  
seeking means to the approval  
of Allah and assuring [reward  
for] themselves is like a  
garden on high ground which  
is hit

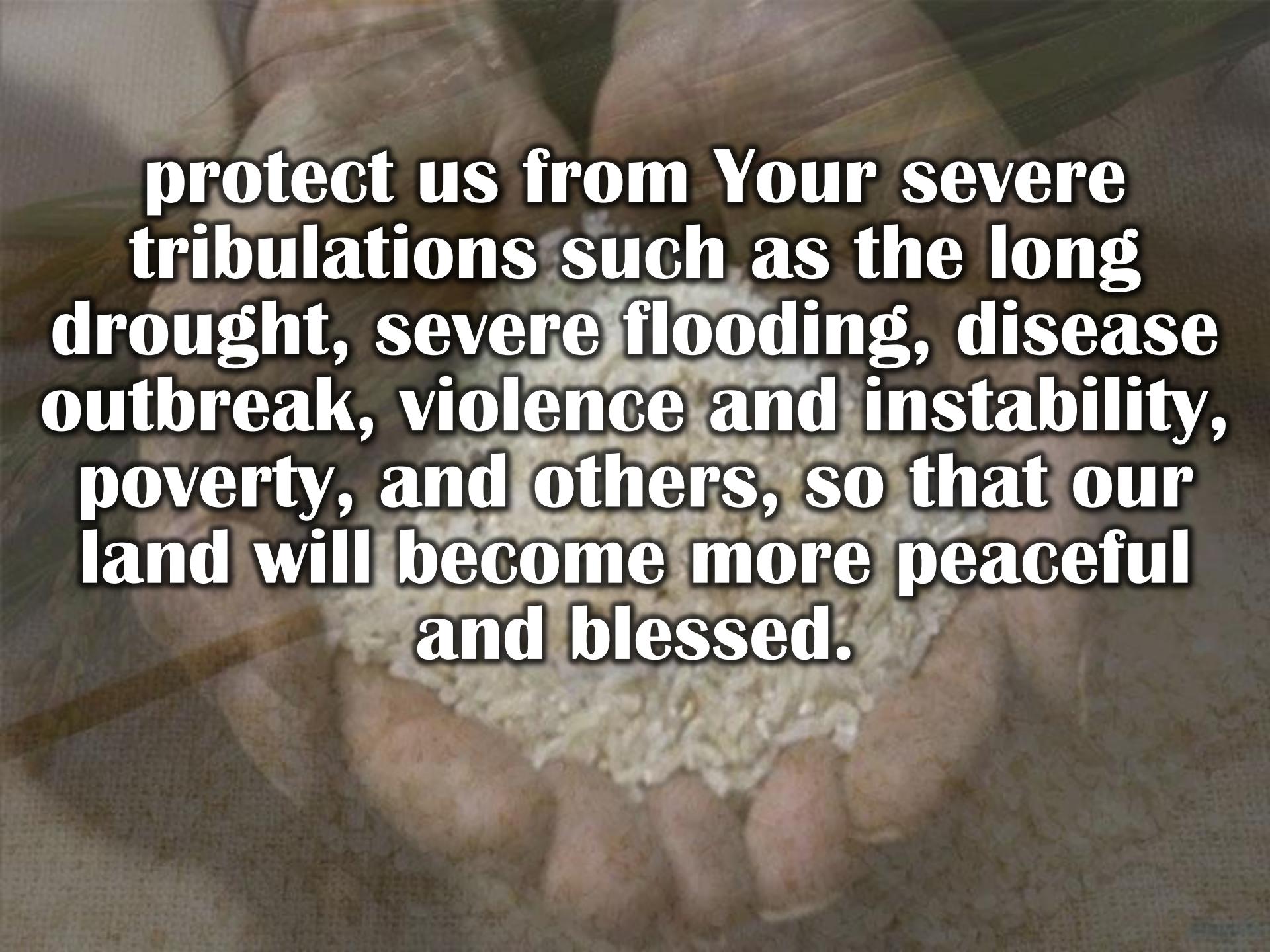
by a downpour - so it yields its fruits in double. And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:265)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,  
we are grateful unto You for  
having bestowed upon us Mercy  
and Blessings, nourishing us to  
strive to continue in strengthening  
the Muslim nation especially the  
state of Selangor, as an advanced,  
progressive, peaceful, and  
benevolent state.**

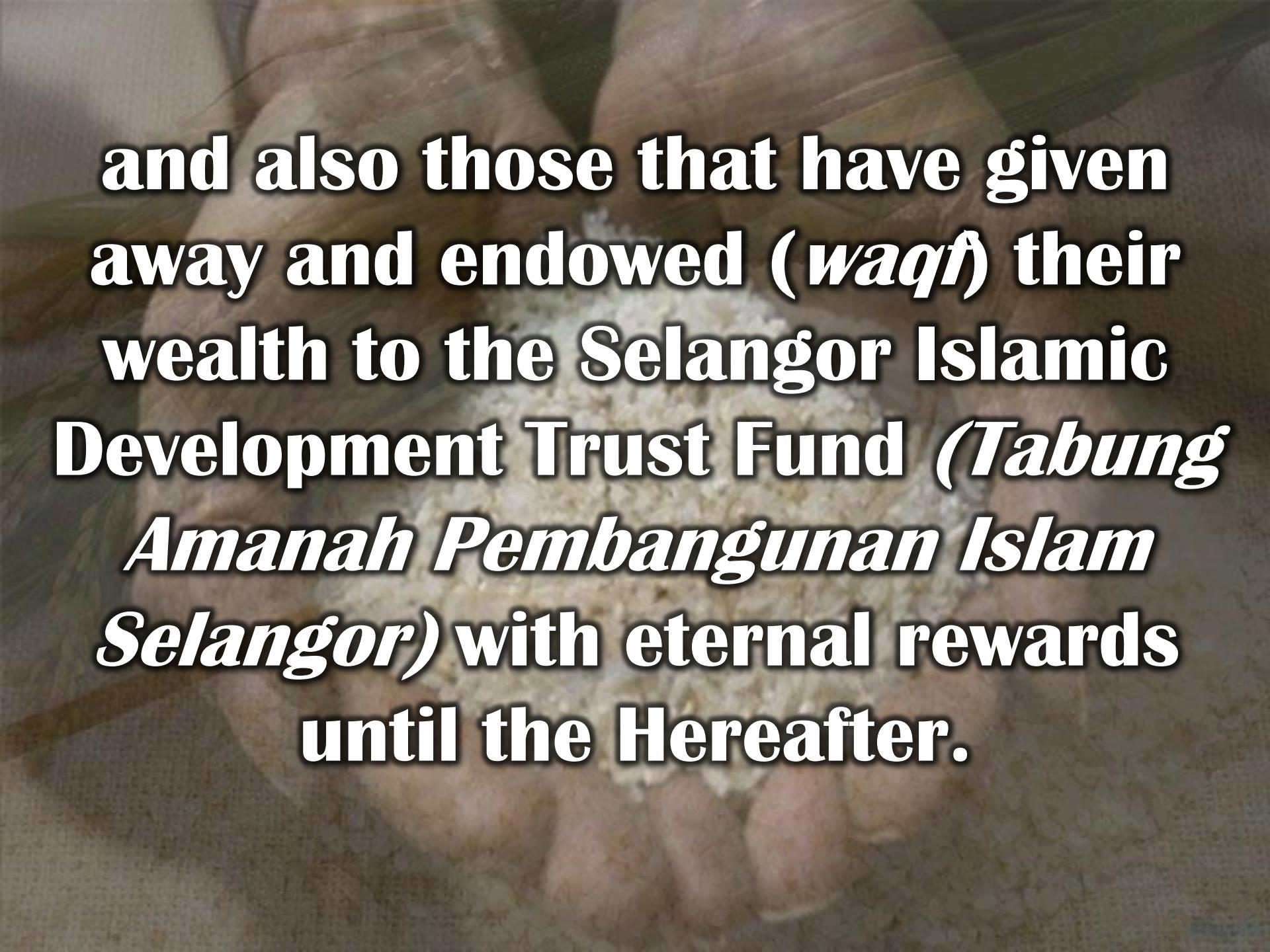
**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,  
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase  
our good deeds, strengthen our  
unity, increase our provision,  
enrich us with beneficial  
knowledge, nourish our soul with  
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the  
Path that is Pleasing to You,**



**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

**O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from ‘aqeedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee‘ism, Qaadiyani, and others.**

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up  
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*  
especially in Selangor, to fulfill  
their *zakaat* obligation as You had  
decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the  
lives of those who have fulfilled  
their *zakaat* obligation, loving and  
caring for the poor and needy.**



and also those that have given away and endowed (*waqf*) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (*Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor*) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

Purify their wealth and soul so that  
they will live according to that  
which pleases You. Protect the  
poor and needy from disbelief and  
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa*  
*ameen*



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