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The second question of Fatwa no. 20057

Q3: In Ramadan a generous man gave me a sum of money and told me to distribute it among the poor because I knew the poor people better than he did. I gave some money to poor people and bought foodstuffs from the market for others. I distributed this foodstuff among them instead of giving them money because these people could not go to the market to buy their needs. Also, in some families money is taken by their sons against the will of their needy parents. Is what I have done permissible? Please note that we live in a village. May Allah grant you success!

A: You should adhere to do what you have been deputized to do and distribute the money among the poor instead of buying them goods because you have not been deputized to do so. You should repay to the poor people the money with which you bought the goods so as to do what you were deputized to do and also to not be guilty in the sight of Allah (may He be Exalted). May Allah reward you for what you have done. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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