



Working overseas

The second question of Fatwa no. 16221

Q 2: Due to extreme poverty and the many debts that I am suffering from, and also due to unemployment that is widespread in way not known, except to Allah (may He be Exalted), is it permissible for me, under these conditions, to: ask people for Sadaqah (voluntary charity) or Zakah, even if they are in a country far away, such as your country, or to search for a work contract from overseas.

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I hope you will advise me.

A: If the situation is as you mentioned, there is no harm in asking for Sadaqah and the like, or searching for work in another country if the country is an Islamic country. This is seeking sustenance through lawful means, and protecting oneself from need and poverty and traveling to seek Halal (lawful) sustenance are among the objectives of the Shari'ah (Islamic law). And Allah knows best! May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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