

SMALL LOANS SCHEME

Muslim Hands helps people to gain self-sufficiency and self respect by giving poor people the ability to earn their own living. We help them to start small businesses by providing small interest free loans.

As the business becomes viable the loan is gradually repaid and we use it to start another small business.

Over the last few years a variety of small projects have been launched in this way. These businesses may seem modest by UK standards but they are a vital (if not only) source of income to their

owners. Our field officers carefully consider the business plans and work closely with the recipients to **give assistance when needed -through advice, motivation and training.**

The monetary values of the loans are often very small and hence repayment of the loans is not a problem.

With your support we hope to expand the Muslim Hands Small Loans Scheme and help initiate many new businesses in the future including rice growing, ice-cream making, fish farming, poultry farming, refreshment stalls, and welding shops.

EXAMPLES OF INCOME GENERATING SCHEMES:

- £30** Provides **sewing machine** to widows
- £50** Provides tools for **trained technician** e.g mechanic
- £100** Setup **Mobile Tea / Snack Stall**

Contact Muslim Hands for details of your project

LEBANON:

Honey Makes Money

Since 1997, Muslim Hands has supported **The Widows Rehabilitation Programme** that teaches the skills of bee keeping, gathering and packaging honey products for sale. The trainees are also taught how to market and run a business in a professional way



ASIA: £100 for New Mobile Snack Shop

Picture shows mobile ice-cream (kulfi) shop setup through Muslim Hands Small Loans Scheme in Kashmir.

THE GAMBIA:

Chicken Farming

Muslim Hands has set-up a chicken farm in The Gambia, creating much needed jobs and providing training to the local community, as well as turning out boxes of nutritious eggs each day. Next year we will begin giving chickens (with training & support) to villages across the country, empowering villagers to help themselves

