

Charity is Sometime
a Sweet Poison

Outline

1) Introduction:

Charity is giving money to others to help them. Charity is the Sunnah of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). He used to give his money to the poor.

2) Concept of charity in religion

In Islam there are different ways to give charity some are given below:

Zakat: Zakat is the one of the Five pillars of Islam, an obligatory annual giving of fixed percentage of one's wealth to poor and other specific causes.

Sadqah:

Sadqah is the most beautiful way of giving charity. Muslims gives Sadqah to poors for their protection

from the evils. Sadqah is the Sunnah of Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H). It was the practice of Sahabah (R.A).

"Charity is the greatest of All virtues"

Charity is not the Sadqah of money but also the Sadqah of clothes food and all the essential things.

Several Quranic verses discuss Sadqah:

"You will not attain to piety until you spend of that which you love"

(Surah - Al Imran)

3. Positive Impact of charity:

There are very positive impact of charity.

⇒ Increased happiness:

It can increase the happiness of donor as well as receiver.

⇒ A sense of Purpose:

Giving charity can build a sense of Purpose. One can be a responsible person by giving charity. charity is the act of kindness.

4) The flip side when charity become poison:

charity become poison when it is undermined by external issues lik toxic Place, poor governance and workplace culture etc.

→ Poor governance:

Poor governance is the main issue in charity trustees. Offices are failing to implement necessary Policy.

⇒ Toxic workplace culture:

Internal toxicity can exist with in charity workplace for example different NGOs and offices.

5) Charity as the source of dependency:

Excess of everything is bad. Charity can make a person dependent. It can would kill the ability and skills of ones. Firstly the person who is

taking charity become dependent because excess of everything is bad.

=> Promotes dependency Mentality:

If a community consistently receive aid it leads the dependency syndrome where people less like to do the actions by their own.

=> Fails to empower:

Charity focuses on handouts rather than empowerment can lead to loss of dignity.

For example the beggars on the roads.

(6) Misuse of charity:

=> Personal gains

Most of the people misuses charity. They use the charity for their personal use. Most of the NGOs and institute take the donations and use them for their personal use.

In one of the biggest charity scam cases in American history, four cancer charities were caught embezzling over \$187 million in donation

Misuse of NGOs Aid dependency:

Many NGOs instead of serving the poor become source of personal and political agendas. Most of the NGOs use the charity for their personal use.

Example: Benazir income support program.

The heads of these schemes are corrupt and they used to do the corruption they use the money for their personal gains.

Causes of Misuse:

⇒ corruption:

The root cause for the misuse of charity is corruption. Most of the people have the habit of corruption.

⇒ Poverty:

Poverty can cause the problems for a poor man. Poverty is the root cause of corruption.

Solution:

⇒ strict regulation:

To prevent the charity as poison

government should have strict regulation on each and everything

⇒ Financial Transparency:

Financial transparency is necessary to prevent the misuse of charity. Lack of transparency is the cause of misuse of charity.

⇒ Regular Audits of NGOs

Regular Audits can create fear in NGOs. Check and balance is necessary to run any organisation.

⇒ Strong governance:

Strong governance can help the countries to break the cycle of dependency.

Conclusion:

NGOs and foreign aid can play a powerful role in uplifting the society but only when use honestly and wisely. In my opinion charity has positive as well as

negative impact on our life.
Charity is sometime a sweet
poison because it can destroy
one's skills. Hence proved excess
of everything is bad