

There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is  
the Messenger of Allah

King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

No: K/43

Date: 02/08/1446

With the help of Almighty Allah

We, Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Based on Article (Seventy) of the Basic Law of Governance issued by Royal Order No. (O/90) dated 27/08/1412 AH.

Based on Article (Twenty) of the Law of the Council of Ministers, issued by Royal Order No. (O/13) dated 03/03/1414 AH, and

Article (Eighteen) of the Shura Council Law, issued by Royal Order No. (O/91) dated 08/27/1412 AH.

After reviewing Shura Council Resolutions No. (107/54) dated 11/14/1435 AH, No. (79/38) dated 08/03/1437 AH, No. (79/17) dated 05/21/1439 AH, No. (32/6) dated 03/30/1441 AH, No. (22/4) dated 04/15/1442 AH, and No. (277/27) dated 10/27/1445 AH.

After reviewing Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (116) dated 02/02/1446 AH.

Do hereby decree the following:

- First : Approval of the Fundraising Law, as attached.
- Second : The provisions of the Law - referred to in Clause (First) of this Decree - shall apply to national government platforms for fundraising, unless specifically provided for in the provisions regulating them.
- Third : His Royal Highness the Prime Minister, the ministers, and the heads of the relevant independent agencies - each in their respective capacity - shall implement this Decree.

*//Signed//*

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Resolution No. (116)

General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers

Date: 02/02/1446 AH

Council of Ministers' Resolutions

## The Council of Ministers

After reviewing the papers received from the Royal Court, No. 78650, dated 01/11/1445 AH, regarding the draft law for fundraising, in its session chaired by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud;

The aforementioned draft law, the Regulations for Fundraising for Charitable Purposes, issued by Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (547) dated 03/30/1396 AH;

Reports No. (412) dated 21/11/1425 AH, No. (39) dated 28/01/1430 AH, No. (385) dated 03/07/1434 AH, No. (557) dated 07/09/1436 AH, No. (444) dated 19/04/1438 AH, No. (897) dated 22/05/1440 AH, No. (1384) dated 18/11/1441 AH, No. (108) dated 22/03/1444 AH, No. (526) dated 24/08/1442 AH, No. (198) dated 04/05/1443 AH, and memoranda No. (445) dated 19/04/1438 AH, No. (498) dated 01/07/1441 AH, No. (275) dated 19/02/1442 AH, No. (1549) dated 09/07/1443 AH, No. (3896) dated 21/12/1444 AH, No. (1637) dated 09/05/1445 AH, No. (2331) dated 27/06/1445 AH, and No. (51) dated 03/01/1446 AH, prepared by the Bureau of Experts of Council of Ministers;

The recommendation prepared by the Council of Economic and Development Affairs No. (10-36/42/D) dated 10/09/1442 AH;

The report of the Political and Security Affairs Council No. (M.S.T./17-4/45) dated 03/04/1445 AH;

Shura Council Resolutions No. (107/54) dated 14/11/1435 AH, No. (79/38) dated 03/08/1437 AH, No. (79/17) dated 21/05/1439 AH, No. (32/6) dated 30/03/1441 AH, No. (22/4) dated 15/04/1442 AH, and No. (277/27) dated 27/10/1445 AH; and

The recommendation of the General Committee of the Council of Ministers No. (434) dated 11/01/1446 AH.

Do hereby resolves the following:

- First : Approval of the Fundraising Law, as attached.
- Second : The provisions of the Law referred to in Clause (First) of this Decree shall apply to national government platforms for fundraising unless specifically provided for in the provisions regulating them.  
A draft royal decree has been prepared in this regard, the wording of which is attached hereto.
- Third : The National Center for Non-Profit Sector shall, within the fifth year of the implementation of the Law referred to in Clause (First) of this Resolution,

submit a report containing the results of its implementation and the proposals it deems appropriate in this regard.

*//Signed//*

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Bureau of Experts at the Council of  
Ministers

Number:  
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## **Fundraising Law**

### **Article (1)**

For the purposes of this Law, the following words and phrases, wherever they appear, shall have the meanings indicated opposite each of them:

**Law:** Fundraising Law.

**Regulations:** Implementing Regulations of the Law.

**Center:** National Center for Non-Profit Sector

**Fundraising:** Receiving cash or in-kind donations through a donation call or campaign.

**Call for Donation:** Urging natural or legal persons to donate to a specific organization, for a specific purpose, at a specific time, and according to a specific mechanism.

**Fundraising Campaign:** An organized activity through which donations are collected.

**Licensing Authority:** The Center and other entities authorized by law to issue fundraising licenses.

**Licensed Entity:** Civil associations and organizations, and other non-profit sector entities whose bylaws or regulations permit them to fundraise and which have obtained a fundraising license from the licensing authority.

**Donor:** A natural or legal person who makes a cash or in-kind donation to any Licensed Entity.

### **Article (2):**

1- Fundraising shall be limited to the Licensed Entity.

2- Those responsible for fundraising and disbursing donations at the Licensed Entity must be Saudi nationals.

### **Article (3):**

No Licensed Entity may fundraise except in accordance with its objectives stipulated in its bylaws or regulations. Donations shall be collected through the following:

1- Its approved bank accounts, in accordance with the instructions of the Saudi Central Bank.

2- Money transfers via electronic channels, and similar means specified by the regulations.

3- Checks, provided that they are deposited in its approved bank accounts.

**Article (4):**

The Licensed Entity may receive in-kind donations through its headquarters, branches, or locations licensed to fundraise, provided that this is documented in serially numbered receipts, a copy of which is provided to the donor.

**Article (5):**

The Licensed Entity may not:

1. Receive cash donations except through direct deposit into its approved bank accounts at banks and their branches.
2. Receive donations from outside the Kingdom, except with the approval of the Licensing Authority. The regulations shall specify the coordination mechanism between the Licensing Authority and relevant entities in this regard.

**Article (6):**

1- Before launching a fundraising campaign, the Licensed Entity must submit an application to the Licensing Authority, specifying the purpose of the campaign, its start date, duration, and the amount to be collected. The Licensing Authority must review the application and issue its decision within thirty days from the date of submission.

2- The fundraising campaign must cease upon the expiration of its specified period or upon the availability of the targeted amount, whichever comes first.

**Article (7):**

The Licensed Entity may not print or publish publications for the purpose of calling for donation unless its bylaws or regulations permit it to do so.

**Article (8):**

The call for donation shall be made through the following means:

- 1- Local media.
- 2- Local telecommunications companies, in accordance with the relevant regulations.
- 3- Billboards and utility bills.
- 4- Publications prepared by the Licensed Entity, in accordance with its rules or regulations.
- 5- Social media and websites.
- 6- Any other means specified by the regulations.

**Article (9):**

When fundraising through any of the means referred to in Article (Eight) herein above, the Licensed Entity must include the following information in its call:

1. License number.

2. Approved bank account numbers.
3. Address and telephone numbers of its headquarters or branches.
4. Information about the purpose for which the donation campaign is requested.

**Article (10):**

The Licensed Entity shall provide the Licensing Authority, within fifteen days of the end of the fundraising campaign, with a bank statement and a detailed financial report detailing the in-kind and cash donations collected.

**Article (11):**

The Licensed Entity may not spend the donations collected for purposes other than those for which they were collected, except with the approval of the Licensing Authority, taking into account the donor's condition, if any.

**Article (12):**

The Licensed Entity must identify those authorized to disburse donations, with no fewer than two of them jointly signed, with the financial officer of the Licensed Entity as the primary signature.

Disbursements shall be made from its approved bank accounts.

**Article (13):**

The Licensed Entity shall be obligated, when preparing its annual budget, to detail the proceeds of fundraisings, its revenues, and its expenditures, supported by supporting documents.

**Article (14):**

If the Licensed Entity violates any provision of the law when fundraising, the Licensing Authority must issue a decision suspending the fundraising for the purpose for which they were collected.

**Article (15):**

Subject to the provisions of the Law of Civil Society Associations and Organizations, and taking into account the rights of any other party acting in good faith, the Licensing Authority, the Public Prosecution, and the Presidency of State Security may request a precautionary seizure of the bank accounts of any Licensed Entity or any natural or legal person fundraising in a manner that violates the provisions of the Law, for a period not exceeding sixty days. The seizure may be extended for a longer period based on a judicial order issued by the competent court.

**Article (16):**

The Public Prosecution shall investigate violations of the provisions of the Law and file prosecutions before the competent court.

**Article (17):**

1- A natural person who illegally fundraises shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand riyals, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or both. If the person is a non-Saudi, he shall be deported from the Kingdom after the completion of his sentence, and he shall not be permitted to re-enter the Kingdom except as required by the Hajj and Umrah Regulations.

2- Any unlicensed entity fundraising shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand riyals. The fine shall be doubled in the event of a repeat violation.

3- Any licensed entity that calls for fundraising in violation of Article (Nine) of the Law shall be punished with a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand riyals. The fine shall be doubled in the event of a repeat violation.

4- Any entity that violates the provisions of Article (Seven) hereof shall be punished with a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand riyals. The fine shall be doubled in the event of a repeat violation. The entity's license may be revoked in the event of a repeat violation.

5- Anyone who violates any provision hereof for which no penalty is provided in this Article shall be punished with a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand riyals. The fine shall be doubled in the event of a repeat violation.

6- A media outlet that advertises a fundraising for an unlicensed entity shall be punished with a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand riyals. The fine shall be doubled in the event of a repeat violation.

7- The competent court shall consider violations of the provisions of the Law and apply the penalties stipulated in this Article.

8- If any of the acts referred to in this article constitute a crime under other laws, the more severe penalty shall be applied.

9- The application of the provisions of this article shall not prejudice the provisions of other relevant laws.

**Article (18):**

All donations collected in violation of the provisions of the Law shall be confiscated - by court order - and spent on charitable causes specified by the regulations, taking into account the donor's condition, if any.

**Article (19):**

The senior official in the Licensing Authority shall designate those of its employees who shall have the authority to monitor violations of the provisions of the Law.

**Article (20):**

The provisions of the Law shall not apply to entities subject to the rules regulating and controlling the receipt of gifts and donations by government agencies, issued by Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (365) dated 14/08/1436 AH.

**Article (21):**

The Regulations shall be issued by a decision of the Council of Ministers, after being prepared by the National Center for the Non-Profit Sector, in coordination with the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Call and Guidance, the Presidency of State Security, the General Authority for Endowments, and the Saudi Central Bank, within a period not exceeding (ninety) days from the date of publication of the Regulations in the Official Gazette.

**Article (22):**

The Law repeals the Regulations for Fundraising for Charitable Objects - issued by Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (547) dated 03/30/1396 AH - and all provisions that conflict with it.

**Article (23):**

This Law shall come into effect one hundred and eighty days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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