

# From Unemployment to Self Employment the Prophet's Way (pbuh)

## The Example of Self Employment from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

A man from the Ansar came to the Prophet (peace be upon him) and begged from him. The Prophet asked, "Have you nothing in your house?" He replied, "Yes, a piece of cloth, a part of which we wear and a part of which we spread (on the ground), and a wooden bowl from which we drink water." The Prophet said, "Bring them to me." He then brought these articles to the Prophet who took them in his hands and asked, "Who will buy these?" A man said, "I shall offer to buy them for one dirham." The Prophet said twice or thrice, "Who will offer more than one dirham?" Another man said, "I shall buy them," and bought them for two dirhams. The man gave the two dirhams to the Prophet who took them and gave them to the owner Ansari and said, "Buy food with one dirham for your family, and buy an axe with the second dirham, and bring it to me." The Ansari brought the axe to the Prophet, who fixed a handle on it with his own hands and said, "Go, gather firewood and sell it, and do not let me see you for a fortnight." The man went away, and gathered firewood and sold it. When he had earned ten dirhams, he came to the Prophet and told him that he had bought a garment with some of them and food with his other earnings. **(Abu Dawud, Hadith 1637)**

Based on the teaching of the Prophet (pbuh), Hidaya assists people stuck in a cycle of poverty with a boost so they may start a business and begin sustaining themselves and their families, insha'Allah.

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