

Question 1390) - Why has waqf been given recognition in shari'ah?

A: In order that people in need\* may utilise its benefits whilst the substance remains intact. Also, so that the substance can remain as Sadaqah Jariyah [perpetual charity] for the Waqif. Rasutullah (S.A.W) said, "when a human dies his deeds end except for three ? perpetual charity, or knowledge through which people benefit, or pious offspring who pray for him." [Muslim]

\* This is a general phrase encompassing wealthy people as well who need to use Waqf property such as praying in Masjid and staying at facilities for travellers.

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