

WhatsApp Orientation Guide

Bismillah, and welcome to the Suhbah Sisterhood.

Suhbah Sisterhood is a space for Muslim women navigating work, business, leadership, and life. The WhatsApp Community is one part of the wider Sisterhood: a simple place to notice how ordinary moments can be rich with learning.

An Invitation

The Suhbah Sisterhood WhatsApp Community is for all Muslim women.

This is not another busy chat group, networking space, or content stream. It is a space to hear what Suhbah Sisterhood offers, and to explore how we experience the complexities of work, business, leadership, and life.

Aligned with the ethos of Suhbah Sisterhood, this space is not about *fixing* but about learning together. **In this way, we can reimagine our lives as a fuller expression of Imaan and Mizaan.**

This invitation is to show up exactly as you choose — read quietly, share occasionally, or participate more actively. Presence is valued above performance. However you are ready to participate is enough.

What to Expect

The Suhbah Sisterhood Community is in 3 parts:

- **Announcements:** a maximum of 3 messages per week sharing updates and events. If you choose to receive announcements only, other sisters cannot access your name, profile picture, or status.
- **Suhbah Connect:** the main group to join the conversation and receive a maximum of 3 reflection prompts per week.
- **Topical Groups:** formed for Suhbah Circles or when requested by sisters.

More about *Stepping into the Sisterhood*

Our rhythm is intentionally light:

- **Monday:** a guided prompt rooted in work, business, leadership, or life
- **Wednesday:** a story, reminder, or inspiration from historical and contemporary Muslim women
- **Friday:** a short reflection from the Suhbah team to help bridge insight into action
- **Anytime:** an opening for your own reflections, voice notes, and recognitions

The pauses between posts are deliberate. The aim is less overwhelm, more reflection.

Why WhatsApp

We chose WhatsApp because it is already part of everyday life and the most accessible way to connect sisters across Africa, MENA, Europe, and South-East Asia. Rather than asking you to learn another platform or log into another app, sisters can meet where we already are.

The intention is ease, access, and continuity.

This WhatsApp Community is ad-free and free forever. While Suhbah Sisterhood is outraged by the actions and investments of Meta, other messaging platforms are sadly not yet as widely used. We remain committed to continuing to explore online spaces that can nurture our sisterhood.

Your Part in the Sisterhood

You are invited to:

- share from lived moments rather than polished conclusions
- accompany rather than advise
- allow space for words to settle
- honour different stages of growth
- invite other women who would value this kind of companionship

Privacy and Its Limits

Understandably, digital communities come with concerns. You can join the WhatsApp Community in three ways:

- Community only: receive announcements only. Your name, profile picture, and status will not be visible to anyone.
- Stepping into the Sisterhood: join the conversation and receive reflection prompts.
- Topical groups: select groups based on your interests.

We ask that what is shared on WhatsApp stays within the Sisterhood. Please do not forward messages, screenshots, or voice notes outside the community.

At the same time, we acknowledge that no digital platform can guarantee complete confidentiality. Share with wisdom and care, especially around sensitive work, family, or business matters. Our facilitated circles and gatherings will create opportunities to delve deeper, *insha'Allah*.

We also welcome feedback and ask that you help us curate the WhatsApp Community experience. Any situations of discomfort, disrespect, breach of trust, or broken confidentiality will be discussed and addressed.

For this purpose, we invite contributors to help develop the Suhbah Sisterhood Agreements together — so that we uphold adab and amanah, dignifying every sister's words and participation.