



Humanity First Pakistan Floods Press Release



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The floods continue to affect large parts of Pakistan and around 20 million people. Diseases such as malaria, diarrhea, skin diseases and acute respiratory conditions are spreading rapidly among the vulnerable.

Humanity First continues to ship tonnes of aid from Europe, the Middle East and North America including tents, blankets, mosquito nets, water treatment boxes and water straws, high energy food and medical supplies through PIA.

On the ground, truck loads of aid are going out daily from Karachi, Islamabad and Faisalabad to various towns and villages across the country with the support of Pakistan's National Commission for Human Development (NCHD). To date, food parcels are being shipped out weekly to over 800 families and so far over **8.7 tonnes of food aid** has been distributed. Thousands of families are being assisted with a range of other items including 769 family tents, 750 mosquito nets, 600 water survival boxes, 750 blankets, and hundreds of hygiene kits, domestic supply kits and medical kits. In two areas, Humanity First has established tent villages for refugees.

HF Pakistan is running medical camps across the country treating minor injuries, infections and illness and is also planning to set up a more substantial field hospital. Currently, our response is serving **19,700 people**. HF has a large team on the ground and is ramping up the scale of our response covering all regions of the country which is expected to last several months.

Finally, as the Muslim festival of Eid approaches next week, Humanity First is packing special gift packs (as shown opposite) for girls and boys under 12 years including high energy biscuits and non-perishable food, sweets, communal games including ludo and a tennis ball, t-shirts, plastic lunchbox and drink bottle, colouring books and stationary. It is hoped that this will brighten their day.



Note for Editors:

Humanity First is an international aid agency that provides disaster response and long-term projects to take the vulnerable out of the need for assistance. Aid is provided purely on the basis of need, irrespective of race, religion or politics. Humanity First is registered in 34 countries across 6 continents. More than 90% of funds raised go directly to projects because the organisation is run by an army of volunteers around the world.

HF has been registered in Pakistan since 2005. After the devastating earthquake in 2005, HF provided medical treatment to over 75,000 victims and distributed over half a million kgs of relief goods. In the rehabilitation phase, HFPK built several primary schools, provided a neurosurgery unit for a hospital and water treatment plants to serve people in Muzaffarabad and other towns in Kashmir.

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