

Humanity First

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Humanity First is an international charitable trust established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. Aid is provided to the vulnerable on the basis of need, irrespective of race, religion, culture or political allegiance.

Humanity First is able to run with minimal overheads and to deliver more than 93% of the donations directly to the needy. This is done using tens of thousands of volunteers across the globe, lowest-cost sourcing and partnerships. In this way, the value that we are able to deliver is actually often 100 times more than the money donated to us.

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Introduction

Humanity First (HF) is an independent international charity dedicated to relieving suffering caused by natural disasters or man-made conflicts. It serves socially disadvantaged individuals and families in the poorest and most deprived communities of the world.

Now in its 12th year, Humanity First has evolved from its humble origins in the UK, and established branches in 24 other countries (Austria, Holland, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, Uganda, and the United Arab Emirates being our newest arrivals). That means that Humanity First is now officially registered in 25 countries across 6 continents, and able to respond faster and more effectively to disasters in many parts of the world.

In 2006, we obtained formal recognition as an NGO (non-governmental organisation) with consultative status with the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) of the United Nations Organisation. Pursuant to this recognition, HF has been raising international awareness of its presence among the broader NGO audience and fostering greater collaboration with other agencies and local authorities to deliver better outcomes for the victims, the people that we are all focussed on helping.

The years 2005 and 2006 were unusual for the density of major natural disasters in which well over a quarter of a million people died, many millions were displaced and injured, and even the world's Superpowers were not immune.

This Annual Report will illustrate the growing maturity of our organisation in dealing with both Natural Disasters, and our increasing focus on longer-term development projects in the developing world.



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Humanity First International

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Germany
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Ghana
Kenya
Liberia
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Sierra Leone
Uganda

Asia & Middle East:

Indonesia
Pakistan
United Arab Emirates

Natural Disasters

The years 2005 and 2006 saw an extraordinary amount of natural disasters around the world which accelerated the development of Humanity First's Medical Disaster Response Team (MDRT). In that period, the team have firmed up their operations manual and training for the team. The team uses its formal links to bodies such as the UN to gather data rapidly for assessments to determine whether Humanity First should respond, and in what way. Recent projects are detailed here.

Tsunami and beyond



On December 26th 2004, a massive Tsunami triggered by an underwater earthquake magnitude 9.1 devastated much of Asia. The final death toll was a shocking 220,000 of whom 130,000 were in Indonesia, 35,322 in Sri Lanka and significant numbers in India and Thailand. Over 1.5 Million were left homeless and vulnerable to water-borne diseases.

Humanity First responded immediately by setting up medical camps, temporary shelters, safe water and food camps in Sri Lanka and in Banda Aceh in Indonesia. A camp was established in Lamno. Our donors raised over £1.5M very quickly which enabled 16 large 40 foot containers of supplies to be despatched, and HF acted as the Indonesian Embassy's official charity partner in the UK.

In total, 30,000 victims were assisted over 5 months and HF staff worked over 15,000 days.



Apart from the provision of food and water, the lengthy search for survivors took its toll and the HF team had to provide counselling.

After the Tsunami, the same team has been deployed several times in Indonesia. In May 2006 around Mount Merapi, a team of 35 ran a soup kitchen providing 3 hot meals a day for 2,500 displaced people. HF also set up camps in Sriharjo, Pathuk and Ngooro Oro where a team of 95 served hot meals daily to 3,000 people and distributed essential supplies. When an earthquake struck in Pangandaran in July 2006, HF set up a camp in Kertamukti village looking after 800 people for 2 weeks. For the surviving fishermen after the Tsunami, HF provided several Bagan fishing rafts.

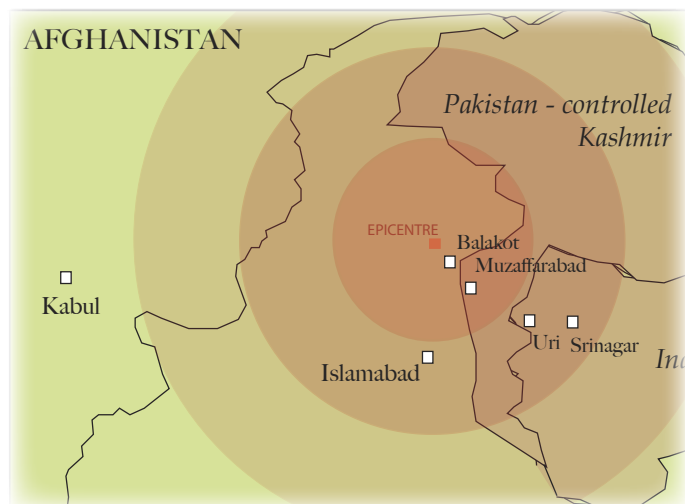


(Top Left): Devastation in Banda Aceh, (Top Right): Orphans search for loved ones, HF Medical Camp in Banda Aceh, (Bottom Right): Bagan fishing raft delivered to fishermen

Just two years since the Tsunami, the same regions of Banda Aceh and northern Sumatra were hit by heavy flooding that resulted in over 100 deaths and the displacement of over 400,000 people. Humanity First again providing temporary shelter, food and water.

Kashmir Earthquake

On the 8th October 2005, an earthquake magnitude 7.6 hit the Kashmir region of Pakistan with its epicentre near Balakot. More than 80,000 people died as flimsy buildings on hillside villages collapsed. Hundreds of remote villages were flattened.



exercise. This required a large team to work shifts providing medical, catering, counselling and other services.



The team tried to provide more than just basics, organising trips for the children to parks and zoos, and even organising a wedding in the camp! Over £5M of supplies were delivered and 356,000 meals were prepared.

HF established a number of Medical Camps in the region (focussed on Bagh and Muzaffarabad) and teams of doctors were flown in and handled over 75,000 consultations whilst providing 24*7 care.

Logistics were hard in the remote areas, but working closely with the Red Crescent, WHO, WFP and the Pakistan Army, our HF teams had access to helicopters and other modes.

A tent city was established in Islamabad where 810 people were catered for during a 6 month

Amidst emotional scenes, the Tent City families were eventually moved in April 2006 to their past or new locations in Kashmir. Work was also completed on the £650,000 state of the art spinal care and neurosurgery specialist unit of Al-Abbas Hospital in Muzaffarabad, a worthy endowment on behalf of Humanity First's worldwide donors to the afflicted in Kashmir.

(Top Right): Victims being cared for at Tent City, (Bottom Left): Entrance to Tent City, Islamabad, (Bottom Right): President Musharraf of Pakistan visits HF Camps





Hurricane Katrina

On August 29th 2005, Category 4 Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast of the USA with surges 20 feet high and winds over 100 mph. The defensive levees around New Orleans collapsed leaving the city flooded and in ruins. 1,800 died, and millions were displaced. Lawlessness took over in the city as looters drifted past floating dead bodies.



HF team in New Orleans

HF despatched shipments of tents, food and water supported by medical teams working closely with the Red Cross at Gonzales and the

National Guard. The stranded were transported to Baton Rouge, while relief supplies were sent to the main shelters and Mount Zion Baptist Church. HF also supplied suitcases so that people could safely store their remaining belongings.

As the team moved into the next phase of restoration, they received US\$1.17M to repair the worship facilities run by the Jefferson Muslim Association in the New Orleans area that had been damaged.

Guyana Flooding

In early 2005, Guyana suffered record rainfall resulting in severe flooding. In the coastal areas, around 300,000 people were displaced.



Aid distribution in Guyana

HF set up food distribution centres in the hardest hit coastal areas and medical camps were also established in the Annadale and Pleisance regions.

Three teams of doctors attended to over 4,500 patients. In support, \$700,000 of medi-

cal supplies and 9,000 boxes of meals were shipped in. The HF team helped to stabilise the region and were commended by the Guyanese President. As a result, HF started on longer term projects in the country including IT Training.

Suriname Flooding

From May 2006, torrential rainfall in Suriname (adjacent to Guyana) led to widescale flooding leaving over 30,000 people homeless over a region of 25,000 sq. km.



The Suriname Government declared the area a disaster zone and asked for help. HF set up a base in Paramaribo

and within 24 hours, 2 trucks were despatched with 19 volunteers in the US to collect emergency supplies. More than £50,000 of aid was sent to Suriname and then distributed to over 1,000 victims through the NCCR Military from where the local army airlifted supplies to the remote villages.

East Africa Floods

In Autumn 2006, widespread flooding in East Africa affected around 1.8 Million people in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. The misery was compounded by local tensions and fighting, and the poor infrastructure that had been obliterated by the floods.

HF delivered aid to villages north of Kisumu and Malindi. A camp was established in Nandorera and over 1,200 victims were provided with food, water, clothing and medical assistance. Similarly at Mihirini, a HF team supported by a doctor helped 300 people sheltering in a local school. HF worked with the Red Cross and Oxfam to provide support in neighbouring Ethiopia and Somalia. Our nascent branch in Kenya learnt much from this experience that should serve it well in the future.

Long Term Projects

Humanity First is focussed on longer-term assistance to get communities back on their own feet and to help them become self-sufficient. In our longer-term projects, a feature is knowledge transfer to the local community and their involvement such that deployment is not dependent upon external intervention. This section gives a few examples of projects and their status.

Water for Life

World climatic changes have deprived sub-Saharan countries of rainfall and the encroaching arid condition has left previously fertile territory without any water. Such water that exists, now needs to be found many metres underneath the surface.



HF have, therefore, committed all our spare resources to help relieve the plight of Africa, in partnership with Water Aid, particularly in Burkina Faso by building or rehabilitating 50 water wells at the date of this report serving over 60,000 villagers.

We already had 8 water wells in Burkina Faso,



6 in The Gambia and 2 in Sierra Leone with each well serving upward of at least 1000 persons providing this basic necessity of life to the poorest who have to walk more than 15 miles to the water well daily.

Plans for 2007 are more aggressive with the potential to more than double the number of wells provided, and new projects planned in Nigeria and other countries.

Orphan care

Humanity First views Orphan Care not as a series of one-off events, but rather as a commitment to a number of children to support them for all of their needs until they reach maturity.

Within limited means, HF supported 30 orphans in Burkina Faso, 10 in The Gambia, and 56 in Sierra Leone. In addition, bursaries were offered to deserving students attending higher education. Orphans are also being assisted in Asia in the aftermath of horrendous disasters in the last 2 years.

Since security is a primary concern, orphan care is a capital intensive project; once adequate resources become available, HF intends to open up other orphanages.

(Top Left): New water well in Saria, Burkina Faso, (Bottom Left): Water well in Ouagadougou, BF, (Bottom Right): Rab-akan Orphanage in Zorohgou, BF.



Educational Services

Humanity First has put a lot of emphasis upon Educational Services in order to help elevate the potential of deprived people around the world. This is not just confined to the less developed world. Even in the USA, the world's superpower, the Our Kids, Our Future™ Programme has been providing facilities including books and computer facilities to deprived inner city areas. However the main focus has been in the developing world.

Masroor Secondary School

The new Masroor Secondary School in the Gambia is located on 10 acres of land donated by the government. It is the first school built by Humanity First in the Gambia which opened in 2005. The school has already become popular for further education.



270 students in the first year and 260 in the second year occupy eight rooms and a laboratory. The dedicated principal has five full time teachers and three relief teachers. In the coming year, there will be increased facilities and a growing number of students.

Computer Training Centres

During 2006, many new IT Training centres have been established and now over 13,000 graduates have been through our computer training courses. The following table illustrates



the growing number of centres and students taking benefit in South America, Africa and Europe:

Country	New IT Centres openend	Total IT Centres	Students Trained
Burkina faso	2	6	7,450
Gambia			4,160
Mali	1	1	150
Sierra Leone	1	1	500
Benin	0	1	200
Guyana	1	1	150
Kosovo	1	1	
Liberia	1	1	150
Ghana	0	1	350

In Burkina Faso, two cyber cafes have been opened. These colleges provide basic training and a Diploma Level I and II each for 3 months and also a 6 month hardware maintenance course.



New IT Training Centre, Liberia

The fees are up to 40% lower than most competitors and is of a high standard, and as



a result the training provided in these colleges has become a requirement in some civil service jobs. New centres are also planned for Kenya, Nigeria (a village in Umaisha) and

Uganda (an exciting project on an 8 acre site in Budaka, Pallisa District).

Sewing Skills

Sewing skills centres have been established in West Africa to empower ladies to set up their own businesses. New centres have been established in Mali and in Burkina Faso where this has become very popular.



In total, we now have 8 tailoring schools in Africa. Several hundred ladies have already been trained, and on completion of the training, are given a sewing machine and advice on how to set up their own business and look after their families.

Feed a Family

The Feed a Family programme has been extended in the last 2 years. In Africa, we continue to support worthy families that have lost their main breadwinner. Rations consisting of the local staple diet have been distributed to families for a period of 6 months across Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso and the Gambia.

More recently, HF have also begun the Feed a Family Food Bank in Toronto, Canada. Needy families in Toronto are provided with a pack of non-perishable grocery items, and a similar programme has been established to provide rations to the homeless in the city. The homeless programme is also planned to be extended across Europe, and good work has already been done in the UK.

Gift of Sight

The Gift of Sight programme continues to provide different levels of preventative care including nutritional supplements, glasses and in extreme cases, eye restoring cataract operations. During the year, 55 eye operations were done in Burkina Faso and 5 in Sierra Leone to arrest cataract blindness. A similar programme is also being implemented in parts of rural Nigeria.

Solar Energy

Provision of energy supplies is a major concern globally, and in the third world villages, people have very few options for energy. Humanity First has been exploring practical steps to provide energy in a Carbon-friendly way. One viable option being tested is the use of Solar Energy, especially given that sunlight is abundant and free throughout Africa. Expect a more detailed report next year.

(Top Left): Tailoring Skills students at work in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, (Below): German HF volunteers distribute food aid.



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