

# Humanity First

## Annual Report 2007



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## Mission Statement

Humanity First is an international charitable trust established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. It is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

Humanity First was established in the UK in 1995, and now has operations in 26 countries. All aid workers and the management of Humanity First are unpaid volunteers and our administrative expenses are negligible. We are able to deliver significantly more aid value in the field from the funds we raise because our labour costs are very low.

## Objectives

- > Relieve suffering caused by natural disasters or human conflict
- > Promote peace and understanding based upon mutual tolerance and respect
- > Strengthen people's capacity to help themselves

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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 registered in 26 countries and runs with minimal overheads to deliver more than 93% of the donations directly to the needy. This is done using tens of thousands of volunteers across the globe, low-cost sourcing and partnerships. 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

2007 was another busy year for Humanity First.

Climate change has become the biggest threat to the world and we have witnessed some of the worst cyclones, floods, earthquakes and wild fires during this year. Humanity First provided emergency relief, comfort and help to the victims of Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh, the earthquakes in Peru and Indonesia, wild fires in the USA, Hurricane Noel in Haiti and flooding in Ghana, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Benin and Togo. In the last two decades, Humanity First has been able to assist over 150,000 victims of various disasters.

Humanity First's development programmes for the victims of the Indonesian Tsunami and earthquake in Pakistan still continue. In Indonesia, efforts have concentrated on providing facilities for the orphaned children, educational facilities and clean and safe water. In Pakistan, hundreds of successful operations were conducted in the recently established neuro-surgical facility in Al-Abbas Hospital, Muzaffarabad. HF is currently installing water filtration plants for the residents of Muzaffarabad, Hatian Balla, Chakar and Gari Dupkata. Our aim is to supply drinking water to the populace free from suspended and dissolved impurities, without harmful pathogenic bacteria, and spores, and to safeguard against T.B., Hepatitis, cholera and other life threatening diseases.

In the USA, HF has managed the \$1.17 million USD project to re-furbish places of worship damaged during Hurricane Katrina and completed the reconstruction of 2 schools and 5 places of worship in the region.

Humanity First's international programmes are successfully expanding in more countries. By the end of 2007, almost 15,000 students had completed IT courses through HF skill centres, 500 partially blind people received Gift of Sight through successful operations in clinics, over 50,000 were given access to Water for Life, scholarships were awarded to talented students and 2,000 families were provided with food on a regular basis.

Under Humanity First's Education programme, we successfully completed the construction of 5 schools under the Sababu project in Sierra Leone, phase 2 of the secondary high school in Gambia and the early stages of an educational programme in Budaka, Uganda. Similar

work has been done in Indonesia as part of the post-Tsunami efforts. Humanity First Pakistan is in the final planning stage for the construction of 4 primary schools in earthquake affected areas.

Humanity First established new branches in Ivory Coast and the United Arab Emirates and registration in a number of other countries is also well under way. However, registration is just the start, as effective operations requires good governance and an effective management team. Every branch has its own board of trustees or directors and management executive body. These additions brings the total number of branches to 26 in 6 continents which makes Humanity First a truly global relief organization.

Coming back to climate change, there is much debate about the extent of the change and the impact that human actions have had. It is good practice for us all to minimise waste in terms of energy and resources, and to reflect on the devastating impact upon daily life for people in the less developed world who are more prone to the effects of changes in the environment.

I would like to thank all the donors for their generous contributions and continuous support. I also thank all the trustees, management board members and volunteers for their great work in the service of mankind. Humanity First has set higher targets for the year 2008 including much closer international co-operation within our organisation and with external organisations, and I look forward to Humanity First continuing to progress in its service of mankind.



**Ahmad Yahya Sayed**  
Chairman  
Humanity First International

# 2007 Operations Map

The map below shows countries where Humanity First was active during 2007:

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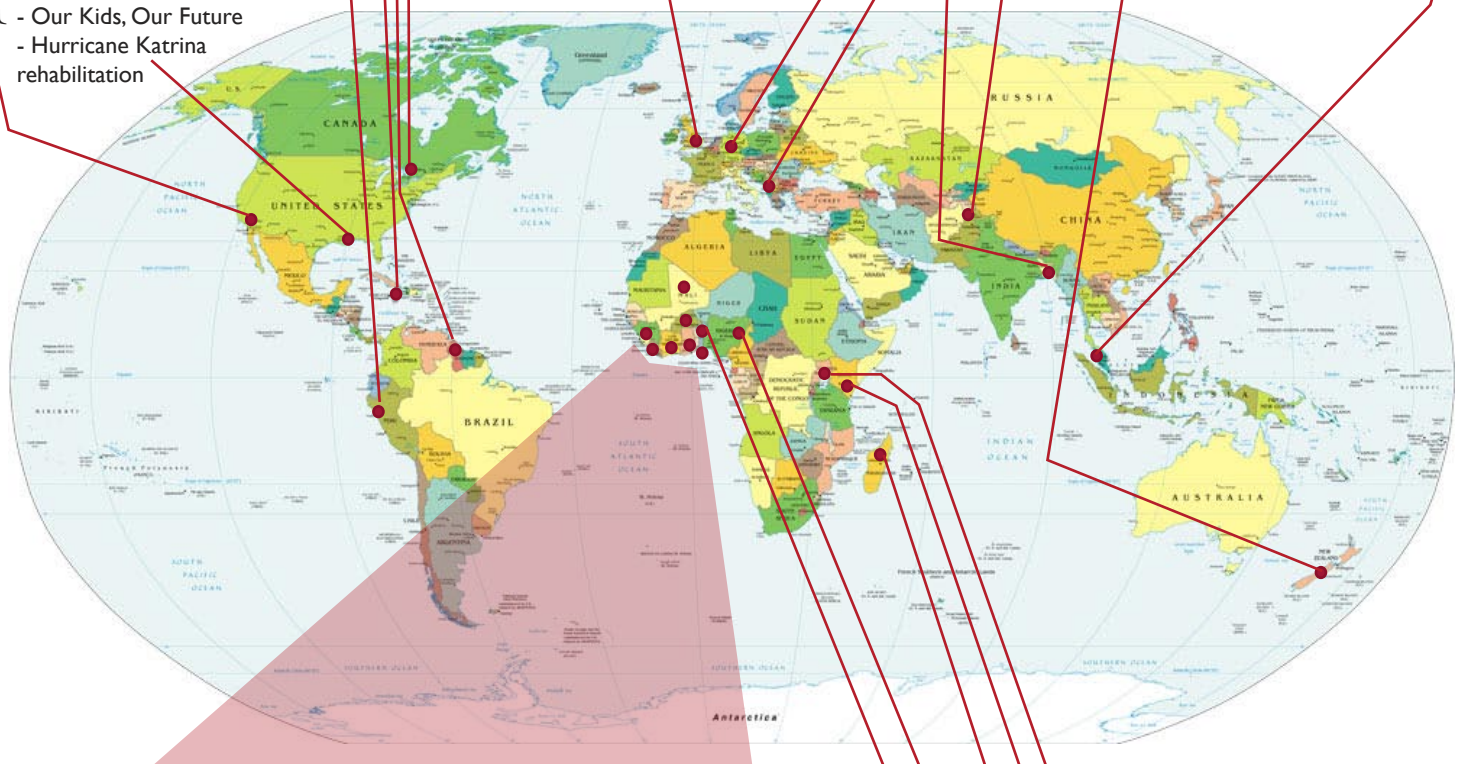
-  **Canada**
  - Feed a Family
  - Managing Cyclone Sidr
-  **Guyana**
  - IT Training
  - Medical Camps
-  **Haiti**
  - Assistance after Hurricane Noel
-  **Peru**
  - Assistance after earthquake
-  **USA**
  - California Wild Fires assistance
  - Our Kids, Our Future
  - Hurricane Katrina rehabilitation

## EUROPE

-  **Albania/ Kosovo**
  - IT Training
-  **Germany**
  - Assistance to schools
-  **UK**
  - Assistance to schools

## ASIA PACIFIC

-  **Bangladesh**
  - Assistance after Cyclone Sidr
-  **Indonesia**
  - Assistance for local natural disasters
  - Rehabilitation of fishing communities
-  **Pakistan**
  - Building of Neurosurgery Hospital
  - Water Filtration
-  **New Zealand**
  - Provisions for the poor




## WEST AFRICA

-  **Benin**
  - Flood relief
  - IT Training
-  **Burkina Faso**
  - Skills Centres
  - Water for Life
  - Orphan Care / Feed a Family
  - Gift of Sight
-  **Gambia**
  - Masroor High School
  - Water for Life
  - Feed a Family
  - IT Training
-  **Ivory Coast**
  - Feed a Family

-  **Ghana**
  - Water for Life / IT Training

-  **Liberia**
  - IT Training

-  **Mali**
  - Medical Centres
  - Skills Centres

-  **Sierra Leone**
  - IT Training
  - Water for Life
  - Feed a Family
  - Sababu Schools Project

## CENTRAL & EAST AFRICA

-  **Kenya**
  - Medical Centres
  - Flood Relief
-  **Madagascar**
  - Assistance after Cyclones
-  **Nigeria**
  - Water for Life/ IT Training
-  **Togo**
  - Flood relief
-  **Uganda**
  - Schools Programme

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## Cyclone Sidr

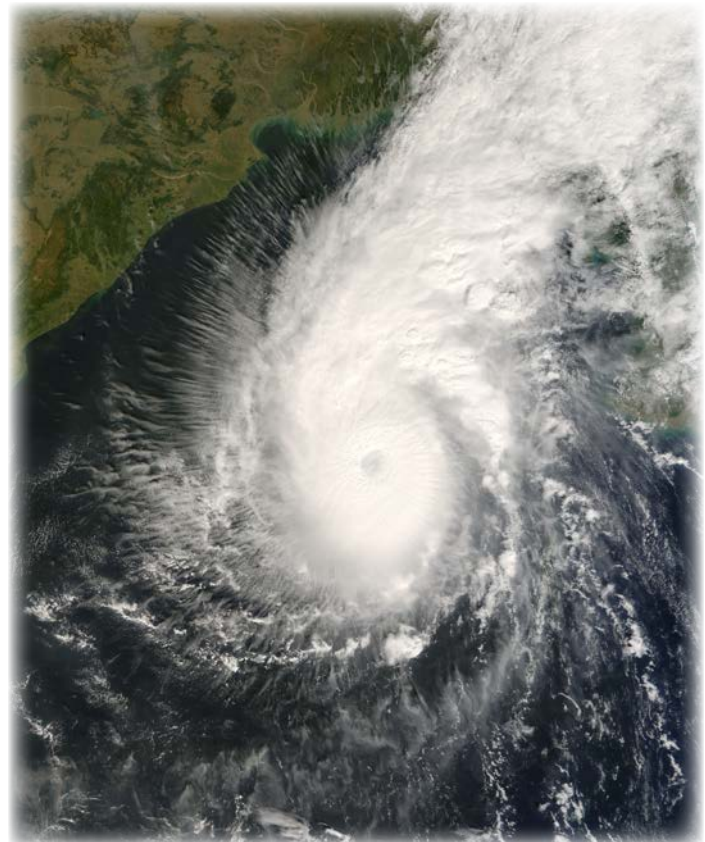
Cyclone Sidr hit the southern coast of Bangladesh late on the evening of Thursday 15th November 2007 killing over 5,000 people and displacing over 500,000 according to our local team. The Category IV storm, was severe with surges reaching over 4 feet driven by winds of 150 mph.

In the southern part of Bangladesh, many of the villages are remote with poor access and it took many days to learn the full scale of the damage. Luckily, investments in early warning systems prevented much greater loss of life, a regular feature of cyclones twenty years ago. Nevertheless, much of the rice crops were wiped out and there was widespread damage to homes, power and communications.

Humanity First teams were on the ground and able to talk to survivors in Barisal District in the first two hours after the tragedy when mobile phones were supported by emergency power, but after that, there was a blackout. HF despatched water launches from Dhaka and Chittagong. As the scale of the tragedy emerged, in addition to the deaths, over 34,000 people were injured, and millions were without shelter or food. Livelihoods were destroyed as almost half a million heads of livestock were killed, and the local rice crop and shrimp farms were washed away.

After consultation with local authorities, Humanity First was allocated the island of Rangabali, 40 km south of Patuakhali and with a population of 100,000. The authorities provided the Forestry Commission building as a base for HF from which to work. Over the next two weeks, HF was able to provide food, water, supplies and medical assistance. Whilst the base camp was being established, a small team took a five hour trip on a motor launch to the remote parts of the island and was able to distribute essential supplies to thousands of the islanders including 13,000 2-litre bottles of clean drinking water.

Back at the Forestry building, the medical team was seeing 150 patients a day for a range of ailments, with a team of international doctors working shifts and dealing with 1,050 medical cases, largely trauma and minor injuries. Thankfully the fear of the spread of water-borne diseases did not materialise.



(Above): Cyclone Sidr strikes the Barisal District, (Bottom Left-Right): Doctor treating a child, HF base at the Forestry Commission building, team helping to fix the school roofs.

A soup kitchen was set up and served 2 hot meals a day for thousands of locals. Food packs and hot meals were distributed to 16,050 people. Family packs containing rice, lentils, potatoes, oil, onions and other essentials were distributed to over 5,000 people.

48,000 litres of bottled water was also distributed. This took time as the road infrastructure was not ideal, and access to other villages was often via motor launches, or using slow motorised rickshaws along the narrow lanes of the island. In total, HF had 150 volunteers working around the clock on the ground.

Finally, in order to help the villagers get back on their own feet, 330 water treatment units were distributed to help them produce safe water locally for months without reliance on bottled water. Many local facilities such as





schools and other central facilities had been disrupted by the storms. Humanity First managed to get hold of sheets of corrugated iron and worked with the local population to repair the roofs of the local Primary and Secondary schools, to allow the education process to begin again.

As the winter months set in, Humanity First began to investigate the feasibility of distributing warm clothing. The emphasis has now shifted to a rehabilitation phase, and

HF are reviewing a number of education and healthcare projects with local authorities that would have a lasting and sustainable impact on this community.

We would like to thank all of our donors who have helped the people of Bangladesh.

(Bottom Left-Right): Water distribution by motor launch, distribution of purification boxes, preparation of meals at base camp.





## Peru Earthquake

The southern coast of Peru was struck by a magnitude 8.0 earthquake before 7pm in the evening of August 15th in which 519 people died, almost 1,400 were injured and 58,000 homes were destroyed.

Humanity First deployed a rapid response team who reported a desperate need for food and water. It was estimated that up to 130,000 people were sleeping outdoors without any facilities.

The HF team began to provide emergency aid co-ordinated through the capital Lima, and delivered in the localities of Pisco, Chincha Alta and Ica.

The team purchased and distributed quantities of rice, lentils, canned foods, milk and water to a total volume of 2 tons, enough to feed around 2,000 people for several days. The HF team worked with local NGOs to distribute the aid via secure convoys. This was essential as bandits were starting to take advantage of the dangerous conditions.

## California Wild Fires

This year saw a series of wildfires across the US state of California in October that left nine people dead, 85 injured, 1,500 homes destroyed and 2,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land burned to a cinder. The fires began on October 20th and lasted for nineteen days. In that time, almost 10,000 people were involved in the mammoth firefighting exercise from both the USA and Mexico.

The largest fires were around San Diego, and very quickly, a mandatory evacuation order forced over one Million people to leave their homes. Damage was estimated at over \$1 billion.

Humanity First began to care for the displaced that had lost their homes, and also for the brave firefighters. HF set up a First Responder Team on October 22nd to assess needs not being addressed by State and Federal agencies.

In the case of the firecrews, HF provided many of them with packs of non-perishable food, clothing, medication and hygiene products which were particularly appreciated.

HF also sent in medical experts to care for victims across Orange and San Diego Counties, assisted people in moving to evacuation centres and provided them with food, water and essential supplies using 4 trucks.

## Haiti - Hurricane Noel

Hurricane Noel was the sixth Atlantic Hurricane of 2007 and struck the island of Haiti on October 28th. The Hurricane whipped up massive storm surges which caused widespread damage killing 73 people on the island, and caused a total death toll of 168. The other worst affected island was the Dominican Republic.

Humanity First sent a team of French speakers from France and Canada who, after consultation with the Mayor of the remote village of Torbek, earmarked 202 families for assistance. Most of these families had lost their homes, had no food or spare clothing. The team later planned the reconstruction of 24 houses.

Elsewhere, the village of Cabaret, 40 km from the capital, had also suffered badly. Apart from the damage, most families reported that they could no longer afford to send their children to school. Humanity First agreed to pay the annual fees for a large number of these children to put them back into education.

In total, Humanity First was able to help 207 families with food and monetary assistance, 375 children were provided with food and school materials, and a further 165 children had their school fees paid for and were placed back in the education system. Schools were provided with books, pens and even furniture, while villagers were provided food packages that consisted of rice, spaghetti, beans, cooking oil, sugar, milk powder and toiletries.

## Katrina Update

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the USA devastating New Orleans. 1,800 had died, and millions were displaced. After an initial response, HF's effort moved into a restoration and rehabilitation phase.

Having received US\$1.17M to repair the worship facilities run by the Jefferson Muslim Association in the New Orleans area that had been damaged, during 2007, HF managed to reconstruct 2 local schools and also 5 places of worship for the local population. All of these projects were completed on time and within budget.





HAITI: (Top Left-Right): Families receiving assistance with school fees, schoolchildren get food and books (Bottom Left-Right): HF team assess families, devastated houses on the island, HF logistics on the island.

(Below Left-Right): California wildfires in Santa Clara; Aid distribution in Peru





## Flooding in Africa

The seasonal rains came early in Africa in 2007, with disastrous flooding affecting 20 countries in a belt across central Africa from Senegal to Kenya. Reports confirmed at least 270 dead and 600,000 homeless. Millions more faced starvation and disease after catastrophic damage to local crops and clean water following the heaviest rains in three decades aggravated by burst water reservoirs. Supplies of critical medication were also running dangerously low.

Humanity First's focus was on providing food, water and basic rations to those people that had been displaced, particularly the vulnerable children. Humanity First had teams on the ground in most of these countries and began responding to requests for help in Ghana, The Gambia, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Mali, Uganda, Togo and Benin. Those were the main areas of focus as following investigations in many of the other countries, the situation was not as bad elsewhere.

Humanity First teams from across Europe were able to access several remote villages to assess damage and to start the process of supplying food, water and rations as well as basic medical assistance.

In Uganda, the team reported that over 300,000 people had been affected in the South and East of the country. Working with local authorities, the team took one month's supplies of food (including Posho, Cooking Oil and Maize) for over 700 people to villages in Soroti District despite treacherous roads. Maize flour, oil and beans were also distributed in North Kenya.

In Togo, the team had been working in the Kpendjal region in the North-West where 25,000 villagers were cut-off and there were concerns over the outbreak of Cholera as the floodwaters headed towards the south. Medical camps were established around Pentali where several hundred patients were treated for Malaria, Typhus and Amoebiasis. Other camps were then set up nearer Mandouri across the river, and food supplies were shipped in.

Finally in Nigeria, the team focussed on the village of Auchu where over a dozen lives had been lost and many houses destroyed. HF distributed cooking stoves, blankets and clothing for 100 people. 20 tons of cement were also provided to help with the reconstruction effort.

Assessments continued in the Gambia, Mali, Burkina Faso and Ghana, and aid worth thousands of pounds was sent to local teams for distribution. Thankfully the threatened outbreaks of disease did not materialise, although the longer-term impact could still hit the continent in 2008.



AFRICA FLOODS: (Top-Bottom): Food distribution in Uganda, villagers in Soroti waiting for assistance, Medical clinics in Kenya

## HF Disaster Response Track Record

Disaster	Year	Countries Affected	Scale of the Disaster	Number of victims assisted
<b>Hurricane Noel</b>	2007	Haiti, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica	168 dead, thousands homeless and crops destroyed	540
<b>Cyclone Sitr</b>	2007	Bangladesh	5,000 dead, 34,000 injured, 500,000 homeless	> 7,000
<b>Africa Flooding</b>	2007	Ghana, Uganda, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Kenya, Burkian Faso, The Gambia, Mali	270 dead, 600,000 homeless and vast quantities of crops and cattle destroyed	> 3,000
<b>Peru Earthquake</b>	2007	Peru	519 killed, 1,400 injured, 250,000 homeless	> 2,000
<b>Suriname Flooding</b>	2006	Suriname	30,000 displaced	10,000
<b>Kashmir Earthquake</b>	2005	Pakistan, India	75,000 killed, 106,000 injured, 4 million displaced	> 60,000
<b>Hurricanes Katrina &amp; Rita</b>	2005	USA, Cuba	1,836 killed, 705 missing, > 1 million displaced	> 1,300
<b>Liberian Civil War</b>	2004	Liberia	15 killed, 400 wounded, thousands displaced	3,750
<b>Asian Tsunami</b>	2004	Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia	230,000 killed, 125,000 injured, 45,000 missing, 1.69 Million displaced	30,000
<b>Bam Earthquake</b>	2003	Iran	30,000 killed	> 500
<b>Gujarat Earthquake</b>	2001	India	20,000 killed, 166,000 injured, 600,000 homeless	> 5,000
<b>Izmit Earthquake</b>	1999	Turkey	17,000 killed, 60,000 displaced	15,000
<b>Balkans Crisis</b>	1992 - 1999	Bosnia, Kosovo, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Hungary	200,000 killed, 2 Million displaced	> 15,000



## Water for Life

Many of the remote villages in Africa have no local access to clean and safe drinking water and villagers often walk many miles to the nearest well with an urn or bucket on their heads.

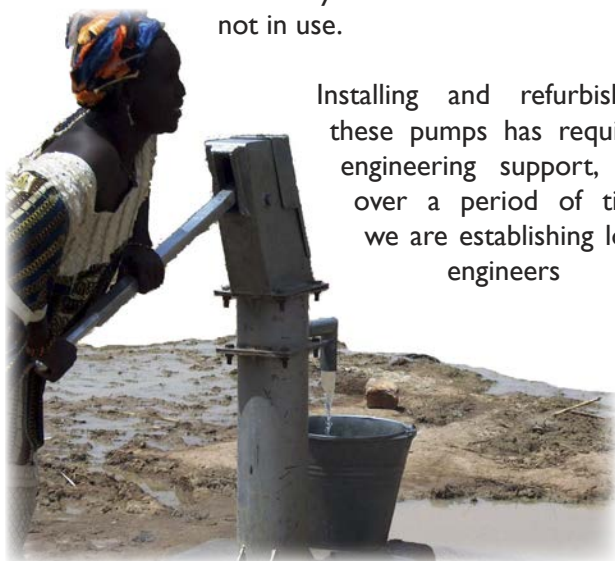
As an example, in Burkina Faso, the level of coverage of water supply is just 61%, and sanitation is less still at 13%. And the coverage is in the larger towns whilst outlying villages are coping without water. Neighbouring Ghana has a coverage of 75% for water and close to 20% for sanitation, so there is a need for assistance across much of West Africa.

Humanity First has been engaged in a programme called Water for Life for many years working with the skills of IAAAE and in partnership with WaterAid. The team has been constantly analysing local geology, drilling techniques for new boreholes, geophysical methods and equipment, and the different types of pumps including hand pumps and wind pumps. HF staff received training locally through the Ghana Ministry of Food and Agriculture's 'Village Improvement Programme' (VIP).

This is proving useful as much of the work is around rehabilitation of existing pumps such as the India Mk2, and innovation using Solar Power. Humanity First has expanded its effort during 2007 to refurbish old hand pumps and to install new bores and pumps in villages across the region.

### Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, HF has been working in partnership with Water Aid (a UK Charity focussed on the provision of clean and safe water) and is on track to deliver 100 new and refurbished pumps by the spring of 2008. Indeed, when we started this project, the situation across the country was that around 45% of existing handpumps installed by various NGO's were then not in use.



Installing and refurbishing these pumps has required engineering support, but over a period of time, we are establishing local engineers to



**WATER PUMPS: (Top-Bottom):** Villagers enjoy the new water pump at Kamedji jointly sponsored by Water Aid; Ladies fill a range of containers at the new pump in Kaya

In Koudougou, a 3 man team deepened 2 hand-dug wells. One of the wells was covered and the pump was broken. Within a day the well was cleared, the pump replaced and the water supply resumed. Deepening and widening such wells increases the water flow and capacity for the local population, even where existing pumps and wells are already operational.



A number of additional existing wells and pumps (originally commissioned between 1993 and 1998) have been earmarked for rehabilitation during the first part of 2008, and most of these will require re-aproning or apron repairs as well as the installation of a new pump.

## Nigeria

This year, we began our first Water for Life projects in Nigeria. The first well was in a remote village 50 km from Lagos and is now serving 4 villages in that district. The second was in Umaisha, towards Abuja. Work was also at different stages on a further 8 projects elsewhere in Nigeria.

## Pakistan

Apart from water pumps and wells, Humanity First has also begun working on water sanitation and filtration. In Pakistan, HF has been installing Water Filtration plants for the residents of Muzaffarabad, Hatian Balla, Chakar and Gari Duppata. Our aim is to supply drinking water to a population of 200,000 free from suspended and dissolved impurities and without harmful pathogenic bacteria, and spores, and to safeguard against TB, Hepatitis, Cholera and other such life threatening diseases.

## Indonesia

Humanity First provided water wells in the Banda Aceh area in 2005 in the aftermath of the awful Tsunami. Since then, HF has supported the immediate needs of clean water for the new housing complex in Nurani, Neuheun village. This community was provided with emergency water supply during September – October 2007. Now, a water well has been dug successfully that addresses the ongoing needs of this community of 355 residents and the tanker service has been discontinued as a result of it. Elsewhere, wells have had to be dug to a depth of 125-150 metres in order to access clean and safe water through the layers of clay. Wells have been established in a number of villages including Labuy, Lam Asan, Lampineung and Meunasah Mon serving well over 4,500 people. HF has also been assessing other candidate villages in the country.

## Year of Sanitation

In general, the Water for Life project is being well received and the pumps have transformed the lives of local villagers. In several cases, it is not just the local village that is making use of the pumps. Other nearby schools and villages are also sharing these facilities, so the benefits are beyond what was initially planned. The focus will increase in the coming year, as 2008 has been designated the United Nations 'Year of Sanitation' with a will to provide sanitation for 2.6 Billion people around the world. Humanity First will continue to play its role.



**WATER:** (Top-Bottom): New pump in Dassa, Burkina Faso; water supply in Nurani, Indonesia; temporary tanker water supplies in Indonesia

## Skills Centres

During 2007, many new IT Training centres have been established and now around 15,000 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	Total IT Centres	Students Trained
Kosovo	0	1	50
Burkina Faso	0	6	8,155
Nigeria	1	1	TBC
Gambia	0	4	4,394
Mali	0	1	225
Sierra Leone	0	1	922
Benin	0	1	250
Uganda	1	1	125
Liberia	1	1	150
Guyana	0	1	150
Indonesia	0	1	100

Typically, a range of courses is run covering an introduction to computers, networks and infrastructure, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint), desktop publishing, Internet, Graphics and Web design.

The largest demand is for the introductory courses and training in Word, but courses in Networking and the Internet are proving popular and leading to employment for the students.

A new centre was opened in September in Budaka, Uganda where over 100 students have already enrolled, and interestingly, there are almost as many female students as males. This operation is likely to grow as there is demand for such skills in Uganda.

The new centre in Liberia was opened in January and has been a great success and is already self-sufficient. At a recent graduation ceremony in Monrovia, the first batch of 50 students received Diplomas and Certificates, and the ceremony attracted interest from the Minister of Education, the Honorable Mr Joseph Korto.

In Sierra Leone, plans are in place to open a second centre in the north in Makeni, Bombali District. Meanwhile, in Nigeria, land was earmarked this year in Umaisha for an IT training centre with a capacity of 20 students and was operational by September. It is the only such vocational training centre in a 50km radius.

There is now growing competition for IT training and so



IT TRAINING: (Above): New graduates at the Liberian centre in Monrovia; (Below) the new centre in Ouadagougou, Burkina Faso

Humanity First is re-assessing where the need is greatest and will be diverting energies into opening new centres where facilities and opportunities are currently poor.

Humanity First has also been training in sewing skills in Burkina Faso and Mali where aspiring fashion designers make clothes for themselves in various fabrics. At the end of the training, participants are assisted in setting up their own business and given a sewing machine. HF intends to expand this programme in other countries.





## Education

Humanity First has seen numerous opportunities in the last year to establish and improve education facilities for youngsters in Africa, Asia and North America.

### Sierra Leone

Working with our partners from the African Development Bank, Humanity First have been able to open a number of schools in Sierra Leone in a programme named the Sababu Project. Humanity First is one of the service providers selected by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in Sierra Leone to deliver the programme.

Humanity First has been responsible for the project management including the selection of contractors and sub-contractors for the construction of fourteen 3-classroom schools in Moyamba District in the Southern Province. In addition, HF has supervised the rehabilitation of three existing school buildings.

The project was initially hampered by bad weather and waterlogged roads, but thanks to the persistence of the team, most of the schools have been completed within very tight timescales. Examples of schools include those in Mokaba, Rotifunk and Kpetema.

### Uganda

In May 2007, storms in the Sironko District had caused considerable disruption to many of the primary schools. Many of the schools were shut as a result of damage to the buildings and the government of Uganda requested urgent assistance for Bugobiro, Nabweya, Bulegeni and Burnias primary schools.

Humanity First Uganda immediately mobilised teams to purchase iron sheets for the roofing and other necessary items to get the schools reopened as quickly as possible. Thousands of primary school children eagerly awaited the repair to four schools. Within a few days, the roofing in the four schools was replaced and other repair work carried out to enable the pupils to continue their studies.

“We are very grateful to Humanity First for responding to our request so quickly and thus helping our children get back to their education as quickly as possible” explained Dr Wabudeya Beatrice, MP for Sironko District.

Humanity First has followed up this assistance by sending hundreds of gift packs consisting of pens, pencils and notebooks for the pupils of the affected schools.

Humanity First’s project director for East Africa explains: “We take it for granted in the west that every pupil surely has a pen, pencil and a notebook, but millions in Africa still don’t because they can’t afford these basic



**SCHOOLS:** (Top-Bottom): Sababu project school in Rotifunk; new Sababu school in Mokabu; new Boarding School in Assasunnajaah, Indonesia; Minister of Education opens the new Uganda IT centre



items. We have sent these gifts to assist the poorest in their basic educational needs. We are now preparing another consignment of science lab equipment, text books, writing materials and other necessary learning tools to assist the poorest in these communities.”

In the Budaka district, Humanity First has opened a digital library which offers all students in the neighbouring area free access to computers. Students of 54 primary schools and 12 secondary schools are now benefiting from computer based training, access to electronic encyclopaedias and other learning tools. Our aim is to bridge the digital divide and ensure that when the Internet revolution hits Uganda, all the villagers in the Budaka district will be ready to step up the ladder easily.

### The Gambia

In the Gambia, Humanity First continues to develop the Masroor High School on 10 acres of land donated by the government in Old Yundum, part of the Western Division. The school had opened in 2005 and is very popular for further education.

Demand has grown with over-subscribed enrolment and so the team of 26 staff including 20 teachers have been running a double shift system. At the end of 2007, there were 594 students between Grades 10-12 consisting of 375 boys and 219 girls. The first batch of students will sit their final exams in May/ June 2008 which will be very exciting.

Currently, the school has 12 classrooms, a lab, an IT classroom, a meeting hall and an admin suite. The school has its own water well, and facilities for football and track athletics. The second phase is well underway and apart from new classrooms, a lot of effort is going into planning additional facilities such as science laboratories including laboratory equipment, chemicals and specimens.

### Pakistan

As part of the long-term rehabilitation programme following the disastrous earthquake in the Kashmir region in 2005, HF is in the early stages of planning the development of 4 new earthquake-proof primary schools in affected areas.

### Elsewhere

In the USA, the *Our Kids, Our Future* programme has gone from strength to strength. Also, in Indonesia, HF has provided boarding facilities for 120 students associated to Assasunnajaah Secondary School and providing facilities and materials for the Ibtidaiyah Negeri and Tsanawiyah Swasta schools in Banda Aceh including books, furniture, IT, laboratory and sports equipment.



GAMBIA SCHOOL: (Top-Bottom): New wing under construction; classroom activity; students wait in line; students playing outside



## Gift of Sight

We all take good eyesight for granted in the developed world, but in the less developed areas, loss of sight can have devastating consequences where there is insufficient back-up social services to cater for those who cannot earn a livelihood due to visual impairment. Often, the causes are to do with poor nutrition rather than the eyes themselves, and these cases are entirely preventable.

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.

In Burkina Faso, over 250 eye operations were performed using specialist equipment provided by Humanity First and largely using local eye surgeons.

At the centre in Burkina Faso in November, one of our patients, Hamdi, was just 39 years old. He lost his eyesight 6 months earlier and suddenly his world changed. He had taken eyesight for granted, but while he waited in line with 25 other hopefuls, he cried "I have no means of supporting my family". After his checkup, he explained "I am very hopeful I can see my family again. It is my dream."

Having moved into theatre for the operation, the team of 3 doctors and the nurse cleansed the patient's eyes, checked the equipment, and after a procedure lasting just 30 minutes, the patient was sent home with a patch on his eye to recuperate.

The next day, Hamdi returned with his family members, eagerly anticipating the outcome. As the plaster was carefully removed from his eyes, there was silence at first, and then suddenly his facial joy spoke volumes. He could see again, and as his excited family gathered around him, it was another in a line of life changing operations.

His surgeon explained "This is not the end of our work; the patient will return 3 times over regular intervals for check-ups. Only then will we feel confident that all is well. We have to keep helping the poor. We provide them hope."

The impact of these operations, which cost so little, is immense as often, bread-winners who have been unable to work have been enabled to earn a living again and gain independence. Having made good progress in 2007, assessments have been done on the practicality of offering a similar service elsewhere in West Africa, and there are plans to start offering clinics in many other countries.



GIFT OF SIGHT: (Top-Bottom): Patients waiting for plaster removal, two images of eye surgery using HF equipment, doctor checks for retina health.



## African Medical Missions

On July 30, 2007 a team of 10 select doctors, nurses, and surgical technicians from the United States were deployed to Ghana with medical supplies to provide much needed medical services to numerous Ghanaian citizens by performing neurosurgical and general surgical procedures. The team operated on many hundreds of patients and visited several towns across the country during this trip including Accra, Doboase, Elmina, and Asokore.

Ghanaian doctors partnered with HF clinicians and the Neuro-Spinal Research Development Organisation to learn life saving surgical techniques and complex surgical procedures that had previously never been performed in Ghana. The team split up at times into a neurosurgery team working in Korle-Bu and the general surgery team moving to Doboase in western Ghana. Conditions are never ideal and the team have to be pragmatic, for example at one point, the lights fused, so the team had to perform surgeries on hernias using a camping light!

The teams then moved on to Asokori where hundreds more patients were assessed and over 40 cases were performed. In a couple of the more complex cases, the patients were hand-ventilated. One 71 year old lady being treated for a neck tumour developed a large blood clot after surgery and the oxygen ran out, but the ingenuity of the team saved her life. Some procedures such as the treatment of a Syringomyelia were done for the first time ever in Ghana and keenly observed by local clinicians.

The experience proved a great success for the victims and the volunteer clinicians that took part including Meghan, a medical volunteer from the Johns Hopkins Hospital in the USA who commented afterwards:

*"Words cannot expressed how awed I have been by this experience. I am awed by the lack of what we Americans consider basic health care resources ... and yet I am awed by the ability of the doctors to do so much with so little. I am awed by the hospitality of the Ghanaian people and their willingness to travel hours away from home to be treated by a foreign doctor. God willing, I will be lucky enough to experience this all again."*

Five months later, two medical camps were carried out in villages in Liberia. A free medical camp was held at Poriver where over 350 patients were treated and cared for. Then a similar camp was run in Lyeon Town where a 400 patients were treated. The team are already planning future surgical missions and camps to the continent.



MEDICAL MISSIONS: (Top-Bottom): Surgical procedures in the village of Doboase, Ghana; some of the HF US Medical Mission team to Ghana; medical camp in Liberia with patients queuing





## Feed a Family

The Feed a Family project has been running for many years in the poorest parts of rural Africa, and even in metropolitan North America! Since it began in 2002, 100,000 of the poorest people in West Africa have been fed, and on some occasions, this has literally saved lives.

The concept is to provide food for a period of time to those families that lack the ability to provide for themselves for various reasons, and during that period, to try and uplift those families through better healthcare and education or vocational training. The intention is to take these people out of aid dependence such that they can fend for themselves a few months later.

Where a family loses its earning potential, the children are often taken out of education, and there are insufficient means to get healthcare services which compounds the problem. We often find families where a widow and several children (typically six children) are foraging for food and to scrape a living. In this type of circumstance, HF's Feed a Family programme is applied alongside our other initiatives. By guaranteeing food and rations for a period of time, the widow is encouraged to put the children back into education, and also provided with medical care. Over a period of time, she and her elder children are provided with vocational training to help them have a path to independent earning a few months later.

In Sierra Leone, new families have been constantly assessed and cycled through the programme. In the capital Freetown, a typical pack of food for a family consisted of a 50kg bag of rice, a gallon of cooking oil, twelve tins of tomato paste and three packets of salt. This story is repeated across West Africa, although the exact package of food depends upon local tastes and needs.

In the years since this programme began, many hundreds of tons of food have been shipped to poor villagers across Africa. The project is currently active in The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Benin and Mali.

More recently, Humanity First has been offering Feed a Family in Canada. The most recent centre was opened in July in Windsor, Ontario. The centre provides a pack of non-perishable rations to those in need without prejudice for a period of two weeks. A helpline has been set up and anyone is able to call and ask for assistance either for themselves or for a deserving family or person of whom they are aware. In addition, the team deliver packs directly to the homes of the elderly and physically challenged in the area, and also to some of the homeless.



**FEED A FAMILY (Top-Bottom):** Deserving elderly family in Burkina Faso, packs for larger community following a disaster



## Spotlight: Indonesia

Ever since the fateful Tsunami of December 2004, Humanity First has had an active presence in Indonesia, dealing with a series of natural disasters that afflict this part of the world. Humanity First has been working diligently to provide support in rebuilding the affected communities. This effort continued in 2007, as Humanity First helped the coastal communities in Aceh through the following projects:

### Disaster Response

HF Indonesia is proficient at providing emergency response to the range of natural disasters that afflict the country. This includes medical relief, emergency accommodation and temporary soup kitchens to provide hot meals for several weeks. This capability has been deployed a number of times in the last 3 years around Mount Merapi, Sriharjo, Pathuk, Ngooro Oro, after the Pangandaran earthquake near Ertamukti and in Banda Aceh and across Sumatra. At the start of 2007, Banda Aceh was once again affected, this time by heavy flooding where once again HF provided temporary shelter, food and water.

### Educational programs

Humanity First has helped fund and build boarding facilities for Assasunnajaah Secondary School. This included boarding provision for 120 students and bunkbeds, dining furniture, electric generators, as well as clean water supply through the digging of local water wells with a capacity of 1620 litres/hr.

The second phase of the IT training centre in Banda Aceh supported by Humanity First saw another 20 students and around 29 teachers go through the training courses. These students were nominated by two local high schools in the area. They are now being followed by some medical administrative staff from the local area who will get training on a few software applications at the centre.



INDONESIA (Top Left Clockwise): IT training in Banda Aceh, water supply in Neuheun, orphan care in Aceh, children at the boarding school at Assasunnajaah. (Below): HF's Bagan fishing boats.

### Water and sanitary programs

Humanity First supported the immediate needs of clean water for the new housing complex in Nurani, Neuheun village where 200,000 litres of emergency water supply during September – October 2007 was supplied. Now, a water well has been dug successfully that addresses the ongoing needs of this community of 355 residents and the tanker service has since been discontinued.

### Orphan Care

This program has been initiated in partnership with World Harvest (an International NGO) working in the region. It focuses on the children of the Tsunami affected area residing in the new housing complex Budha Tzu Chi, Neuheun village, in Aceh Besar district. It includes services such as play groups, computer classes, an English language club, drawing fun and a small clinic. Approximately 108 children are benefiting from this program.





## Accounts

### Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

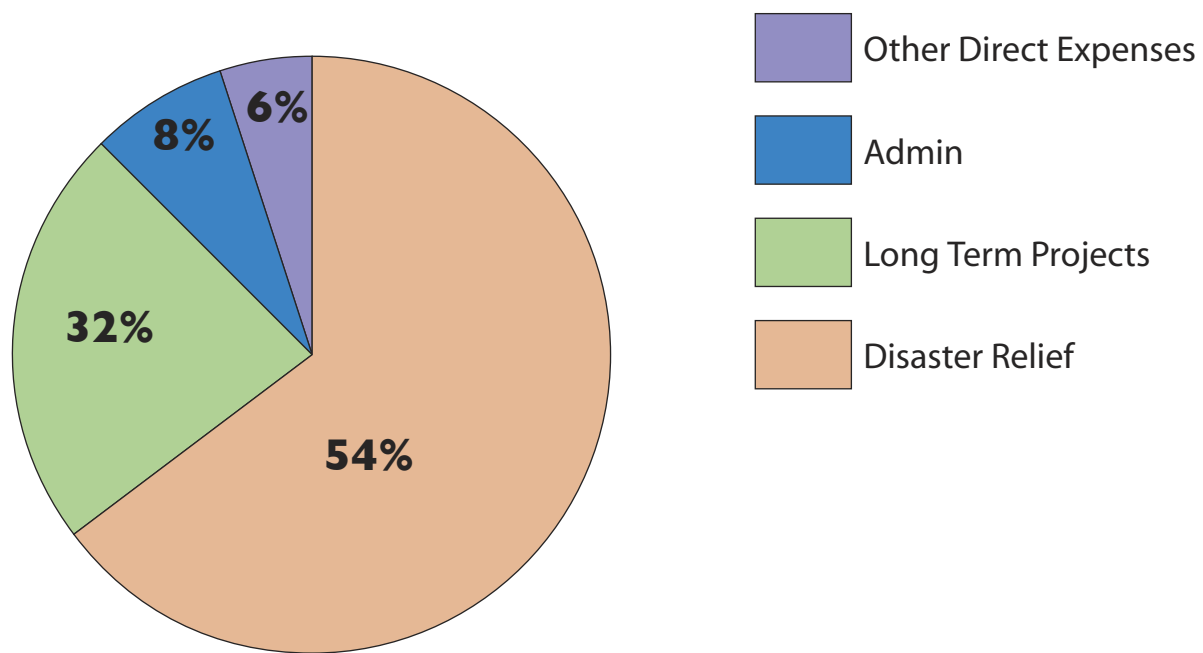
Income and Expenditure Account			
	UK (US\$) Audited	Rest of the World (US\$)	Total (US\$)
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations Received	344,200	1,217,168	1,588,733
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>1,217,168</b>	<b>1,588,733</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
<u>Direct Charitable Expenses</u>			
Asian Tsunami Assistance	36,496	50,045	86,541
Hurricane Katrina Relief		858,333	858,333
Africa Flood Relief	18,747	11,657	30,404
Peru Earthquake		8,773	8,773
Hurricane Noel - Haiti		17,516	17,516
Pakistan Earthquake Rehabilitation	76,485	17,025	93,510
Bangladesh Cyclone Sidr	23,205	8,926	32,131
Other US Disasters (Tornados, Wildfires)		5,150	5,150
Water for Life	50,010	5,446	55,456
Skills Centres	65,872	20,732	86,604
Feed a Family	79,395	19,034	98,429
Gambia School Construction	84,369		84,369
Gift of Sight	18,020		18,020
Orphan Care	23,079		23,079
Medical Equipment	24,210		24,210
UN Disaster Relief Fund		10,000	10,000
<u>Other Direct Charitable Expenses</u>			
Aid Consignments	34,764		34,764
Fundraising and Merchandise	47,648	20,855	68,503
<b>Total Direct Charitable Expenses</b>	<b>582,300</b>	<b>1,053,492</b>	<b>1,635,792</b>
Administrative Expenses	89,294	54,484	143,778
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>671,594</b>	<b>1,107,976</b>	<b>1,779,570</b>
Net Incoming/ Outgoing resources	(327,394)	109,192	(218,202)
Balances brought forward	925,309	9,314	934,623
Balances carried forward	597,915	118,506	716,421

#### Notes:

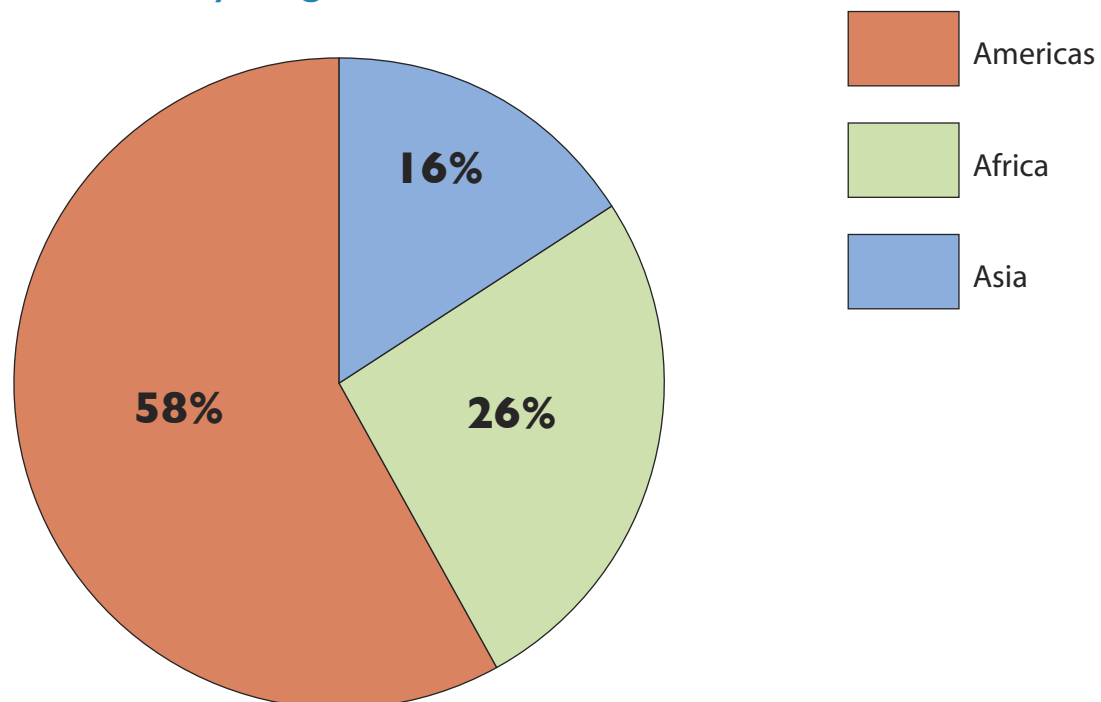
1 UK Accounts have been audited in line with Charity Commission requirements.

2 Rest of the World figures are not fully audited.

## Expenditure by Category



## Expenditure by Region



All of the numbers shown above are skewed by the relief funds for Hurricane Katrina.



## Partners & Collaboration

The following are some of the organisations that have helped us during the last two years and without their support, materials and donations, Humanity First would not have achieved the successes described in this report:

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Action Rags USA LLC	Foundation Cyber Granis Inc	Pfizer (United Way Campaign)
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Aetna Foundation Inc	Friedman, Billings, Ramsey	Quality Foods
AFC Wimbledon	Group Inc.	Rexdale Auto Centre
African Development Bank	Genentech (Employee Giving)	Rotary International
AMJ (Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat)	General Nutrition Center	Satellite Speciality Services &
Aleem Academy	Global Impact	Cellular Phones
Aldomar Trucking Company	Hewlett Packard	Save the Children Fund
AMD	Hospira	Schering Plough
American Renaissance MS	Handicap International	Shamraq International
Americas Charities Distribution	HSBC (Philanthropic Program)	Shire Pharmaceutical
Account	Humanity International	Sohail Enterprise
Ameriprise Financial	International Health Partners	Stada Arzneimittel
Ameriprise Financial	International Society for the Red	Sun Applicances
Anthony Filippis Company	Cross and Red Crescent	Sunny View Gas Spot
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Bank of America (United Way	Kiplinger foundation inc	Triangle United Way
Campaign)	Las Madres East 1980	United Nations
Biman Inc DBA Café Istanbul	LaserSpeed	United Way
Blacks	Majlis Ansarullah UK	Universal Insurance Financial
BMO Nesbitt Burns	Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK	Limited
Brother's Printing	M&M Workman	University Painters
Canasia Grocers	Med Pharmacy	USA Forklift
Capitol City Cardiology Inc	Medecins Sans Frontieres	Valley Pharmacy
Cartas St Elizabeth Medical	Mentor Graphics Foundation	Vango
Center	Michigan Neurodiagnostics	Vero Property Management
Citigroup Foundation	Microsoft Giving Campaign	Verizon
CML Health Care	MPIM Holding Company, LLC.	Verizon Foundation
Corning Inc Foundation	MTA Driving School	Vestal Middle School
Cotton House	National Institute of Training for	Virk & Chaudary Poultry Farm
Dedon	Africa	Vital System Inc
Deer Park Independent School	Netcysive LLC	Volunteers of America
DHL International	Network for Good	Washington Hosp Med Staff
Dist	NHS	Washington Mutual
Del Monte Foods	Nu-Life Medical & Surgical	WaterAid
Dell Direct Giving Campaign	Supplies	WCI Consulting Ltd
Earthquake Reconstruction &	Oracle Corp (Matching Gift)	Westfield High School
Rehabilitation Authority	Oracular Milwaukee Inc	World Harvest
Eastern Kentucky Med Services	Oxfam	World Health Organisation
Eminent Technology	Patriot Mortgage Company	World Water Works

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