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Niger

- Model Village:

Humanity First continued with building Model Villages in the poor communities of Africa providing basic human life facilities to the residents, such as:

- Water Supply
- Power supply through solar energy
- Educational support
- Community Center with Vocational Training of computer and sewing

After the completion of one village in Danda Ji Makao, planning of the second village was undertaken in 2014 in Hogan Sara Village in partnership with IAAAE.

With an established presence in Africa, Humanity First Canada started the Model Village project with a distinct focus on those remote areas where basic necessities are scarce or non-existent. The facilities provided under Model Village projects brings livelihood to the village and transform it into a developing community brining a quality of life to its residents.



- Knowledge for Life:

- 40 school benches were distributed to a local primary school in Niger to increase classroom seating capacity.
- 1 generator was also granted to the same school to meet electricity needs.



- Learn a Skill:



- **SEWING CENTER:** 2 sewing centers are working in Niamey, in the cities of Banifandou & Cite Depute. These centers have 2 teachers and 65 village women participants learning sewing skills. The learning of sewing skills enable these women to support their families and by saving cost of stitching clothes and generate income from sewing business.
- 4 sewing machines were also donated to these sewing enters.
- **COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER:** 1 IT Center is running in Niamey where 25 students are enrolled learning basic computer skills.

- Feed the Hungry:

- Humanity First distributed meat to feed the poor and malnourished communities in Niger throughout the year at various occasions.
- A total number of 136 animals were sacrificed including goats, sheep and cows to feed the poor. More than 15,000 people were served.
- It was a feast for them. People who cannot afford meat regularly were very pleased and grateful to Humanity First for their spirit of sacrifice and for choosing them as their beneficiaries.



Nigeria

- Water for Life:

Water for Life Program brings access to clean drinking water to poor communities in Nigeria by installing water pumps, drilling wells and boreholes etc.

- **Two** boreholes were completed in 2014, one in Enabo, Kogi State and the other in Ankpa, Kogi state.
- More than 2000 people are getting fresh water living in these communities.
- **11** water wells built in previous years are providing water in the villages of Kwara State, Niger State, Borno State, Ijigbo Baale and Afon.
- **10** new wells are planned in 2015.



- Medical Camp:

- **Two** medical camps were held in Nigeria, one in Ondo State and the other in the area of Karshi which is located in Abuja city.
- More than **500** patients were attended.

- **Orphan Care:**

14 orphan children are under the care of foster families responsible for raising the child providing basic needs, education and health care.

- **Feed the Hungry:**

- In the month of October, meat was distributed in Nigerian poor communities to feed the most deprived and malnourished population.
- More than **10,000** people were served meat which was a feast for them which otherwise they cannot afford to eat in routine.

Senegal

- Learn a Skill:

- 3 sewing centers in Senegal continued to provide vocational training to the local residents with an aim to enable these people to find employment with relevant trade or develop their own business and potentially generate income to support their families and can improve their living condition.
- The training centers are operating in Tambacounda, Diabang and Suel.
- There is a nominal fee charged to students for training which covers a portion of operational expenses.
- One training course is completed in three months, hence 4 courses are offered in a year, once in each quarter.
- Each center has the capacity to accommodate **30** students per program, however currently **12** students are registered in each center.



- 1 IT Center is working in Senegal. **20 to 30** students are benefitted in every semester learning basic computer skills.

- Knowledge for Life:

- School supplies including books and stationary items were provided to **17** schools in Senegal.
- Approximately **2,180** students benefitted from this aid in meeting their educational needs.



- Feed the Hungry:

- Fresh meat was distributed in Senegal to feed the poor and malnourished communities.
- More than **15,000** people were served who cannot afford meat regularly. The recipients were very pleased and grateful to Humanity First for their spirit of sacrifice and for choosing them as their beneficiaries.

Pakistan

- Water for Life:

Humanity First Water Well project remained active in 2014 in building more water wells in Tharparker District of Pakistan, a deserted and one of the most neglected region encompassing 22,000 sq km with acute shortage of water.

- By the end of 2014, **55** water wells have been successfully built in the last 4 phases. The goal is to complete 100 wells until July 2015.
- Currently the approximate cost of a well is about US\$3,500.
- **These wells are serving a population of around 70,000 local residents and more than 60,000 livestock in these villages.**



Philippines

- Typhoon Haiyan Relief:

• Post Disaster Rebuilding Project

On November 8th, 2013 a category 5 typhoon made landfall in the Philippines. It was the biggest typhoon ever recorded to make landfall. A total of seven provinces were affected, more than 5,000 people were killed and in excess of 1 million houses were destroyed or damaged. Detailed reports from the United Nations confirms that 11 million people were directly affected by this typhoon.

Humanity First actively participated in the emergency disaster response phase by providing the relief and basic necessities to the affected people.

Following the immediate emergency response to the major disaster, Humanity First initiated a long term rehabilitation project with the support of Canadian Government in June 2014, in the provinces of Capiz and Concepcion, situated in Region VI, focusing on two major areas:

1. Shelter

2. Education

Region VI was the second most typhoon affected area following the worst effect region of Tacloban. The scope of the Rehabilitation Phase included facilitation of short-term reconstruction efforts to restoring pre-existing infrastructure (repair and re-construction of shelters and schools):

1. Rehabilitated 2 schools serving 250 to 300 students each.
2. Repaired a Day Care Center on Olotayan Island
3. Constructed 284 transitional light material shelters. Individuals living in the coastal areas were deprived of not only their homes but their livelihoods as well.

The locations identified for the above projects were Olotayan Island of the Municipality of Roxas City, Capiz Province, Roxas City and Baliguian Island of the Municipality of Concepcion, Iloilo Province.



Jamaica

Humanity First team visited Jamaica on May 21, 2014. The purpose of this visit was to do the need assessment of establishing Humanity First in Jamaica and to learn about the registration process and requirement.

During the visit, the team also visited two villages with local volunteers to see feasibility of long term educational and community support projects and distributed school books and supplies to **300** students.

In addition, a medical camp was also held to provide free consultation to those seeking guidance on health issues.



Canada

The year 2014 has been very productive for Humanity Canada in terms of offering local and national programs and services offered across the country.

- Food Bank:

Feed a Family:

- Humanity First provides monthly food support to the low or no-income residents of York Region and Greater Toronto Area. Supplementary support such as winter clothing, regular clothing, transportation support, school supplies, toys and books are also provided to low income families registered with Humanity First as ancillary support.
- The Food Bank was opened 6 days a week Monday to Saturday throughout the year for clients to walk-in and receive help. Moreover, food home delivery service continued to deliver food hampers to those without transportation.
- In 2014:
 - **Food Hampers:** More than **3600** food hampers were served to various families in need, an average of **14,000** people.



- **Clothing:** Clothing worth of **\$20,000** was distributed to hundreds of deserving clients, new-immigrants and refugees.
- **Winter Clothing:** In winter season, **145** deserving individuals including men, women, children, youth and elderly were provided new winter outer wear, coats,

jackets, winter accessories under this program. Most of the families were new in the country and this was their first winter.

- **Bus Tickets:** 114 low-income individuals were given bus tickets to support in their commute expense.
- **30 Food Drives:** were conducted to collect food donations during the year. Some major highlights are below:
 - 1 outdoor large scale food drive was conducted in August in the city of Maple, Ontario. Around 30 volunteers from local community, schools and universities participated in running the drive and collecting an approximately 800 pounds of food.
 - 5 Public Schools from York Region conducted major food drives for Humanity First Feed a Family program and collected tremendous amount of food donations by engaging the entire school and the parent community. These food drives were held at the time of Thanksgiving season in October and then during the holiday season in December.
 - 2 community colleges selected Humanity First Food Bank for their annual food drive during the holiday season collecting enormous amount of food for Humanity First Food Bank:
 - Centennial College, all 5 campuses
 - Seneca College Markham campus
 - Centennial college also raised funds to procure 105 grocery gift cards worth of \$2,650, \$25 each, for the needy students and families relying on Humanity First support.
 - 4 food drives were done by local businesses.
 - 1 large scale countrywide food drive was done in December by Ahmadiyya Youth Association collecting 250,000 pounds of food across the country.



- On Sunday March 2nd, a group of volunteers from Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association from Vaughan South branch conducted a successful bake sale in partnership with Ahmadiyya Children Sunday school. A huge variety of delectable cupcakes was speaking well enough for the amount of time, effort and creativity invested to raise funds for Humanity First Feed a Family program. A large quantity of food was also collected donated by students and teachers.

The bake sale also built the awareness of poverty and the importance of sharing their blessings with the less fortunate in the society.



- **Food Bank Volunteers:**

Volunteers from various schools and local communities come to perform community service hours at the food bank. This year more than **723** volunteers attended the food bank and assisted in daily general operations investing above **4000** hours in 2014.

Employee Volunteer Day:

In addition, local businesses also choose Humanity First as a charity of choice to celebrate their Community Action Day by volunteering at the Food Bank. Their employees helped in the Food Bank warehouse in organizing inventory, sorting, shelving, stocking of food as well as they prepare family food hampers in their service to humanity.



- This year, **10** companies and groups offered their Volunteer Day services at Humanity First:
 1. Leon's Canada completed 100 hours
 2. SAP Canada
 3. Holy Jubilee Catholic School
 4. Masonic Lodge from Vaughan
 5. Discovery Public School Students and Teachers
 6. Macleod Public School Students and Teachers
 7. Caterpillar Canada
 8. Seneca College Markham Campus
 9. Dr. Roberta Bondar PS Students and Teachers
 10. Brian's Group of 10 People

Feed the Homeless:

- **7** Feed the Homeless services were offered by various groups of volunteers who served hot meals, water and juices to homeless on streets and a few shelters in Toronto and Hamilton.
- Approximately **2100** homeless were served with freshly cooked hot meals, snacks, juices and water.



- Senior First:

Humanity First continued to offer Senior's First program educating seniors on healthy and active living and becoming a positive member of the community. The program focused on health and fitness sessions twice a week, outdoor recreation and social integration of seniors.

- This year **95** health and fitness sessions were held and **30 to 35** participants monthly benefit from this program. The sessions were led by certified fitness trainer, followed by refreshments and meet and greet session
- One on one counseling on social, domestic and health related issues was also offered to program participants.
- Pick and drop rides are provided to those participants who cannot attend the weekly sessions due to lack of transportation.
- One field trip was taken to Centre Island in lake Ontario for outdoor recreation in summer 2014. **60** seniors and some youth volunteers enjoyed the short ferry ride from lake shore downtown Toronto to Centre Island. Seniors group spent the day in various activities like walking through the park, light games and yoga and had lunch there.

- Tax Clinic:

- The Tax Clinic was held on Sunday March 23th, 2014. **150** tax claims were filed.
- Once a year, a full day tax clinic is organized to offer free service to file income tax returns of low-income individuals, families and senior residents. The certified professionals join Humanity First in offering this service to the deserving people.



- **Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement:**

- Humanity First is registered with Citizenship and Immigration Canada for Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement program.
- Under this program, refugees from overseas are sponsored to resettle in Canada from outside of their country of origin. Around 150 individuals arrived in Canada in 2014 under this program from various countries.

- **Healthcare:**

- Under this program, Humanity First supports the fundraising initiatives for local hospitals expansion and enhancement projects for providing improved healthcare to its communities. In 2014 Humanity First had supported the following hospitals:
 - Markham Stouffville Hospital Fundraising Campaign for the expansion project
 - Run for Vaughan Charity walk organized by AMJ for building a hospital in the city of Vaughan, Ontario.

- **Education:**

• **Women Support Group Sessions:**

- Humanity First offer women support group sessions twice a week for one hour on various topics relating to women's social, mental, parental and domestic growth and well-being. This program is offered in partnership with a Regional agency called Family Services of York Region.
- The program is led by a female facilitator who leads the group in a discussion on the topic of the day and suggests positive approaches to resolve those issues. Women are empowered by giving ideas on positive parenting and self-reformation.
- In 2014, around **80** sessions were organized in the city of Maple, Ontario benefitting **30 to 35** participants per session.

• **University Scholarship Program:**

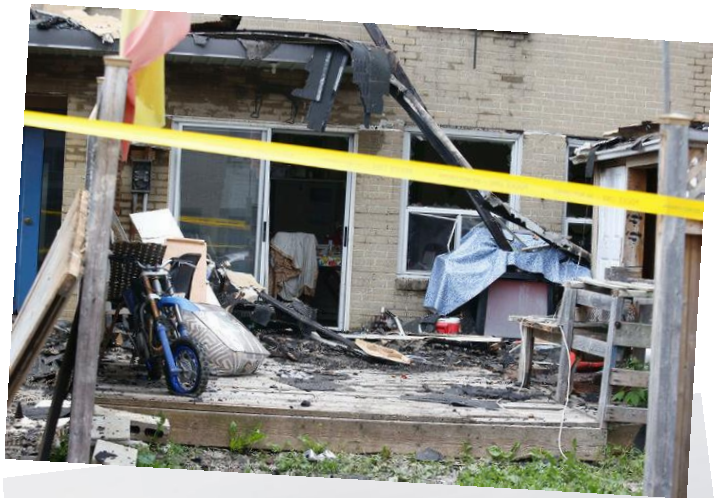
- 1 scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded to a university student in 2014. Humanity First offers scholarships from \$1000 to \$2,500 to encourage students from low-income families to pursue higher education.
- The qualifying applicant must be enrolled full time in post-secondary programs in the following year and should be actively involved in the community.

- Disaster Relief:

- **Brampton Fire Relief | June 8, 2014:**

On the night of Sunday June 8th, a fire caught a large townhomes complex in Brampton, Ontario around 3am on Ardglen Drive, which made hundreds of residents homeless. This tragic event took a life of a 10 years old boy as well. The fire swept along the roofline of the two-story building in both directions.

- Humanity First teams arrived at the location early morning and provided fresh meals and hygiene items to families staying at various shelters setup by the city.



- **Disaster Response Training | September 5-7, 2014:**

The Disaster Response Training Course was held to train doctors, nurses, paramedics and non-medical logistics personnel with an understanding of disaster response management and medical practice.

This Course provided an overview of disaster response to both medical and non-medical logistics personnel as well as the required training to handle and provide emergency basic

medical and surgical assistance in a disaster scenario with minimum resources and maximum needs.

High level course outline included:

- Disaster Classification and HF Management
- Safety & Risk
- Public Health Medicine
- Primary survey – ABCDE
- Adult BLS
- Pediatric BLS
- Care of the vulnerable
- Trauma Resuscitation
- Location Selection, Camp set up and structure
- Team policies Water, food, sanitation and waste disposal
- Team equipment, supplies & MRT Logistics
- Communication and reporting procedure



Humanity First University Clubs:

Humanity First Student clubs were founded in the two universities with a mandate to recruit and train volunteers to support Humanity First activities and organize fundraising activities:

- Macmaster University Hamilton
- York University Toronto

A group of students from these universities have founded these clubs after getting inspired by the Humanity First service to humanity locally and internationally.

These clubs are officially registered with the universities and have governing constitution in accordance with Humanity First mandate and university's regulations.

- Macmaster University Hamilton | Highlights of 2014

- **Welcome Week Information Session | September 2014:**

The executive committee of **20** members held the information and recruitment session to bring more people on board. Over **300** students got registered.

- **Waffle Wednesday Fundraiser | October 2014:**

Above **300** students attended the event and were served waffles and fruit breakfast raising \$850.00 in few hours. Food supplies were sponsored by the university.

- **Feed the Homeless |February and November 2014:**

A group of **30** students from Humanity First Club @ Macmaster University served homeless people freshly baked pizza, snacks and juices to over **600** people in two services.

- **Dodge for a Good Cause Tournament Fundraiser:**

Macmaster University organized a tournament to raise funds to support non-profits charitable organisations supported by their institution. 200 participants attended the tournament and a donation of \$1600 from the overall proceeds was granted to Humanity First.

- **Early Bird Breakfast Fundraiser | February 2014:**

A breakfast service was organized on campus for students early morning to raise funds through breakfast sale. With the food inventory sponsored by the university, \$400 were raised with breakfast sale in a short period of time.

- **Willy Dog McMaster and Variety Night Fundraisers | March 2014:**

About 30 volunteers organized the two events raising more than \$450.00 for the charitable causes of Humanity First.



- Humanity First @York University | Highlights of 2014

- **General Body Meeting | October 2, 2014:**

A general body meetings were held to invite students to come and learn about Humanity First, join the club, sign-up for events, and help us brain storm on the Humanity First Club activities at York U.

- **Feed the Homeless | October 24, 2014:**

A group of 20 students went downtown to distribute pizza and water to homeless individuals.

- **Youth Without Shelter – Dinner | November 6, 2014:**

The Humanity First Club @ York University served Downtown Toronto area and a Youth shelter called “Youth Without Shelter”. The students visited the shelter and served meals and snacks to homeless youth who had escaped from abusive domestic environment.

The student volunteers met the youth residents and spent recreational time with them as an initiative of peer mentorship and played games with them.

- **Henna for Humanity Fundraiser | October 22, 2014:**

The Humanity First Club @ York University held a very successful fundraiser on campus to raise funds for Water for Life program.

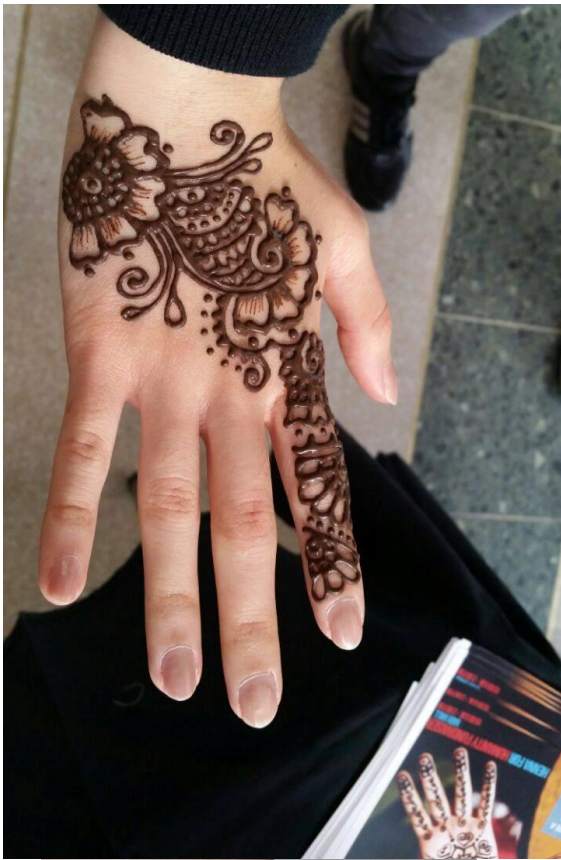
A total number of 13 volunteers and henna artists - spent the day making beautiful henna designs on ladies hands.

Humanity First information booth was also setup at the event and raised a lot of awareness about Humanity First services to humanity.

- **Youth Without Shelter - Holiday Celebration | December 22, 2014:**

The Humanity First Club @ York University organized indoor games and activities at the shelter, Youth Without Shelter. The students also baked cookies and other treats, held a magic show, competitions and played games. Each youth resident was also presented a gift of a small care package - coffee mug with a card, hot chocolate and candies inside.





Humanity First Fundraising & Awareness Events

- Humanity First holds fundraising and awareness events across the country to raise funds for its humanitarian projects in service to humanity.
- The year 2014 has been very busy in holding a large number of events in various major cities. Altogether, 8 events were held in which thousands of donors and supporters participated including government officials, politicians and dignitaries from various walks of life and applauded greatly Humanity First service to humanity!
- These events play an important role in building awareness of Humanity First work among media and general public, as well as, in raising funds for the projects. This year following events were held:

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| 1. Edmonton Syria Relief | Mar 09, 2014 |
| 2. Calgary Model Village | May 30, 2014 |
| 3. Saskatoon Run for Humanity | Sep 20, 2014 |
| 4. Toronto & GTA Golf Tournament Food Bank | Sep 27, 2014 |
| 5. Montreal Ebola Outbreak | Nov 28, 2014 |
| 6. Toronto and GTA for 10 th Anniversary & Ebola Outbreak | Dec 4, 2014 |



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Prime Minister Stephen Harper today attended a fundraising dinner marking 10 years of charitable work and disaster relief by Humanity First Canada, a mission of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. All proceeds from the dinner will go towards fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The dinner took place at the Woodbine Banquet and Convention Hall in Toronto. The Prime Minister was joined by Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology), Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Julian Fantino, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and Patrick Brown, Member of Parliament for Barrie. At the event,



the Prime Minister delivered a speech in which he congratulated Humanity First Canada on 10 years of philanthropic endeavours around the world, including disaster relief in Haiti, Pakistan and the Philippines. He also thanked the organization for its fundraising efforts to combat the spread of Ebola in West Africa and highlighted a number of measures Canada is taking to address the outbreak, including the deployment of Canadian troops and medical personnel, the "Join the Fight Against Ebola" recruitment campaign which promotes the recruitment of Canadian healthcare workers through the Canadian Red Cross, and the stellar work being done at home on an effective vaccine. Finally, the Prime Minister expressed his deep appreciation to Humanity First Canada for condemning the recent deadly terrorist attacks on Canadian Armed Forces personnel and for helping counteract youth radicalization in Canada.

"It was an honour to join Humanity First Canada in celebrating 10 years of important charitable work around the world. They are a trusted partner and we recognize the important disaster relief work they have done in places like Haiti, Pakistan and the Philippines. I am pleased that they have joined international efforts to fight Ebola and that the proceeds from tonight's dinner will go towards responding to the outbreak in West Africa. Our Government is taking a leadership role in efforts to stop the deadly virus."
– Prime Minister Stephen Harper

