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Niger

- Model Village:

Humanity First launched the project of building Model Villages in the poorest of the poor communities of Africa in 2013. This project was undertaken in accordance to the vision of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aa) for a Model Village to have the basic human life facilities available to the residents and bring livelihood to the village and transform it into a developing community bringing a quality of life to its residents. Such as:

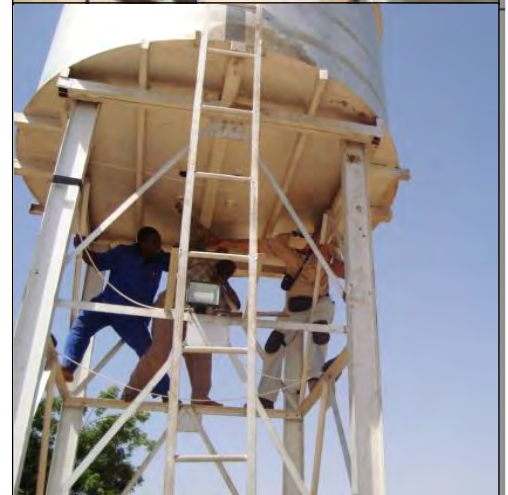
- Water Supply
- Power supply through solar energy
- Educational Facility, schools
- Community Center Vocational Training Center for computing and sewing



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.

Humanity First Canada has completed the first Model Village project in Niger in November 2013, with close collaboration of IAAAE

- The village named **DANDAJI MAKOU** was selected because it is one of the least privileged areas of Niger. This village is 70 km away from the city of Maradi, and has the population of approximately 600 people.
- This project deployed the following facilities in the village:
 - Water Distribution System
 - Electrical Power Generation & Distribution System
 - **Water Distribution System**
 - The water distribution system is designed to extract water from the borehole and pump it through a solar pump to the centrally located overhead water tank, where it is stored on a temporary basis.



The water is then distributed to the village through the pipe lines to taps located around different convenient locations.

- A borehole is drilled to the depth of approximately 135 meters below the ground level.
- A pump is installed approximately 80 meters deep.
- An Overhead Water Tank is fabricated approximately 6 meters above the ground which has a storage capacity of **20,000 Litre** of water.
- Approximately 500 meter long water pipe lines are installed and water taps are provided in the village at six (6) different convenient locations.
- The water was tested in laboratory and certified as clean water for drinking.
- Water will be used for drinking, sanitation, irrigation and other general use.
- A water tank is also provided for animals to drink water.



▪ **Electrical Power Generation & Distribution System**

- The electricity is generated by using the solar panels. These solar panels absorb the heat from sunlight and generate the electricity. This electrical power is supplied for these two main purposes:

1. Electric Power System 1:

- This system is installed to provide the electricity for solar water pump, which is used to supply the water from underground to the overhead water tank.
- 12 Solar panels were used to generate electricity for this purpose.
- Under the steel frame, the battery, timers and all other electrical components were installed.
- This area was secured with a fence & gate, for security and safety purposes.

2. Electric Power System 2:

- This system is installed to provide the electricity for home & street lighting, and for other purposes.
- 10 Solar panels were installed to generate electricity for this purpose.
- Electricity was provided to:
 - 60 Residential Homes
 - 1 Community Center
 - 1 Mosque
 - Street lights



○ **The Future Plans for the extension of this Model Village:**

- Vocational Training Centre
- Educational Facility
- Infrastructure of Roads
- Humanity First Canada is very grateful to all its donors and supporters for inspiring contribution in completing this project – a milestone in restoring communities and building a future.
- Humanity First is also greatly thankful to IAAAE & AMJ Niger for the guidance, support and assistance.



- Additional Projects Under Model Village Initiative:

- In addition to the above village in DANDAJI MAKOU, additional projects have also been done under the same initiative at various locations in Niger:
- **House:** One house has been built for a homeless family in the village of Mada in the region of Konni. The cost occurred is 553000 CFA (\$1107.6 USD).
- **Schools:** The building of two schools has been decided in the small towns in Tillabéry region near Niamey. Acquiring of land for the two schools is in process. The paper work has been submitted to the concerning department of the government. In another school, school furniture has been provided in early this year.
- **Water Well:** 1 New well is drilled in the village called Séno Hobbi, department of Torodi, in region Tillabéry, at a location where water is found at 50 meters deep under the ground.
- The water is pumped up with a manual foot pump. The cost of installing one foot pump is 85,000.00 CFA (\$1700.00 USD). The cost of overall drilling of well is 5000000 CFA (\$10,015.00 USD)

- Vocational Training:

- 1 sewing center is working in Niamey allowing village women to learn sewing skills and later generate income from sewing business to support their family.
- 4 sewing machines have been gifted to 3 orphan girls and one old lady to get training and later improve their income with sewing business in future.
- The cost occurred per machine is 40,000 CFA (80.00) and 160,000 CFA (\$320.00) for 4 machines.



- **Feed the Hungry:**

- On October 16, at the occasion of Eidul Adhiya Humanity First distributed meat in Africa to feed the poor and malnourished communities. It is estimated that more than 30,000 people have benefited from the meat distribution in poor communities in 3 countries: Niger, Senegal and Nigeria.
- Hundreds of goats and cows were sacrificed to feed the poor. 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.

- **Emergency Relief | Malaria Prevention Program:**

- Humanity First Canada with the help of the volunteers of Humanity First Niger distributed more than 200 mosquito nets in the region of Konni in Niger in the monsoon season in September 2013.
- Every year, there are approximately 350 - 500 million cases of malaria around the world. More than one million people die from the disease annually. Over 90 per cent of these deaths occur among young children and pregnant women in Africa.
- During the rainy season in Niger, the threat of Malaria increases. A large number of people get sick due to mosquito bites. Humanity First Canada launched a malaria prevention program by distributing mosquito nets.



Nigeria

Chairman Humanity First Canada, visited Nigeria in March 2013 to oversee projects in place including drilling of water wells, boreholes, Orphan Care and Medical Camps, etc. The Chairman also sought provisions of building the Model Village in the most deserving areas with no electricity, water or school. The focus was to select the poorest of the poor communities, such as States of Oyo, Osun, Ogun, Edo, Niger, FCT, and Nasarawa are under consideration.

- **Water for Life:**

- Currently 11 water wells are running providing clean fresh drinking water. Humanity First is looking into drilling more new wells in 2014. The wells / boreholes are located in the villages of Kwara State, Niger State, Borno State, Ijigbo Baale and Afon.

- **Medical Camp:**

- Two medical camps were organized in the states of Abuja and Oyo in 2013.

- **Orphan Care:**

- 23 orphans have received care from foster families responsible for their basic care and education and health care.
- An Orphanage in the city of Benin, in Edo state in southern Nigeria is also supported occasionally with food, clothing and school supplies.
- The Chairman Humanity First Canada, personally visited most of the orphan children in care during his visit to Nigeria in March 2013, met with the program team and reviewed the operations in detail.



- **Vocational Training:**

- Two IT centers are operating providing training on basic skills, one in Ayegunle Gbede, Kogi State and the other in Umaisha, Nasarawa State.
- These centers also work as net-café for local residents to generate funds for the center. At an average, 10 to 15 students are graduated every quarter.



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Pakistan

- Water for Life:

- Humanity First Canada sponsored the construction of 10 Water wells in Tharparkar district, Pakistan in 2013 as requested by Humanity First Pakistan. This was a combined project of 20 water wells between HF Canada and USA.
- Similar to the wells sponsored by Humanity First Canada in the previous years; these new wells are also built in Tharparkar district in 20 deserted villages with acute water shortage.
- The approximate cost of well is about \$3,100 per well.
- These wells are serving a population of around **17,000 local residents and more than 18,000 livestock in these villages.**



Senegal

- Vocational Training:

- Humanity First Canada has opened five Sewing Training Centers to provide vocational training to the local women in Senegal. The objective of the project is to open more employment opportunities for women which will result in alleviation of poverty. After learning sewing skills the local women can develop sewing businesses which can potentially generate income to support their families and can improve their living condition.
- The training centers are opened in the following cities:
 - Kaolack (Central)
 - Dakar
 - Tambacounda (east)
 - Sedhiou (south)
 - Singin
- The total project cost for 5 centers is approximately \$12,400.00
- The students are charged a nominal fee for training which will generate some income from the centers and will cover a portion of operational expenses.
- A training program of three months is being offered four times in a year, once in each quarter. Each center will be able to accommodate 30 students per program and will benefit 160 students in all five centers in one year.

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Philippines

- **Disaster Relief:**

Every year in the monsoon season, various communities in Philippines are hit by tropical cyclones and floods destroying local infrastructures, crops and local commodities and causing massive destruction and casualties. Humanity First Canada has established its presence in Philippines and has been providing emergency relief to the victims of these disasters since 2009. Humanity First has been collaborating with local relief camps and evacuation centres in providing food, water, blankets, and water survival boxes.

The relief teams also establish a temporary Soup Kitchen to serve hot and fresh meals to the hundreds of stranded victims every day.

Typhoon Ondoy in September 2009, Typhoon Washi in December 2011 and Typhoon Bhopa in December 2012 are the previous disasters where Humanity First had deployed its emergency relief operation and has assisted thousands.

- **Typhoon Haiyan Relief November 8, 2013:**

Emergency Response:

On Friday, November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated a large path through the middle of the Philippines. A State of National Calamity in Samar provinces, Leyte, Cebu, Iloilo, Capiz, Aklan, and Palawan. This disaster left the country with 11 million people affected:

- 6,201 Dead
- 28,626 Injured
- 1,785 Missing
- 1,140,332 houses (550,928 totally / 589,404 partially) damaged

By Monday, November 11, 2013, Humanity First initiated the response and has helped more than 20,000 people are assisted

- More than 10,000 people provided clean drinking water
- More than 2000 people received food & clothing
- 600 families are given Water Survival Boxes with household Supplies
- 100 new homes are rebuilt
- 300 Children received School Supplies
- 7000 blankets distributed
- 3 tons of rice distributed
- ONE large capacity electric generator installed

Restoration and Rebuilding:

Since the outset of the disaster in November, 2013, the first phase of emergency response was completed in December 2013. The operation has now been shifted to phase II of

restoration and rehabilitation which is anticipated to be completed by September 2014. The brief details are as follows:

- **Target Area:**

- Olotayan Island
- Balagulan Island

- **Target Activities**

- Building of 100 homes on Olotayan Island
- Building of 200 homes on Balagulan Island
- Repair of a school building
- Repair of a daycare center
- Repair of electrical grid to restore power supply



Bangladesh

- Education and Water for Life projects:

- Humanity First Canada will be sponsoring a project for community development in remote villages of Mahilla and Chakma in Baghiachari, Bangladesh.
- Initial assessment of this project was completed in 2013
- Baghiachari is a remote mountain area and is a sub-district of Rangamati district of Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. Baghiachari consists of 178 small villages including Mahilla and Chakma. It has a population of about 58, 000 and has an average literacy rate 32.4%
- Humanity First will be building a school in Mahila and a water well in Chakma village.
- The school building project in Mahilla will comprise of the following:
 - Purchase of land
 - Construction of school (8 classrooms, office and washroom)
 - Construction of two very basic accommodation units for teachers
 - Furniture and fixtures for school
 - A water well in school
- This project is anticipated to start in 2014.

USA

- Disaster Relief | Oklahoma Tornado, May 2013:

- In 2013, Humanity First Canada in partnership with Humanity First USA responded to the Oklahoma Tornado that hit the city of Moore on May 20, 2013:
- Oklahoma was ravaged by a tornado with wind speed up to 210 miles/ hour, falling into the category of the strongest tornadoes measured. 24 deaths were confirmed including 9 children, 377 injured and the city of 55,000 was devastated by the storm. About 2,400 homes were damaged in the Oklahoma cities of Moore and Oklahoma City.
- Humanity First Canada in collaboration with Humanity First USA responded to the disaster and provided the displaced individuals with essential relief supplies in coordination with other agencies and officials. Humanity First team also performed immediate cleanup operation within the affected areas.
- Humanity First registered with the City of Moore Volunteer Unit as a Response and Relief Organization. The City was very happy to learn that the HF team had all the required tools and safety equipment.
- The city was divided into 10 zones out of which Humanity First was assigned 2 zones that have the most damage.
- Many insurance companies were not paying for home demolitions, and many families were asking for help in this regard as they do not had the money to pay for this.
- Humanity First helped the affected residents with demolishing of houses and recovery of belongings. Volunteers worked very hard to help the people in need.
- City officials and other government agencies were very appreciative of Humanity First team and assigned various tasks to the volunteers.



Canada

The year 2013 has been extremely busy and productive for Humanity Canada in terms of high volume of events taking place across the country. Humanity First teams have been very busy in offering routine services through local programs and in conducting fundraising activities for local and international projects undertaken by HFC.

- Food Bank:

Feed a Family:

- Humanity First Food Bank continues to provide monthly food hampers to low or no income families in York Region and some communities of GTA. The Food Bank is open 6 days a week Monday to Friday for clients to walk-in and receive help. Moreover, food home delivery service is also provided to those without transportation.
- Total registered clients are 1400 families. However, on average 300 to 400 families request for food on a monthly basis, whereas the rest of the clients request on occasional basis.

URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

How can you help fight hunger?

Humanity First Food Bank helps thousands of less fortunate members of our community by providing monthly food hampers. Food support is available for walk-in clients and through free home delivery service.

Humanity First needs your help in fighting to end hunger in your community!

To make a donation or to become a volunteer:
CALL 416-291-1111, CLICK or COME!

FOOD
Conduct a Food Drive and donate non-perishable food items.

MONEY
Make monetary donations in person, by mail or online.

TIME
Volunteer your time to raise food, funds and awareness.

- **30 Food Drives** were conducted to collect food donations during the year. Some of the highlights are below:
 - 1 outdoor large scale food drive was conducted in the city of Maple, Ontario. Around 25 volunteers from local community, schools and universities participated in running the drive.



- 6 Public Schools, 5 from York Region and 1 from Peel 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 associated community. These food drives were held at the time of Thanksgiving season in October and then during the holiday season in December.
- A successful Food Drive and BBQ were organized by Durham volunteer team in Durham mosque to support Food Bank services and build awareness of Humanity First service to humanity. Local city officials, MPs and various dignitaries were also invited to the event to build awareness. All dignitaries gave high regard in their speeches to Humanity First for its humanitarian services.
- 4 food drives were done by local businesses situated in the vicinity of the Food Bank.

Food Bank Volunteers:

- Volunteers from various schools and local communities come to perform community service hours at the food bank. This year more than ----- volunteers attended the food bank and assisted in daily general operations.
- **Community Action 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 help 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. Out of those, some individuals also take additional responsibility of delivering food to the needy families and seniors.



- This year, following companies selected Humanity First for their Community Action Day service:

- **State Farm** – A North American Company of financial and insurance services. 8 volunteers visited the Food Bank three times during the year:
 - September 11, Wednesday
 - October 30, Wednesday
 - November 27, Wednesday
- **Nielsen Innovation Analytics** – A world’s leading marketing and media Information Company. 10 volunteers visited the Food Bank on June 13, 2013.
- **Leon’s Furniture** – A leading furniture company in Canada. 5 volunteers completed 100 hours in 5 days at the Food Bank in August 2013.
- **Target Canada** – A North American Departmental chain of stores. 10 volunteers visited Food Bank on December 9, 2013.
- **Caterpillar INC** – Construction Machinery and Equipment company. 11 volunteers visited the Food Bank on December 3, 2013.
- **St. Margaret Mary Church** – A roman catholic church in Woodbridge, Ontario. 17 students with 3 catholic teachers attended the Food Bank on October 19, 2013.

Feed the Homeless:

- Fresh Pizza meals are served to homeless on streets and in shelters in holiday season every year. The service is offered at an average of 3 to 4 cities across the country, such as Toronto Downtown, Hamilton, Montreal and Ottawa. Approximately 600 to 700 homeless are served with freshly cooked meals across the country every year.
- This service was offered three times during the year by various groups of volunteers who served hot meals, water and juices to homeless on streets and a few shelters in their respective cities.

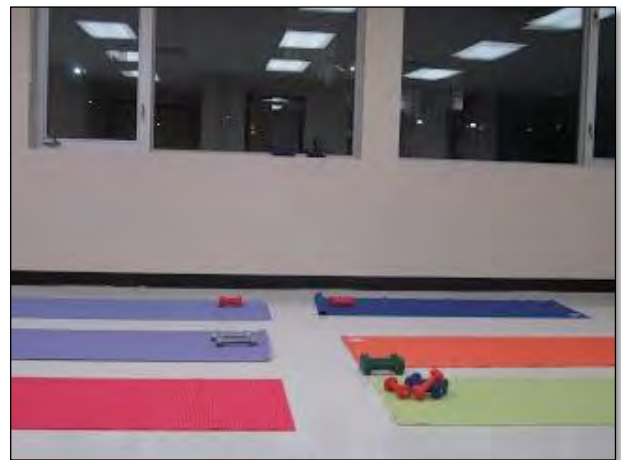


- **Humanity First Club at Macmaster University in Hamilton** | 27th February, 2013
 - Served three shelters plus homeless on the streets
- **Humanity First Club at York University in Toronto** | 9th October, 2013
 - Served Downtown Toronto area
- **Humanity First Volunteer group** | December 24 and 25, 2013
 - Served Downtown Toronto, streets and shelters

- Senior First:

- Humanity First continues to offer Senior's First program that educated seniors on healthy and active living and becoming a positive member of the community. This program offers health and fitness sessions, outdoor recreation and offers opportunities to socialize with each other.

- Health and fitness sessions were led by a Fitness trainer twice a week. Fresh and healthy refreshments were served in each session. **30 to 35 participants regularly benefit from this program.**



- Pick and drop rides are provided to those participants who cannot attend the weekly sessions due to lack of transportation.
- One Field trip was offered for outdoor recreation to Innisfill beach in summer 2013. 55 seniors and 15 youth volunteers participated. Seniors were led into simple stretching workout and light sports at the beach side.
- One on one counseling on social, domestic and health related issues is also available for program participants.

- Tax Clinic:

- Once a year, a free service is provided to file income tax returns of low-income individuals, families and senior residents. Various certified professionals and CRA officials volunteer with Humanity First in offering this service.
- This year, the Tax Clinic was held on Sunday March 24th, 2013.
- **More than 160 tax claims were filed.**



- 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. So far 68 individuals have been sponsored from various countries.



- Gift of Vision:

- Humanity First sponsors the purchase of a pair of eye glasses for low-income individuals upon request. The recipients are required to provide a valid prescription and a proof of income or a reference of an agency or a social worker to qualify for the service. Various clients are served during the year who are referred by their social workers.

- Health and Medical:

- Under this program, Humanity First supports the fundraising initiatives for local hospitals expansion and enhancement projects for providing improved healthcare to its communities. In 2013 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 local agency called Family Services of York Region.
- The program is led by a female facilitator who leads the group in a discussion on a selected issue related to women’s daily life and behaviours and suggests positive approaches to resolve those issues. Topics of positive parenting, self-reformation and empowerment are also discussed for women’s mental and physical well-being.
- In 2013, around 80 sessions were organized in the city of Maple, Ontario.

○ **University Scholarship Program:**

- Humanity First offers two scholarships to university students every year. \$1000 is offered to a student recommended by University of Toronto. \$2,500 is offered to most deserving university student selected from applicants for the given year.

- Disaster Relief | Calgary Floods, June 2013:

- Severe rainfall in June 2013 caused severe flooding in Southern Alberta and parts of Central Alberta. The flooding resulted in serious damage to homes, properties and businesses, forcing the evacuation of citizens from a number of communities, including in Calgary. Infrastructure was severely affected, including multiple road washouts as well as rail line, gas line, telecommunications and power disruptions.



- Humanity First had immediately contacted various city departments and emergency services to offer our assistance and also met with CEMA (Calgary Emergency Management Agency). Humanity First has also contacted the City of High River, City of Canmore and City of Okotoks to offer assistance.
- Humanity First immediately deployed a disaster response team of 50 volunteers in the affected communities where they assisted the affected residents to return to their homes and helped them to clean and salvage their belongings:

- Cleaned houses from waterlogged furniture & other stuff
- Removed walls, insulation, etc.
- Cleaned up debris and removed water damaged flooring
- Pumped out water
- Performed general house hold cleaning
- Humanity First relief team distributed the following relief supplies to the victims:
 - Non-perishable food items
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Clothing, diapers
 - Blankets, Pillows & Bed Sheets.



Humanity First University Clubs:

- Humanity First Student clubs have been founded in the following two universities
 - 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. Their mandate is to recruit and train volunteers to support Humanity First activities and organize fundraising activities.
- These clubs are officially registered with the universities and have governing constitution in accordance with Humanity First mandate and university's regulations.
- **Highlights of the last years activities:**

- **Macmaster University | Waffle Wednesday**

The Humanity First McMaster club organized a fundraising event “Waffle Wednesday” on October 23, 2013. A large number of students flooded in for hot waffles, in the morning to have a delicious breakfast in the student’s center.

Over 500 fresh waffles were prepared and sold to generate the funds for Humanity First Feed the Homeless program.



- **Macmaster University | Promotional Video**

A promotional video of two minutes was created to build awareness on youth affected by poverty and Humanity First humanitarian programs for poverty annihilation.

- **Macmaster University | Feed the Homeless | Feb 27 and Nov 8, 2013:**

15 student volunteers participated in serving hot meals to homeless on streets and in three shelters in Hamilton: Good Sheppard/Notre Dame, Salvation Army and Interval House.



- **Macmaster University | Fundraiser for Philippine Typhoon Relief:**

A fundraiser was launched to raise funds for Humanity First Philippine Typhoon Relief efforts and as a result, \$1200.00 were raised by the students.

- **York University | Feed the Homeless | October 29, 2013:**

Students of Humanity First York University Club joined with students of Ryerson University conducted the Feed the Homeless program in Downtown Toronto on October 29, 2013. 125 homeless were served with pizza meal, water and juices.

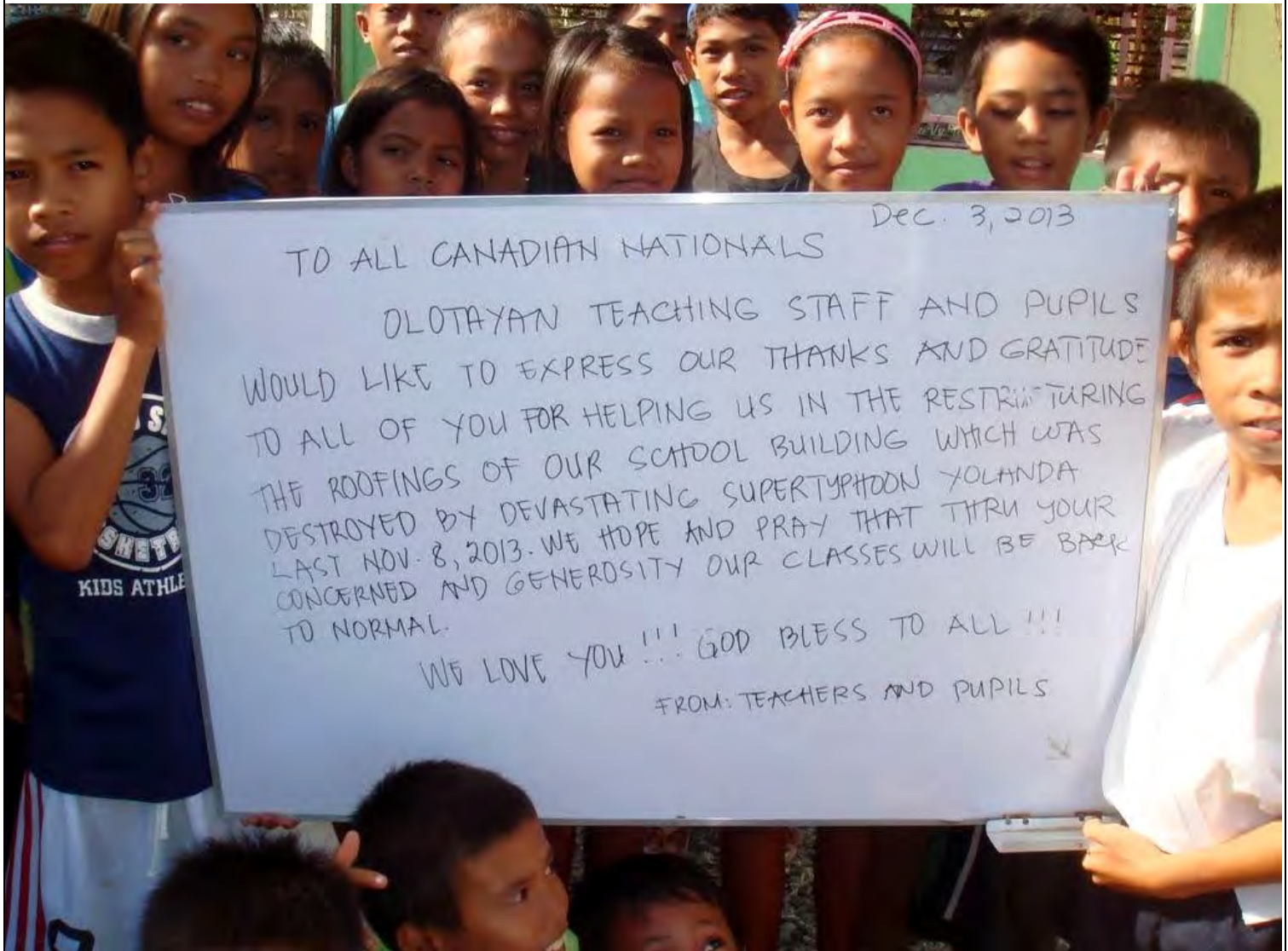
All student participants executed this service with great enthusiasm in fulfilling their social responsibility towards the poor and the needy.

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 2013 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:
 1. **Toronto and GTA for Model Village** | April 4, 2013
 2. **Toronto and GTA for Feed a Family & Model Village** | Jul 27, 2013
 3. **Saskatoon for Model Village** | Sep 26, 2013
 4. **Golf Tournament for Food Bank** | Sep 29, 2013
 5. **Calgary for Syria Relief** | Nov 2, 2013
 6. **Vancouver for Philippine Typhoon Relief Operation** | Nov 25, 213
 7. **Toronto and GTA for Philippine Typhoon Relief Operation** | Dec 3, 2013
 8. **Montreal for Philippine Typhoon Relief Operation** | Dec 6, 2013
 9. **Ottawa for Philippine Typhoon Relief Operation** | Dec 7, 2013



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