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Humanity First Responds to Hurricane Dorian Emergency Medical Team deployed to assist victims in The Bahamas

Vaughan, Ontario, Canada – Hurricane Dorian, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Bahamas on September 1st, 2019 causing historical devastations on the islands of Grand Bahamas and Abaco.

Humanity First Canada has sent an emergency medical team to assist the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Our Emergency Medical Team is working in coordination with WHO and Ministry of Health Bahamas to provide medical assistance to sick and injured in Abaco.

Humanity First Disaster Response Team, consisting of doctors, nurses and paramedics and logistics staff, has arrived in Nassau, Bahamas and is currently in process of setting up Emergency Medical Treatment Center to be run by Humanity First volunteers from Canada and USA.

Due to the floodwaters and potential sewage contamination, the risk of diarrheal and waterborne diseases remains high. Additionally, other water borne infections such as leptospirosis could be a concern in the near future.

We are also doing further assessment for other needs while waiting for the Water Survival Boxes to arrive in Bahamas. These will be distributed to affected families.

You can support this relief work and help the victims of hurricane by donating to Humanity First and also by volunteering at the command center in Canada or on the ground in Bahamas.

Commenting on this event, Dr. Aslam Daud, Chairman Humanity First Canada said:

"Our volunteers have taken time off from their work to help people in need. We believe in putting the needs of others before our own needs. This is what being human means! We want to be in the forefront to help people in need. This is what being Canadian means!"

For more information and to help this relief work, please visit www.humanityfirst.ca

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About Humanity First:

Humanity First is an International Non-Profit Charitable Organization established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. Humanity First is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with communities around the globe to improve the quality of life for some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Directors, Officers and Aid Workers of Humanity First are unpaid volunteers. Humanity First has been granted a special consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In the past, Humanity First has responded to various natural disasters in Haiti, Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines, Caribbean and Indonesia, Ebola relief in Africa, Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts in USA East coast, famine in north east Africa, Japan tsunami, Haiti earthquake and Pakistan floods. Locally in GTA Humanity First runs a large Foodbank. For further information and media inquiries, please visit our website <u>http://www.humanityfirst.ca</u> or email to <u>info@humanityfirst.ca</u> or call 416-440-0346.

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