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## RELIEF IN CRISIS: HUMANITY FIRST RUSHES AID TO TURKIYE

On February 6, 2023, Turkiye experienced a devastating earthquake that shook the nation to its core. This earthquake caused widespread destruction, leaving communities in disarray. Homes and infrastructure crumbled under the force of nature, displacing countless families and triggering a humanitarian crisis. Over 50,000 individuals lost their life and over 16,000 individuals were injured. In response to this tragedy, Humanity First provided immediate relief and support to those affected.



**MEDICAL  
RELIEF**



**FOOD &  
WATER AID**



**SHELTER  
PROJECT**

The Humanity First Assessment Team along with medical professionals provided urgent medical assistance. Mobilization of personnel and resources to assist with search and rescue, medical support, temporary shelter, and water and food insecurity. HF ran 2 medical camps in Osmaniye and Antakya, assisting hundreds of patients every day through medical assistance and provision of emergency survival kits and supplies.

In Canada, the HF team was massively engaged in logistical and fundraising activities. HF Food Bank received a tremendous amount of support from Canadian donors who donated over 320 bags of essential supplies containing relief supplies, blankets, beddings, sleeping bags, diapers, toiletries, etc. Over tens and thousands pounds of supplies were shipped to Turkiye.



Humanity First Canada also partnered with IDRF Canada and a local organization International Blue Crescent (IBC) to provide homes by transforming 25 containers into fully furnished shelters for families living in informal settlements, largely in tents and makeshift shelters. These shelter homes contained all basic amenities of living.

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## WATER FOR LIFE

The Water for Life initiative by Humanity First seeks to alleviate the challenges posed by water scarcity, a widespread problem that disproportionately impacts numerous lives. The installation of water wells, hand pumps, and boreholes serves as a sustainable supply of clean water.



In this quarter, 6 hand pumps were built in Cameroon and 15 hand pumps were built in Chad, benefitting over 24,300 individuals.



## GIFT OF SIGHT

Through the Gift of Sight program, Humanity First operates clinics for cataract eye surgery and organizes eye screening camps, ensuring access to prescription glasses for those who cannot afford them.

In Nigeria & Tanzania, Humanity First runs a cataract eye surgery clinic that offers free surgeries to underprivileged local residents.

From January to March, 160 cataract surgeries were conducted to restore the vision of those who were unable to afford otherwise.

## KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE

The Knowledge for Life initiative by HF addresses educational disparities by constructing schools and providing essential materials to students in underserved communities.



In Nigeria, HF continues to operate **two schools** in Oyo State, providing free education to 75 **primary students**.



In Haiti, **Masroor Primary School** continues its operation in Village Beauchamps, Haiti where **42 students** receive free education.



In Congo Brazzaville, **two schools** in Village Itali and Village Mpoutisian continue to provide free education to **114 students**. Two School Expansion Projects were completed in Congo Brazzaville adding two classrooms and water facilities in each school.

## ORPHAN CARE

Through the Orphan Care program, HF is committed to uplift the lives of many orphans by addressing their fundamental needs and fostering educational opportunities. Committed to making a tangible impact, we provide essential basics, including clothing and shelter, ensuring a stable foundation for these vulnerable children.



In Nigeria, HF continues to support **19 children**. Four are of these children are in senior secondary school, six are in junior secondary school, five are in primary school, and two are in nursery school.



In Cameroon, HF continues to support **94 children** with food security, education, shelter, healthcare, and basic living needs.



In Congo Brazzaville, The Orphan Care program provides food security, education, shelter, healthcare, and basic living needs for **15 orphan children**.

## COMMUNITY CARE

HF's Community Care program supports vulnerable individuals in society such as the elderly, the disabled, and the disadvantaged individuals.

- In Thailand & Malaysia, HF continues to support refugee families with emergency needs such as food supplies, payment of utility and medical bills, and educational fees. Approximately, **14 families** are supported each month.
- In Pakistan, HF supported a community with the installment of a complete CCTV security system and a solar system of 6KV with full rewiring of the community centre.



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Humanity First's Refugee Resettlement initiative plays a crucial role in sponsoring and relocating displaced individuals to Canada. By offering housing, language education, and support in securing employment, the program serves as a sanctuary for those escaping conflict, persecution, and adversity, giving them the opportunity for a fresh start.

In this quarter, **7 families** were sponsored to Canada totaling **26 individuals**. The families were received at the airport and were provided early settlement services. Food hampers other start-up items were provided to each family. Moreover, **2 newcomer orientation sessions** were organized to help settle and educate the new refugees.



# CHAIRMAN MESSAGE



As we reflect on the first quarter of the year, I am filled with gratitude and admiration for the exceptional efforts demonstrated by our dedicated team of donors and volunteers. Your unwavering commitment and hard work have been instrumental in making a significant impact in our disaster relief efforts in Turkiye, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso and many more countries.

On behalf of the entire organization, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your invaluable contributions. Your support during this quarter has been crucial in our mission to provide aid and comfort to those affected by disasters, not only internationally and locally. Moreover, our Food Bank has seen a drastic increase in the number of clients for walk-in and delivery service.

As we continue our journey in the coming months, let us remain united in our shared goal of extending a helping hand to those in need. Your continued support is the driving force behind our ability to make a meaningful impact, and we look forward to achieving even greater milestones together.

— Dr. Aslam Daud

## DISASTER RELIEF

Humanity First's Disaster Relief initiative offers vital assistance to individuals dealing with the consequences of disasters, delivering prompt relief and sustainable recovery measures. This encompasses the distribution of urgent provisions like food, clean water, and shelter, as well as the coordination of medical aid and psychological support. The scope of Humanity First's endeavors goes beyond immediate crisis response, aiming to address both short-term needs and contribute to long-term recovery solutions.

### BURKINA FASO

On January 11, 2023, terrorists invaded a Mosque of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Burkina Faso, killing nine worshippers in an unprovoked and cold-blooded attack. The victims' families were immediately removed and relocated to another location of 15 acres of land in Dori Town.

The HF Team assisted the displaced families with food, shelter and educational support for their children. Humanity First is conducting a post-disaster rehabilitation assessment and project that will be focusing on building shelters to accommodate 109 families, install a drinking water and solar energy supply system; rehabilitate the existing six (6) classroom primary and other activities pertaining to the increase of skills for livelihood of the victims.

### BANGLADESH

In March 2023, a community in Bangladesh was attacked by terrorists and 210 families' houses were burnt by Anti-Ahmadiyya groups in Panchagargh District.

HF Team assisted the victims of violence by providing emergency relief and daily meals. 700 ppl were served 4 meals a day during the Ramadan month: Iftar, dinner, sehri and breakfast for children and elderly. Furthermore, a relief, rehabilitation, and resettlement project has been launched for the affected community.

### SENEGAL

In March 2023, three villages of the region of Tambacounda were affected by wildfires.

Humanity First distributed clothes for 250 people and provided food assistance to 40 families. Over 500 individuals from 3 villages benefitted from these supplies that were distributed through 15 volunteers.

### NIGERIA

The Emergency Clothing Bank in Nigeria continues its operations in three locations: Lagos City, Ilaro City, and Akinyele City. Collection drives are carried out regularly, following which the collected clothing is laundered and sorted in preparation for any future emergency or disaster events.

On January, 17 volunteers laundered over 2500 units of clothing.





# HUMANITY FIRST FOOD BANK



The Feed a Family Food Bank by Humanity First serves as a crucial support system for numerous individuals within and beyond the GTA every month. Leveraging partnerships and community involvement, HF's Feed a Family Food Bank has created a wide-reaching influence, assisting individuals and families navigating economic challenges. Beyond addressing immediate hunger, the food bank plays a vital role in promoting stability and overall well-being through the provision of essential sustenance.

With steadfast dedication, Humanity First takes a leading role in tackling food insecurity by effectively gathering, distributing, and delivering nutritious provisions to those in need seven days a week, both through walk-in services and home delivery.



**12,454**  
Families served



**4,944**  
Adults served



**744**  
Seniors served



**3,304**  
Children served



**9,035**  
Total number of individuals served

## FEED THE HUNGRY INTERNATIONAL

Humanity First's commitment to holistic and culturally sensitive solutions, strives to make a meaningful impact on the health and livelihoods of malnourished individuals in Africa. In this quarter, fresh meat was distributed to **4,480 hungry persons across six villages in Chad** and to **2,270 hungry persons across 25 villages across in Cameroon**.

Additionally, essential grocery items were distributed to **1,272 needy persons** across the five regions in Cameroon throughout the month of Ramadan.



## TAX CLINIC



Recognizing the significance of financial well-being for individuals and families, especially those with limited resources, Humanity First takes pride in offering the invaluable service of **Free Tax Preparation and Filing Clinic**. On March 19, 2023, a team of skilled tax professionals guided the families about tax preparation, ensuring that they maximize their returns and alleviate the burden of navigating tax complexities. In total, **363** tax returns were filed.

## HF'S NOTABLE DONORS

More than 15 food drives were held from the months of January to March. Special thanks to the AMJ community, David Suzuki Public School and Unionville High School for organizing these food drives and collecting over 11,000lbs of non-perishable items



Humanity First would like to give a special and heartfelt thanks to our donors who donated thousands of pounds worth of supplies in support for the Turkiye-Syria Earthquake relief.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

Donate by calling **416-440-0346**, emailing [info@humanityfirst.ca](mailto:info@humanityfirst.ca), or visiting the HF website [www.humanityfirst.ca](http://www.humanityfirst.ca)

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