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DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING COURSE PREPARES RESPONDERS FOR RAPID ACTION

Humanity First successfully conducted its Disaster Response Training Course on September 29th to October 1st in Bradford Ontario. Attended by **21 delegates from Canada and The United States**, this course was designed to provide attendees with a practical taste of Deployment.

The course included various **classroom seminars and practical workshops** and was conducted over **three days**. 15 Faculty members from Canada, The US & The UK covered topics such as **Disaster Classification and Management, Medical topics such as Trauma Management, Treatment of Injuries and Women's Health in Disasters and Logistical topics such as Camp Planning and Management, Convoy Procedures and much more.**



Delegates were also engaged in practical exercises such as base camp setup, MRE lunches, media exercises and medical treatment camp management. Delegates also had the unique opportunity to listen to various first hand accounts from the experienced faculty who have deployed with Humanity First on numerous occasions.

Upon completion of the Training Course Delegates are provided with all information required to be successful members of Deployment rosters for potential future deployments and were provided **certifications of completion.**

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WATER FOR LIFE

Humanity First's Water for Life program aims to address the issues caused by widespread water scarcity, a problem that significantly affects numerous lives. The implementation of **water wells, hand pumps, and boreholes** provides a reliable source of clean water, contributing to sustainable solutions.

In this quarter, 6 hand pumps were built in Cameroon that benefitted over 14,700 individuals and 10 handpumps were built in Chad benefitting over 4,300 individuals.



COMMUNITY CARE

HF's Community Care initiative assists individuals in society who are vulnerable, including the elderly, disabled individuals, and those experiencing homelessness.

During this quarter, 42 families were supported financially in Thailand, totaling 145 individuals.

GIFT OF SIGHT

Under the Gift of Sight initiative, Humanity First runs clinics for cataract eye surgery and arranges eye screening camps, ensuring accessibility.

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

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



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The Refugee Resettlement program by Humanity First holds a pivotal position in sponsoring and relocating displaced individuals to Canada.

From July to September, 7 families were sponsored, totaling 15 individuals. Food hampers other start-up items were provided to each family.

ORPHAN CARE

Through the Orphan Care program, HF is dedicated to improving the lives of numerous orphans by attending to their basic needs and fostering educational opportunities. With a focus on creating a tangible impact, we supply essential necessities such as clothing and shelter, ensuring a solid foundation for these vulnerable children.

In this quarter, 7 new orphan children have been added under the Orphan Care program in Cameroon.



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 is supporting 101 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.

GLOBAL HEALTH

HF is steadfast in creating a meaningful change in healthcare accessibility in less privileged nations. This endeavor involves a holistic strategy to tackle healthcare inequalities by delivering primary healthcare services, building hospitals, and conducting medical camps in areas with limited medical resources.



In Bangladesh, two community based mother and child healthcare clinics are operated in Chandina. The services offered at both clinics include; Antenatal & Postnatal care, Newborn and home delivery care, Immunization, Simple Laboratory Tests, Ultrasonogram, etc.

During this quarter over 8,500 individuals benefitted from these 2 clinics.



In Nigeria, HF runs a cottage clinic, in Okooko Village, Oyo State which provides basic medical care to local residents in need.

During this quarter over 300 individuals benefitted from these 2 clinics.



In Guatemala, the Nasir Hospital has been a pillar of support for thousands of people, providing exceptional healthcare and touching countless lives.

HF Canada contributed towards the second floor expansion project for the hospital.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE



I am delighted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your exceptional dedication and support during the past quarter. Your generosity has allowed us to complete the construction of 16 water wells in Chad and Cameroon, providing a sustainable source of clean water to communities that were grappling with scarcity. Additionally, your compassion and swift response have made a significant difference in the lives of refugees facing homelessness due to a housing crisis, offering them a glimmer of hope in challenging times.

Our collective efforts have also reached underprivileged students in Burundi, providing them with essential school supplies to enhance their educational experience. Furthermore, the successful execution of a disaster relief training course signifies our commitment to being well-prepared to respond effectively to crises.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each donor and volunteer who has dedicated their time, resources, and energy to our noble cause. Together, we are making a meaningful difference, and I look forward to continued collaboration and success in our shared mission.

— Dr. Aslam Daud

REFUGEE CRISIS IN DOWNTOWN TORONTO

Humanity First Canada sprung their team into action upon hearing about the devastating crisis that had begun to evolve on the streets of downtown Toronto in the month of July. With thousands of refugees coming into Canada and being left Homeless with no Government support, we sent our team to the streets of crisis to conduct a [needs assessment](#) for these individuals. The volunteers scoured the streets of downtown and visited local mosques and churches where some had found shelter.



Our team had [conversations with these families and individuals](#) and upon reporting their findings back, curated [special survival kits for distribution](#). The kits were formulated to [cater to both females and males; containing items such as blankets, sleeping bags, towels, socks, hygiene items, first-aid supplies, and more](#). Four volunteers from the HF team went for the distribution of a total of [20 kits to a local church](#) that was housing these individuals; 'Revivaltime Tabernacle' on July 30, 2023.

AID TO REFUGEES IN MIRACLE ARENA CHURCH

Due to the current cost of living and lack of affordable housing, the unexpected influx of refugees who have come to Canada claiming asylum in order to escape from conflict and discrimination back home, have resorted to sleeping on the streets. With no durable solution, one church located in Woodbridge, Ontario, Miracle Arena Church, opened its doors to roughly 30 of these refugees sleeping in the streets of downtown Toronto.

After learning about the dire situation, the Humanity First team paid a visit to the church-site and conducted a [need assessment](#) so that adequate support could be provided to the refugees. Humanity First volunteers prepared and delivered [relief boxes for the refugees which contained a variety of fruits and vegetables, non-perishable food items, meat, bakery items, dairy and produce, with the addition of 32 fleece blankets](#).



KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE

In various Burundi communities, underprivileged students face significant educational challenges, grappling with limited access to resources and opportunities. Many struggle to pursue their academic aspirations due to financial constraints, hindering their potential for personal and professional growth.

HF initiated a [Notebook and Pen distribution program](#), to provide educational resources to those in need. Through this program, over 6,500 notebooks and pens were distributed to over 850 students in 5 different communities.



HUMANITY FIRST FOOD BANK



HF's Feed a Family food bank serves as a lifeline for individuals within and beyond the GTA, providing crucial assistance seven days a week through both delivery and walk-in services. With an unwavering commitment to alleviating hunger and fostering well-being, the Feed a Family food bank has established itself as a reliable source of support for those facing economic hardships. The success of this food bank heavily relies on the generosity of donors, who play a vital role in supplying the essential provisions needed to serve clients and make a positive impact in their lives. Through the collaboration of donors, volunteers, and the dedicated team behind this food bank, countless individuals receive the sustenance they need, embodying the spirit of community and compassion.



2,874
Families served



4,578
Adults served



872
Seniors served



2,971
Children served



8,448
Total number of individuals served

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

AMJ ANNUAL CONVENTION

During the AMJ Convention from July 14 - July 16 Humanity First held a fundraising and exhibition booth at the International Centre for both Men and Women Attendees. An extensive exhibition was organized for various attendees to learn about the work and projects of Humanity First. **Qulfi, souvenirs, and other snacks** were sold at both locations, and 2 Cotton Candy stalls were held at the women's side.

Furthermore, for the first time HF also held a fundraising and exhibition booth at a larger scale during the Western Canada AMJ Convention in from August 4 - August 6.

CANADA DAY

On Canada Day, 2 stalls were held under the Food Bank outside Baitul Islam Mosque and inside the Tahir Hall. These stalls sold cotton candy, qulfi, drinks, chips, and other snacks amongst the HF souvenirs to raise funds and awareness for the Food Bank.

NATIONAL IJTIMA

During the months of August and September, Ansar, Khuddam, Atfal and Lajna Canada held their annual Ijtima at Baitul Islam Mosque. During these events, Humanity First held various stalls to fundraise and raise awareness for the Feed a Family Food Bank and other programs. HF held a souvenir stall and sold qulfi and other snacks on this occasion for the hundreds of attendees of the Ijtima.



DISASTER RELIEF

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.

HF responded with immediate aid to these victims and is continuing to support over 600 internally displaced persons with daily meals, education and other rehabilitation services.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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