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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR & E.D



Dear Friends of HCI, we want to begin in the name of Allah SWT, as it is through Him, we can do the good we do and make the impact we make. Bismillah!

For over 40 years, HCI has been a champion for those depending on aid— from reaching starving children and mothers in the 1983 East Africa famine to sponsoring thousands of orphans in dozens of countries worldwide. 2020 was an excellent year for us, and Alhamdulillah in 2021, we grew further, despite the many challenges we faced as a people & as an organization. As a result of your support, we fed more people, more people had access to clean water, more children attended school, and more people lived their lives with dignity and security.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without all the team members at HCI. The BOD, with their support and guidance, the hardworking Senior Management Team and fantastic staff at HCI. And of course, this would not have been possible without your support & generosity.

As we move forward into 2022, we have launched our ambitious new Strategic Plan to continue tackling the challenges we face. This Plan serves as a guide for us to focus on those we serve and helps us aspire to build an organization that can continue to deliver the best results. In Canada and abroad, we will work with various stakeholders and partners to broaden our mission and focus our energies on the aid and development sector, thus propelling our world towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

We hope you find inspiration in our path ahead. We look forward to future collaborations with you—our community—as we endeavor to become your charity of choice that implements its promise of serving those most in need.

Sincerely from HCI,

DR. IRFAN SHEIKH
Chair of the Board

MAHMUDA KHAN
Executive Director

WINTER CAMPAIGN 2020-2021



Winter is one of the most challenging times for refugees and internally displaced people. The cold temperatures make the living conditions unbearable. In the words of an elderly Syrian woman, “it’s like death.” Men and women of all ages struggle to keep warm and often resort to unsafe methods that lead to injury or death.

Your donations provided warmth to thousands of people worldwide and here at home. Beneficiaries received heaters, fuel, winter clothing, socks, shoes, jackets, and essential foods. It’s safe to say that this relief saves lives and that your donations protect the health of men, women, and children. Thank you for keeping them warm.

BREAKDOWN

WINTER KIT BENEFICIARIES: 13,134

WINTERIZED TENTS: 186

HEATERS: 366

**CHILD SPONSORSHIP WINTER
BENEFICIARIES: 607**

RAMADAN REPORT



**THE PROPHET (S.A.W) SAID:
“THE BEST OF YOU ARE THOSE
WHO FEED OTHERS.”**

[AHMAD]

On any given day, 870 million people worldwide do not have enough food to eat, and adherents to the Islamic faith work to combat world hunger. Feeding the hungry and helping the poor is an integral part of the Islamic faith. Every year, millions of Muslims around the world donate generously to feed others, especially around the time of Ramadan.

We're so proud of the Muslim-Canadian Community and the impact it has made globally this year. This Ramadan, food aid was provided to more than 5,300 households across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East totalling 26,550 people. Here at home, more than 5,400 people received food aid and iftar meals.

Each Ramadan, our goal is to widen our reach, and elevate our impact. We look forward to working with our supporters, donors, staff, and community leaders around the world in 2022.

A group of children, including several young boys and one girl holding a baby, are standing in front of a severely damaged, multi-story building. The building's facade is crumbling, with exposed brick and missing windows. To the right, a white vehicle is heavily rusted and pockmarked with bullet holes. The ground is dusty and littered with debris. The scene conveys a sense of hardship and the impact of conflict.

AFGHANISTAN COVID RELIEF

Crisis:

COVID-19 infections continuously increased in Afghanistan, with 1,821 new infections reported on average each day. That's 97% of the peak – the highest daily average reported on June 22. Based on recent reports more than 90% of people are not tested at all. There have been 111,592 infections and 4,519 coronavirus-related deaths reported in the country since the pandemic began. Meanwhile hospitals are rationing their oxygen supplies. Oxygen prices have become extremely high because of high demand but limited supply.

HCI's Solution:

This project provides emergency relief in the form of 48 oxygen cylinders and PPE materials to 4 hospitals in Afghanistan, specifically the Afghan Japan Hospital, Al Hayat Hospital Laghman regional hospital, and the Nangerhar regional hospital.

48 OXYGEN CYLINDERS AND PPE MATERIALS TO 4 HOSPITALS IN AFGHANISTAN

INDIA COVID RELIEF



Near the end of Ramadan, India was fighting against a nation-wide outbreak of COVID affecting more than 32 million people. Indian citizens living in remote areas were at severe risk of death, unable to access critical healthcare services and medical supplies.

To address the crisis, HCI initiated a special project to provide at-home care to COVID19 patients living in the rural villages of South Gujarat. Some of the patients were moved to the COVID19 isolation centre at Kosadi Village for a period of 15 days for treatment. In the cases where the patients had serious respiratory issues, they were admitted into the nearest hospital, and their treatment cost was covered by HCI.

The project played a very crucial role in preventing deaths due to COVID by providing the best treatment to the patients, and moral support to their families. We want to especially thank the Council of Gujarati Canadians for helping to raise funds for this life-saving project.


BREAKDOWN

CHILDREN TOTAL: 20

FEMALE TOTAL: 145

MALE TOTAL: 233

**TOTAL TREATMENTS
RECEIVED: 398**



IMPACT: 21 PATIENTS DAILY

OXYGEN GENERATION PLANT PROJECT

Crisis:

India has seen a massive increase in COVID-19 cases, with the emergence of new strains. As a result, medical supplies have run out, vaccines are scarce and medical oxygen is hard to come by. This is exacerbated by the fact that India spends just over 1% of its GDP on healthcare, yet a large percentage of the population is considered vulnerable. This population group is therefore adversely affected by challenges such as these.

HCI's Solution:

This project helped establish an oxygen generation plant to readily supply hospitals in rural South Gujarat, India, with medical oxygen. This supply is needed to reduce COVID-19 mortality rates associated with a lack of access to oxygen. One plant generates 21 Jumbo cylinders in a day (144 cube metres & 144,000 litres per day) and meets the oxygen needs of 21 critical patients for 24 hours daily.

MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC



Crisis:

To date in Syria it is estimated that over 200,000 civilians have died due to the conflict in the region since the civil war's start in 2011. An estimated 11.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, 6.2 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), and 6.8 million who fled the country as refugees. The humanitarian needs in Syria expand to all sectors: health, housing, food security, and many more. Human rights groups estimate that there are nearly 2 million civilians in northern Syria, including internally displaced people (IDP), living in informal settlements.

Access to healthcare services is limited. There is a great need for innovative health care solutions that will meet the needs of these vulnerable people.

HCI's Solution:

The Mobile Health Clinics project aims to improve the well-being of the crisis-affected population in the Northern areas of Raqqa, Syria. The mobile clinic provides medical consultations, raises awareness about public health issues, distributes medical supplies and hygiene kits, and collects data.

The clinic visits several villages: Sukkariya, Shiryan, and Hiwaji. The clinic staffs a general practitioner, a nurse, a midwife, and a psychosocial worker. Through these visits, the clinic served more than 1504 patients. Practitioners refer complex cases to nearby primary health care centers and hospitals.

The clinic also collects data to generate research on mobile health clinics as a means of health care delivery in conflict zones.

IMPACT: 15,933 BENEFICIARIES

WATER REPORT



Crisis:

For millions around the world, lack of access to clean water is limiting their quality of life. Due to water related challenges and illnesses, 443 millions school days are lost each year. Through diarrhea, typhoid, cholera, dysentery and other water-borne illnesses, 1000 children die each day by drinking dirty water. Unable to access clean drinking water means more people die every year which ultimately leads to an impoverished community.

HCI's Solution:

Access to clean water empowers communities to build economy and agriculture for trade and provisions, which reduces poverty, prevents early deaths and keeps the children in school. On the ground, in the most drought-stricken areas of the world, Human Concern International is providing vulnerable communities with access to clean drinking water. HCI works with local partners to implement WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) programs that are sustainable with the challenges of their communities. Together, we implement feasible and functional solutions. In addition, HCI invests in members of the community by training, staffing and equipping them with resources on the ground to manage and reinforce the WASH programs themselves. This sets up the infrastructure for long-term and sustainable change, uplifting the community for generations to come.

BREAKDOWN

WATER WELLS: 311

DESALINATION STATIONS: 1

SOLAR POWERED WATER STATIONS: 2

BENEFICIARIES: 258,723

SUPPORTED LIVESTOCK: 4,000

DIGNITY KITS FOR WOMEN IN GAZA



734 WOMEN ASSISTED

Crisis:

It has been almost three months since the ceasefire was announced between the Gaza Strip and the Israeli forces. The Israeli attacks during the month of Ramadan (May 2021) lasted for 11 days but caused huge destruction and killed at least 234 Gazans, including more than 100 women & children. A UN report released last July estimated that the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip will cost around \$485M. The 15 years of Israeli blockade on the Strip, left the Gazans with nothing but poverty and oppression and the last war added more challenges to their suffering. The Gazan women are the one's keeping the families united, raising the children, taking care of the wounded, sick and the elderly, heading their houses and developing day to day survival strategies. Due to the high rate of unemployment and the increased rate of poverty in the Strip, the women find it difficult to balance between their households' essential needs and their personal essential needs which are gender based.

HCI's Solution:

This project is in support of the women's well being and psychological support through the provision of Dignity Kits specifically designed to meet their urgent needs. The kit contains hygiene pads, underwear, soap, shampoo, hair brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, masks, towel, prayer dress and slippers. The kits will significantly bring comfort to the beneficiaries as they meet their gender based needs, these needs that are most of the time not met as the beneficiaries have low/no income and it needs to be spent to cover their families basic needs such as rent, food, & medication.

QURBANI REPORT



This year, more than 200,000 people received a share of Qurbani across 17 countries. Families received either a share of a cow, sheep, or goat. Your sacrifice allowed families in distress to enjoy a delicious meal and part-take in the joy and celebration of Eid ul Adha.

HCI also provided children with Eid clothing and toys to make their day extra special -- and it's all thanks to you. Children went out with HCI staff to shop for Eid clothing the night before the celebration. What else can we say other than that they were beyond ecstatic.

Everyone deserves to celebrate Eid and feel a sense of excitement and joy because #EidisForEveryone.

Thank you so much for fulfilling your Qurbani with HCI. With your continued support, we will spread the joy of Eid year after year to families across the globe.

TOTAL NUMBERS

BENEFICIARIES: 201,626

CHILDREN EID GIFTS: 910

NUMBER OF ANIMALS: 2,146

HOUSEHOLDS: 30,348

EDUCATION



Crisis:

One third of India's 1.3 billion Muslims live in poverty. School age children, specifically young marginalized girls are disproportionately affected by poverty and face significant challenges attaining and finishing their education in order to allow them to thrive economically later in life. They also face discrimination for religious and cultural reasons which makes it challenging to be gainfully employed. These challenges persist here, and in many other countries around the world as well.

HCI's Solution:

HCI's Education projects provide scholarship's and resources to students who require assistance and access to education. Many of these children come from impoverished backgrounds where their families cannot afford to send them to school. Granting students from such backgrounds access to education allows new opportunities to arise, enabling them to participate in the economy and improve their lives through future job prospects.

BREAKDOWN

ORPHANED BENEFICIARIES: 100
SPECIAL NEEDS BENEFICIARIES: 1,040
FEMALE BENEFICIARIES: 1,179
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 5,287

IMPACT DATA: 54

(24 WOMEN + 30 STUDENTS)



ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT

Crisis:

Only 77% of refugee children are enrolled in primary school, and less than half of refugee students that start primary school will reach secondary school. Refugee children particularly face greater challenges in accessing education including availability of school facilities, accessible curriculums, and instruction in their language. Families living in refugee camps are made up largely of women and children. These women face great challenges in accessing decent work due to a lack of education and training opportunities.

HCI's Solution:

This project funded a women's vocational training centre and an elementary school that uplifts and empowers women and their children living in Cox's Bazar.

More than 24 women in the vocational training centre will receive 6 months of instruction in traditional sewing and receive a manual sewing machine to support themselves and their families.

Also, the elementary school will provide education for 30 students for an entire year in the subjects of mathematics, science, English, Burmese, geography and history.

Over 50% of students and 60% of staff are female.



VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN GAZA

REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Crisis:

There are close to 2 million people living in Gaza, including its large refugee population (over 70% of the total), which has been continuously subjected to various forms of violence and restrictive actions, resulting in an alarming decline in social and economic opportunities of the population. Unemployment, deteriorating mental and physical health, declining standards of living, and restrictions on educational opportunities have all caused immense suffering for the entrapped civilian population of the Gaza Strip. Without access to essential services and opportunities for growth, children living with disabilities are one of the most vulnerable groups currently residing in Gaza.

HCI's Solution:

HCI and UNRWA have partnered up to implement an education project that benefits visually impaired students. Highly specialized braille typewriters and paper will be procured for students to learn how to write and read using these machines. Retrofitting and upgrading the current Rehabilitation Center for the Visually Impaired will ensure that students will be supported and have access to a safe environment to learn and grow, from kindergarten to the end of their schooling.

01 LOCAL CURRENCY: \$100,000 (USD)

02 CANADIAN CURRENCY: \$122,000 (CAD)

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN GAZA



SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

Number of Students Impacted Directly

- 520 students benefit directly from access to teachers and to braille typewriters

Number of Indirect Beneficiaries

- Hundreds of students will benefit year after year from materials printed by braille printers
- Hundreds of students will now have access to a safer school building due to the upgrades and renovations, and repairs

Number of Staff Supported

- 6 staff members are supported for an entire school year (9-12 months)
- Supported staff include: braille specialists, optometrist, typewriting machine technician, mobility helper, and driver

Equipment Procured

- 10 braille typewriting machines and enough special paper for students to use for printing and producing books for 2 full years
- Playground equipment paved with tactile
- School front entrance renovated, washrooms/toilets improved for safe use and access by students

CSP REPORT

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Child Sponsorship Program fills the vacuum left by a deceased parent, and provides children the opportunity to escape poverty and realize their dreams. Each child is provided with basic rights such as access to education, healthcare, food and water, clothing, and a place to call home. Through your support, children were protected from exploitation, child marriage, homelessness, and poverty. Your donations have restored security and illuminated the future of over 1,800 children across 11 countries.

-  **AFGHANISTAN IMPACT: 115 CHILDREN**
-  **ROHINGYA IMPACT: 323 CHILDREN**
-  **GUYANA IMPACT; 65 CHILDREN**
-  **INDIA IMPACT: 130 CHILDREN**
-  **YEMEN IMPACT: 107 CHILDREN**
-  **TUNISIA IMPACT: 15 CHILDREN**
-  **BANGLADESH IMPACT: 160 CHILDREN**
-  **LEBANON IMPACT: 345 CHILDREN**
-  **SOMALIA IMPACT: 300 CHILDREN**
-  **PAKISTAN IMPACT: 300 CHILDREN**

PALESTINE REPORT



In the last 10 nights of Ramadan, the global Muslim community was shaken by what transpired in Jerusalem, and Gaza. The IDF stormed the grounds of Al Aqsa and violated worshippers during the most beautiful nights of the year. Israel then bombarded the Gaza Strip with air raids and artillery shells, devastating the region. Hundreds were killed, thousands were injured - many of them were women and children.

HCI responded immediately. Food aid and medical supplies were sent over and distributed to families, shelters, and hospitals. The generosity and support that our community has shown was a beautiful display of solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Your impact was tremendous.

BREAKDOWN

NO. OF FAMILIES

300 Cooked Meals: **300**
 300 RTEs: **300**
 1,272 RTEs: **1,272**
 Total: **1,872**

TOTAL MALES

300 Cooked Meals: **654**
 300 RTEs: **849**
 1,272 RTEs: **3,342**
 Total: **4,845**

TOTAL FEMALES

300 Cooked Meals: **708**
 300 RTEs: **919**
 1,272 RTEs: **3,177**
 Total: **4,804**

MALES UNDER 18

300 Cooked Meals: **381**
 300 RTEs: **495**
 1,272 RTEs: **2,037**
 Total: **2,913**

FEMALES UNDER 18

300 Cooked Meals: **368**
 300 RTEs: **477**
 1,272 RTEs: **1,994**
 Total: **2,839**

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

300 Cooked Meals: **1,362**
 300 RTEs: **1,768**
 1,272 RTEs: **6,519**
 Total: **9,649**

ZERO HUNGER



Current estimates show that nearly 690 million people are hungry. This number has risen by nearly 60 million in five years. If trends continue, the number of people affected by hunger would surpass 840 million in 8 years.

With more than 690 million people at risk of starvation, swift action needs to be taken to provide food and humanitarian relief to the most at-risk regions. With your support, HCI has acted swiftly to tackle this crisis by launching the #ZeroHunger program globally. This program aims to provide immediate food aid to communities in crisis, and also build sustainable agriculture in select regions including Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen & Pakistan.

BENEFICIARIES

-  **AFGHANISTAN: 1,200**
-  **BANGLADESH: 1,400**
-  **BOSNIA: 1,271**
-  **BURUNDI: 3,000**
-  **PALESTINE: 1,500**
-  **INDIA: 1,069**
-  **JORDAN: 1,500**
-  **LEBANON: 1,465**
-  **SYRIA: 1,261**
-  **SRI LANKA: 4,238**
-  **TUNISIA: 7,200**
-  **SUDAN: 1,363**
-  **SOMALIA: 1,495**
-  **YEMEN: 849**
-  **PAKISTAN: 699**

EMERGENCY APPEALS:

SYRIAN REFUGEE CAMP FIRE: LEBANON

Crisis: More than 300 Syrian refugee families were forced to flee when their camp in northern Lebanon was set ablaze after a riot between members of the camp and some locals took place. The UN refugee agency (UNHCR) reported a large fire had broken out in a camp which housed about 75 families in the Miniyeh region.

HCI provided the families with immediate relief after they lost their tents and belongings to the fire. Families were also given heaters and fuel to help them survive the harsh conditions of winter in the camps.

IMPACT STAT: 3,000 BENEFICIARIES

EMERGENCY RELIEF: BALOCHISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Crisis: Different parts of Balochistan was hit by a 5.9 magnitude earthquake, killing at least 21 people, most of which were children, and more than 300 people were also injured. Around 800-1000 houses were destroyed or severely damaged, especially due to their construction being primarily with mud and stones. On October 15th, 2021, PDMA declared an emergency in district Harnai, as a natural calamity area due to the earthquake.

HCI's project provided lifesaving relief kits (food packs & winterized tents) to the families affected by the earthquake.

IMPACT STAT: 3,000 BENEFICIARIES

EMERGENCY APPEALS:

SRI LANKA: EMERGENCY RELIEF KITS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Crisis: In early 2021, with the second of COVID19 hitting Sri Lanka hard, 72,000+ cases were detected, and over 400 deaths recorded as early as the month of February. With almost 700+ cases a day, lockdown procedures in different regions lasted up to 3 months, severely affecting the country, bringing it's economy to a standstill. The day to day wage earners suffered the most as they were unable to go out and look for work, and were made destitute.

HCI assisted families that belonged to the low-to-no income category by providing them with cash to help them buy essentials like food, and help ease their situation.

IMPACT STAT: 1700 BENEFICIARIES

ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP FIRE

Crisis: A devastating fire broke out in Nayapara Registered Refugee Camp in Cox's Bazar in the early morning of January 14, 2021. Some 3,500 persons lost their homes when the fire destroyed more than 677 shelters. All of their belongings, including the houses of 677 families were totally burned down.

HCI provided essential items to restore the normal living conditions of the victims. Medical aid, shelter kits, non-food items, winter clothes, and emergency food assistance were distributed to those in urgent need. A total of 677 boxes of household items were distributed to families that fell victim to the fire.

IMPACT STAT: 677 BOXES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES

EMERGENCY APPEALS:



AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS - EMERGENCY RELIEF

Crisis: According to a World Bank report, more than 4 millions people have been displaced due to the ongoing conflict across Afghanistan. These people are going through extreme poverty, and for many life is near unbearable. A lack of food and nutrition, combined with rampant deadly disease has become the norm for many in the country. And a majority of the families are unable to find work which has made it extremely difficult to make ends meet.

HCI's programs in the region provided critical aid, especially nutritional food and medical supplies, to help combat the extreme rates of hunger and sickness, and provide some relief to desperate families.

IMPACT: 1,980 BENEFICIARIES

FLOODING IN GUYANA

Crisis: In May 2021, heavier than normal rains of more than 5 inches fell within a span of just 24 hours, flooding large parts of Guyana, cutting off highways and destroying properties. The Mahaicony River, a key source of irrigation water for farming and home use, overflowed and rose more than four inches, resulting in the damage of rice crops and loss of livestock. The flooding also contaminated the water systems, resulting in a dire need for potable water within the village.

HCI provided support through relief kits with non-perishable items to the community members in the Mahaicony village. This support helped members access basic necessities as they worked to rebuild their lives, following a reduction in the flood water levels.

IMPACT: 267 HOUSEHOLDS

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE



IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR SOUTH KALIMANTAN FLOOD & WEST SULAWEAI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Crisis:

The South Kalimantan administration declared a state of emergency due to flooding in multiple regions. A total of 1,500 houses in Pengaron Subdistrict, Banjar Regency, South Kalimantan (Kalsel) were affected. It is estimated that more than 20,000 people were forced to flee to refugee camps provided by the government. An earthquake also rocked West Sulawesi area leaving 637 injured victims.

HCI's Solution:

HCI dispatched immediate emergency relief to the victims of South Kalimantan Floods & West Sulawesi earthquake. HCI provided ready to eat meals, basic necessities for babies & women, blankets & mattresses and food baskets to those staying in the temporary shelters.

**IMPACT: 5,000 INDIVIDUALS
AIDED WITH THE RELIEF
DISPATCHED.**

LOCAL GIVING



LOCAL PROJECTS & INITIATIVES:

Along with the critical work being done globally, HCI is committed to delivering aid and programs to communities & individuals locally as well. Through the generosity of the Canadian community, we were able to make an impact here at home, and help those in difficult situations, especially in this challenging Covid-19 environment.

THE SCOPE OF THESE PROGRAMS WAS BROAD, AND INCLUDED:

COVID-19 & HEALTH INITIATIVES:

- BENEFICIARIES: 6500
- HEALTH SANITATION STATIONS: 60

SENIOR SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

- BENEFICIARIES: 30

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAM:

- BENEFICIARIES: 5 FAMILIES

WINTER RELIEF

- WINTER AID: 100 RELIEF KITS

RAMADAN & FOOD AID

- FOOD AID: 3323 RELIEF KITS & MEALS

ENGLISH & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- BENEFICIARIES: 168

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- BENEFICIARIES: 8000

This critical work is building a foundation of support in our own community, driving crisis to sustainability, for those who need it most.



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