

Press Release

Humanity First Canada



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Hunger Can Kill – Humanity First Launches Relief Effort in Africa Urgent Appeal to Donate Generously for Africa Drought Relief Fund

Concord, Ontario, Canada: - Humanity First has launched the Africa Drought Relief effort in North East Africa where severe drought has affected over 9 million people with acute food shortages and difficulties in accessing water and sanitation. Many refugees from Somalia have been trekking for days to get to refugee camps such as Dadaab in Kenya. In some areas, most of the cattle have perished. Major concerns are the most vulnerable children and elderly who may not survive this latest crisis in Africa.

Currently there are over 370,000 people living in desperate and cramped conditions in the Dadaab camp consisting of 3 settlements. Many refugees have been travelling for days with very young children and are arriving in a very poor state. Over 1,000 people are crossing into Kenya from Somalia every day. They lack water and basic food rations and are very weary from travel on foot in extreme heat. The drought is being described as the worst for 60 years affecting at least 8.8 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

Humanity First has launched a global appeal for funds to assist in the relief operations from Nairobi. Our teams are in discussions with on-site relief teams for collaborative relief projects in the north east of Kenya around Garissa, Dadaab and Wajir. Our focus is on food, water and sanitation, and we are also considering medical assistance.

Humanity First is seeking your generous contributions to support the relief effort in North East Africa for helping the drought victims. Donations may be made online at www.humanityfirst.ca or through cheques written to Humanity First –245 Bowes Road, #1, Concord, ON, L4K1H8.

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Notes to editors:

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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.

Humanity First has been granted a special consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council ([ECOSOC](http://www.un.org/ecosoc)).

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