

Pakistan Update

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A summary of progress in Pakistan is as follows:

2,000 Eid gift hampers for children under 12 are being prepared and will be distributed to girls and boys in 4 regions including Punjab, Sindh and the North-West areas. A typical bag contains high energy biscuits, crisps, sweets, a writing slate with chalks, ludo (to encourage communal play in the camps among children), tennis ball, plastic lunchbox and drink bottle, colouring book and stationary. The bags are being packed in 3 cities by the 5th Sept for distribution in time for the 9th Sept.

Food parcels are now being distributed to 800 families in 3 regions. In some areas the same families are being supported every fortnight, in others, new families are being helped every time, particularly in the North-West mountainous regions. The scale will increase to 1,000 families by next week. So far, 1,850 food packs have been distributed. In addition, 5 tonnes of plain flour has also been provided i.e. a total of 8.7 tonnes of food aid.

769 Family Tents have been handed out, and now two mini tent villages have been established in Larkana and Nowshera Firoz. Many of these families have also been supplied with domestic supplies such as camp cots, buckets and tubs, towels, mattresses, cooking utensils, tools and small bathing tubs. Hundreds of hygiene kits have also been distributed. Photos will be sent soon.

750 mosquito nets have been handed out to families with guidance to help limit the spread of malaria especially amongst the vulnerable including women, young children and the elderly. Also 750 Blankets have been handed out, with tens of thousands more being shipped out.

Hundreds of water survival boxes have been shipped out. So far, over 450 have been distributed to families.

Many Medical Camps have been held across the country and now a field medical hospital is being planned for. So far, at least 3,750 patients have been assisted. Many Tonnes of medical supplies including drugs for malaria, cholera, tetanus and general practice drugs are being shipped out with first aid kits and supplies of gloves, face masks and other consumables.

In total, Humanity First is assisting 19,700 people in Pakistan, and the coverage is increasing every week through a dedicated team of 200 working around the clock.