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## Pakistan Flood Relief Update

Humanity First – an international humanitarian relief organization, has so far delivered **140 tons of food** aid. Every week, 20 tons of food aid is being handed out in 20kg family ration packs. In addition, tents, blankets, bedding, cutlery, domestic supplies, towels, mosquito nets and buckets have been handed out to over **12,000 people**. Humanity First doctors have assisted over **16,000** medical patients. To date we have assisted **53,100 people**.

### Scale

Almost 21 million people have been affected by the monsoon flooding. Millions are still in need of food aid and shelter. Estimated 1.8 million homes were destroyed.

### Aid Distribution

Aid distribution is being done on a daily basis with convoys to Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab and areas around Peshawar from HF distribution centres in Karachi, Faisalabad and Islamabad. In many cases, tractors have been used to get relief supplies to remote areas where normal vehicles cannot gain access.





The popular eid gift packs were handed out to 2,480 children in 3 regions of Pakistan.

## Water and Sanitation

Clean water and sanitation remains a major problem. Humanity First has supplied over a thousand water family filtration kits with instructions in Urdu. Groups of villagers are being trained by HF staff in how to use the kits to ensure they have safe drinking water for at least the next 12 months.



In addition, 2,300 water filtration straws have been handed out which allow people to drink contaminated water from rivers and other sources in safety for the next year. These are particularly popular with children. Hygiene kits are also being handed out, especially to women in the camps.

## Medical Assistance

Dozens of medical camps are being run by local Humanity First doctors, particularly in Gilgit and the North-West, and in Sindh and Southern Punjab. So far, over 16,000 patients have been treated.



In Gilgit, Humanity First has been offered permanent facilities to run camps for the next three months. In the last 4 weeks, camps have been run in Larkana, Gilgit, Dera Ghazi Khan, Muzaffargarh and Balochistan. In addition, the team have distributed 1,100 mosquito nets, and more are being sourced to prevent the spread of malaria.

## Plans for Rehabilitation Phase

Humanity First has started the next phase of relief work to rehabilitate families and communities. This includes support for farmers including seeds, fertilizer and access to tractors for leveling and ploughing in order to cultivate 1,500 acres of farmland during October.

Many communities still lack access to safe water, as their hand-pumps were washed away by the floods. HF is going to install 100 hand-pumps to support rural communities in different regions.

Humanity First is also planning to refurbish and restore 20 schools, and re-establish over 200 domestic family units. This effort will go on for at least the next 6 months.



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