



MONTHLY ROUND-UP

DECEMBER 2023

OUR LATEST UPDATES
AND DEVELOPMENTS ON
OUR PROJECTS ACROSS
THE WORLD.

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WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY ROUND-UP

DECEMBER EDITION

In December, we continued to help every human in need. In Afghanistan, Human Appeal provided essential support to individuals affected by the October earthquake, delivering crucial resources like food packs, hygiene kits, and medical care through a mobile clinic. Meanwhile, in Gaza, where escalating violence presented growing challenges, our dedicated local team remained on the frontline delivering daily aid, including food, medical assistance through our mobile clinic, baked bread over an open fire to ensure sustenance, supplied **57 litres of clean water every hour** since 18 December through our dedicated water desalination plant, and provided water- and fire-resistant family tents to **29 shelter schools**. Our humanitarian aid plane also landed in Gaza as the borders opened, delivering **45 tons of crucial assistance** during the temporary ceasefire.

In Pakistan, Human Appeal achieved noteworthy milestones, including the completion of a school in Serlah and the initiation of another in Chitratopi. Additionally, we offered Back to School support for children returning after the winter break and operated a mobile medical clinic in Dadu to assist those affected by flooding. In Somalia, our efforts encompassed a cataract surgery campaign, a mobile clinic, and diverse water trucking projects to supply essential water to communities.

In Syria, medical supplies were distributed to hospitals in the northwest, including our Al Imaan Hospital, a facility that caters to thousands of patients each month. The ongoing construction in Al Yasameen village, our third town, providing permanent homes for displaced Syrians, and the delivery of food aid to Al Zohoor village, our second town, details our continuous commitment. In Al Zohoor Village, we also initiated a campaign to combat violence against women.

Back in the UK, our Light Upon Light Tour drew significant attendance, while our work in Yemen persisted with the ongoing construction of the Al-Qefr water tank. Through these diverse initiatives, Human Appeal continues to make a positive and meaningful impact on communities worldwide.

Read on to learn more about our field work in each country over the past month.

AFGHANISTAN

FOOD SECURITY



Human Appeal Pakistan distributed **150 food packs** across the villages of Chashma Balocha & Kotti Dasht in the Herat region in Afghanistan. Each food parcel includes **100kg of wheat flour, 8kg of grains, 5kg of cooking oil** and **1kg of salt**, enough to last a family of six for a month, taking another step closer to fulfilling our goal of distributing **650 food parcels** in villages affected by the series of earthquakes.



Child sitting with his food pack.

WASH

(WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)



On the 11th December, Human Appeal distributed **300 hygiene kits** to the residents of Chashma Yaqoob, a village in the Herat region in Afghanistan. These hygiene kits included essential items that will help families stay clean, improving their health and dignity.



Hygiene kit being given to an older man.



The mobile clinic providing service to older man.



Doctor making notes about a child patient.



HEALTH

Numerous individuals affected by the recent earthquakes have sustained injuries, yet remain unable to access medical care. This is often attributed to the remoteness of their villages or the overwhelming influx of patients, rendering hospitals unable to adequately address their needs. In collaboration with AmeriCares, Human Appeal Pakistan has set up a mobile clinic in Afghanistan to offer treatment to villagers. On December 18th, the clinic visited the village of Abay Sheen, and treated **106 people** there. On the 19th December, the clinic visited Kariz Baloch, a village of **172 households**, and provided medical aid to **192 patients**. The clinic will continue to operate through the next three months in various villages throughout the Herat region.

FOOD SECURITY



Despite ongoing efforts to recover from the October earthquake, numerous individuals in Afghanistan continue to grapple with significant challenges in obtaining essential food and hygiene resources. On December 1st, Human Appeal distributed food packs to **300 families** in the villages of Ghandha and Chasmah in the Herat region. Each food parcel included **100kg of wheat flour, 8kg of grains, 5kg oil and 1kg salt**, enough to last a family of six for a month.



Child with a wheelbarrow containing wheat flour.

GAZA

Since the conflict began in October, the people of Gaza have endured immense suffering. Human Appeal has been a consistent source of support throughout, reaching over **415,890 individuals**. We've distributed over **15,000 food parcels**, provided fresh vegetables to almost **25,000 people**, and facilitated hot meals for **33,386 individuals**. Additionally, over **90,000 people** received hygiene kits, with **1,734 women** benefiting from specialised women's hygiene kits.

Across **29 UN shelter schools** in Gaza, we've set up over **150 large tents**, while medical supplies have assisted **55,000 people**. Our desalination plant ensures clean, drinkable water for **30,000 individuals**, and our mobile clinic in Rafah is providing essential medical services in the south of Gaza. In collaboration with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) we also dispatched a significant **45-ton aid shipment**, delivering essential supplies to meet urgent needs in Gaza.



403,890+
people supported
so far



15,871
food parcels
provided



24,510
people received fresh
vegetables



90,070
people received
hygiene kits



30,000
people received
water from our
desalination plant



33,386
people received
hot meals



1,734
people received
women's hygiene kits



150
large tents
set up

EMERGENCY RESPONSE



In collaboration with Jordan's Hashemite Charitable Organization, our humanitarian aid plane touched down in Gaza. Containing **45 tons of essentials** - medical supplies, clothing and food - it will provide vital support to innocent civilians.



The aid after being loaded onto trucks in Gaza.

FOOD SECURITY



On the 6th December, **1,000 food parcels** were delivered to Khan Yunis in the south of the Gaza Strip where they were distributed amongst displaced families.



Child holding one of the food parcels distributed in Gaza.

FOOD SECURITY



Parcels of fresh vegetables have been distributed to the displaced people living in shelter schools in the south of the Gaza Strip.

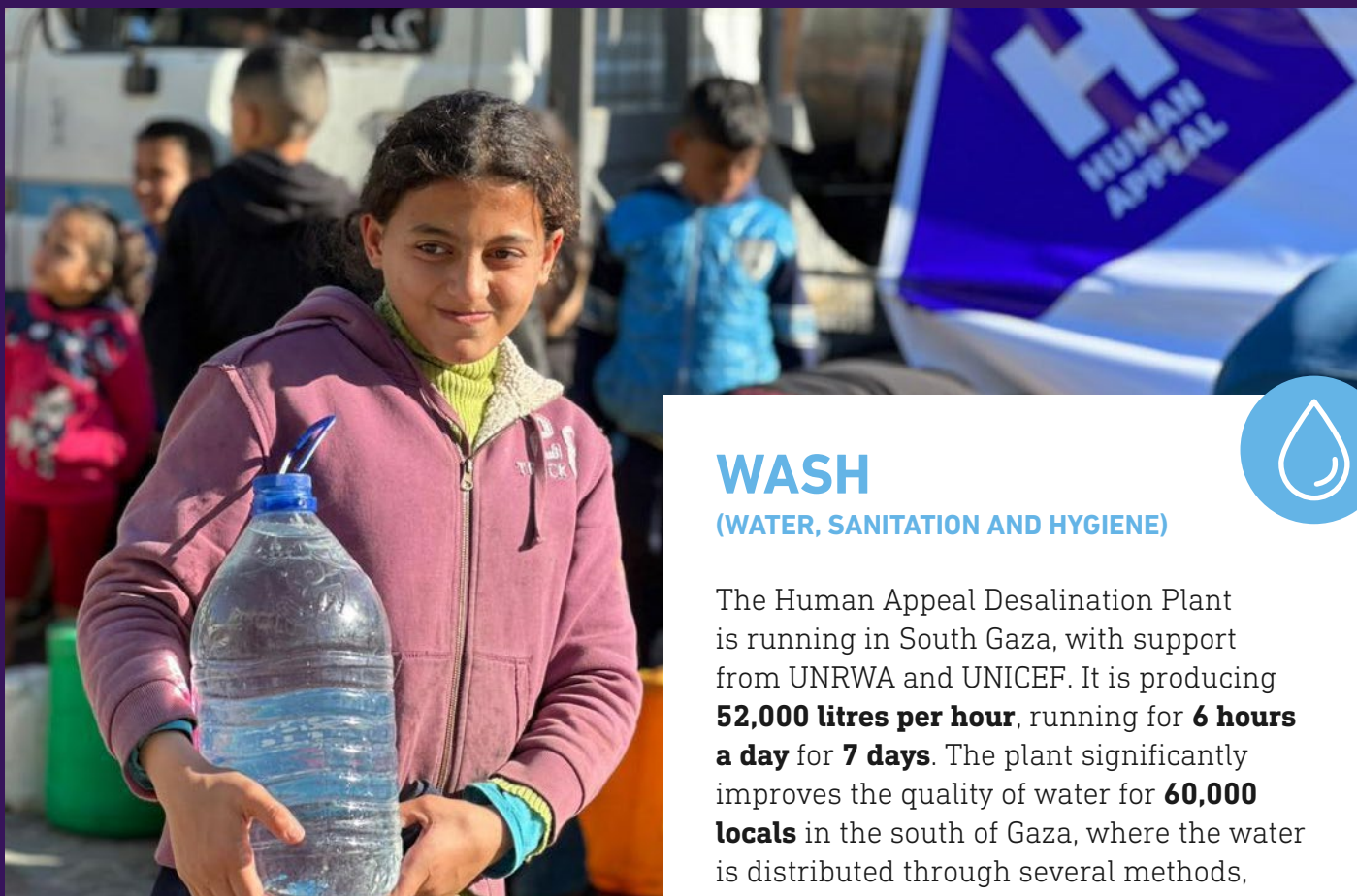


FOOD SECURITY



The Human Appeal team in Gaza baked bread over firewood to ensure families in Gaza would have bread to eat, following the closure of most bakeries in Gaza, and cooking gas having largely run out.

Child holding flatbread baked by our Gaza staff.



WASH

(WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)

The Human Appeal Desalination Plant is running in South Gaza, with support from UNRWA and UNICEF. It is producing **52,000 litres per hour**, running for **6 hours a day** for **7 days**. The plant significantly improves the quality of water for **60,000 locals** in the south of Gaza, where the water is distributed through several methods, including by water truck.

Child holding clean water from a water truck.



FOOD SECURITY

We distributed **129 food packs** to displaced families in Deir El Balah, with the support of Harris J.

Children with the contents of a food pack.

PAKISTAN



Class in session at the new school.

EDUCATION



In collaboration with the Read Foundation, Human Appeal completed the construction of a middle school in the village of Serlah, in the Bhimber district of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in Pakistan. Three stories high, the school teaches girls and boys aged 4 to 14, and contains both a library and a playground, with **15 classrooms** full of quality furniture. The village had previously only had two classrooms, not enough to meet the needs of all the children in the village.

EDUCATION



Human Appeal is providing Back to School Kits to **475 children** in Taxila and Islamabad in Pakistan. The kits consist of new uniforms, complete with school shoes. For many families facing financial constraints, providing uniforms for their children is a challenge, making this initiative a significant relief in easing the burden of educational expenses.



Children trying on their new uniforms at a shop.

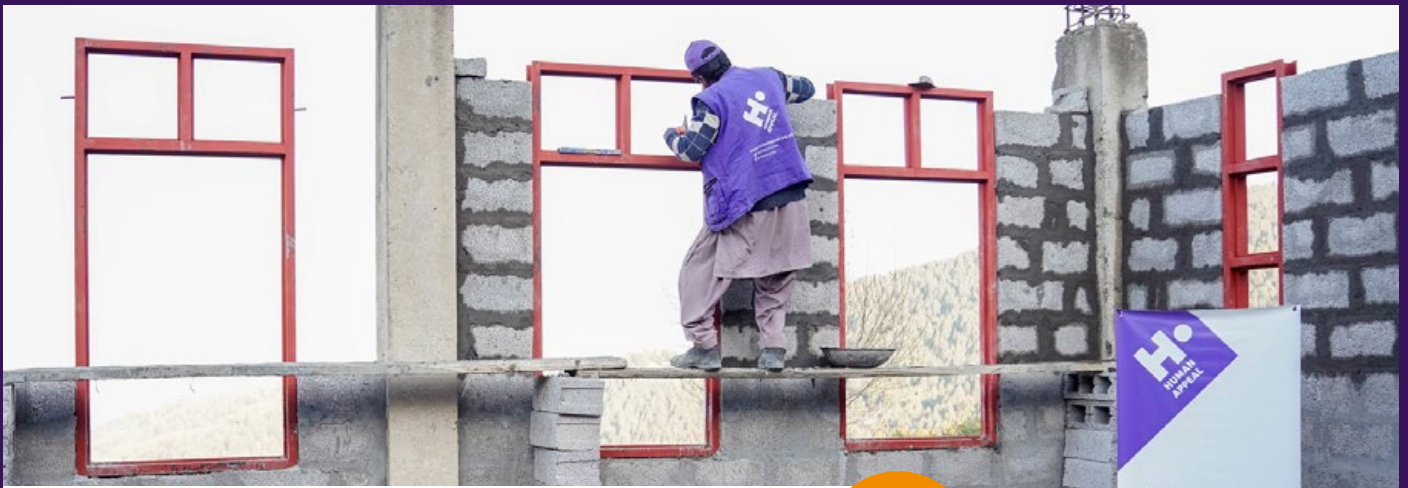
EDUCATION



Human Appeal provided Back to School kits to **300 children** about to return to school after the winter break in the region of Faisalabad in Pakistan. Each Back to School kit is a brand new school bag, containing notebooks, pens, pencils, a geometry set, coloured pencils and a water a bottle. These kits will assist low-income families in ensuring their children can attend school without facing the difficult choice between purchasing food or essential school supplies.



Children sitting with their Back to School bags.



EDUCATION



Human Appeal is working on restoring the middle school for girls in the village of Chitratopi, Kashmir in Pakistan. The school was destroyed by an earthquake in 2005, and only partially repaired. Human Appeal has begun a project to fully restore the school, with **14 classrooms**, along with bathroom facilities. This initiative will enable the local children to study in a secure and comfortable environment, eliminating the need for outdoor classroom sessions.



Work on the school in progress.



HEALTH



Human Appeal continues to run a mobile medical camp in the Dadu district in the wake of the devastating 2022 floods, which damaged almost **900 health facilities** and destroyed almost **90**. With the support of the two doctors in the medical camp, the camp has treated over **3,100 patients** across **44 villages**, with **1,487** of them being children, many of them in the most remote villages.

Young child being examined at the mobile clinic.

SOMALIA

HEALTH



We conducted a cataract treatment campaign across three regions of Somalia – Mogadishu, Barawe, and Luuq. Through comprehensive screening, consultations, and treatment, we reached **6,790 patients** with eye-related illnesses. Among them, **2,012 patients** underwent successful cataract surgeries, contributing to the restoration of sight and enhancement of their overall quality of life.



Cataract surgery in process in Somalia.



A water truck being used to fill water tanks.

WASH

(WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)



Human Appeal Somalia is providing **651 families** in the Kahda displacement camp with clean water via water trucking. Each family will receive **45 litres of clean water** each day for **30 days**. This will aid the communities in upholding elevated standards of health and hygiene, thereby mitigating the risk and threat of diseases.



HEALTH

Human Appeal Somalia conducted a one-week long mobile clinic project in Kahda and Daynile displacement camps, providing primary health care to **617 patients** who were in critical need of medical assistance but had faced barriers in accessing it before.



Staff at mobile clinic listening to the issues of a patient.



WASH

(WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)

Human Appeal Somalia is providing clean water to the community of displaced families in Deynile via water trucking. Within a month, **128 households** will see a significant enhancement in their access to clean and safe water, thereby contributing to the improvement of their health and overall well-being.



Families filling their water tanks in Deynile.

SYRIA



Baby in care at Al Iman Hospital.

HEALTH



Al Iman Hospital, a gynaecological and paediatric specialist hospital supported by Human Appeal, continues to support displaced and local residents of the Idlib countryside. Over the course of the last month, **5,092 patients** have benefited from the hospital, partially due to the closure of other hospitals in the area.

HEALTH



Human Appeal has successfully distributed medical supplies from Globus Relief across several medical centres in multiple areas of north-western Syria. These supplies play a crucial role in addressing the scarcity of medical items in hospitals and health centres, which are grappling with increased demand during the winter season.



Medical supplies being removed from the truck for distribution.



The campaign in progress.

GENDER

Human Appeal orchestrated a campaign in Al Zohoor village, emphasizing the significance of addressing violence against women. The campaign ran for 16 days, ending on the 10th of December, and included various activities and silent plays, featuring volunteers from the community and employees. Al Zohoor village, our second constructed village for displaced Syrians, serves as a testament to our ongoing commitment to providing secure and dignified shelter for those in need.

SHELTER



Construction of the final homes in Al Yasameen Village, Human Appeal's third town for displaced Syrians, has been completed. These homes, designed to accommodate **1,000 Syrian families**, are part of Human Appeal's ongoing efforts to provide secure, safe, and dignified shelter for displaced Syrian families, especially crucial as winter approaches. With the completion of the last homes, the focus now shifts to plastering and expanding the sewage system to cover all the residences.



Plastering in progress at Al Yasameen Village.

FOOD SECURITY



Human Appeal provided food parcels to the residents of Al Zohoor village who were impacted by the earthquake in 2023. Despite the passage of months since the earthquake, numerous individuals are still grappling with the aftermath, having lost their homes and personal belongings. Al Zohoor, our second constructed town for displaced Syrians, accommodated **1,000 families** within 100 hours of the devastating earthquake in early 2023. The distribution initiative commenced on December 19th, reaching **200 families**. Each food parcel is equipped with essential items like lentils, rice, bulgur, pasta, dates, oil, olives, and flour, ensuring that a family has sufficient provisions to last for a month.



Food parcels being transported into the village.

UK



FUNDRAISING

Human Appeal's annual spiritual tour, Light Upon Light in partnership with Eman Channel, took place in December, visiting multiple locations and attracting a significant attendance of supporters. The event served as a platform to raise crucial funds for our Gaza Emergency Appeal, extending our humanitarian efforts into the New Year.

YEMEN



WASH

(WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)



The construction of the Al Qefr water tank, which serves Al-Raheb village in Yemen, is ongoing. Boasting a capacity of **200m³**, this water tank will provide more than **9,600 people** with a dependable source of clean water.

Families filling their water tanks in Deynile.

THANK YOU

That's all for December. We hope you've enjoyed this quick insight into our work, and will stay with us into the New Year. Please share with your friends and family, and keep your eyes peeled for our next issue which will highlight how our projects progressed in January 2024 thanks to your support.

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