

EVERY HUMAN

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Transforming lives through the gift of clean water

Hear from students at the Right to Live Society in Gaza following the completion of their new water desalination plant.

What's happening in Pakistan?

All the latest news and updates from our team.



EVERY HUMAN *IS BACK*

Every Human is back for the final edition this year to spotlight Human Appeal's work all over the world.

In this issue, we talk about Human Appeal's work in Pakistan, both in response to the flooding and in other areas, spotlighting the Basti Emaan embankment which was built by Human Appeal in 2010, and saved 140 houses this year, and the successes of Noreen, who is benefitting from Human Appeal's orphan sponsorship programme, and is now at college. We hear from two Human Appeal staff members, Muhammad Harris Muzamil and Inaam Malik, who have been working in Pakistan ever since the floods began. In Syria, we distributed medical supplies received from Globus Relief to 25 health facilities in the north of Syria, and we discuss the happy news about the amount of triplets and twins born at Al Imaan Hospital this year, supported by Human Appeal. We hear about the critical work of the oxygen generator centres in northwest Syria from Mohamed Kobi, Medical Projects Coordinator in northwest Syria for Human Appeal, and from Amira Jumaa, one of the recipients of the bread distribution project Human Appeal is running in the Killi area.

We also hear from the Gaza-based Right To Live Society about the benefits of the water desalination plant Human Appeal built for them, and from Mahmoud, whose house has been rehabilitated by Human Appeal in the aftermath of shelling. In Somalia, we hear the accounts of Shafici Ahmed, who lost sight in one of his eyes before receiving cataract surgery as part of Human Appeal's efforts in Somalia. In Yemen, we hear from the mother of 9-year-old Ahmed, who benefited from our Back to School campaign, and learn about the educational system as we continue to rebuild Al-Saeed school in Yemen.

We hope you enjoy getting to know us a bit better, and from Every Human here at Human Appeal, thank you for all your support this year.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

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The flooding forced Human Appeal to distribute aid via boats in many regions.

LIVE FROM PAKISTAN

In June 2022, torrential monsoon rains and a record glacial melt triggered the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent history, tragically killing at least 1,718 people.

Entire villages have been washed away, leaving **33 million** people in need of immediate, lifesaving support, and at increased risk of waterborne diseases, drowning and malnutrition.

At its peak, more than **1/3** of Pakistan was completely underwater in one of the worst natural disasters the country has ever seen. The unprecedented floods have widely been attributed to the worsening effects of climate change, leading to more extreme monsoon events in the region.

Over **200,000** homes have been destroyed, while many public health facilities, water systems and schools have been destroyed or damaged. As the floodwaters have receded, the crisis has quickly become a humanitarian disaster with millions of vulnerable

people left homeless and in need of urgent assistance.

Our projects

We've been on the ground in Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, and Khyber Punkhtawa with our emergency flood response since August, as survivors contend with injuries, disease, hunger, homelessness, and psychological distress. Aid has been delivered to more than **634,633** flood-affected people, helping **24,338** with hot meals and **40,000** households with food supplies. We helped **6,046** households receive tents, hygiene kits, and household items. We also helped **6,750** people reach medical care through our mobile health clinics. We also provided direct cash assistance to **15,000** flood-affected households.

Soon we will launch several additional projects to help families transition towards rebuilding their lives. We have begun planning projects to ensure clean water to **50,000** flood-affected communities. We are also eager to begin building one - and two - bedroom homes for **100** families in Sindh. To meet the need for key infrastructure in Punjab and Sindh, we are looking to construct **100** government schools and **100** public health facilities. We will also help set up temporary learning and child protection centres in Punjab, Khyber Punkhtawa, and Sindh. And, soon, we will also begin our winter support for communities there too.

How your donations are saving lives

Your donations helped provide hot meals to thousands of people in Pakistan.

Since 2016, Human Appeal Pakistan has been transforming local communities, through life-saving aid, emergency, assistance, and programmes that support uplifting households out of poverty.



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Q&A WITH INAM MALIK, PHILANTHROPY AND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

How does vital aid reach people in areas cut-off by floodwaters?

Inam Malik has been a Philanthropy and Partnerships Manager since 2018. He recently travelled to Pakistan to help deliver emergency aid in Sindh, where some districts are nearly completely submerged.



How long have you been at Human Appeal?

Since April 2018.

Why did you join the Human Appeal family?

I was looking for a new challenge and when I was approached for this role at Human Appeal, I was very excited by the opportunity to grow, learn new skills and the value I could add to Human Appeal helping the organisation move forward in making a bigger difference to the lives of those most vulnerable across the world.

What do you do day-to-day in your role?

Maintaining and growing a network of major donor relationships, promoting awareness of Human Appeal's projects and ultimately increasing income generation to secure the long-term financial sustainability and growth of the charity. We also organise and facilitate field trips with major donors.

What did you do before Human Appeal?

I was a head of modern foreign languages at a local secondary school and a teaching and learning coach.

Please can you explain when you went to Pakistan and when you got back from assisting with the flood appeal?

I went to Pakistan on the 1st of September and returned on the 8th of September.

What did you see when you reached the ground?

I travelled to District Dadu in North Sindh and what I saw was quite simply something that I couldn't have prepared myself for. I witnessed miles upon miles of flood water 15 foot deep, that had destroyed homes, buildings including hospitals and schools as well as livelihoods including crops and livestock. I met people including women, children, elderly and the disabled whose homes had been completely submerged under water now sleeping rough in the open without any shelter struggling for food and water.

What did you do on the ground and why was this important?

As part of phase 1 of the emergency, our local Human Appeal teams distributed thousands of hot meals daily, clean water, hygiene kits and NFI's (non food items). Delivering this aid was essential and critical as we came across many vulnerable people that had not eaten for several days and were in a very desperate situation. A lot of the aid was delivered via a boat because there was no access to remote areas. Our teams prioritised reaching far flung areas where other NGOs had not been to deliver aid. Also being able to speak to people and capture content allowed us to share with our donors and supporters the reality on the ground. Being on the ground gave me the opportunity to be a voice for those whose voices had been sadly drowned.

How did you deliver the aid?

Mainly by boat to reach far flung areas where there was no access by road since 80% of Dadu had been flooded. Out of a population of 2.1 million people, 1.7 million were displaced. We also distributed aid from trucks on the main road at the side of the River Indus embankment.

What was the most poignant memory whilst you were on the ground?

There was one elderly man that we had to travel to by boat for 4 kilometres to give him food and water. Half of his house had been submerged in the water and he was on his own. The first thing he said was that 'mai theen din seh bookha hou.' I've been hungry for 3 days. Had it not been for our team, making this difficult journey in extreme heat and humidity, who knows what could have happened to him?

What's next as part of our appeal?

We are now starting phase 3 of the emergency which is the rehabilitation programme. This consists of building flood resistant homes for hundreds of vulnerable families who have no shelter and with winter fast approaching it's critical that we can help families quickly.

Currently we are also delivering mobile medical clinics in Dadu and Qambar Shahdadkot providing life saving aid to combat and prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases including malaria, cholera and dengue.

How can our supporters continue to help?

By visiting the Human Appeal website and calling our helpline to make a donation. By following Human Appeal's social media platforms and staying in touch with our progress on the ground including latest developments.





The embankment in Basti Emaan has saved 100s of lives.

BASTI EMAAN VILLAGE

Saving an entire village in Pakistan now and for the future

Our embankment project is saving lives, protecting crops, and securing livelihoods in Pakistan. Built 6 feet above the ground and 10 feet above river level, this mud structure held strong, preventing floodwater from reaching homes, fields, and crops.

Human Appeal Pakistan's Senior Media and Communications Coordinator, Sibtain Haider, gives us a detailed look at life in Basti Emaan village now, after Pakistan's catastrophic flooding that killed more than 1,600 people and destroyed 2 million homes, and displaced more than 33 million residents. In this village, we rebuilt a 25km - long embankment on the Chenab River after the area was devastated during the flooding in 2010.

"Basti Eman is a village in District Rahim Yar Khan. It's an area that is extremely disaster prone, and the floods had come in 2010. All of the homes were destroyed and no one could really stay here. It was all filled with water. People had to migrate to another place for some time, until houses were constructed by Human Appeal.

How is life in Basti Eman Village after this year's floods?

"But this time, alhamdulillah, nothing happened here. There's no sign of floods; there's no sign of water. I can see people going on with their daily lives. I can see children playing. I can see people working in the fields. Life is as normal as it can get.



Sibtain Haider, Senior Media & Communications Co-ordinator, Pakistan

And what about in neighbouring areas of Pakistan?

"Sixty minutes' drive away we can see people living on the streets, areas filled with water. Just last week we met a family who had lost their son in the floods.

They're still there

"But in this village [Basti Emaan], I can see all of the houses are fine. The houses that were built by Human Appeal 12 years ago, they're still there. Around 60 houses in this village (for 390 people) and a couple of houses more in the villages surrounding this area. A total of 140 houses (for 910 people), alhamdulillah.

As if there was no flood

"There's one particular reason why this happened, why nothing happened in this village, and that reason is actually very crucial.

While standing at the embankment that saved 70 to 80 villages, including Basti Emaan, Sibtain shows how little the floods impacted Basti Emaan, "From the floods this year. On my left side I can see the water is still standing. It's been over a month since the floods came here. On my right side, all I can see is lush, green fields as if nothing happened here, as if there was no flood in Basti Emaan village."

In 2010 after the floods, Human Appeal built a 25 kilometre embankment. "And that is why today, lives are saved."

In Basti Emaan, prayers of thanks for the embankment

Brother Fayyaz lives in Basti Emaan, in one of the houses that was built by Human Appeal. "Alhamdulillah, our village was saved because of this embankment."

He remembers what happened before, in 2010. "During the floods in 2010, there was a lot of water. This area was submerged in 7-8 feet of water. We saved our children and left, but everything else we had was destroyed. There were 70 houses in our village. All 70 of them were destroyed. Human Appeal came. They provided us with tents, and with food and rations for three months. Our village remained submerged in water for three months.

"We moved back here after three months. Then, they started constructing houses for us. Alhamdulillah it is perfect. The houses have two rooms, a washroom, and a kitchen. It is a great house we live in.

"Had this embankment not been built, this whole area would have been destroyed (in the 2022 floods). Human Appeal built this embankment so that our lives are saved. So now, alhamdulillah, we are all safe because of it.

"We pray for Human Appeal. They built an embankment and houses for us and we are living here happily."



Muhammad is one of the many valued members of the Human Appeal Global Media team

WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING FOR HUMAN APPEAL IN PAKISTAN?

Going behind the scenes to make a difference

Muhammad Haris Muzamil joined Human Appeal less than a year ago to get hands-on with relief work. When supporters make a donation to Human Appeal, team members like Muhammad are there to distribute aid and document the reality on the ground, helping the world bear witness to the life-changing work that we do every day.

How long have you been at Human Appeal?

It has been five months since I joined Human Appeal.

Why did you join the Human Appeal family?

I joined Human Appeal because I admire the work of Human Appeal. Previously, while working at a film production house, I got the

opportunity to see the work of many NGOs and INGOs as a filmmaker and I observed their work but it was not like the work of Human Appeal. Going into remote areas, working closely with the community, and helping them in times of need when there is no hope for them, that is what attracted me to Human Appeal.

What did you do before Human Appeal?

I was working as a filmmaker and photographer in a local production house before joining Human Appeal.

What do you do day-to-day in your role?

I usually spend most of the time in the field and during that time, I take photographs and take shots for B-roll. Highlighting the need of our people so our supporters can see and feel the need. In the office, mostly I am editing or transcribing the interviews of our beneficiaries to show the impact of your donations.

What is the best part about your job?

The best part of my job is travelling and getting the chance to meet new people. Exploring different sides of the country and learning new languages.

What's the hardest part?

The hardest part of my work is seeing people crying in need, seeing people unable to do something for their families even if they are trying their best. The hardest time was when I was in the field during an early flood emergency response I saw a girl crying because of hunger, as she was hungry for the past two days. At that time tears were in my eyes and I wanted to leave everything there and find something for her.

Your message to our supporters?

My message to our supporters is that please keep supporting Human Appeal. Human Appeal is working hard to meet the needs of people and reach the people in remote areas where no one is reaching them. We have reached so many people because of your support and we will keep on doing it. Please keep supporting us so we can help as many of our brothers and sisters as possible.





Noreen all smiles after acing her exams

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF HER EDUCATION

Noreen, an orphan supported by Human Appeal in Pakistan, received the highest marks in her matriculation board exams in Bahawalpur Board with a total of **1,094 out of 1,100**.

We interviewed Noreen, her mother and one of her previous teachers about her success.

A solid education unlocks opportunities to build a bright future and uplift families out of hardship and poverty. Living as a widow in Aminabad, Farzana Bibi had struggled to provide for herself and her children. Noreen, her eldest daughter, was a young girl when she lost her father to illness in 2012. When her family home was sold, they were forced to live in a shack of sticks and dirt but soon found support through Human Appeal's orphan sponsorship programme. Since then,

➤ **"Even a poor girl can be successful."**

Noreen and her siblings have been enrolled in school.

Life is still difficult for Noreen and the family but her mother knows it's worth it. "I am ready to fight for my children." So when Noreen became seriously ill three years ago, Farzana wanted to ensure nothing got in the way of her progress. "Even a poor girl can be successful."

With Human Appeal's orphan sponsorship programme, Farzana was able to pay for Noreen's treatment and she is fully recovered. Soon, colleges came calling. "She gave the entrance test at Punjab College, got good marks, and they insisted that we'll have her

at our college. They gave her a test and said that if she passes it. We will give her free admission despite what grades she gets. She passed that test and also got good grades. Now she guides her siblings toward studies and tells them to get good grades to get more respect."

With her scholarship to Punjab College, Noreen is able to attend 11th and 12th grade to continue her education.

Through her determination to succeed, she's striving diligently in her schoolwork to study pre-engineering. "I had set up a schedule to keep everything in order, and that's how you can properly maintain your work which would eventually lead to success." She spends around 8 hours daily on her studies, "I used to wake up at 6 AM, offer prayers and leave for school, and return at 3 PM."

Her biology teacher Majra Anum took notice of Noreen's focus and dedication. "Her behaviour, her attitude towards the studies, teachers, and fellows is excellent. Whether it's her assignments, studies, or exams, she's very concerned about them."

That hard work is paying off with high marks for Noreen. "One mark was deducted in Biology because of a wrong MCQ answer, and two marks in Math, that's it. Three and three from each year, double to six."

Without the worry of school fees and expenses, Noreen is grateful. "I am really happy and thank Allah because when someone works hard, Allah doesn't let their work go in vain."

Noreen is busy planning for her future. "I really like mathematics and want to pursue it further. In the future, I want to become an engineer and get admitted to the University of Engineering and Technology (UET)." Her eventual goal is to get her master's degree and a job that will allow her to help the poor. As she's observed, "I want to help people because poverty and injustice is spread all over. Without education, a person remains ignorant, ill-mannered, and will not respect others, and will not know about equality, brotherhood, unity, or even sympathy. I don't want my education to discontinue; it is most dear to me."



Noreen outside her beloved school



Noreen and her school friends hard at work



Noreen studying



Human Appeal distributed medical supplies across northwest Syria.

LIFESAVING MEDICAL SUPPLIES DELIVERED IN SYRIA

Medical aid is vital in Syria, where some 13.4 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. The medical infrastructure of Syria has been damaged over more than a decade of conflict, particularly in the north of the country, where many displaced people have settled in the regions of Aleppo and Idlib.

Human Appeal partnered with Globus Relief to deliver medical supplies to a selection of 25 health facilities in the region, including hospitals, primary healthcare centres, and dialysis centres to allow them to provide medical services. In May, Human Appeal Turkey received and delivered five medical shipments, each carrying around 3,054 medical items. Globus Relief also provided training to 30 staff from 15 health facilities to strengthen

the networks for medical supplies. Through this incredible effort, 76,000 displaced Syrians received long-sought medical treatment.

And this is just the beginning. Human Appeal is planning for a further 15 medical shipments to Syria, allowing the health facilities to provide medical care to a total of 450,000 displaced people, including area residents of host communities. This life-saving aid has been made possible because of our partners at Globus Relief and our generous supporters. Thank you.

➤ 13.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance



Triplets were safely born in Al Imaan Hospital.

BUNDLES OF JOY AT AL IMAAN HOSPITAL

In northwestern Syria, Al Imaan Hospital is a health facility, and the only one of its kind in Samarda, Idlib, where we champion maternal and child health, for free. Currently serving around 100,000 displaced patients, the hospital does not charge any fees for medical treatment.

This year was a banner year for births

of multiples. In 2022, Al Imaan Hospital had 3 sets of triplets born, and 68 sets of twins. Masha Allah. We expect many more births before the year's end, bearing witness to more children born into conflict. Yet this hospital remains a lifeline.



The oxygen generators provide a vital service in Syria.

A BREATH OF PURE AIR IN NORTHWEST SYRIA

Mohamed Kobi is Human Appeal's Medical Projects Coordinator for northwest Syria. For the past seven years, he's supported the work of health facilities like Al Imaan Hospital, Maryam's Centre, Rouhin Centre, and the oxygen centres and vaccination centres across the region. He's also a refugee of Syria's civil war, having lost his home some time ago.

Hear about the critical work he does ensuring patients and health centres in northwest Syria have enough oxygen generators.

"Oxygen is very important to all health centres and to patients who have

breathing issues so these people need oxygen all the time. And this need has increased especially after coronavirus as we need more oxygen now.

Most health centres in this area that offer free treatment benefit from Human Appeal's oxygen generator project, including the patients who need oxygen. We had a lot of oxygen shortages in this area before so this project has supported both patients and centres.

Patients used to have to buy oxygen but now they can get it for free.

Oxygen is expensive and it's very hard to secure.

We have two stations to generate oxygen: one is in Idlib and the other is in Sarmada. Each station produces 360 bottles. We have around 2,500 patients every month.

And some patients need more than a bottle per day, depending on their illness. For some people, one bottle lasts three or four days, but others would need five or six bottles a day.

The health centres use a large volume of oxygen - for children, the elderly, and for surgery.

Our first goal is to reduce the oxygen shortage that started after Covid hit and to be able to offer free oxygen to health centres and their patients.

We also hope that this project helps raise awareness in this area, and reduces illness and the rate of fatalities.

We aim to help these people and make their life easier, make them feel better. The oxygen generators helped a lot as it came during such a hard time after COVID-19."



Mohamed Kobi, Medical Projects Coordinator, Syria



Bread being distributed in Syria by Human Appeal

LOAVES OF GOODNESS IN SYRIA

Bread equals life in Aleppo

Amira Jumaa Ismael lives in Aleppo now, displaced for a year and a half from Killi where she used to enjoy the life she lived in her home. Grateful for the bread assistance in Syria, this project provides Amira, her husband, and their six children with their only source of regular, daily food.

“We got displaced because of the bombing and the war and it was really hard for us as we have children. I have 4 sons and 2 daughters Fayez, Ali, Fadia, Abouda, Mohamed, and Dalia. My husband sometimes works, and sometimes he doesn't. He is sick he has had two surgeries so he can't work a lot.

Sometimes we sleep on empty stomachs.

We have nothing, we are vulnerable.

We don't have rugs or anything. I have nothing but Allah.”

I wash their clothes by hand every day. They want nice clothes, but we can't afford that either.

We have nothing and we sit here and rain falls straight onto us. We all sleep in water, and once it's morning, I put the mattress outside to dry.

I had really hard days when the tent flew off, and it was so cold.

When the organisation provides for us, we get warm; if they don't, we stay in the cold.

I wish I had a house, a rug, a washing machine, nice food that's what I want.

Maybe Allah will help us, and in sha Allah we will go back to our land.

If they give us bread, we eat

"I can't even provide food. But thanks to Human Appeal, if they give us bread, we eat, and if they don't, we don't eat. I just hope that the bread project will never stop. If they do, we will die.

I always make duaa for those people for providing bread for us.

Meat and fruits, we don't eat those at all. We eat bread and tea because we can't afford much else: no vegetables, no fruits, no meat. We sometimes have thyme but not always.

Every time the fruit seller passes by our tent, [the children] ask for apples, pomegranates, and oranges, but we don't have money to buy that.

Mostly, we eat bulgur and rice and oil. We get very happy when organisations distribute meat.

May Allah reward Human Appeal for the bread project and inshaAllah they will never stop it, because if it stops we would die.



Amira and her children rely on bread to survive in Syria



Mohammed enjoys access to the clean water.

I LIKE WATER BECAUSE IT MAKES ME STRONG

Adala Abu Sita and the Al Haq organisation, which operates two centres for children with disabilities, enjoy the many benefits of receiving a small water desalination plant to ensure clean water at Gaza's Right to Live Society.

He tells us what the community has gained now that clean water is readily available.

"Our organisation has benefited from the water desalination plant by Human Appeal from all sides: the health side, the financial side, and the social side. And this showed us that the Palestinian community will not let down Autistic children and children with down syndrome."

The financial cost of routinely buying enough water is an expense that severely stretches the limited budgets of community organisations like the Right to Live Society. "Before the water desalination plant, we used to buy clean

drinkable water for our centres (one for autistic children and one for children with down syndrome) monthly, and it was very expensive. So, this project saved us a lot of money."

The assurance that comes through this water project is also a welcome benefit in Adala's view. "From the health side it's better that the plant is installed and connected to the well we have here, which is certified by the water authority in Gaza."

"The children feel that this is their water and that they can have water anytime they want, and we wouldn't have to worry about water tanks getting empty, now we have water at any time of the day.

I can't thank Human Appeal enough. We also have lots of projects coming up to help the centre especially after the crisis we have been going through since 2017. In sha Allah we will get more help from Human Appeal for autistic children and children with down syndrome."



A damaged house is assessed prior to renovation.

BUILDING SAFE HAVENS IN GAZA

Following the devastating attacks in Gaza last May, many were left to rebuild their lives and their homes. For people who lacked the funds to cover construction and renovation costs, their options were limited. Instead, many families stay in their homes surrounded by the aftermath of the bombing. Mahmoud and his family have struggled to live in a damaged house without any windows or doors.

"The ceiling was falling apart. The walls are in a bad state, and there are no windows. During winter the rains flood our house. Rats and other insects also enter our home," Mahmoud said.

In July, Human Appeal Palestine worked on rebuilding Mahmoud's home as part of our project to rehabilitate 80 homes that were damaged in the recent Gaza

attacks. The newly rehabilitated house has electricity, running water, private rooms, and a kitchen to help Mahmoud and his family live in greater comfort and ease.

Now I have a bathroom, kitchen, and privacy for my girls

"The newly rehabilitated house now has electricity wires, water pipes and a kitchen." Mahmoud tells our team, "Thank God, I now have a bathroom, and kitchen, and now I have privacy for my girls. My life has changed. The new house made me so happy. I hope now my children can live a better life in this house, Alhamdulillah. Thank you all for helping,"

Thank you so much for supporting our Gaza Emergency Appeal. Because of you, Mahmoud and his family have a safe space to call home once more.



Shafici can now see clearly, thanks to the surgery he received.

SEEING AGAIN IN SOMALIA

Shafici Ahmed, 22 years old, lives in Mogadishu in the Middle Shabele region in Cadele district with his wife and two children. An injury to one of his eyes left him with incomplete vision, making it difficult for him to maintain his job driving a taxi. Read on to discover how he managed life before and now after receiving treatment to restore his vision from Human Appeal.

What was your eyesight like before the surgery and how did it affect you and your family and quality of life?

I got an injury to my left eye while playing football four years ago and my eyesight has not been the same since. I could only see with my right eye. I

was working part-time as a taxi driver but I couldn't continue as my eyesight got worse. I was also in a lot of pain and my eye would tear a lot. Since I wasn't working, it was hard to afford the medications and surgery to restore my eyesight. There are also no proper doctors who specialise in eye health in my village. Life was tough and that's when I decided to come to Mogadishu to try to find a doctor who could help restore my eyesight with the help of my relatives.

What is your eyesight like now post-surgery?

When I came to Mogadishu four months ago, I found a doctor who could assist me to restore my eyesight. He told me I was suffering from cataract, a type of eye illness when your eye's natural lens becomes cloudy. Unfortunately, I couldn't afford the surgery and medications and I didn't want to be a burden to my relatives. I wanted to go back home but luckily I heard on the radio that there were free eye consultations and cataract surgery being conducted in Banadir Hospital. I went the next day with a friend and I received an eye screening, blood work and was told that I was eligible to receive the surgery. I went into surgery that same day and went home. I came back the next day to get my bandages removed and I found

that I could see much better. I was given medications to use for the next two weeks and prescription glasses. I came back after two weeks for further screening. The doctors informed me that my eyesight is much better. I was overwhelmed with joy, finally after four years I could see. I currently work with my cousin in a small shop. I am planning to go back to Cadale in a few weeks to my family and start working.

Do you have a message for our supporters?

I am grateful for Human Appeal and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for assisting hundreds of people with these life saving surgeries. I am also aware that thousands received consultations and medication. I am eternally grateful for the assistance.



Shafici working in a local shop



BACK TO SCHOOL

September is the month in which most children across the world go back to school. For the children of war-torn Yemen, this time of the year is very daunting.

Yemeni families don't have enough income to send their children to school. And when they do, they don't have enough to provide them with the tools they need to stay in school. We provided 150 Yemeni orphans with "first day at school" starter packs so they are ready for their first day!

Each pack contains a backpack loaded up with pencils, a pencil case, notebooks,

a water bottle, and a lunchbox. These supplies helped children get a good start on studying and learning, paving the way to breaking the cycle of poverty. Their mothers were happy that their children could finally be included in the fun of students getting ready to go back to school. And now their children have all the resources they need to study hard.

Thank you for your donations that made this possible and allowed these children to receive an education.



The children who benefited from this project are prepared for the future.

Spotlight

Name, age, location and family details

Ahmed, 9 years old, Aden city,
6 family members

What does your child like doing?

Ahmed likes football and swimming.

What are your child's favourite subjects at school?

Science

Why do you think it's important to study?

Ahmed's mother says, "Studying is important because I want my child to live a better future that I didn't have, as I didn't complete my education and that is the most important thing for a bright future."

What does this back-to-school pack mean to you?

The school pack helped us so that we could save our money to purchase other supplies.

What are your child's most precious things?

Toys and video games

What would your child like to be and why?

Ahmed wants to be a pilot because he like visiting and exploring new places.



Renovations on the school are underway.

This September, we started our school renovation project in Yemen!

Through this project, we'll be aiming to renovate Al-Saeed primary and secondary school in rural Taiz, one of the areas hit hardest in war-torn Yemen.

We'll be helping to repair:

- Leaky roofs in the classrooms
- External walls that have been riddled with bullets.
- School floors and the yard, fixing the water leakage undermining the school's foundations.

What is the education system like in Yemen?

Despite many efforts to reduce displacement, hunger and disease, the situation in Yemen remains catastrophic. Yemen continues to be ranked as the world's worst man-made humanitarian crisis, with a nation torn apart and decades of progress in raising the standard of living undone through war.

The conflict has taken a severe toll on children's access to education. Some two million children are out of school, depriving them of an education and exposing them to greater risks of recruitment to armed groups and child marriage. About 2,000 schools

have been affected, through damage to facilities, conversion to living quarters for displaced families, or occupied by armed groups. In 2021, the Education Cluster estimates that 256 schools were hit by ground clashes or aerial attacks.

Further deterioration of infrastructure and quality of life is expected without urgent action to end the violence and address the growing number of humanitarian needs. The ongoing conflict has prevented people from recovering their livelihoods and lost incomes, savings dwindle. This leaves them unable to adequately prepare to pay the school fees needed for their children. Meanwhile, the education system has nearly collapsed and has been impacted by the crisis at all levels.

At the start of the school year, nearly 75% of all educational facilities have been impacted by the conflict.

To date:

- **73% of all schools in Yemen are closed (12,240 schools)**
- **173 schools have been occupied by internally displaced people or armed groups**
- **1,669 schools have been completely or partially damaged**
- **425 recorded attacks on schools**

The latest Education Cluster reports that of the 7,723,581 school-aged children, 5,811,213 are enrolled as students but **1,912,368** are out of school. Some of these schools are located in very remote areas. Schools require renovations, because of damage due to the war, but there is no money to renovate them. The impact is very stark, with an increasing number of students, especially girls and boys under the age of 10 years old, out of school and not receiving any kind of education and severe disruptions to learning that leave those children who were attending school to be at risk of failing by the end of the year.

An estimated 2000 schools are unfit for use due to the conflict. This includes 256 schools that have been destroyed by airstrikes or shelling; 1,520 schools that have been damaged; 167 schools that are sheltering displaced people. According to a United Nations report, 70,000 school-age children are at risk of abandoning education, as the buildings are not fit to sustain. (UNHCR)

The community in Sana'a is looking for help in the education sector in renovating or building additional classrooms at existing schools.

Human Appeal Yemen developed plans to rebuild Ali Bin Abi Taleb Girls School in Sana'a, where some 2,010 school-aged girls attend classes. In addition to the students themselves, another 12,060 benefited from this project by:

Providing affected girls with equitable access to safe, protective child-friendly learning spaces and alternative learning opportunities.

Maintaining the continuity & functionality of the education system.

Thank you for giving the gift of education.



A Yemeni child carrying her newly acquired backpack.

SHARED BLESSINGS



"Whoever feeds a hungry believer will be fed by Allah on the Day of Judgement from the fruits of Paradise, and whoever quenches his thirst will have his thirst quenched from the Sealed Nectar, and whoever clothes him will be clothed from the green silk of Paradise."



[Source – Shaykh al – Mufid: al Ikhtisas 220]