



WINTER 2020/21

IMPACT AND
ACHIEVEMENTS





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WINTER 2020/21



70,031
people helped
across 10 countries



For 30 years, Human Appeal has been there for the most vulnerable during the fragile winter months. The ten countries that we worked in this year witnessed snowstorms, extreme flooding, biting winds, and sub-zero temperatures.

All this as the most difficult months of the pandemic hit. And with so much displacement, many families had little more than tents or corrugated metal to keep the cold out.

The Prophet, upon him be peace, said: "The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity." (Al-Tirmidhi)

Last winter, despite the unprecedented hardship and restrictions that many of us faced, you helped us to keep 40,998 people

warm across nine countries internationally. You also provided a further 29,033 people with warm winter coats, spreading warmth here in the UK.

In all, you helped 70,031 people last winter. Thank you.

"Whoever brings ease to one in difficulty, Allah will make it easy for him in this life and the Hereafter. Whoever covers a Muslim, Allah will cover him in this life and the Hereafter. Allah is in aid of the servant so long as the servant is in aid of his brother." (Sahih Muslim)

BANGLADESH

SUPPORTING 3,000 VULNERABLE STREET CHILDREN AND ROHINGYA REFUGEES



500

children
received warm
winter clothing



500

Rohingya families
received PPE, a blanket
and a food parcel

There are an estimated 350,000 children living on the streets of Dhaka, struggling to stay warm and dry without a grown-up to protect them. Over 1 million vulnerable Rohingya refugees are still living in Bangladesh, most of them in deteriorating and overcrowded camps.

In winter, temperatures in Bangladesh drop to 4 degrees, and Cox's Bazar, where most Rohingya families live, is one of the wettest parts of the country, which hosts severe downpours in winter.

Last winter, you helped us to protect 250 girls and 250 boys living on the streets of Dhaka, providing them each with a

jacket, blanket, and a skirt or trousers, which helped to keep them warm through the cold winter nights.

You also supported 2,500 Rohingya people, providing 500 families with essential winter kits containing over 25 kilograms of food, as well as face masks, hand sanitiser, and a blanket.

Thank you for spreading warmth in Bangladesh last winter.

IRAQ

KEEPING 1,970 IRAQIS AND SYRIAN REFUGEES WARM



1,110

Iraqis in Anbar and Mosul helped



860

Syrian refugees in Bardarash Camp helped



155

mattresses, heaters, blankets, and waterproof sheeting distributed



215

cash vouchers distributed

Iraq's northern region has bitterly cold winters with temperatures regularly dropping below freezing at night. Heavy rains, severe storms and flash flooding make the cold season hard to endure for the 3.3 million displaced people, most of whom are living in tents and makeshift shelters.

There are also over 240,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq, most of them living in the cold northern region where they struggle to stay warm, and dry, and where there are few opportunities to earn a living to support their families.

Your donations last winter helped us to provide 185 vulnerable Iraqi families

with warm blankets, mattresses, heaters, waterproof sheeting, and soap, helping to protect them against winter and COVID-19. Working in Ana and Mosul, we focused on supporting people who had been evicted from camps, which are being closed down across Iraq, as well as those affected by conflict or COVID-19.

We also provided 215 Syrian refugee families in Bardarash camp in Dohuk with cash vouchers to buy warm winter clothing, such as shawls, jackets, coats, trousers and shoes.

In all, you helped us to support 1,970 of the most vulnerable people in Iraq, including 860 Syrians.

LEBANON

SUPPORTING 11,919 SYRIAN REFUGEES AND VULNERABLE LEBANESE PEOPLE



5,065
food parcels
distributed



2,200
families received
fuel



300
children provided with
clothing and a toy



15
family shelters
repaired

1.5 million Syrian refugees live in Lebanon, many of them in the mountainous region of Aarsal, near the Syrian border.

Last winter, Syrians in Lebanon endured extreme rains, snowstorms, and flooding. Families spent winter huddled in tents, basements, or garages, which offered little protection from the freezing weather.

For the most vulnerable, winter spells the threat of colds, the flu, pneumonia and hypothermia. Without a way to stay warm, even the common cold can be fatal.

But with your help, we delivered winter kits to some of the most vulnerable Syrians in Lebanon, providing 1,900 families with 20 litres of oil for heating,

and 2,565 families in Aarsal and Beqaa Valley with nutritious food parcels to last a month, which included rice, lentils, chickpeas, spaghetti, sardines, tuna, flour, cheese, and vermicelli. 865 Syrian families also received a winter kit containing 2 blankets and 2 sets of warm clothing. A further 300 vulnerable Lebanese families also benefited from these nutritious food parcels as well as fuel.

Your generosity also helped us to repair the roofs of 15 homes, and provide 300 Syrian children with warm winter clothes and an educational toy.

PAKISTAN

WARM CLOTHES FOR ORPHANED FAMILIES IN MOUNTAINOUS PAKISTAN



1,213

children
received a warm
winter wardrobe



529

women received
a warm winter
wardrobe



1,742

people helped
overall

Almost a quarter of people in Pakistan live below the poverty line. 41 million people in Pakistan are undernourished and almost half of all children are stunted.

2020 was an incredibly difficult year for vulnerable families in Pakistan, who were already struggling to make ends meet before the start of the pandemic.

But your donations last winter helped us to support 1,742 people in Pakistan. This project focused on supporting orphaned families

in mountainous areas of Rawalpindi, Mansehra, and Bagh, where temperatures drop below zero every night in winter.

In all, we supported 567 families, providing warm clothes to a total of 1,213 children and 529 women. In total, 1,742 received a jumper, socks, and hat, as well as additional shawls for girls and mothers, and earmuffs and gloves for boys. We also provided an additional blanket for every family.

PALESTINE

WARM CLOTHES FOR 2,931 OF GAZA'S CHILDREN



2,931

children provided
with warm winter
clothing



5,000+

items of winter
clothing provided



640

families supported,
easing the burden on
1,610 parents

As COVID-19 was spreading rapidly in the most densely-populated place on Earth, Gaza was forced to take drastic lockdown measures, including a curfew. Before the pandemic, families in Gaza struggled to make a living, while battling frequent power cuts, high unemployment, and a restrictive blockade. Coupled with COVID-19, last winter's heavy rains, freezing temperatures, and flooding, made the cold months a matter of survival.

With your help, we provided 640 families in Gaza with over 5,000 items of winter clothing for their children. Staying coronavirus-safe,

we provided vouchers to each family, which they were able to exchange with their choice from a large variety of clothes in all sizes that allowed them to meet the specific needs of their children.

The items offered included jumpers, coats, trousers, underwear, shoes, pyjamas, and scarves.

When arriving at our clothing selection site, each person had their temperature checked, sanitised their hands, and maintained social distance.

Thank you for keeping 887 girls and 935 boys warm last winter.

SOMALIA

WINTER KITS FOR 600 DISPLACED FAMILIES IN MOGADISHU



3,600
people supported



1,200
mosquito nets distributed



1,200
blankets distributed



1,200
sleeping mats distributed

2.6 million people in Somalia are internally displaced, with little or no access to basic services after having fled violence, flooding, and drought. 2 million people are at risk of starvation as climate disasters hit the agricultural industry, on which almost half of all livelihoods depend.

The arrival of winter amid a spike in COVID-19 cases made it incredibly difficult to survive. Displaced families had to endure extreme winter weather in makeshift shelters and tents, while the youngest and most vulnerable were at risk of contracting pneumonia and other illnesses.

Last winter we provided essential winter kits to 600 displaced families

living in camps in the Banadir region of Mogadishu. Each family received two mosquito nets, two sleeping mats, and two blankets, helping a total of 3,600 people to stay warm and protected through winter.

In parallel to our winter intervention, each family also benefited from our shelter project, which provided them with a tent, latrines, and a child-friendly space.

Thank you for donating to our Winter Emergency Appeal in Somalia, relieving the financial pressure on displaced families enabled them to spend whatever income they have on food and water.

SUDAN

KEEPING 342 SUDANESE CHILDREN WARM



342

children provided
with winter clothing
and blankets



3,420

bars of soap
distributed

A staggering 9.6 million people in Sudan don't know where their next meal will come from. 2.7 million children, including many vulnerable orphans, are acutely malnourished, which puts them at extreme risk of winter-related illnesses.

With your support last winter, we supported children in 342 families in Omduran, Ombada, and Karrari with essential winter kits, containing a blanket and a jacket or jumper, as well as 10 bars of soap. Each winter kit protected a vulnerable child from winter, and helped the whole family to be resilient to the spread of COVID-19.

We included 50 orphaned children in this project, helping to reduce the economic burden on their caregivers, allowing them to spend any income on other essentials, such as food and clean water.

SYRIA

HELPING 12,588 SYRIANS TO STAY WARM



12,588

people supported
in Syria



1,077

items of warm winter
clothing provided



5,000

litres of fuel
distributed

After 9 years of conflict in Syria, a staggering 11 million people needed humanitarian assistance last winter, as their situation was compounded by extreme weather.

Winter in Syria brought strong winds, heavy rains, flooding, and severe changes in temperature. In December, northern Syria was hit by devastating floods that inundated camps and tents, cutting off displaced families from essential supplies, such as clean water.

You helped us to provide 4,389 families living in Idlib and Aleppo with blankets, sleeping mats, rugs, soap, and waterproof sheeting to reinforce their shelters, helping a

total of 12,308 people to stay warm. We also provided 500 families with 10 litres of fuel, and in Bab Al Hawa, Idlib, we provided widows and orphans from 70 families with warm winter clothing, helping a total of 280 people.

Our distribution prioritized the most vulnerable, including displaced families, pregnant and nursing mothers, widows, disabled people and the elderly.

As part of our winter campaign, we began our long-term shelter project, which will build 250 housing units, which, when complete, will contain two rooms, a kitchen and toilet, and will be connected to sewage lines, helping displaced families to live in dignity and privacy.

YEMEN

WARM WINTER CLOTHING, MATTRESSES, AND BLANKETS FOR 2,906 PEOPLE



414

families received winter kits



2,906

people helped



1,656

mattresses delivered



1,656

blankets delivered

Some 4 million Yemenis were living displaced from their homes last winter, many of them with little more than tents to protect them from the cold and brutal weather. The struggle of winter was deepened by the hunger crisis - 16 million people were struggling for food, and hundreds of thousands of children were facing severe malnutrition.

With your help last winter, we provided 414 families with winter kits containing 4 thermal blankets and 4 mattresses. Every family received one adult sized mattress and blanket, as well as 3 sized

for children of different ages. Each family member also received a winter wardrobe containing fleece pyjamas, jackets, socks, wool hats, thermal underwear, gloves shawls, and warm jumpers.

This project focused on supporting the most vulnerable families – those displaced by war and struggling with winter due to their shelter conditions.

CARE, SAFETY, AND PRECAUTIONS

Human Appeal has been delivering winter emergency assistance for 30 years. Our local staff are from the communities that we serve, working closely to continuously assess who most needs help.

This year, our distribution staff observed local guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the most vulnerable people.

Across the nine countries in which we worked, we also adapted our usual winter distributions to include the following COVID-19 preventative measures:

- Clothing vouchers to limit contact with distributed items
- Masks for Human Appeal distribution staff
- Simple signposting instructing beneficiaries to keep a minimum distance
- Handwashing points
- Increased distribution points to limit crowding
- No-contact delivery when distributing winter packs at families' homes.



THANK YOU

Last winter came with unprecedented levels of hardship, but it also brought out an unprecedented selflessness and compassion in you, our supporters.

We couldn't have spread warmth last winter without you. Thank you for entrusting your charity to us, and allowing us to support the most vulnerable families in this most fragile of winters.

May Allah reward you for your generosity.



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