HHRD in Uganda

HHRD works globally, focusing on countries where most of the population lives below the poverty line. HHRD has active campaigns in Uganda that include seasonal Ramadan activities, Eid ul Adha meat, and Ramadan food boxes during the month of fasting. HHRD continues to give educational support to orphaned children through its Orphan Support program. HHRD is on the ground in Uganda, providing clean drinking water and public washrooms through its Water for Life program. Its In-Kind Gifts program distributes medical supplies, clothing, food, and bedding to families and individuals. Moreover, free cataract eye surgeries helped hundreds of people in Uganda through the Health Care and Nutrition program.

**HHRD Status**

Helping Hand USA launched its “East Africa Flood Relief” fund to provide emergency assistance to flood-affected families in Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. This helped families receive clean drinking water, medication, nonperishable foods, and tarps. In addition, HHRD Africa, through its Emergency Response and Disaster Management program, provides food and nonperishable items to the affected families.

**HHRD Programs**

- **Orphan Support**
  - 300 orphans assisted
- **Youth Empowerment**
  - 200 beneficiaries
- **Healthcare and Nutrition**
  - 200 cataract surgeries
- **Water And Sanitation Hygiene (Restrooms)**
  - 4,200 beneficiaries
- **Water for Life (Shallow Wells)**
  - 30,238 beneficiaries

**Seasonal Food:**

- **Ramadan Food**
  - 2,000 beneficiaries
- **Qurbaani**
  - 1,568 beneficiaries
Country Context

Uganda is susceptible to a range of natural disasters, including floods, food insecurity, and drought. Half of the country does not have direct access to safe drinking water in Uganda. Uganda hosts over 1.5 million refugees, primarily from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, making it the third-largest refugee-hosting country in the world. Water sanitation services, protection, education, and food assistance remain the immediate humanitarian needs of refugee populations in Uganda. Uganda faces multiple humanitarian crises every year, including refugee influxes, disease outbreaks, and meteorological disasters. In 2020, these emergencies were compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. Uganda shut its borders to refugees when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Out-of-control infection rates in refugee camps resulted in lockdowns. Natural hazards also exacerbate already high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition. The additional stress that COVID-19 has placed on health institutions has left over 15 million people in need of essential health care. Considering overcrowding in urban settlements, poor access to clean water and sanitation, a high prevalence of malnutrition, and the multiple protection risks, an estimated 4.1 million people will need humanitarian assistance in refugee-hosting districts by 2022.

Key Figures

- **4.1 million** in need of humanitarian assistance
- **22 million** people lack access to clean water
- **1.5 million refugees**
- **47%** of the population below the poverty line
- **150,000** Covid-19 cases

78% have no access to handwashing facilities to prevent disease from spreading