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Emergency Relief and Disaster Management

CASE FOR SUPPORT



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When a disaster strikes, the ERDM teams are among the first responders, swiftly mobilizing to deliver critical relief items to affected communities. Our initial response includes the distribution of hot meals, food packages, water, clothing, shoes, blankets, tents, and essential medications. We also provide mosquito nets, water filters, hygiene kits, and sanitary items to address immediate health and safety concerns.

Following the urgent relief phase, HHRD initiates comprehensive rehabilitation programs designed to support the recovery of the communities. These programs may include the construction of temporary shelter homes and the establishment of mobile medical clinics that provide ongoing healthcare services. Psycho-social support is also a key component, helping individuals cope with the trauma and stress post-disaster.

As communities stabilize, HHRD's focus shifts to sustainable development to ensure a resilient rebuild. Our long-term initiatives include constructing permanent housing and medical centers. Education support programs, orphan support programs, and skills development & learning programs are implemented to foster self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. Additionally, we invest in critical infrastructure such as drinking water wells, water tanks, and water filters. Health initiatives also cover cataract surgeries among other necessary medical services.

Each phase of our response, from immediate relief to long-term development, is designed to ensure that communities not only recover but also thrive in the aftermath of disasters. Our holistic approach guarantees that the aid we provide transforms lives, building a foundation for a stronger future.

Challenging Issues

Communities and individuals around the globe continue to face the harsh realities of natural disasters and wars. Natural calamities such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, heatwaves, harsh winters, fires, poverty, and drought strike unpredictably, causing widespread devastation. These disasters can occur anywhere and at any time, resulting in the tragic loss of lives, destruction of homes, fields, and infrastructure, and leaving countless people deprived of essential resources like clean water, food, medications, and shelter.

Man-made conflicts also pose severe challenges, displacing millions worldwide. Recent crises in Palestine, Lebanon, Sudan, and Ukraine have created millions of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and refugees. Additionally, ongoing discrimination and violence against the Muslim community in Myanmar triggered one of the largest refugee crises in history, pushing millions of Rohingyas to flee and urgently requiring basic necessities to survive.

These challenging issues underscore the critical need for comprehensive emergency relief and disaster management strategies that not only address immediate needs but also support long-term recovery and resilience building in affected communities.

Importance of Your Support

The impact of your contributions cannot be overstated. Your donations are vital to assist communities and individuals in regions like Palestine, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Morocco, Laos, Philippines, India, Africa, South America, the Caribbean, and Haiti, as well as numerous refugees including Syrians, Yemenis, Rohingyas, Palestinians, Sudanese, Iraqi, and Ukrainians. Through your support, you provide a critical lifeline to those who have endured the loss of their homes, livelihoods, and normalcy.

By supporting HHRD's relief efforts, you enable us to deliver essential aid—food, clean water, medication, shelter, clothing, and more—to those in urgent need. With millions globally affected by natural disasters and conflicts, your continued support is crucial.

Every donation helps us to sustain and expand our efforts, ensuring that we can continue to reach out and make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our mission to restore stability and hope to devastated communities worldwide.

ERDM Response Overview in 2024

We are pleased to share that in 2024, HHRD provided critical aid including hot meals, food packages, water, clothing, medicine, blankets, and more benefiting over 1,000,000 individuals across 15 countries amidst various disasters. Here, we highlight some of the profound impacts made possible by your support.

| Country | # of Projects | Type of Emergency | Type of Relief Efforts | Beneficiaries |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Afghanistan | 2 | Floods, poverty | Food and nonfood items | 8,165 |
| Bangladesh | 4 | Cyclone, flood, fire, poverty | Hot meals, water, dry rations and nonfood items | 102,781 |
| Rohingya | 3 | Fire, poverty | Food baskets | 11,900 |
| Chad | 1 | Refugees | Food packages | 6,000 |
| Djibouti | 1 | Refugees | Food packages | 6,000 |
| Haiti | 1 | IDPs, insecurity | Food packages | 1,000 |
| India | 1 | Flood | Food packages, wheelchairs, clothing, mats | 7,425 |
| Jordan | 4 | Refugees, poverty | Bread, medical assistance, food packages | 16,116 |
| Kenya | 3 | Flood, refugees | Food packages | 32,440 |
| Lebanon | 11 | War, poverty, refugees | Food and nonfood items | 99,365 |
| Nepal | 4 | Flood, landslides, fire, Dengue | Mosquito nets, food and nonfood items | 5,269 |
| Pakistan | 22 | Flood, heatwave, cold | Food, nonfood items, clothing | 312,583 |
| Palestine | 11 | War | Hot meals, flour, bread, water, food and nonfood | 421,969 |
| Philippines | 1 | Refugee, poverty | Rent assistance for Palestinian refugees | 50 |
| Romania | 4 | Refugee, poverty | Food, nonfood, clothing | 4,075 |
| Somaliland | 1 | Refugee, poverty | Food packages | 4,800 |
| Total | 74 | | | 1,039,938 |



Emergency Response in Gaza 2024

On October 7, 2023, tensions in Gaza escalated, leading to a severe humanitarian crisis with tens of thousands of casualties and widespread displacement. In response, HHRD swiftly coordinated with local partners in Jordan and inside Gaza to assemble and deliver essential supplies, including hot meals, water, bread, food parcels, floor, hygiene kits medical equipment, tents, blankets and many more... Despite the challenges, HHRD was able to deliver aid and reach out to over one million affected people demonstrating our commitment to effective and timely intervention in crisis situations.

Twelve emergency projects met the needs of millions. 1,690 tents brought families in out of the cold; daily hot meals and food packages kept starvation at bay, clean water was delivered by the truckful and sanitary facilities were erected to fight the spread of disease. As we move into 2025, HHRD is developing plans to continue the emergency relief efforts and transition into disaster management.



Pakistan Flood Relief Efforts

Pakistan is known as the world's "third pole" because glaciers in the mountainous regions store a massive amount of ice. When rising temperatures combine with regular monsoons, the result is severe flooding that has become more and more common. HHRD addressed widespread devastation in 2022 & 2023 with fresh water, hot meals, emergency medicine and shelter relief. In 2024, additional flooding brought a new wave of survivors. ERDM was on the ground in Lower Dir, Chitral, Gwadar, Rajan Pur, Ghizer, Mirpur Khas and Balochistan with hot meals, food packages and clean drinking water.



Emergency Response in Kenya

Torrential rains flooded regions in Kenya, displacing thousands and destroying homes. Emergency relief packages containing food, blankets, and hygiene kits were distributed across the affected areas. These efforts provided immediate relief and helped restore a sense of normalcy for 4,300 households.



Comprehensive Aid in Lebanon

Lebanon has faced severe economic hardships, compounded by political instability and the displacement of thousands due to the ongoing Israeli conflict. This crisis has left many families unable to afford basic necessities, resulting in widespread hunger, inadequate shelter, and a lack of access to hygiene products and essential services. HHRD held 11 distribution events, giving away items such as mattresses, hygiene kits, hot meals, blankets and drinking water. There were also multiple food parcel giveaways, which contained essentials such as cooking oil, flour, and locally sourced goods.

Integrated Relief Efforts Across Departments

HHRD's integrated relief model synergizes the efforts of multiple departments to effectively address the diverse needs of affected communities globally. This comprehensive approach ensures both immediate relief and long-term recovery through various strategic initiatives:

- **Emergency Response:** Includes the provision of food, non-food items, medical assistance, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, shelter kits, and tents. Specific emergency responses have also included dewatering and providing essential items like blankets, mattresses, and raincoats to earthquake and fire victims.
- **Rehabilitation Response:** Focuses on winter relief, removal of disease-infested water, seasonal relief, and providing Qurbani during significant periods to support communities in rebuilding and recovery phases.
- **Development Response:** Engages in sustainable development through the construction of permanent homes, water projects, and community facilities. establishing water wells and treatment plants, and creating comprehensive community centers that include Caravan of Hope Homes with modern amenities.
- **Skills Development and Livelihood:** This program reconnects survivors with the job market through diverse training programs ranging from handicrafts to graphic design and computer programming. Many of these workshops are targeted to women and youth, two populations that have the potential to advance entire communities. By enabling people to earn a living, we can restore economic stability and fast track revitalization for struggling regions.
- **Shelter Relief Program:** Providing tents in the immediate aftermath of a crisis, Shelter Relief also includes permanent housing. Notable projects include building model villages in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Northern Syria and homes for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- **Orphan Support:** Delivers essential food, healthcare, and psychosocial support to vulnerable children, with extended support for orphans and children with disabilities, ensuring they receive the necessary care and opportunities to thrive.
- **Healthcare and Nutrition:** Organizes free medical camps, dental clinics, and critical surgeries. In addition, established medical and diagnostic centers offer primary medical treatments and specialized services like cataract eye surgery and wheelchair donations.
- **Water for Life and Sanitation:** Ensures communities have access to clean drinking water and sanitary facilities through installing public washrooms and home water filtration systems, enhancing the communities' health and well-being.

Each of these components illustrates HHRD's commitment to not only meet the immediate needs of disaster-struck and underprivileged populations but also to foster long-term resilience and self-sufficiency.

Success Stories from ERDM Projects

Sudanese Refugees in Chad



"We, the Sudanese refugee community in Abeche, Chad, extend our deepest gratitude for the food donations we have received. These supplies have brought much-needed relief to our families and have ensured that we can face each day with strength and hope. Your generosity has been a source of comfort in these challenging times."

The impact of this support goes beyond just sustenance; it has restored a sense of dignity and shown us that we are not alone in our struggles. May those who make these initiatives possible be blessed abundantly for their kindness and humanity."

Sara from Gaza



My name is Sara, and I am 6 years old. I've been in the hospital for over two months because my mother became very ill while we moved from our home to live in the camps due to the war. We had no choice but to leave our home to stay alive.

Unfortunately, my dad stayed behind to grab some important things, but he was unable to make it! I became

an orphan at six. Since moving to the camps, we've been eating canned food whenever it was available. There were even times when I went two days without eating anything! It was a very difficult time, but I never lost hope. One of my few hopes was for my family to have a good meal together.

That hope became a reality when Helping Hand for Relief and Development came to help us. They provided us with hot meals, something I hadn't had in so long! Thank you, HHRD, for helping us. I hope that you continue to help us in many different ways. May Allah bless you.

Thank you



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