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## Pakistan: Helping Ease Victims' Pain

HCI Chairperson Mr. Farooqui Baksh, board member Mr. Furquan Gehlen and Executive Director Mr. Kaleem Akhtar visited several projects in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan. The team was accompanied by two members from the donor group "Concerned Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago."



They witnessed that despite limited resources and various threats and challenges, HCI South Asia Division staff has done an outstanding job. HCI mobile clinic and medical doctors are ever present in providing much needed medical care to hundreds of patients. Filtration plants, water tanks and water tankers are supplying clean water. They have been installed closer to people's homes.

Also, in cooperation with other long-time HCI partners, schools and houses are being rebuilt. Farming implements, skill training and other livelihood support are also being provided.

In Kashmir various schools, skill training and medical projects are operating very successfully, and the construction of a three quarters of a million dollar complex is at full throttle. Several officials praised HCI for its commitment. They commented that HCI is among the very few organizations who are still continuing work in Kashmir while most others have left.

Flood victims are persevering remarkably, despite devastation and human loss. Our heartfelt thanks go to those who contributed to HCI, and helped us raise close to 2.75 million dollars. However, more funds are required to rehabilitate and resettle the victims. Thousands of sick, malnourished and homeless people still need assistance. Our goal is to help the afflicted rebuild their lives. We are counting on your generosity to continue extending help to the victims. Please donate generously to HCI.



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*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

## AFGHANISTAN

HCI Afghanistan received another grant from the Fred Hollows Foundation, Australia, for the Prevention of Children's Blindness program. 12,000 students were screened for refractive errors at Bibi Hawa High School and Shaheed Muhammad Arif Government Boys High School in Nangarhar province. Some students were provided with glasses, others were referred to the hospital for further treatment and for cataract surgeries. This project was implemented by HCI Afghanistan in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health Hospital.

Girl's School in Jalalabad has enrolled more students. Child Sponsorship Program, Family Assistance and seasonal programs are on-going. \$62,800 was invested for these projects.



## BANGLADESH



HCI continues to support several community projects. Promoting Rights and Improve Domestic Workers Through Education (PRIDE) project is in operation with 400 learners and 20 centers. The child domestic workers have successfully finished their 1<sup>st</sup> year of education. Funds are required to continue this project for another 2 years. Otherwise, the learners will not be able to complete their basic education at functional and sustainable levels, and many of them will have to discontinue their schooling. This target group always faces challenges and struggles for their existence.

Through SUHOVI, we have set up 50 tube wells for North Bangladesh camp population and have conducted eye-screening sessions for 150 people in Dhaka City. Surgeries were conducted at the Lions Eye Institute & Hospital. Skills training project for 200 women is being successfully implemented by Al-Ihsan in Sreenagar. Other community projects as well as Child Sponsorship Program and seasonal programs are ongoing.

Total funds channeled were \$124,190.

## ETHIOPIA

The seasons of heavy rains, a rapidly growing population, increased inflation, endemic poverty, and limited government capacity have led to chronic food insecurity and clean water shortages in large areas of Ethiopia. In response to the ongoing complex emergency, HCI and Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) continued supporting communities through Food Assistance Program focusing on the distribution of items such as wheat flour, rice, dates, etc. among refugee families in northern Eli Daar and Erebit. The distribution was undertaken by the community leaders along with health workers who helped with identification of malnourished people who were the primary beneficiaries. Overall, the program assisted more than 1,200 people. Funds were also provided for education and seasonal programs.

An amount of \$12,070 was transferred for these programs.



## GUYANA

HCI supported Guyana International Trust for several community projects, seasonal and Child Sponsorship Programs. Bursaries for students were provided through Hujjatul Ulama Darul Uloom.

The capacity building seminars for young people were conducted across Guyana through the Muslim Youth League of Guyana. The Queenstown Education Center project and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Support Program are being implemented in collaboration with the Central Islamic Organization of Guyana (CIOG).

Since July 2009, HCI has utilized a total of \$192,630 for the above projects.

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## INDIA

HCI's work continues to expand in India. Three water wells are being built in Rajasthan by Public Welfare and Desert Development Society. In collaboration with HCI's Canadian partner, the Association for Marginalized Individuals (AFMI), several local NGOs have been engaged in implementing education, health and windmill solar energy activities. Widows support project, higher education, new skills learning, livelihood programs and a wide range of other community projects are being implemented. One of the partners, the Suratee Sunni Vohra, has successfully completed a housing project. Jamia Islamia Ishaatul Uloom utilized funds for building water wells. DUAJ in Kantharia is helping the largest educational and boarding institution. Funds were also channeled for our seasonal programs.

Overall, total funds utilized were \$173,500.



## INDONESIA

HCI responded to the needs of volcano eruption and earthquake victims, through Rumah Zakat which undertook relief activities in Yogyakarta and Mentawai, West Sumatra. Public kitchens were set-up to provide people with hot meals. Fully-equipped health posts provided counseling services, medical check-ups and trauma healing. Free medication was also distributed to the sick and injured. Nutrient food hampers in cans were provided to 1,100 people. Family Assistance Project, seasonal programs and Child Sponsorship Program continued to operate.

The total projects cost was \$35,000.

**HCI** is a non-profit organization dedicated to help alleviate human suffering through sustainable development projects and emergency relief assistance programs that foster self-reliance and preserve human dignity.

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## KASHMIR



September 20th was a very sad day for us. A van carrying our school children plunged into a river claiming their lives. During this time of deepest sorrow, HCI senior staff did everything to help ease the pain of the victims' families.

During a recent trip to Azad Kashmir, the HCI Chairperson, Executive Director and a Board Member visited the tragic site of the accident. They met with members of the grieving families in Kanina and conveyed heartfelt condolences to each of them. They also announced to establish a dispensary in Kanina in loving memory of these children. A building has been purchased for this purpose which will be operated by a dispenser; medicines will be distributed free of cost.

Another new project which HCI decided to implement is the reconstruction of a school in Komi Kot, thanks to the Syeda Khadija Foundation which approved a generous sum of \$10,000 for this project.

Our other six schools are running as usual, and 1,000 children, including orphan children, are receiving quality education. Three new rooms have been constructed and added to the Bandi Kokyal School, and existing shelters of Khatpura and Qasba have been repaired. A new session for a dress designing course for 20 women is in progress in upper Battlian. The construction work on a 750,000 dollar complex is in full swing.





## KENYA

HCI and Ummah Foundation established an Education Bursary project that will take care of students from schools, colleges and universities who recurrently drop out due to lack of funds. This project aims to provide education fees and opportunities for creating and developing leadership qualities among the students through various interactive activities. The project covers all eight provinces in the country. The beneficiaries are 70 students who are in public and private universities, colleges and high schools. Other education, skills training and seasonal programs are also being implemented by Al-Momin and MASOMO Foundation.

Total funds channeled for these projects were \$34,500.

## LEBANON

HCI channeled US\$15,840 to Azhar Al-Beka'a to support children's basic needs. Our seasonal programs concentrated on food distributions to single mother headed families. Also, 80 landmine victim children received winter clothes and assistance was provided to children under HCI's sponsorship program.

HCI team participated in an initiative focused on ameliorating the disturbing living conditions of women migrant workers in Lebanon. Social media means were used to promote a campaign which drew attention to the efforts of human rights activists in bringing freedom and an end to this abuse. HCI will play a key role in future activities and campaigns by providing assistance and lending its support in line with HCI's core values of promoting human rights and gender equality.

The total amount of funds utilized for the above activities during the past six months was \$46,350.



## PAKISTAN

Swat recovery project for the affected included medical aid, education, and different income generation programs, auto mechanic, auto electrician courses, computer training, micro business enterprises and dress designing for females. Also, HCI is supporting two schools with a total enrollment of 360 children, and has established a Basic Health Unit and Office Automation Training Project. A skill development center is imparting training in computer use and dress designing.



Our Micro Business Enterprises Program is providing 73 push carts to help poor families establish their small businesses.

In our Hope village complex in Akora Khattak, the Higher Secondary School, Vocational Training Center in carpet weaving and tailoring, Mental Health and Mother and Child Health Centers are functioning very well. Welding and ironworks training in Attock city and Manshera and carpentry in Chitral are ongoing. In Peshawar auto mechanic training, auto electrician courses and the office automation program are progressing satisfactorily. HCI is also supporting a Leprosy treatment project through the Leprosy Patients Welfare Trust in the province of Sindh.

Total funds invested in these programs were \$583,925.

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## PALESTINE

HCI launched its new project "Entrepreneurship Support for People with Special Needs in Gaza and West Bank". It involves vocational training, coaching, and business development services to increase participation among physically challenged people in the workforce. This activity is supplemented by targeted micro-grants and business support for potential entrepreneurs. The enlarged presence of physically challenged employees in the workforce will enhance their visibility in local society which will help to alleviate some of the stigma that they currently endure.

Another multifaceted project "Reducing Vulnerabilities Among Conflict Affected Communities" was initiated. It aims at expanding the scale and scope of successful interventions and benefiting from lessons learned. HCI's plan targets households and individuals, and addresses both their social and economic well-being. The project relies on a network of local partners, CBOs and trained local social workers to provide at-home individualized support and individualized relief aid for vulnerable families. These social workers have been trained by HCI using a combination of theoretical training and field experience.



An amount of \$236,544 was channeled for these two projects as well as for seasonal programs and Child Sponsorship Program.

## SOMALIA

HCI's aid continued pouring in to the victims in Somalia. The project for torrential rain victims focused on providing shelter and distributing basic food items to displaced people. Other projects being effectively implemented include the construction of Al-Sha'ab school in South Galcaio, Bandiradley Orphanage and Mogadishu Orphanage. Education for Waabari School students in Galcaio was also assisted. Water projects, Child Sponsorship Program, and seasonal programs such as Meat as Food (Zabiha) and Ramadan Food Hampers were carried out.

Total funds channeled were in the tune of 100,000 dollars.



## SRI LANKA

Through Almuslimath, HCI implemented relief activities for the victims of heavy rains. Victims were aided with roof repairs and water pipe installation, along with other construction works. A blood donation camp in Maligawatte was supported. Assistance was contributed in other areas such as self-employment, medical attention and education. Funds were also channeled for Ramadan Food Hampers and the Meat as Food (Zabiha) programs.



### URGENT APPEAL!



Floods in Sri Lanka have forced 200,000 from their homes. The east and northeast of the country have been overwhelmed by monsoon rains. The floods are affecting nearly one million people. Some areas are under a meter of floodwater. The central area of the island has also been hit with torrential rain, triggering mudslides that have cut off several towns.

Temporary camps for the displaced have been set up in schools, temples, churches and government buildings.

An estimated 160,000 hectares of paddy fields are flooded which will have a serious impact on rice production.

HCI is helping the victims and has a long-time partner in Sri Lanka. We have issued an appeal for donations.

Here is the link: <http://www.humanconcern.org/SriLanka-Appeal.php>

We need your help in raising funds for the victims. Please donate generously and forward this appeal to your contacts and encourage them to donate to HCI.

**Charity Does Not Decrease Wealth... Please Give Generously**

## SUDAN

HCI organized and implemented food distributions in many refugee settlements. The beneficiaries were identified in association with local partners. The project targeted the poorest families, especially widows, orphans and people with no income. The distributions were conducted in the Salama and Soba settlements, south of the capital Khartoum, in association with several local partners. In the Oumdoorman area, the food distribution was done by the Family Development Charity. Also, HCI closely collaborated with Al-Tagqa Association, African Charity for Mother and Child Care and Oum El-Moumen NGO on this project.

Other activities such as Child Sponsorship Program and seasonal programs were successfully implemented.

An amount of \$55,640 was put towards these initiatives.



## LIFE SAVING MEDICAL AID PACKAGES



Close to 2 million dollars wholesale worth of medical aid was sent to Haiti, Morocco and Pakistan, thanks to HCI's partner Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC). These packages contained high potency and high quality Canadian medicines, direly needed supplies.

Medical aid worth more than \$535,000 was sent to Haiti.

Pakistan received two medical and relief aid packages worth more than one million dollars. The last package to Pakistan was airlifted by Pakistan International Airlines free of cost to help the flood victims.

Morocco received supplies worth over quarter of a million dollars.

These packages served to treat and heal thousands of patients with diabetes, high blood pressure, tumors, prenatal diseases, and kidney diseases. These people would have otherwise lacked this life saving medical care.



**Join HCI's Youth Action Program, an initiative through which youth aged 15 and up, are provided with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills as local and global citizens. It focuses on the creation of humanitarian development projects as well as the contribution to existing ones through local and international partnerships.**

Several successful events promoting personal well-being and social activism were organized and sponsored by HCI. HCI's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner attracted a large number of officials, diplomatic corps, other dignitaries, donors and supporters. The program theme was "Eyeing the Future and Beyond" which was covered by Rima Al-Salah, an Education and Behaviour Consultant, specialized in the field of Special Education and Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Jean Labonte, a cancer survivor and Paralympics Hero, twice gold medalist. Funds raised from this event were dedicated for a local project for the disabled.



The TRIUMPHANT SOUL was an awakening event, flavoured with inspirational thoughts and spiritual entertainment. This event featured youth activists and renowned motivational speakers: Napoleon, Loon and Boona Mohammed. The show was attended by 450 youth and adults.

The very successful LEGACY Conference was held in partnership with Students in Free Enterprise Carleton. It was dedicated to giving youth tools and abilities towards achieving success their goals.

Another event – "The DREAM - Raising consciousness about the plight of the needy", was held at the National Art Gallery. It featured powerful artists, visionaries, inspirational speakers, spiritual teachers and community activists.

A delightful musical show, featuring famous singers, poets and other star performers, was held at the Alumni Auditorium at University of Ottawa. This musical show was in support of the flood victims in Pakistan.



**Yes! I wish to support HCI's Projects**

**Development Projects**

Rehabilitation and reconstruction projects help those in need rebuild their lives independently rather than rely on outside assistance. HCI's development projects are geared towards achieving this objective. They promote self-reliance. Please support our projects with a generous contribution.

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**Child Sponsorship Program**

Millions of children die each year from preventable diseases, famine, and war. HCI's Child Sponsorship Program provides continual financial assistance to children by responding to their educational and other basic needs.

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