



WINTER REPORT 2020 - 21



**HUMAN CONCERN
INTERNATIONAL**

**Family Food Assistance Program -
Ramadan 2020 - Gaza**

W I N T E R I S H E R E : S E E K I N G R E L I E F F R O M T H E C O L D

Assalamu Alaikum!

It goes without saying that 2020 presented challenges to us all: at home, in our communities, and at work. Yet, you continued to support good causes and provided those in need with a means of relief. Alhamdulillah for such a community.

We'd like to provide you with an update on what we've done for communities globally to withstand the harsh winters in their region. For our beneficiaries, this is a fight for survival.

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W I N T E R R E L I E F P R O G R A M

Thank you, an incredible journey with you!

HCI's Winter Relief Program addresses three issues: cold related diseases, malnutrition, and the mental well-being of families living under the poverty line. Our work prioritizes children and women who are the most vulnerable.

In a world where the climate has been changing drastically and the temperatures during the winter drops down in certain zones to below -30°C, families living in poverty can't afford protecting themselves and beloved ones from the harsh winter cold. COVID-19 crisis made it even harder for the families depending on the day to day wages with the curfews and lockdowns that resulted in global economic disruption. Your donations provided warmth, food and drew smiles on the faces of families in need.





INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS: IMPACT

Your donation matters, they count on you!

Through your support, HCI's **Winter Relief Program** was able to make a significant impact this season. Your donations helped address critical issues like lack of shelter and appropriate clothing, cold related diseases, malnutrition, and the mental well-being of families living under the poverty line. Almost **5,000 families** were supported, with more than **23,000** individuals receiving aid.

THE BREAK DOWN

SYRIA

Food aid as well as winter clothes, blankets, solar lamps, and hygiene kits were distributed to **586 families**.

BANGLADESH

Blankets, winter clothes and food baskets were distributed to **1,000 families**.

ROHINGYA

Winter jackets for children & adults and blankets were distributed to **951 families**.

MOROCCO

The houses of **12 families** in the slums of Rabat were repaired, and new washroom facilities were installed for each unit.

AFGHANISTAN

Heaters, winter clothes, food aid and hygiene kits were distributed to **140 families**.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES: SYRIA & INDONESIA

SYRIAN CAMPS FLOODED

WINTER RELIEF FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Heavy rains surprised the residents of more than 26 camps/communities in the province of Idlib and flooded their tents. At least 45,000 people were affected by the floods and lost their tents and belongings. The majority of these camps were established on open agriculture areas which turned into mud swamp with the rain fall.

Human Concern International delivered shelter, heating, and food to **2222**.

INDONESIA ROCKED

WINTER RELIEF FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

A 6.2 magnitude earthquake rocked West Sulawesi, Indonesia. More than 800 people were injured, more than 40 were declared dead, and 300 houses were completely destroyed. Human Concern International responded immediately with a team on the ground to deliver relief and help the families transition back into their normal lives. **HCI delivered blankets, mattresses, food and diapers to 5,000 people.**





LOCAL
BENEFICIARIES:
7,400+

LOCAL GIVING: CANADA

Winter Relief 2020-2021

Winter is one of the most challenging times of the year for many of our beneficiaries. They live in such precarious situations and often worry about the survival of their loved ones: the children, and the elderly. Even here at home, the homeless are often neglected and many of them lose their lives sleeping outside overnight. Thank you for hearing their calls for help.

FINAL NOTE

HCI's winter relief efforts have helped more than 23,000 people - you did that.

While winter has surely come to an end and we're on the doorsteps of spring and summer, the conditions of millions of people worldwide still need improvement. As we prepare for Ramadan, our staff and volunteers are diligently working to prepare shipments of food and other essentials destined for Yemen and Syria. Our goal is to feed 175,000 people globally.





REAL STORIES OF IMPACT

A Word From Your Beneficiary

Hafidah and her sons live in the slums of Rabat. She is a widow and stay at home mom. She receives a monthly food basket from HCI to help her support her family, her sons receive school supplies to help them pocuede their education. Her house has broken windows and doors, the roof during winter keeps dripping which makes everything inside the house wet and the washroom flooded. HCI installed a new roof, new windows and doors, a new washroom was placed and the electricity installation that was dangling on the walls got fixed. Hafida wants to express her gratitude to your generosity and for keeping her and her sons warm during this winter.

Hafidah Bourich – Winter Relief Program, Rabat



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