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Introduction

The Gaza Strip has long been a symbol of resilience in the face of hardship. Over the past year, its people have endured unthinkable destruction, killing, displacement, food insecurity, and water deprivation, and trauma, as conflict and humanitarian crises have deepened. In this context, Human Concern International (HCI) has stood as a vital source of relief and hope, working tirelessly to support those most affected by the ongoing turmoil.

HCI's mission in Gaza is rooted in a deep commitment to alleviating suffering and restoring dignity. Our initial **90-day response** included enhancing the capacity of hospitals in Gaza by providing essential medical supplies and distributing food, water, baby formula and baby diapers in various parts of the Gaza Strip where Internally Displaced Persons ("IDPs") were seeking shelter.

As the conflict escalated, evacuation orders for ground operations made it increasingly difficult to distribute aid throughout the Strip. Despite these challenges, HCI has continued to work with partners to mobilize resources and address emerging needs. In January, HCI launched a Primary Health Care clinic in Rafah, Gaza, where a large portion of the displaced population had sought refuge. The clinic has served more than **50,000 patients** as of August.

During Ramadan, mobile kitchens were established in different parts of the Strip deemed safe zones at the time to provide freshly cooked meals, addressing the growing nutritional needs of IDPs. Through our comprehensive response, HCI was able to serve **219,000 freshly cooked Iftar meals**.

Our Qurbani 2024 initiative provided fresh meat to 28,000 IDPs, while our psychosocial programs offered a sense of normalcy to children and families during Eid.

HCI continues to provide humanitarian aid for food security, emergency medical aid, distribution of Hygiene

and Dignity Kits for women and adolescent girls. Moreover in March HCI partnered with UNFPA to provide **Sexual Reproductive Health Services (SRH)** intervention that includes medicines, supplies and equipment to hospitals across Gaza, **Distribution of individual clean delivery kits** to pregnant women to enable more hygienic birth conditions, **Provision of dignity kits** to help displaced women and girls of reproductive age throughout Gaza to maintain proper hygiene and meet their menstrual health needs.

Beyond emergency relief, HCI has also focused on long-term recovery. We are supporting medical evacuees in Turkey and Egypt with housing, medical care, and psychosocial support, cash stipend for everyday needs as well as facilitating the evacuation and resettlement of Gaza evacuees in Canada, ensuring they receive comprehensive care and assistance.

As we move forward, HCI continue to implement and is committed to rolling out new initiatives in Gaza, focusing on psychosocial support, education and hygiene for women and children. We are also enhancing maternity services by equipping a field maternity hospital in the Middle Governorate of Gaza, which will significantly support local healthcare needs for pregnant women. The project aims to reach approximately **20 women per day**, with an estimated average of **15 normal deliveries** and **5 cesarean sections**. These programs are designed to enhance community resilience, helping them to survive and rebuild their lives and create a stronger foundation for the future.

This report details our emergency response since October 7th 2023 as HCI continue its unwavering commitment to the people of Palestine. In the face of overwhelming adversity, we remain steadfast in our mission to bring relief, hope, and lasting change.

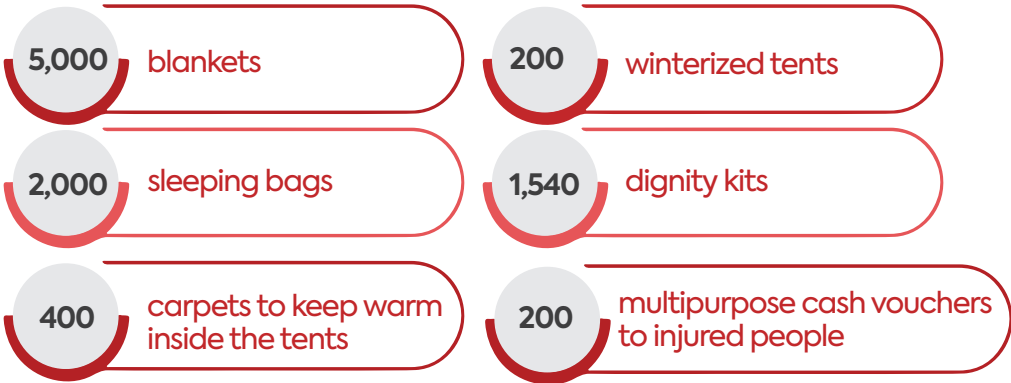


GAZA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Distribution of Non-Food Essential Items

October 2023 - May 2024

Since the crisis started HCI has mobilized resources to provide immediate response. Since October 7th, 2023, HCI has distributed:



Egypt:

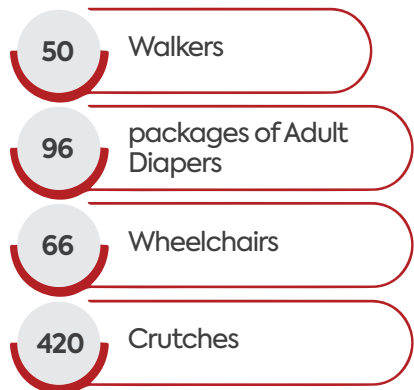
Hassan Wadi, HCI's Global Fund Development Director, packed wheelchairs to be shipped into Gaza in December 2023.



Assorted medical supplies that include but are not limited to:

- Local anesthesia
- burn gel with pain relievert
- Spray antibiotics
- Vitamins, saline packs
- Paramedic bags
- Ambulance strollers
- Blood pressure monitors
- Surgical suction machines
- Ultrasound screen monitors

Additionally,



EMERGENCY ZERO HUNGER

Food Distribution Inside Gaza

October 2023 - Current

HCI's Zero Hunger projects in Gaza are providing Emergency food Relief via fresh cooked meals and food packs. Considering the current frequent evacuation orders, the Internally Displaced Population (IDPs) are frequently moving due to shrinking of safe zones where they can shelter.

Direct Impact:

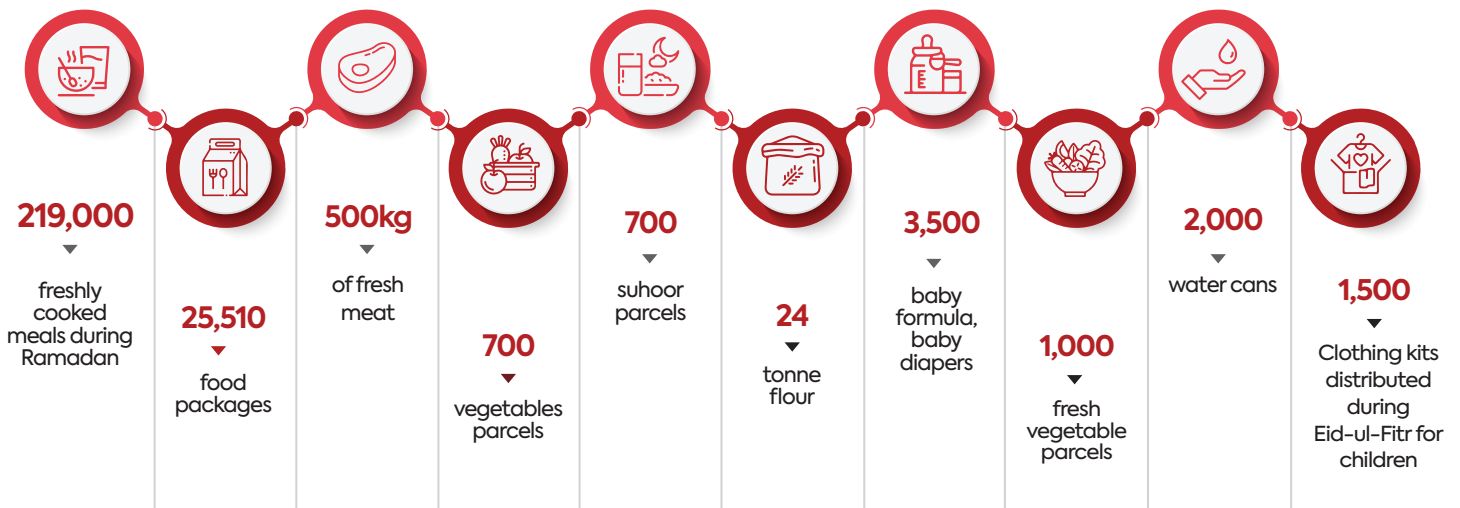
HCI has been providing nutritious food packs bi-weekly impacting **1,000 families** in Gaza



Dedicated HCI team packs nutritious food packages and fills large water cans for distribution to families in Gaza.

Food Distribution Including Ramadan

HCI has been actively distributing hot meals and other food packs since October 2023. During Ramadan, HCI operated multiple hot kitchens throughout the Gaza Strip. Our food distributions included:



Qurbani

June 2024

Inside Gaza:
HCI sacrificed **300 sheep** that provided meat for **28,000 IIDPs**.

From outside Gaza:
HCI sacrificed **631 animals** outside of Gaza and shipped in as frozen or canned meat due to Rafah border closing.

HCI also distributed **2,000 cooked meals**, gifts for children, and hosted an Eid party within the camp to provide much needed relief.



HCI secured and sacrificed 300 live sheep inside Gaza for Qurbani.



A little girl beams with joy after receiving her family's share of Qurbani meat during this blessed occasion.

Food Distribution Outside Gaza: Evacuees in Jordan

July 2024 - August 2024

Approximately 2 million Palestinian refugees in Jordan are facing significant hunger and food insecurity due to high unemployment and economic hardship.

Direct Impact:

HCI is currently packaging and distributing nutritious, calorie-dense food packs to **875 families**.



HCI Team delivering food packages to Palestinian Refugees in Jordan

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROJECTS

Primary Health Care Clinic

January 2024 - December 2024

Gaza’s health infrastructure has been hugely impacted with **31** out of **36** hospitals being out of service and the remaining functioning partially. Due to a majority of the population being displaced in Rafah without access to health services, HCI established a **Primary Healthcare Clinic** in collaboration with our MedGlobal to provide critical services that include:



Direct Impact:
The clinic has served:

- A total of **57,376** patients
- Including **2,738** pregnant women
- 1,731** individuals receiving mental health services
- 400** lab tests and diagnostic services

A doctor from the HCI clinic in Rafah provides essential medical care to children amid the Gaza crisis, ensuring access to healthcare for displaced families.



Indirect Impact and Key Achievements

- ✓ The clinic also received essential supplies to provide food parcels, blankets, dignity kits for pregnant and breastfeeding women, and specialized hygiene kits. Also local staff get daily meals which continue even during Ramadan.
- ✓ The project facilitates **successful referrals for complex medical cases to local hospitals**, ensuring timely and appropriate care for patients.
- ✓ Without the presence of this critical healthcare facility, many individuals within the community would face significant challenges in accessing essential medical care. **Especially those suffering from long term ailments.**
- ✓ The PHC not only provides medical treatment but also serves as a cornerstone for community health, fostering resilience and empowerment amidst adversity.
- ✓ Staffing included **3 general practice doctors, one vascular surgeon, one obstetrics and gynecological doctor, one midwife, three ER doctors, and 3 nurses**, ensuring a wide array of healthcare needs are addressed.
- ✓ Facilities include 15 outpatient beds, seven emergency bays, and portable butterfly ultrasound



Hind Daghma Dialysis Center

July 2024

There are an average of **1,200 - 1,500 patients** requiring dialysis daily in the Gaza Strip. The limited resources and capacity in Khan Younis can only accommodate **300 patients** using the available **24 units**. HCI has donated **\$1.5 million** to UOSSM to rebuild the Hind Daghma Dialysis Center and add approximately **35 units**, enabling over **500 patients** with kidney failure to receive weekly treatments.



Pictures of the damage sustained by the Hind Daghma Dialysis Center which will be rebuilt through the collaboration with UOSSM.

Partnership with Kuwaiti Diagnostic Center

August 2024

Since the military operations in Gaza, the health infrastructure has completely collapsed. In order to improve the health sector's response to emergencies in Gaza, HCI provided the **Kuwaiti Diagnostic Center** in Gaza with a **200 KVA generator** to ensure a continuous power supply and the ability to deliver uninterrupted, life-saving medical services.

Direct Impact: Primarily include residents of Deir al-Balah and the Central Governorate of Gaza. These areas are within the direct service area of Kuwaiti Diagnostic Center and are directly affected by the Center's services.

Indirect Impact: With a stable power supply, the center can maintain critical medical services, such as emergency treatments, surgeries, and diagnostic procedures, improving the quality and reliability of healthcare.



HCI provided a 200 KVA generator to the Kuwaiti Diagnostic Center in Gaza, ensuring continuous power for essential medical services amid the ongoing crisis

It will enhance the resilience for elderly and chronically ill.

Hygiene for Women

October - December 2024

There is a critical need for hygiene kits for women and young girls in Gaza due to the lack of hygienic and sanitation facilities.

Direct Impact:

HCI distributed **8,000 dignity kits** that include anti lice shampoo, sanitary napkins and other most needed items for women and young girls.



We packed dignity kits to be distributed in October - December 2024

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATIONS FROM GAZA

At the start of the year there were some 8,000 individuals who needed to be evacuated for medical emergencies. These individuals requiring evacuation received short notice, preventing them from taking essential clothing and hygiene items in Turkey and Egypt. While the government provides initial treatment, evacuees do not receive necessities such as clothes, hygiene kits, dignity kits, toys for children, or recreational items. The absence of a well-organized system for evacuations and subsequent care underscored the urgent need for coordinated humanitarian efforts to support these vulnerable individuals.



Turkey:

In February 2024, Syed Rahman, HCI's Emergency Relief Ambassador, and Hassan Wadi, HCI's Global Fund Development Director, met with children evacuated from Gaza for medical treatment.

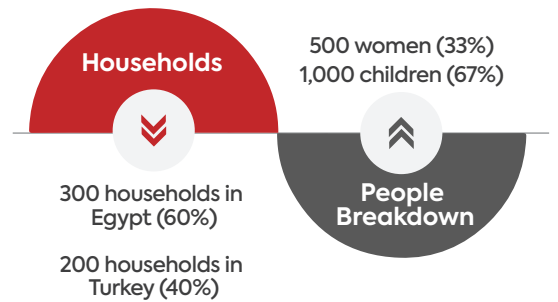
Medical Evacuees in Egypt and Turkey

April 2024 - Current

For families receiving comprehensive Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS), HCI will be providing them with a monthly stipend for basic needs, educational resources for children, and follow-up treatment to ensure their continued well-being, recovery, and proper housing.

Some of the evacuees require surgeries via private hospitals after their initial treatment. Most children require follow ups to reach full recovery. These expenses are covered by HCI.

Direct Impact: 500 households (~1500 individuals) will be directly impacted by this intervention.



Direct Impact in Egypt:

- ✓ Enhanced Housing Conditions in Egypt
- ✓ Continued Education for children in Egypt
- ✓ Financial Stability and Security for households in Egypt

Direct Impact in Turkey:

- ✓ Optimized Medical Recovery for children
- ✓ Continued Education for children in Turkey
- ✓ Financial Stability and Security for households in Turkey

Housing & Cash Assistance

April 2024 - August 2024

Housing: 14 apartments were rented to affected families in Egypt

Cash Distribution: 37 families impacted in Egypt and **345 families** impacted in Turkey.

Education

In Turkey, HCI distributed educational materials to families and children. We plan to establish information educational sessions for children evacuated from Gaza and currently residing in hotels. The sessions will include engaging activities designed to stimulate learning and cognitive development.



Children engaging in creative activities like drawing and storytelling with educational materials distributed by HCI.

Mental Health

- ✓ **Egypt:** HCI established a Psychoeducation & Psychosocial Center and we've conducted several assessments and group sessions to identify cases (8 as of July) where specialized individual sessions would be beneficial.
- ✓ **Turkey:** HCI conducted at least **5 psychoeducation sessions** and **10 psychosocial sessions** in July of caregivers and **33 children** aged between 5 and 9.



Social workers in Egypt and Turkey conducting group activities to support children's emotional well-being.

Medical Intervention

- ✓ **Egypt:** The total number of cases in Egypt is **118**, where HCI is conducting several assessments for children since the start of the project
- ✓ At the same time, assessments for children needing prosthetic limbs have also started, and we are developing an MOU with one of the most reputable prosthesis centers in Egypt.
- ✓ **Turkey:** Assessments of injured children are continuing where children will start their medical plans as of August after identifying the hospitals and signing the MOUs.

16 Assessments
completed

2 Surgical
Interventions
performed

2 Hospital
Admissions
for midterm
treatment

21
Physiotherapy
Sessions
conducted for
7 patients

EMERGENCY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Emergency Scholarship Program in Gaza

August 2024 - January 2025

Due to the ongoing crisis Gaza's medical staff and students struggle financially, which now hinders their ability to further their studies and advance their careers. The project aims to provide "cash for education" for medical students and academic members in Gaza for the next six months.



A moment of joy as a scholarship recipient in Gaza receives vital support through HCI's "cash for education" initiative.

Scholarship Program outside Gaza

The current crisis in Gaza has severely impacted residents and their children studying in Egyptian colleges, as families can no longer provide the necessary financial support for living expenses and tuition. This disruption threatens the ability of Palestinian students in Egypt to complete their programs. HCI implemented a project to provide support to Palestinian students facing financial hardships due to the conflict in Gaza and restrictive policies in Egypt.

Direct Impact: Cash assistance will enable **361 students** to continue their education and **15 faculty members** to focus on teaching and academic supervision.

Indirect Impact: The families of **students** and **faculty members** benefit from reduced financial burden. This support also minimizes the disruption for students, allowing them to focus on their education which will have an impact on their future income.



Direct Impact: Sustain the education of **11 students** and alleviate the immediate financial burdens on them and their families.

Indirect Impact: This intervention contributed to students and their families long-term development and resilience.

Scholarship Programs for Students from Gaza in Egypt

August 2024 - February 2026

In response to the escalating crisis, HCI's "Scholarship Program for Palestinian Students from Gaza in Egypt" has started and is going to support these students from financially challenged backgrounds over a span of two years. The project will cover university fees and living expenses for these students.

Direct Impact: 100 students

Indirect Impact: With their graduation degrees, these students will be able to secure better jobs, thereby increasing the overall resilience and stability of their families



Scholarship Programs for Students from Gaza in Turkey

August 2024 - February 2026

HCI is starting a project in Turkey starting this year "Scholarship Programs for Palestinian Students from Gaza in Turkey" that will be implemented over two years for Palestinian students in Turkey. This initiative aims to eliminate financial barriers, enabling talented Palestinian youth to pursue higher education and improve their future prospects. The project will also prioritize unaccompanied young women to complete their higher education.

Direct Impact: 100 Students

Indirect Impact: These students, upon graduating, will be able to secure better jobs, thereby increasing the overall resilience of their families. Unaccompanied women will gain the ability to support themselves independently.



Gaza Family Reunification Program (GFRP)

March 2024

This project was initiated after the Government of Canada announced that Canadian Palestinians could sponsor their families to come to Canada.

Direct Impact: HCI has supported 120 families under this program so far, assisting arriving families with both immediate and long-term support, including housing and rent assistance.



Heartwarming reunions! HCI is proud to support the ongoing program that helps Canadian Palestinians reunite with their loved ones, bringing them to safety during these challenging times.

Gaza Evacuee Support and Integration Programme (GEISP)

November 2023

HCI's intervention, in collaboration with other Canadian partners, supported the evacuees with rent, food, furniture, clothes and other necessities for a duration of six months.

Direct Impact: 88 households (351 individuals)

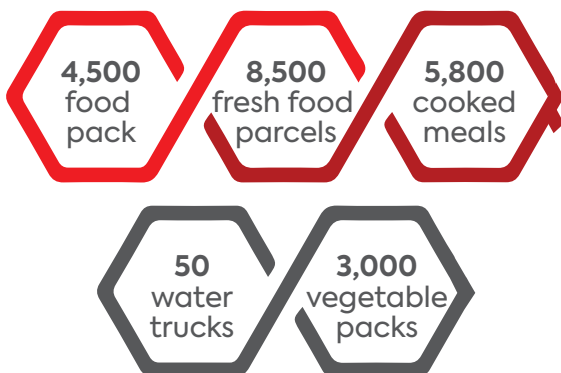
FUTURE PROJECTS

The infrastructure in Gaza has been devastated, and ongoing military operations have left only **9%** of the area as a safe humanitarian zone, affecting even hospitals that may be ordered to evacuate. In this dire situation, there is a critical need for food aid, non-food items such as shelter materials, clothing, hygiene kits, and dignity kits for families and women.

The displaced population is suffering from severe trauma and fatigue. HCI is actively providing psychosocial support, emergency education, dignity kits, and food aid. Due to humanitarian aid access blockages, HCI also mobilizes local resources and donations to source and distribute essential items within the camps where people are sheltering.

Emergency Relief and Zero Hunger Projects

Over 13,500 families will be impacted under these two projects throughout Gaza. These families will receive:



World Central Kitchen Collaboration

HCI will establish two kitchens in different locations which will serve **75,000 freshly cooked meals** in Q4 2024.

Winter Relief

Distribution of **65,000 mattresses** in winter for the displaced population with UNRWA, impacting 65,000 beneficiaries.

Psychosocial support for families in Gaza

The following activities will provide trauma relief:

- Recreational / Psychosocial Activities
- Educational Activities
- Distribution of hygiene and dignity kits, food packs twice a month, baby kits (baby diapers and formula milk)

Challenges on the Ground

Despite our efforts, several challenges persist:

- Closing borders for humanitarian aid
- Insecurity and frequent evacuation orders resulting in displacements
- Limited access to fuel and electricity
- Poor living conditions and limited WASH facilities
- Healthcare system collapse, lack of medical supplies and medication
- Rising unemployment and non-existent banking system

Conclusion

HCI continues to adapt its strategies to meet emerging challenges, ensuring effective support for those in need. Additionally, HCI is actively collaborating with Canadian charities and organizations to advocate for a ceasefire and facilitate the delivery of essential humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Your support is crucial in sustaining our mission to provide emergency relief and long-term assistance to the people of Palestine. Together, we are making a significant impact in these challenging times. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment.

For further details or to support our ongoing efforts, please visit HCI's [website](#) or contact us at info@humanconcern.org





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