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Water For Life (WFL) & Water And Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Programs



Semi-Annual Progress Report 2021

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Introduction



1 in 3 people, nearly 2.2 billion individuals, around the world lack safe drinking water. Helping Hand for Relief and Development's (HHRD) Water for Life Program (WFL) allows people access to clean water for daily consumption and irrigation purposes through the construction and rehabilitation of water supply schemes.

Last year, over 500,000 lives were impacted by HHRD's water projects.

Over half of the global population, 4.2 billion people, lack safe sanitation. HHRD's Water and Sanitation Hygiene Program (WASH) distributes soaps and hygiene kits, provides clean water, and delivers restrooms for those who lack access to these necessities.

Since 2010, both these programs have provided opportunities for humanitarians to transform the lives of thousands of resilient beneficiaries across the globe.

Countries served include:

- 1- Indonesia
- 2- Cambodia
- 3- Bangladesh
- 4- Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh
- 5- Nepal
- 6- Pakistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan
- 7- Afghanistan
- 8- Syrian & Palestinian Refugees in Jordan
- 9- Syrian Refugees in Lebanon
- 10- Kenya
- 11- Somalia / Somaliland
- 12- Uganda
- 13- Tanzania

Donor participation makes a small, but significant short and long-term contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which the entire globe is aiming to attain. They include the following:



SDG 3:
Good health
and well-being



SDG 6:
Ensure access
to water and
sanitation for all



SDG 10:
Reduced
inequalities



**The Best
Charity is
to provide
water.**

Ibn Majah : 3684



HHRD's Water for Life Program provides:



Solar Powered Water Pumps for the Wells



Distribution of Hygiene Items



Washrooms for Refugees and Public Schools



Community Hand Pumps



Water Wells



Filtration Plants



Safe Drinking Water Supply through Trucking

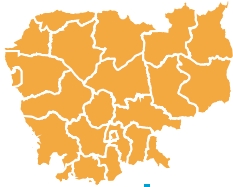
Significant Achievements

from Jan-June, 2021

During COVID-19, 21 water tanks from HHRD provided safe and clean water to those who could not travel to a water source.

Cambodia

During COVID-19, 21 water tanks from Helping Hand for Relief and Development provided safe and clean water to those who were not able to go out and fetch water.



Kenya

The WFL team set out to purify salty and dangerous particles in piped water for safe consumption at the water purification plant in Ngomeni, Kilifi county. Over 15,000 families will be served by the project.

Afghanistan

Water projects at schools have allowed 7,000 students to focus on their education rather than search for water. Moreover, 13 Hygiene Awareness sessions were conducted for 431 beneficiaries.

Pakistan

HHRD was able to conduct a total of 790 water projects across 23 districts in the country.





WORLD WATER DAY 2021

HHRD Celebrated World Water Day Across Its International Offices:

HHRD's Middle East North Africa (MENA) team in Jordan planted trees and made guiding signs whereas in Afghanistan trees were planted near existing water projects. In Kilifi and Lodwar, Kenya, Mogadishu, Somalia, Kisarawe, Tanzania, and Butambala, Uganda awareness walks were held to commemorate the day.



Progress Report:

Jan-June, 2020 and Jan-June, 2021



HHRD donors have ensured that **475,483** beneficiaries of the WFL Program in 2019 and **694,851** beneficiaries of the WFL Program in 2020 received convenient access to clean water.

Concurrently, HHRD's donors made sure **69,148** beneficiaries received access to restrooms and hygiene provisions.

TABLE A:

HHRD Global WFL – Progress: 2020 and 2021

| NO | Country or Refugees Population | Water Projects Completed Jan-June, 2020 | Number of Beneficiaries: | Water Projects Completed Jan-June, 2021 | Number of Beneficiaries |
|----|--|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Pakistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan | 434 out of 630 | 128,300 | 136 out of 790 | 78,275 |
| 2 | Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh | 0 | 0 | 37 | 7,642 |
| 3 | Kenya | 23 | 44,059 | 38 | 66,629 |
| 4 | Afghanistan | 6 | 1,649 | 14 | 7,887 |
| 5 | Nepal | 0 | 0 | 15 | 7,370 |
| 6 | Cambodia | 15 | 2,283 | 21 | 5,303 |
| 7 | Indonesia | 0 | 0 | 24 | 720 |
| 8 | Somalia | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3,500 |
| 9 | Tanzania | 04 | 14,376 | 17 | 24,446 |
| 10 | Uganda | 03 | 8,992 | 11 | 5,880 |
| 11 | Syrian Refugees in Jordan | 2,880,000 (liters) | 600 | 2,880,000 (liters) | 600 |
| 12 | Syrian Refugees in Lebanon | 50 water filters | 250 | 50 water filters | 250 |
| 13 | Palestinian Refugees in Jordan | 0 | 0 | 771,600 (liters) | 650 |
| | Total | 605 | 374,517 | 435 | 209,152 |

TABLE B:**HHRD Global WASH – Progress: 2020 and 2021**

| NO | Country or Refugees Population | Restroom Projects Completed: Jan-June, 2020 | Number of Beneficiaries | Restroom Projects Completed: Jan-June, 2021 | Number of Beneficiaries |
|----|--|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Syrian Refugees in Jordan | 50 | 250 | 43 | 215 |
| 2 | Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh | 0 | 0 | 100 latrines 40 showers | 1,917 |
| 3 | Kenya | 1 | 2,400 | 3 | 3,600 |
| 4 | Somalia | 1 | 1,800 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Tanzania | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,000 |
| 6 | Uganda | 1 | 2,000 | 1 | 1,000 |
| 7 | Pakistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan | 14 | 1,498 | 0 (15 in progress) | 1,598 |
| | Total | 67 | 7,948 | 103 | 9,330 |



Success Stories



Uganda

Most members of Kikomazi village in Uganda are agricultural farmers and are in need of clean water for domestic use, crops and livestock. They used to travel 6.3 km for water. This was not easy especially for the older members of this community. Thanks to HHRD, through WFL, a shallow well was constructed in the village and now the village is sustainably growing greener as water is readily available.



Tanzania

Tanzania's Primary School Sanze has 1,312 students. Most public schools in the district are in poor conditions and our field team identified the dire need of a toilet. Children and teachers only had access to two toilets. This resulted in unhygienic conditions that led to the absence of both teachers and students. Thanks to HHRD a 5-door pit latrine was inaugurated and handed over to the school benefitting over 1,000 students.



Somalia

Residents of Farjana Village in Kisumayo, Somalia, reside in a drought-stricken area where access to water was always a challenge, and they have solely relied on well-wishers to bring water trucks. Such methods have only served them for a limited time. One shallow well was constructed in the area thanks to HHRD, which will benefit over 1,700 community members and their livestock. This has reduced the amount of time spent going long distances in search of water. One of the local women expressed her gratitude to the donors as well as Allah for remembering them with such a significant area.

Success Stories

Indonesia

“We had to travel far and stand in a line for a whole day just to collect some water. Girls and elderly women could not take showers for lack of water. Furthermore, we were exposed to germs and diseases. We did not have water in our homes; hence, we traveled to find a water source. At times, the tube-well was out of order, so we had to return empty-handed. HHRD supported us in solving our problems, and our heartfelt prayers for Allah’s mercy are with them. Today, we can wash our clothes, dishes, take a shower, drink water, and cleanse ourselves for prayer. We do not have to travel extensively to procure water for our homes. We are thrilled that HHRD has given us this tube well. Now we can use the tube-well whenever we want.”

- Mrs. Siti Alfiah from Indonesia

Jordan

My name is Etaiwi (Abu Saleh) and I am a father of 4. My life has never been an easygoing one. We have long suffered from poverty, marginalization, ignorance, and challenging conditions. The idea of stability was a far-fetched dream for my wife and children. We tried to live in a rental but ended up moving to a tent after months of being unable to pay the rent. It was our only option at that time. I made my family stay in a tent that was anything but home to us. It is cold in winters and scalding hot in the summer. It hurts to see how uncomfortable my wife and daughter are every time they want to use the toilet because we did not have a proper one. I can not explain how different my life is now after HHRD and its donors provided us with a functional toilet. It is by far the best thing that has happened to my family. It’s good to know that there are still people who feel our suffering and are willing to lend a hand to the needy and poor. I pray that Allah rewards you for your generosity.



Lebanon

Our happiness with this water is like our happiness when the rain falls. Now we get our drinking water at the door of our tent. We no longer need to travel far to quench our thirst and collect what is necessary to manage our daily lives. There is no way to procure water in our area except by sending our children to bring it from distant locations. However, now our children are racing to fill the water containers with excitement and joy, thanks to HHRD.

- Beneficiary from a camp located remote area of Northern Lebanon

Success Stories

Nepal

“The school has been facing the problem of safe drinking water for a long time, but now they have access to clean and fresh water. A strong bond has been forged between the school and the community. The feeling of ownership has been developed in people through this project.”

- Mayor of Gaurigunj Rural Municipal,
Mr. Baburaja Shrestha



He added that people have started to get more involved with the school and its needs. “In this regard, we are lucky to have such a kind donor, HHRD.” He appreciated the work of HHRD and thanked us for the precious gift of a Drinking Water Treatment Plant to the school. He is hopeful that the school does not have to worry about drinking water for at least ten years.

“Students, teachers, and the villagers nearby benefit from it and are so thankful and happy to get clean and healthy drinking water,” said teacher Barun Rajbamsi. He conveyed thanks to HHRD and the whole team for fostering a sense of well-being and togetherness in the community.

On behalf of the community, the Municipality Parliamentarian of Gaurigunj RM, Mrs. Radha Adhikari, conveys many thanks to HHRD for providing clean drinking water and promoting awareness about health, hygiene, and the importance of safe water. She added that they were frequently suffering from waterborne diseases like cholera, stomach pain, etc. One of the students, Kriti Shrestha of Class 10, said that the project has changed their health and hygiene habits and made them conscious of their drinking water. “The teachers also taught us about cleanliness, good hygiene, and the proper utilization of water,” she said.



Success Stories

Pakistan



Pakistan has made progress in improving access to safe drinking water. Yet, an estimated 70 % of households still drink bacterially contaminated water. 53,000 Pakistani children under five die annually due to poor water and sanitation. Only about 20% of the entire population of Pakistan has access to safe drinking water. The remaining 80% of the population is forced to drink unsafe water due to the scarcity of clean drinking water sources. Due to an alarming increase in population and rapid industrialization, drinking water quality deteriorates day by day in Pakistan. Various research studies were conducted for drinking water quality status by considering the physicochemical properties of drinking water and testing for various pathogenic microorganisms.

The Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Centre (MSNC) was established to provide oversight, technical assistance, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation for the implementation of strategies, by the Planning and Development Department of the Government of Punjab. According to the objective of the MSNC project, the school education department has conducted water testing of their institution, and the provisional result depicts a very alarming picture. For instance, in the Layyah district, 416 tests were conducted from 1,618 institutions. Out of these water facilities, 112 institutions were not fit as per Pakistan drinking water quality standards. Once the matter was discussed in the District Malnutrition Addressing Committee (DMAC), the District Social Welfare Office was recommended to coordinate with NGOs. In this regard, HHRD was approached by district governments. As a result, HHRD established a solution to provide clean drinking water to public schools plus communities adjacent to the public schools. The solar-based drinking water solution is an innovative idea shared and piloted by HHRD for the first time in the Layyah district, where five pilot projects were completed. After successful completion and a positive response, about 50 more projects were completed in different schools of Bahawalpur and Layyah.



In Azad Jammu & Kashmir, 69 Gravity Flow Schemes were completed in Poonch, Bagh, and Jehlum Valley. Through these schemes, about 40,000 people received access to safe drinking water at their doorsteps. These schemes reshaped the lives of communities. People of AJK stated that they had to travel long distances for drinking water before these projects. The government of AJK highly praised and acknowledged the efforts of HHRD for the provision of drinking water to vulnerable communities of Azad Jammu & Kashmir.