

Humanity First USA 20 Years History and Impact

Humanity First USA was registered and started its operation in the state of Maryland as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2004, joining the Humanity First network of international relief organizations in over 60 countries. Humanity First USA is a disaster relief and human development organization dedicated to serving humanity and safeguarding human life and human dignity.

We work to alleviate poverty through seven global programs – Disaster Relief, Global Health, Gift of Sight, Knowledge for Life (building and operating schools & skill centers), Food Security, Orphan Care, and Water for Life. HFUSA subsidiary HF Healthcare Services runs a 24/7 full-service hospital, Nasir Hospital, in Guatemala. And we are first responders for disaster relief when a crisis strikes anywhere in the world.

Humanity First USA has joined global HF teams to respond to every major disaster to strike international communities over the past 20 years. As a brand-new organization, we served our fellow citizens in Louisiana with relief supplies, medical care, and rebuilding structures in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and have responded to natural disasters in states from Oklahoma to Texas to Michigan to Florida, and beyond. During COVID, we operated 33 U.S. food distribution sites for the years of the pandemic, serving over 250,000 people in 2020 alone. Last year, our volunteers served over 1 million meals to people displaced by the earthquake in Türkiye. And then we arrived in Maui days after the devastating fires, coordinating with local community leaders to offer medical care, legal advice, and tutoring for students.

Humanity First USA has impacted the lives of nearly 5 million people. Our 20-year journey has entailed 64 disaster relief efforts, treating 315,000 patients, 5,384 cataract surgeries, building and operating 27 schools and also vocational centers around the world, and water installations serving 2.55 million people. Our work in education and food security continues to grow in the U.S. The Education Project is a student-led initiative founded during the pandemic that pairs young students with economic needs with near-peer tutors for academic support and mentoring. Each month we feed hundreds of families struggling to make ends meet through food distribution sites in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Virginia.

Humanity First USA has access to over 3,000 of passionate volunteers and medical professionals in over 50 cities and regions of the United States, bring together people who give their time, talent, and treasure to serve humanity every day.