



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Every year on August 19th, World Humanitarian Day honors the work of humanitarians who are no longer with us — as well as those who continue to do important humanitarian work. This includes all individuals involved in humanitarian work; volunteers, health workers, aid workers, and others who strive to alleviate human suffering. No matter what disaster, disease, or injustice is impacting a community, there are always people who are stepping up to make a difference.

“You will always find people who are helping.” - Mr. Rogers.¹

The United Nations established World Humanitarian Day in 2009 to honor the memory of 22 humanitarian workers who lost their lives in a bombing at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003. For World Humanitarian Day, “we show the importance, effectiveness and positive impact of humanitarian work.”²

Facts & Figures from the Global Humanitarian Overview 2022. All 2022 data was estimated in November 2021.³

Global Achievements in Humanitarian Work:

- **Education:** 896,900 + refugee and host community children in 80 countries supported with connected or home-based learning. (**UNHRC** Human Rights Council)
- **Food Assistance:** Nearly 105 million people received direct food aid in the first nine months (January - September) of 2021. (**WFP** World Food Program)
- **Hygiene Items:** 26.9 million people reached with critical WASH supplies - including hygiene items - and services. (**UNICEF** International Children’s Emergency Fund)
- **Livelihoods:** 18 million people have received livelihoods assistance: cash, heating, livestock rearing, crop production and fishing. (**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization)
- **Medical Supplies:** 2 million people, including health workers, reached with personal protective equipment supplies in twenty-nine countries. (**UNFPA** Population Fund)
- **Psychosocial Support:** 5 million children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support. (**UNICEF** International Children’s Emergency Fund)
- **Refugees:** 4.2 million refugees, asylum-seekers and others of concern in 74 countries received essential healthcare services. (**UNHRC** Human Rights Council)
- **Safe Spaces:** 12,000 safe spaces for women, adolescent girls and young people were supported in 38 countries. (**UNFPA** Population Fund)
- **Safe Water:** 34 million people, some forcibly displaced, accessed safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. (**UNICEF** International Children’s Emergency Fund)

UN in each acronym is for United Nations

1. <https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/world-humanitarian-day>

2. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day>

3. <https://2022.gho.unocha.org/>

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