



"The Human Race", an illustration depicting human figures running while consumed by shades of red (global warming) and shades of blue (tsunami as a climate change phenomenon).

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World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) was established in 2009 by the United Nations General Assembly. This day was designated in memory of the bomb attack on the Canal Hotel, which served as the United Nations headquarters in Iraq that took the lives of 22 people. Each year, WHD highlights a global crisis with the goal of bringing together partners from network of humanitarians worldwide to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers. This year's focus is on climate change and the effect it is having on the world's most vulnerable people. Climate change has caused an increase in extreme weather conditions, causing prolonged droughts that decimate crops, starve farm animals, and dry up water sources. These conditions destroy peoples' livelihoods and create food insecurity – and these impacts are just a few of the many devastating ways climate change disrupts the lives of vulnerable populations. For more information on climate change and its effects, please visit this [website](#).

For WHD this year join #TheHumanRace in solidarity. This is a call to action for world leaders to deliver on their promise of contributing an annual sum of \$100 billion for climate mitigation and adaptation in developing countries. For more information on how you can participate in #TheHumanRace, please visit this [website](#).