

vision hope international e.V. Annual Report 2005

Dear Readers,

“Shukran!” Thank you for your support throughout this past year. The focus of our work in 2005 was the successful completion of the projects begun in 2004. This did happen, as you will read in the following report.

“Shukran!” to each of our colleagues in the field who did a great job engaging the people both in Yemen and elsewhere. At this point, we would like to recognize Matthias Leibbrand, VHI’s project director in Yemen until September 2005. Due to other job responsibilities, he handed over this position to Berno Heitmann. Berno Heitmann officially registered VHI in Yemen – as a Consortium with the Swiss NGO “innovaid” (www.innovaid.ch). This facilitated the ease of our work and afforded us the opportunity to start our own projects. We welcome Berno Heitmann as our Country Representative in Yemen and wish him lots of success in his work.

“Shukran!” to the Yemeni organization “Jamaiyya Mustaqbal”. Our cooperation with them was a necessary component in the success of our projects.

Which values does vision hope international e.V. stand for?

Dignity of man

We view each person as unique and unimpeachable in their dignity. Therefore, we desire to support people in developing countries by imparting a hopeful vision for a dignified life.

Responsibility and justice

In a world full of contradictions, exploitation, and social injustice, we want to advocate and take responsibility for our fellow human beings, thus contributing to social justice.

Sustainable development

We want to improve the health and the economic situation of village communities by a development ethic that is orientated toward *community-participation* and *gender-sensitivity*.

Help for self-support and cooperation

In our projects, we encourage the village community and local NGOs to participate in decision making and project work.

These aspects serve to give people in developing countries a hopeful vision for the future. Thank you for joining us in this endeavor! Each ray of hope counts!

The Board of VHI

Development cooperation 2005

I. Projects in Yemen

a. Water for Yemen

1. Cistern project in Hirba – Renovation and construction of rainwater cisterns, foresting with fruit and forest trees

Project duration: 01.12.2004 – 12.07.2005

Partner organization: Jama'iyya Al Mustaqbal

1.1 Cisterns

A detailed description of the project goals can be found in the annual report 2004. The transfer of project means took place at the end of 2004.

There are 5,000 direct or indirect project beneficiaries in Hirba and other sub-districts.

1,765 sacks cement were used at 29 construction sites in six sub-districts. In addition to the cistern construction, two walls were built in order to protect existing cisterns and wells. Five additional wells were secured in order to provide a sustainable supply of drinking-water.

Altogether, 2,000 sacks cement were originally purchased from a small dealer. Because of the rapid 1.7 fold increase in the price of cement, the dealer did not honor the contract but refused to deliver the remaining 485 sacks of cement. The case was taken to court where a decision is currently in process. Meanwhile, the monies previously allocated for transportation were used to purchase an additional 250 sacks of cement which were then delivered to the six sub-districts (total amount of cement: 1,765 sack).



Cistern in Humlaan

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1.2 Forestry

This project is described in detail in the annual report 2004 as well. VHI purchased and distributed more trees than were originally planned: 3,500 coffee trees; 300 mango trees, and 80 olive trees. The latter ones were parcelled out among three farmers in the Mabyan sub-district to determine whether or not the planting of olive trees is beneficial.

Distribution plan for trees:

Name of Sub-district	Coffee	Mango
Humlaan	800	110
Jabar	1,000	30
Jandala	250	40
Marahaba	300	0
Shiraqi	250	30
Hirba	500	60
Jabal Ayyan	400	30
Total	3.500	300

2. Steel for cistern project

3.5 tons of steel were purchased between 03.04.2004 and 13.07.2005 with VHI means at the amount of 1,741.46 EUR. These project funds were transferred to Yemen in 2004.

The distribution took place in the following sub-districts:

Name of Sub-district	Steel (in tons)
Jebel Ayyan	0.50
Himlan	0.25
Shiraqi	0.75
Hirba	0.50
Ayn Ali	1.00
Total	3.00

The remaining 0.5 ton is to be used in Shiris. An additional 25 sacks of cement were purchased as well.

3. Water filters

In spring 2004 our Vision-Hope member Dipl.-Ing. Stephan Krämer carried out a study in cooperation with the GTZ on the usage of water filters in rural Yemen. He also distributed bucket filters to families who lacked access to quality drinking water. Distribution took place in the rural regions surrounding the city of Hajja. Bucket filters consist of two simple plastic buckets one placed above the other. The dirty water is filtered down to the lower bucket through a ceramic candle filter element providing quality potable water.

During 2004 and 2005, VHI financed 200 of these water filters. In addition to the remaining means from 2004, this project was supported in 2005 with 476.76 EUR. A large portion of these funds was collected by a church in Friedrichshafen.



Filter distribution in Hirba (picture from previous project)

b. School and education

Al Ghanim School in Sub-district Bani Ukab, Mabiyan District, Hajja Governorate

Project period: 01.11.2004 – 31.05.2005
(Project means were transferred end of 2004)

Partner organisation: Jamaiyya Al Mustaqbal

As described in detail in the 2004 annual report, this project supports the construction of a school initiated by the community. The community independently collected 10,000 EUR which funded the construction of three ground level classrooms. VHI supplemented the project with 10,960 EUR and was completed in May, 2005. In addition to the proposed work, VHI also purchased and repaired boards as well as wooden bars for hooks, and then plastered and painted the ground level rooms.

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The construction of the roof was re-implemented in a more professional way in order to prevent leaking. The positive results were two-fold. Not only do the children now have a high quality roof, but also the locals, while assisting the contractor with the roof work, were able to learn new techniques.

Ghanim school



c. Support at the orphanage Hajja

The conditions of the orphanage improved considerably during the last two years due to the engagement of the Orphanage Society and the Social Fund for Development (SFD). The SFD renovated the entire orphanage. 72 boys are supervised by two persons and are now living in three rooms instead of one.

VHI received private donations in 2004 in the amount of 983 EUR. These funds were used to purchase a table football set, a table tennis plate, two basketball baskets (including construction and installation) and a volleyball net with poles so that the children can engage in sports during their free time. 49 blankets, 52 pillows, and 4 gas bottles for cooking were also purchased. This project was completed in May 2005.

In autumn 2005, VHI made repairs with further donations for the orphanage at an amount of 858.33 EUR. Twenty defective metal beds were repaired by welding. Five windows and six doors were also repaired. A large sum of this money was collected during a party from the orphanage Havetoft. Special thanks to the management!

500 EUR of this donation will be transferred to 2006. In addition to further investments, VHI is planning a trip for the children to visit the Red Sea.



Dormitory at the orphanage Hajja

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Chicken project Hajja Governorate

This project's target group (project's period 01.09.2004 - 31.05.2005) focused on poultry farmers in the rural areas surrounding Hajja City. During the past years, many of the farmer's chickens in this region have died due to epidemics. In this project, hybrid eggs were hatched in a brood machine, and the chickens were then distributed to the farmers. By the end of June 2005, approximately 800 chickens of various ages were distributed.

The breeding of hybrid chickens has a positive sustainable effect as hybrids mix with local breeds. The resulting latter generations will be more resistant toward disease and will not require a special concentrate feed.

VHI supported this project in cooperation with an evangelic church from Northern Germany and a private birthday donation of 1,297.59 EUR.

e. Fog Project

Seven large fog collectors were tested for a period of time ending in the summer of 2005. They were severely fog damaged due to strong storms during the summer rainy season. A better developed construction has been chosen for future use. The organization "Fogquest" (www.fogquest.org) developed the system used during the past years, and they are currently trying to deliver a better design.

VHI supported this project through remaining 2004 funds and in 2005 with additional 534.19 EUR.

II. Project in Asia

According to our mission of relief, VHI supported the endeavour of friends working in a region of Indonesia hit by the Tsunami through a donation of 500 EUR.

This amount purchased ten zinc roofs for houses of the victims in Nias. These roofs were given to individuals who were intending to rebuild their roofs with old materials. These families were mostly from rural areas which seldom received relief goods. Without the metal roofs, they would have to protect themselves against sun and rain with plastic sheets or palm tree leaves. This type of roofing inevitably promotes disease and the rapid spoilage of dry goods as it does not adequately keep out the moisture. The zinc will provide a more adequate barrier from the elements, and hopefully increase the health and quality of life for the people of Nias.

Our development worker contact visited the people on site and supported the neediest families with the metal roofs.

The people were quite thankful. They suffered from the knowledge that the people in town received a considerable amount of relief, where as they did not.

In this endeavour, the underlying principle for our help was to stimulate self initiative.

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III. Brazil

Last year, we mentioned the opportunity of forming an alliance with a future AIDS clinic in Sao Paulo. Our colleague on location intends to establish this clinic by the year 2006. VHI would like to transfer donations for this work, and support this project in other ways. We are currently in communication with our colleague to determine how we can help in the future.

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2005 Financial Report

2005 Financial Report as of 31.12.2005 Income-Surplus-Bill			
Income	in EUR	Expenses	in EUR
Donations (extern) 2005	3.496,33	Administration costs	79,16
Donations (members) 2005	1.695,00	Costs for fund raising	0,00
Minimum donation members	690,00	Projects in partnering countries	2.369,28
		<i>Out of this in Yemen</i>	<i>1.869,28</i>
		<i>Out of this in Indonesia</i>	<i>500,00</i>
Total	5.881,33	Total	2.448,44
Income-Surplus per 31.12.2005	3.432,89		

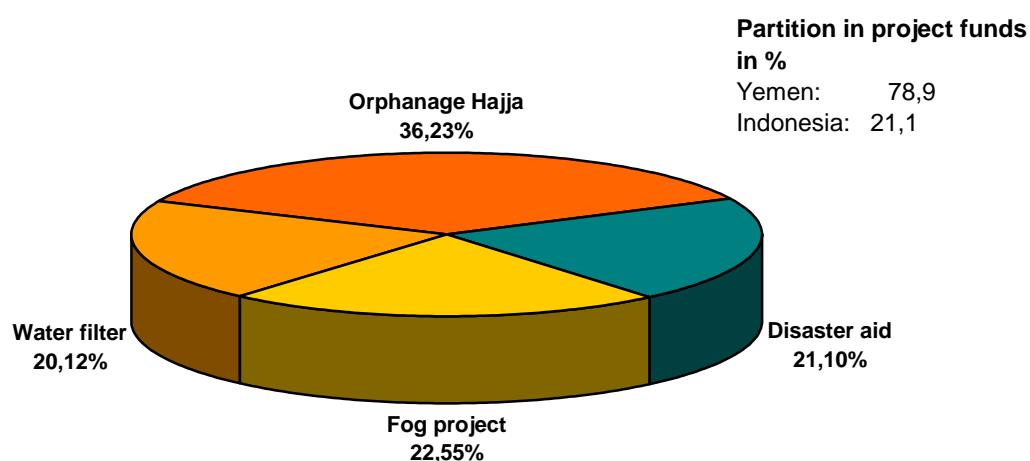
Bank Account	
(According Postbank Banking Service, Bank No.: 66010075; Account No.: 624520751)	
Amount per 01.01.2005 in EUR	2.812,88
Amount per 31.12.2005 in EUR	6.245,77
Difference	3.432,89

Use of donations in the business year 2005 based on project volumes in Euro.

Projects in partnering countries	Project volume in EUR	Partition in %
a. Yemen		
Fog project	534,19	22,55
Water filter	476,76	20,12
Orphanage Hajja	858,33	36,23
b. Indonesia		
Disaster aid /Tsunami aid	500,00	21,10
Sum	2.369,28	100,00

Use of donations in the business year 2005 based on project volumes in percent.

**Project financing in the partnering countries
Yemen and Indonesia**



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