
vision hope international e.V. Annual Report 2006

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to have you join us as we again share with you the events and the progress of our work. Thank you very much for your interest!

2006 has been another exciting year. We implemented projects in the area of physical renovation and construction of cisterns as well as in the social improvement of the prison and the orphanage. In addition to that, we were able to reach about half a million viewers with the film 'Jemens wilder Norden' ('Yemen's wild north'). This informative, professional documentary of our work in Yemen was broadcasted in November on German TV (3Sat). We received a considerable amount of positive feedback in response to that event.

As you read on, you will discover more about both our philosophy of development work and the projects that were implemented in Yemen exclusively in 2006.

We look forward to 2007 with enthusiasm and confidence and are deeply grateful for your support.

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

Dignity of man

We view each person as unique and unimpeachable in his 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 endeavour! Each ray of hope counts!

The Board of VHI

Development cooperation 2006

I. Water for Yemen

In 2006 we implemented two cistern projects in the village of Jandala, which is located in the Hajja governorate.

Before presenting the projects, allow us to describe the present situation as well as our previous involvement in this area:

Situation in Jandala

Jandala is an agricultural area. Farmers comprise of nearly 100% of the population. The average family income is around 100 EUR per month and is mainly earned by relatives that have migrated into the cities. In addition to some small coffee plantations, sorghum is the primary grain planted during the rainy season. Most families own a few goats and some sheep; some families can even afford a cow for milk production.

In this location, there is an urgent need for rainwater cisterns in order to provide both drinking water and water for irrigation. Many of the existing cisterns are hundreds of years and require renovation. Several areas have an urgent need for new cisterns in order to meet the demands of the rapid population growth.

Rainwater cisterns are the primary source of water for drinking, for domestic uses, and for the raising of animals. Traditionally, these cisterns were tediously broken out of the rocks. Their capacity ranges from about 20 to 400 cubic metres. Many of these cisterns are in poor condition and can only hold the rainwater for a few weeks. Only a few cisterns were previously covered in order to prevent water loss due to evaporation. The quality of the water in the cisterns without coverage is poor. Open cisterns also carry the danger of breeding mosquitoes, which increases the risk of transmitting malaria.

Previous engagement in the Hajja Governorate

Our projects are based on the principles of continuity and sustainability. Thus, our projects implemented in 2006 are an extension of concepts that began in previous years:

From April 2003 to March 2004, we were able to renovate, extend, or build 32 cisterns. Additionally, 22,173 olive, mango, coffee, and forest trees were purchased and distributed to locals for planting.

We also funded a cover for a cistern in Suq Assabt.

Between December 2004 and July 2005, we implemented a project extending cisterns and reforestation in six sub-districts of Hajja governorate in cooperation with the local NGO Jama'iyya Mustaqbal. 1,765 sacks cement were used at 29 construction sites. Two walls were built to protect existing cisterns and wells, and five additional wells were secured in order to provide a sustainable supply of drinking-water. We also purchased and distributed 3,500 coffee trees, 300 mango trees, and 80 olive trees for reforestation.

1. Building and extending of cisterns in Jandala, Hajja Governorate

Project duration: June 22nd – August 18th 2006

Partner organization: Jama'iyya Nahda

In the village of Jandala, a local non-governmental organization (NGO) had already begun in the past building two cisterns. Unfortunately, these cisterns could not be completed due to a lack of financial support.

We provided the concrete and iron needed to finish and extend these two cisterns. Both cisterns had already been plastered with cement, but lacked the iron and cement necessary to build solid bases. In addition to that, one of the cisterns was extended in height by one meter. The other cistern, located closer to the village, is primarily used for drinking water and needed to be covered to limit evaporation, improve the quality of water, and reduce the spread of malaria. A small collecting cistern was attached in an effort to collect the water before it flows into the big cistern allowing the dirt to be left behind, thus further improving the purity of the water.

Requiring only two months of time and 950 EUR, this project offers the community a more pleasant life.

The local NGO and the local population willingly provided their labor free of charge.



2. Renovation and construction of rainwater cisterns, reforestation with mango and coffee trees in Jandala, Hajja Governorate

Project duration: December 2006 to June 2007

Partner organization: Jama'iyya Nahda

The transfer of project means took place in December 2006. The project activities are scheduled begin once the government signs the contract and should be completed in 2007. This project consists of both the construction of five cisterns with covers and renovation of four existing cisterns. These building measures ensure that the people of Jandala can obtain water from the cisterns for up to six months. All 68 families (about 500 people) in Jandala will benefit from the project. Total costs are about 25,000 EUR.

This project will be successfully implemented in cooperation with the local NGO Jama'iyya Nahda and the local population who will provide the labour by either volunteering personally or by collecting money for the construction workers.

Two motor drills must be purchased in order to carve the cisterns out of rock. Five of the new cisterns require the excavation of approximately 750 cubic metres of rock. These drills can be utilized in future years for the construction of additional cisterns.

2,000 mango trees and 3,000 coffee trees will be planted on the terraces and in the wadis. After five years, these will begin to generate income for the target population. Hajja Governorate is a foggy region, which means that the plants can absorb water from the fog. This results in a decreased need for irrigation from cistern waters. The conserved water can be used by the target group for daily use.

Yemen is known for its beautiful mountain terraces. Many of them are so steep that it is economically prohibitive to farm there. For this reason, many of them were either abandoned or planted with qat trees (a social drug often consumed in Yemen). By planting coffee and mango trees on the terraces and in suitable fields in the wadis, the farmers have an alternative to qat and can generate additional income.



Coffee trees will be planted on the fields in the upper half of the picture with the help of project means

Project sponsored by the Foundation of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.


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Wir stiften Zukunft

3. Water filters

In the beginning of 2006, six big and 30 small water filters were produced via the project means (183 EUR) to filter drinking water. Distribution took place in the local community of the Hajja Governorate. 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. Due to its simplicity, this method of water filtration has proved to be quite effective.

Further information can be found on our webpage.



Production of Water filters



Finished filter

Access to Water Implies Access to Education

In addition to the improvement in the quality of life by improving access to water for drinking and hygiene, and increasing the production of milk from cows and goats in the villages, the cistern projects imply an enhancement for the situation of women and girls.

If there are no cisterns close to the village, they must obtain the water from wells which are often located far in the mountains. This generally takes up most of the day. They usually carry up to 20 liters of water at a time. This journey from the wadis or wells up to the mountains often takes about an hour, and most must make this trip several times a day. There is a direct connection between water from cisterns and the opportunity for girls to go to school. If less time is required to transport water, the families are more willing to send their girls to school. Consider the sub-district of Hirba as an example. The number of girls going to school in this area has increased from 2 to 20 once cisterns had been successfully renovated by Jamaiyya Mustaqbal, one of our cooperating NGO's. Additionally, the population's awareness of the necessity for girls to go to school has been raised by this local partnering organization.

II. Social Involvement

Project duration: 15.07. -15.11.2006

Sewing project in the prison

The prison warden at Hajja prison requested support in implementing a project for the nearly 500 prisoners residing there. Having a tailor's room at the prison which included about 15 available sewing machines, we implemented a project teaching twelve participants how to sew jackets. We hired a local tailor for four months who taught them five times a week for five hours daily. We also provided the cloth needed.

Having acquired tailoring skills, the prison inmates have more opportunities to find work upon leaving the prison. Therefore, this project prevents the prisoners and their families (an average of seven people in each family) from future poverty.

After the completion of this project, four of the participants will serve as trainers for ten more prison inmates teaching them how to sew jackets thus ensuring the project's continuity in the future.



Tailor with prisoners and their jackets

Support at Hajja orphanage

We have had a history of involvement at the orphanage in previous years and were able to continue to meet needs in various ways this year as well.

We purchased eight blankets, nine mattresses, three soccer balls, and a new receiver for the TV with the project means (approximately 700 EUR).

Furthermore, we organized a two day trip to Hodeida/Red Sea for 45 boys, many of whom were able to swim in the sea for the first time in their lives. We paid for the travel costs as well as for the food in local restaurants. We sought to provide good food including menus of fish and meat, which was a nice change to the vegetarian diet they have at the orphanage.

We also organized a day trip to Mabian for 20 boys with sport activities such as soccer, volley ball, chess, and swimming in cisterns. Again, we covered costs for meals and transportation.



Boys in the orphanage

III. Partner Organizations

Jamaiyya Mustaqbal

Jamaiyya Mustaqbal is a charitable organization that was founded in 2002 by Khalid Al Aliyi with the goal of supporting the suffering population in the rural district of Hirba and fighting poverty through a variety of projects. Since then, they have cooperated with various donor organizations (such as the British Embassy, FAO, GTZ, Vision Hope, etc.), carrying out projects in around 100 villages. Although the emphasis of these projects thus far has been the rehabilitation and construction of cisterns, they have also designed projects aimed at reforestation with agricultural trees, the running of a chicken farm, distribution of water filters, renovation of a health unit, and the support of a women's training program which offered courses in basic health, literacy, and sewing.

Project activities have grown from Hirba to other districts of the Hajja governorate. This NGO is managed by an elected board.

Jamaiyya Nahda

Jamaiyya Nahda is a Yemeni NGO that functions as a charitable community association.

As laid out in its statutes, projects are carried out in cooperation with foreign donor agencies to improve the living conditions of the Yemeni people. This NGO was founded in 2006 by Jamil Al Ganaasi in order to assist the people of Jandala with projects that fight poverty. His brother Khalid Al Ganaasi is the bookkeeper of the organization and also has experience with cistern projects in conjunction with Jamaiyya Mustaqbal.

Assisting and consulting this NGO is a priority for Vision Hope International, so that it can be further established and can implement successful projects.

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2006 Financial Report

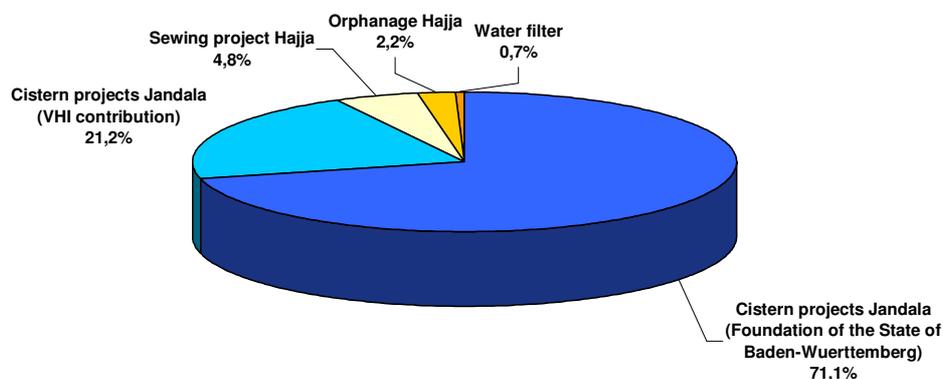
2006 Financial Report as of 31.12.2006 Income-Surplus-Bill			
Income		Expenses	
	in EUR		in EUR
Donations (extern) 2006	12,006.44	Administration costs Germany	69.12
Donations (members) 2006	1,820.00	Software for VHI Yemen office	249.80
Minimum donation member	300.00	Projects in partnering countries	28,130.63
Foundation of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg	20,000.00		
Total	34,126.44	Total	28,449.55
Income-Surplus as of 31.12.2006	5,676.89		

Bank Account	
(According Postbank Banking Service, Bank No.: 66010075; Account No.: 624520751)	
Amount as of 01.01.2006 in EUR	6,245.77
Amount as of 31.12.2006 in EUR	11,922.66
Difference	5,676.89

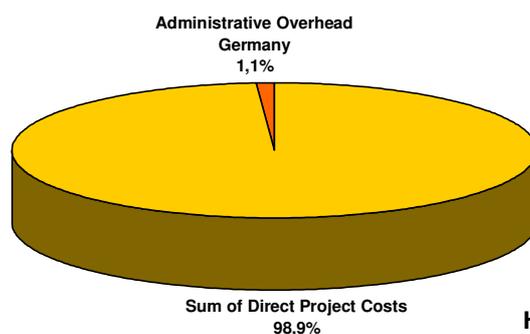
Use of donations and project grants in the business year 2006 based on project volumes and overhead costs in EUR.

Projects in Yemen	Project Volume in EUR	Partition in % of Project Costs	Partition in % of Total Costs
Cistern projects Jandala (Foundation of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg)	20,000.00	71.1	70.3
Cistern projects Jandala (VHI contribution)	5,973.00	21.2	21.0
Sewing project Hajja	1,345.00	4.8	4.7
Orphanage Hajja	629.53	2.2	2.2
Water filter	183.10	0.7	0.6
Sum of Direct Project Costs	28,130.63	100.0	98.9
Administrative Overhead Germany	318.92		1.1
Total Costs Yemen and Germany	28,449.55		100.0

Partition in % of Project Costs



Partition in % of Total Costs



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