



**Annual Report 2012**



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# FOREWORD

## DEAR READER,

2012 was an exceptional year for Vision Hope International: We celebrated our first milestone anniversary. Ten years of standing at the side of the weak, the helpless, the exploited, the poor and the sick. Ten years as the voice of those voiceless and without a lobby.

Thanks to you and the dedicated help of full-time employees and volunteers worldwide, we were able to fulfill over the past ten years what is equally both vision and mission to us: Helping people, who are denied all hope for a self-determined, happy and future-oriented life. During these ten years we got to experience gratitude that is hard to describe. Thanks to your support we were able to give a lot. We constructed cisterns, outfitted schools and kindergartens, conducted trauma treatments, and distributed thousands of food packages and medicines. But I absolutely don't want to keep from you how much gratitude our specific forms of assistance receive and all the friendships that are built. Even today we cultivate contacts from projects of our early years. The grateful responses from the people are the greatest motivation for both our current and our future work in the crisis regions of our planet.

### Our vision: Hope

Over ten years we were allowed to give hope and optimism to many people, whose situation was shaped by hunger, war and political conflict and which unfortunately still is not uncommonly up to today. Despite all short-term actions, like e.g. food donations, one aim remains the focus of our efforts: humanitarian aid to help people help themselves. We help people to free themselves independently from distress. This especially applies to children and adolescents, who by the implementation of sophisticated projects and selective care receive the chance to break the cycle of poverty.

### Actions (and words)

During the past ten years we met people living in great distress. People, who despite horrible experiences, despite dreadful wars and constant crises, despite hunger, poverty and fleeing, today have a vision again. And who have the invincible hope to change the world themselves a little and to make it a little bit better. You, dear reader, are the foundation of our help.

Your commitment will continue to change lives. Yes, it is possible! We were able to experience it over ten years, and we are courageously looking into the future. Thank you for your support!





## 2. A FOCUS ON PEOPLE



**Help always has to be as individual  
as people are themselves.**



## A FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Giving hope

Through our work we want to give people the opportunity to free themselves in their own right from conditions of hopelessness and despair: if their home suddenly becomes a drafty tent, if children have to overcome severest post-war trauma, if hygiene conditions sharply deteriorate and medical care is no longer existent. If distress leads people to stand at the edge of life. Through our project work we also support people to establish functioning structures in cooperation with their surrounding community. The education we offer for children and adolescents forever breaks the cycle of poverty. We promote the equal treatment of men and women. It is our mission to give hope, new courage, a new life because it will be self-determined and self-sufficient.

### Developing opportunities

Water projects, school and road constructions, outfitting health centers and many other useful projects: in 2012, Vision Hope was able to directly assist about 100,000 people in Yemen and Afghanistan in various ways. In close cooperation with the local municipalities, as well as other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) we are meticulously mindful of considering the individual needs of people in their specific living situation and of accompanying them along their way for a while.

### Accompanying paths

All of our projects, in a mid- to long-term perspective, are handed over to local responsibility. Help always has to be as individual as people are themselves. 13-year old Asil from Yemen impressively demonstrates this. After his father died, Asil secluded himself and rapidly lost his lust for living. The trainers of our youth empowerment program were able to give Asil new confidence, to show him the joy of interacting with his environment, and even to find the right hobby for the boy. An experience, which not only deeply touched Asil and his mother, but also deeply touched us.\*

\*Read the boy's entire story in the Youth Empowerment project description on page 20.



### 3. VISION HOPE



**Being able to help is a privilege.**

# VISION HOPE

## ORGANISATION

All in all in 2012 Vision Hope International has many reasons to celebrate, one of them especially standing out: we are delighted at the expansion of our projects which enabled us to help a notably higher number of people. We are delighted at the confidence of our friends and supporters, delighted at our motivated, passionate staff. Our greatest delight, though, is the tenth anniversary of Vision Hope International!

### Ten years of hope – the story of Vision Hope

No cold calculating, no pamphlets, no bureaucracy: The founding of Vision Hope can be traced back to the simple appeal of one individual. As he had been devoted to various projects in Yemen for a long time and was overwhelmed by their success, Matthias Leibbrand confronted his circle of friends with the idea of establishing an association: eventually, in 2002, Vision Hope International was entered into the register of associations in Kenzingen, Germany, the starting point for a remarkable success story in the field of sustainable development cooperation. Many elaborated projects, implemented with dedication, helped Vision Hope International to build up a reputation and recruit a consistently growing number of enthusiastic supporters

### Our vision

In a world full of injustice, violence and suffering we want to provide examples of hope in crisis regions. We support disadvantaged people by improving their living conditions in a self-sufficient and sustainable way through integrated project work. Our Vision is that this hope is spread so that entire societies are transformed and that women and children especially can live their lives with dignity.

### Our mission

Our mission is not to look away but to bring hope, step by step, to places where everything may seem hopeless. By embedding disaster relief assistance into long-term, integrated development programs we empower people in emergency situations to be better equipped and prepared.

We treat everyone in the same way – regardless of gender, family background or race. Through intercultural competence and experience we demonstrate respect and understanding for an individual's situation, ensuring that our assistance is effective. At the same time we engage in inspiring more and more people to stand against injustice and campaign for all those who cannot help themselves.



## OUR CORE VALUES

### The dignity of man

Each person is unique, no matter where and how he lives. We know this and acknowledge the dignity of man to be an unimpeachable part of his nature. Based on this core value we give our best to support beneficiaries in emerging and developing countries with a hopeful vision for a dignified life.

### Responsibility and justice

In a world full of contradictions, exploitation and social injustice, efficient assistance becomes greatly necessary under politically charged circumstances. Our projects aim at various aspects, we lay the foundation for tolerance among people, for a world free of racism, discrimination and suppression. Thereby, we contribute our share to realize social justice.

### Help for self-support

Most people living in severe emergency situations are not able to rid themselves from the hopeless circumstances in their own right. Our project work focuses on quickly improving these critical situations. At the same time we continuously respect the independence of every individual. This is why, from the beginning of the project on, village communities and local partner organizations are involved in all decisions and strategic developments.

### Disaster relief and sustainable development

Due to our experience we have recourse to high technical, social, ecological and ethical standards within project realization. Simultaneously, we take great care that emergency and disaster relief efforts are integrated in long-term development programs. At the forefront of our considerations and planning: individual situations of village communities, which are to receive a sustainable improvement.

### Cooperation

In cooperation with other national and international organizations active in the area of operation and with local authorities and governments, we ensure the optimal realization of our projects. In recent years both good communication and close and amicable friendships have grown with various organizations.

### Quality, transparency and progression

Our benchmarks are internationally approved guidelines for humanitarian aid and development cooperation. We are committed to transparency and accountability towards our partner organizations and donors. We are committed to permanent progression, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our work.



Discovering  
common strengths



## STANDARDS OF OUR WORK

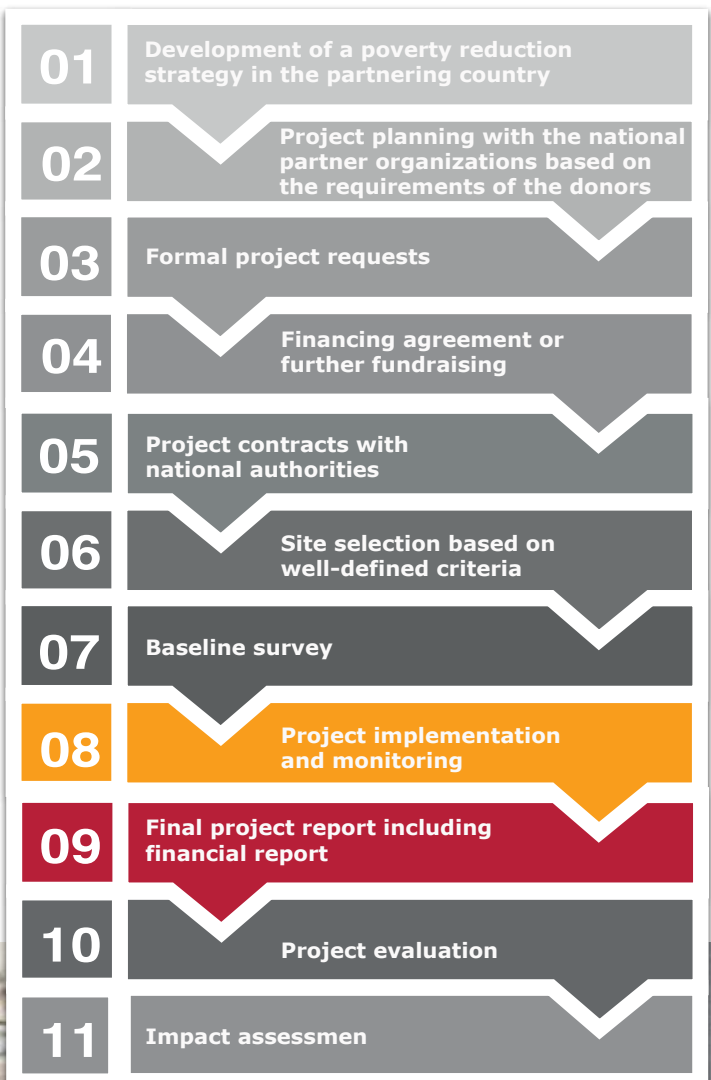
Our work is based on the various projects which we individually develop with different partners on-the-ground. This partnership cooperation with local populations, local organizations and authorities is at the center of our efforts at all times. Within our projects nobody should feel patronized, overlooked or misunderstood. In our experience it is a good decision in our working routine to limit our own sovereignty to the benefit of greater self-responsibility of local partners. We willingly face up to the challenges involved. Good results are the reward we receive for every effort.

### Between concept and completed project

Key element of every project is the aim which is to be reached – and associated with this also the structure of achieving that goal. If an aim is defined, a project document is developed which serves as point of reference for the entire duration of the project. As a sideline, our employees in the field document the baseline situation through an initial needs assessment and the so called “baseline survey”, a basic data collection. Only this method provides us with the chance to monitor if the planned project actually achieves what it is supposed to: helping beneficiaries usefully and sustainably. We especially emphasize project evaluations. Every mistake, every experience is a profit for the future.

### Project Management

The professional implementation of institutional funded projects follows the following project cycle:



## INTEGRATED EMERGENCY AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

"Our lifetime peters out, if we are not able to lead it into a meaningful direction."

ERNST FERSTL

Our engagement in crisis situations is based on the so called LRRD-approach which ensures a holistic support of affected people, in cooperation with partner organizations or institutions. LRRD is short for "Linking relief, recovery and development". The example of internally displaced persons (IDPs) of the Arhab district (Yemen) attests the effectiveness of this approach.

### LRRD: Emergency relief, reconstruction and long-term development

Hundreds of people live in the region of Arhab, located northeast of the Yemeni capital of Sana'a. In this district various political forces are engaged in armed conflicts, forcing many locals to leave their destroyed houses and their homeland, to wait for help as IDPs, somewhere else in the country. In the context of our emergency relief we distribute food and blankets to these internally displaced people. At the same time we appeal to international donors and other international NGOs, to initiate reconstruction projects of houses and the recovery of wells and pumps, enabling the displaced people to return to their homes.

### Clean water for a healthy life

Thanks to the good cooperation with our Dutch partner organization ZOA, we were able to plan a project which will ensure a functioning water supply for many villages: destroyed wells are being repaired, new cisterns constructed. Additionally, unemployed individuals and adolescents are being trained in technical skills, e.g. the maintenance of water pumps. It is for certain, that through the collection of rain water into the cisterns and from the rooftops, as well as from the simultaneous distribution of water filters, an enormous contribution can be made towards the independence of the people. Moreover, this constitutes one less existential concern they have to worry about.

### RELIEF



### RECOVERY



### DEVELOPMENT



## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

### Association

It has been exactly ten years, since Matthias Leibbrand had Vision Hope International registered with the city courts of Kenzingen, Germany and the local register of associations (VR 382). Soon thereafter, the yet young association was accredited by the fiscal authorities in Emmendingen, Germany as a non-profit and charitable organization (SNR 05070/50969).

### Members

The vision and mission of Vision Hope would not be possible without the support of the association's members. Not only due to their donations are they enormously helpful. Morally, too, they lend their support to every project's staff and helpers. Membership in the association is possible for individuals who have completed their sixteenth year, as well as, for corporate entities. By the end of 2012 Vision Hope International had 12/31/2012 49 members.

### Member's assembly

The acceptance of any new member is decided upon by the board following written application. In case

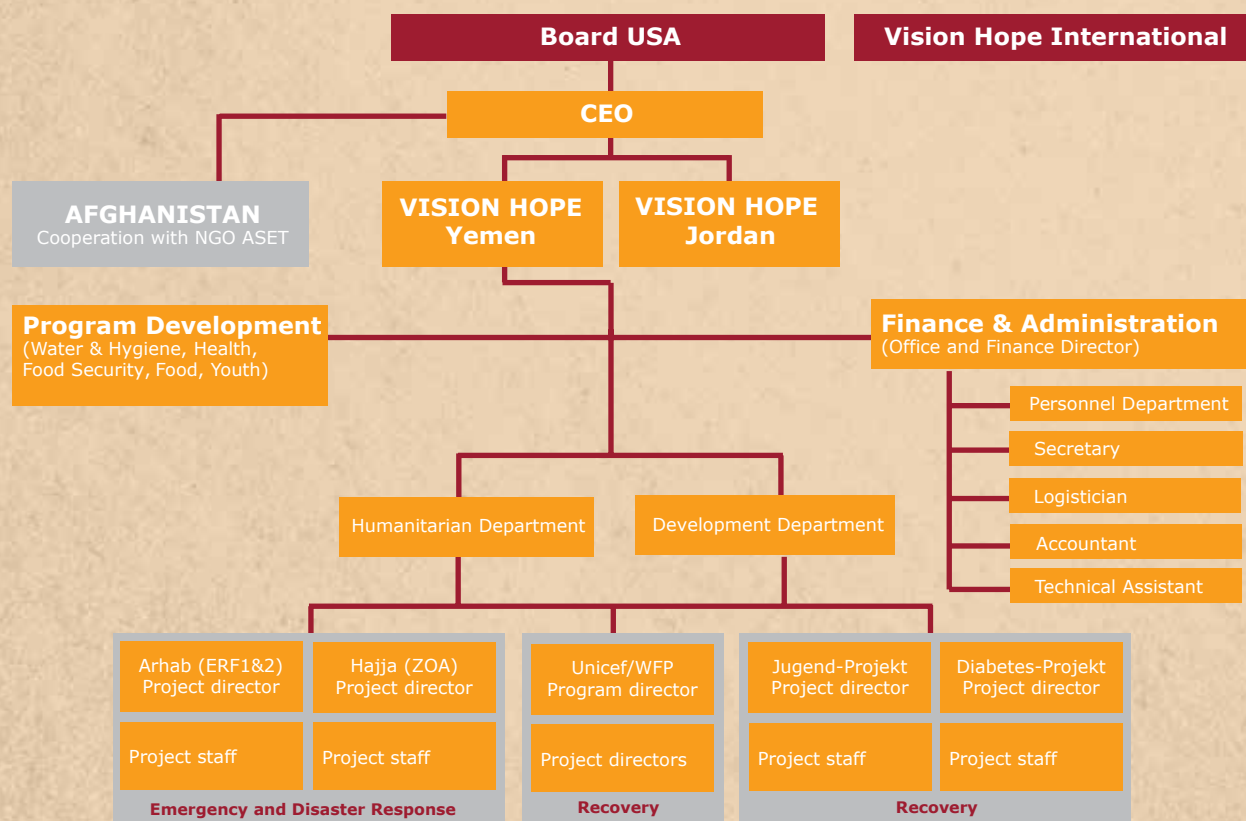
of refusal the member's assembly will decide. The member's assembly accepts the board's annual report, approves the budget, elects and relieves the board.

### Board

The board is responsible for the association's management and functions as its legal and extrajudicial representative. It appoints, supervises and relieves the CEO. In all, the board of Vision Hope International consists of at least three and at most seven members: the chairman, his or her deputy, the secretary, the treasurer and, as may be the case, further members. The board works voluntarily and is re-elected every three years.

### Country offices

As the country offices in their respective project locations can largely operate independently, they are able to promptly respond to local developments on the ground. The headquarters in Germany support the country offices regarding financial issues, quality check and technical consultation during project implementation.





## Statutes in brief

### §2 Purpose of the association

(1) The purpose of the association is: the advancement of development aid and the support of people in need in developing countries.

The association pursues its non-profit purposes in accordance with the German General Tax Code, especially through the advancement of development aid, public health care, training and education, youth assistance and environmental protection. The association pursues its charitable purposes by assisting people in acute distress and supporting persons who are dependent on the assistance of others due to their physical, mental or inner condition.

The purpose of these statutes is reached through:

- Informing the public and promoting activities that build awareness of the problems of developing countries. For this purpose the association can produce, acquire and distribute media of all kinds (books, CD's, audio, video etc.).
- Carrying out initiatives and projects with a non-profit and charitable purpose (for example in the areas of healthcare, social work with children, youth and adults, people with special needs, measures for improvement of living conditions and infrastructure, acquisition of aid supplies and its transport).
- Providing help in natural disasters, famine, crop failure etc.
- Assisting self-help projects and the advancement of self-initiatives (for example in the area of income generation).
- Implementing the rights of children as documented in the relevant UN-convention.
- Acting as a mediator for child and project sponsorships.
- Advancing measures for the protection of the environment through consulting the population and through project development (for example reforestation, measures against soil-erosion, biotope and species protection, waste management, development and utilization of alternative energy sources).
- Promoting a sustainable supply of drinking water and an environmentally friendly waste water disposal.
- Construction of sanitary facilities, accompanied by counselling in hygiene.
- Teaching projects for the transfer of knowledge and skills for specific trades (e.g. for Prisoners and Orphans)
- Measures that make it possible for women, in particular, to participate in the national, guaranteed school education system.
- Occupational education (e.g. Computer courses, training courses for tradesmen, etc.) which improves the income of the native people.
- Further training to assist teachers to improve the quality of teaching.
- Courses to instruct the basics of preventative health care and hygiene.
- Training of health personnel (e.g. basic health care workers and midwives).

"Inside you must blaze,  
that which you want to  
ignite in others!"

AUGUSTINUS VON HIPPO



## INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD



### **Dr. Jan Linsin Chairman**

Born: 1970 Head of Department of real estate market research, Frankfurt, Germany, Married, two children

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Overall coordination
- Public Relations- Donor and member support

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### **Gerald Mall Deputy Chairman/Secretary**

Born: 1967 Occupational therapist, Mannheim, Germany

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Secretary
- Private donor relations
- Video project documentation
- Campaigning, activities and festivities

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### **Heinrich Dixa Treasurer**

Born: 1952 Mayor of Ringsheim, Germany

Married, three children

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Financial administration
- Fundraising
- Local networking

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### **Angelika Linsin Board Secretary**

Born: 1973 Teacher

Married, two children

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Education: Carry one world into schools

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### **Matthias Leibbrand Chief Executive Officer**

Born: 1968 Consultant in development cooperation, Wyhl am

Kaiserstuhl/Germany

Married, four children

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Overall management
- Public Relations
- Fundraising
- Networking with other organizations
- Strategy formation
- Public presentations

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## PARTNERSHIPS

### Partnerships with institutional donors

works with...	Because...	How...
<b>UN OCHA</b> (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)	Since 2009 OCHA has been engaged in Yemen and has opened an office there. The aim is to coordinate humanitarian aid effectively. In order to reduce suffering and to implement sustainable solutions, partnerships with national and international actors are striven for.	From the "Emergency Response Fund" approx. 521,522 Euros were stipulatorily provided to Vision Hope and its local Yemeni partner NGO SOUL in 2012 in order to support displaced persons from the Arhab region and Bani Garmoz, in two large-scale projects with food and non-food items. Furthermore, severely malnourished children were treated in a third project in Hajja.
<b>UN WFP</b> (World Food Program)	The largest humanitarian organization in the world supports the cause of starving people in Yemen. The WFP has been present in Yemen since 2004, mostly in Sada, in the northern part of Yemen, where armed conflicts between the military and rebel forces were carried out, and which resulted in the displacement of 340,000 people. Since the revolution during the spring of 2011, the number of internally displaced people in other governorates has been constantly increasing.	With a contract amount of 301,208 Euros the WFP supported Vision Hope in 2012, in providing food to 9,600 malnourished children and 4,800 pregnant women, as well as, in conducting food-for-work programs for 3,250 families. The programs are carried out in partnership with eight local NGOs, in order to develop their capacity to coordinate emergency projects.
<b>UNICEF</b>	UNICEF fights for the rights of children worldwide. Yemeni children receive necessary immunizations and are encouraged and equipped to return to school education. In the current disaster situation, UNICEF is in charge of coordinating nutrition projects for severely acute malnourished children.	In the context of its nutrition program, UNICEF supports Vision Hope with a contract amount of 110,124 Euros to fight severe malnutrition among children and their mothers in Yemen.
<b>EUROPEAID</b>	As development cooperation for the European Commission, Europeaid supports projects worldwide in the fields of human rights, food, security, economy and human development.	As early as 2009, Vision Hope implemented the first project to strengthen local partners. In 2012, we applied for EU-funding again.
<b>BMZ BENGU – Engagement Global</b>	Bengo is a consulting center for NGOs, e.g. supporting the proper preparation and issuance of grant applications.	Due to the targeted support of Bengo, Vision Hope was able to implement several projects successfully. Bengo consulting during the implementation of BMZ projects is of great help and continuously increases the quality of our international work. With the support of the BMZ, we were able to initiate the school construction project in Afghanistan in 2012 with an amount of 180,000 Euros.



## RESPONSIBILITY

### Controlling and Transparency

Are donations spent in the development countries efficiently and according to the project targets? Are budgets followed closely? Is the reporting precise and transparent? Which measures are necessary to evaluate projects?

The country office and our CEO constantly deal with these and many other financial questions. Proper accounting is often a task which our partner organizations find overwhelming. Therefore VHI takes on responsibility for all accounting on a project level or country office level according to the guidelines of the donors. The local partner organizations receive advance payments and are required to account for them before they receive additional funds.

### Evaluation and Reflection

Our financial reports are audited on the basis of the project budgets agreed on at the start of the project and the implemented project activities. All receipts and accounting are checked by the country office, the CEO and the treasurer of the board.

### Internal and External Auditing

According to our bylaws, our accounting has to be checked by two competent internal auditors appointed by the board. In addition to this internal audit, the accounting is also checked by an independent external auditing company.

### Quality Standards and Code of Conduct

Vision Hope uses an internal manual for project control to define organizational process and procedures. In addition, Vision Hope is subject to the following international quality standards and codes:

- Code of conduct of the International Red Cross
- Sphere standards for the implementation of emergency and disaster relief and rehabilitation projects

Furthermore, we follow the '12 basic rules of humanitarian aid' which were compiled by all development organisations and federal ministries affiliated in the German coordination "Humanitarian Aid". In this document the purpose and implementation of humanitarian assistance are determined.



## 4. PROJECT ACTIVITIES



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES



### Afghanistan

By now, sustainable projects in the cities of Mazar-e-Sharif and Balkh have evolved from the beginnings in 2011. Our success is also owed to the good cooperation with British NGO Afghan Support Education and Training (ASET UK).

### Jordan and Syria

Following the dramatic aggravation of the Syria conflict, Vision Hope, in the fall of 2012, has dispatched the development worker couple Daniel and Kim Harrison to the Syrian border in Jordan, to plan integrated emergency and transition assistance projects for Syrian refugees and to find possible local project partners.

### Yemen

Since our founding, Vision Hope International has been strongly committed in Yemen and was also accredited a non-profit development organization by the Yemeni government. We support a country office in the capital of Sana'a and project offices in Hajjah and Hodeida. In our numerous projects, we cooperate with ten different local NGOs.



# YEMEN



It is not for nothing that Yemen is described to be the gateway to the Arab fairy tale world. Uniquely and fascinating, Yemen seems to have preserved a piece of history. Endless deserts, breathtaking mountain ranges and alleys filled with frankincense, veiled women and qat-chewing men, painted the picture of Yemen hundreds of years ago and still does today.

But even the most beautiful scenery and the most warm-hearted people cannot hide how cultural tribe clashes, difficult geographic conditions and corruption have severely scarred this country. As a result, in Arabia's poorest country, almost 42 percent of Yemenis live below the poverty line and one third suffers from malnutrition.



## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	approx. 500 Youth, 28 Teachers and 10 Trainers
<b>Project duration:</b>	January 2012 to December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	SOUL for Development
<b>Project area:</b>	Sana'a
<b>Project expenses:</b>	31.320 € in 2012
<b>Project manager:</b>	Adriaan Jagersma

### Background

The collective memory of the Western world continues to recall images of youth protesters in Arab countries even months after the outbreak of the Arab Spring. What many do not know: the backgrounds of the wave of protests are particularly alarming in Yemen because they are existential. About half of the Yemeni population are younger than 18 and in the current situation have no prospect of a self-determined future. Poverty is omnipresent. Any form of protest in Yemen is also a cry for help, a cry for freedom, a cry for hope and a future. The children and young people in Yemen are in need of targeted assistance.

### Project Goals

With our Empowerment Program we give young people a clear future perspective. Pedagogically trained teachers and youth trainers develop individual care programs and give the teenagers a wonderful opportunity to recognize and develop their abilities and interests. They learn to appreciate their own strengths, and develop a healthy self-confidence and an understanding of important life topics such as health and hygiene. We also support them in their first steps into their professional life. Children and teenagers need a patient, loving companion on the long road to adolescence. A chance we love to offer them.

### Activities

In 2012, together with an Egyptian youth training expert we trained a total of 20 youth trainers. In a training which was specifically developed for the project they learned to respond to the different characters and needs of young people, to recognize and individually solve their problems. After completing of the coaching the youth trainers went to public schools or children's homes offering about 500 young people programs and workshops on topics such as strengthening self-confidence and teamwork, hygiene basics, general education or tolerant behavior. At the end of each program was a colorful closing ceremony to which the participants could invite their family, friends and potential employers in order to present their new skills. We are very pleased with the positive feedback of this event: More than 1,000 people celebrated with us and the participants. We want to gradually expand this project in the coming years and inspire other educational players for the program to reach even more young people.





## ASIL'S STORY

When his father died, Asil was only nine years old. His death hit Asil hard: He no longer played with his friends and grew increasingly isolated. His mother was now the only one to care for him and his three younger siblings. Because of this she was considering taking Asil out of school so that he could help care for his siblings. Luckily, two of our youth trainers were able to prevent her from doing this. When Asil joined our youth development program, he learned to rebuild his confidence, to actively engage in dealing with his problems and to be open to those around him. Very quickly he learned to play with other children again. As Asil blossomed in the program, he demonstrated a bright mind full of good ideas and skills that were further strengthened in the course of

the program. This also included his newest hobby: singing. Asil has a very beautiful voice and likes to share his talent with others. At the closing ceremony, when Asil's mother saw her son perfectly happy, committed and cheerful for the first time in years, it brought tears to her eyes. Ours, too.

**We can share our happiness.**



## WATER PROJECT

### Cisterns and water filter project in Hajja Governorate


<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	63 families with as many as 500 people
<b>Project duration:</b>	December 2012 to January 2013
<b>Project partner:</b>	Sada Development Charity Association
<b>Project area:</b>	Hajja Governorate
<b>Project expenses 2012:</b>	1,293 Euros
<b>Project manager:</b>	Maged Al-Aliyi

#### Background

A reliable supply with clean water is, especially in rural areas, concerning agriculture, but above all concerning people's health and hygiene, an existential good with many beneficial effects, such as decreasing child mortality. Due to the construction and rehabilitation of rainwater cisterns, women also do not have to fetch water on a daily basis from faraway fountains, but find the water much closer to their houses and therefore save time for educational activities. Mandatory for the construction of cisterns and deep-wells is the provision of effective water filters, as their utilization ensures the rainwater's drinking water quality. This project also is characterized by sustainable action. The use of groundwater resources, however, would be not, as the recovery of the water reservoir would take many years. Rainwater is available on a regular basis, fossil resources are saved.

#### Activities

Through the installation and restoration of the two cisterns, more than 500 people have access to clean water in the villages of Bait Algharbi and Albawad. We would like to thank our project partner Sada Development Charity Association.



**When was the last time you thought about the value of water?**



## SAMIRA'S STORY

At first glance, Al-Marzah in the Arhab district in Yemen seems to be an extinct village. But when you come into the village, it is clear that the houses are actually inhabited. Within a few minutes, the quiet atmosphere is history and a wildly chattering group of women and children pours in.

We meet Samira in front of her house. Two of her four children are present. Three-year-old Haifa is playing with her brother Ali (4). Samira tells us that her husband has been on the road since early morning to break stones in a cave, which he can then sell as a building material. The life of this family is hard and marked by many struggles in life.

Samira often remembers the armed conflict in their home during the Civil War. "We were in the middle of the combat zone and could not leave. We had to stay

in our house and expected to die at any moment. Many people from our village were killed, including three cousins of mine ... "

Life has changed: "Before the war, life was easier. Now there is less work and we have less income, while prices for food and transportation have risen sharply. There is no school in our village. I hope that my children have more opportunities than I had. So I will do everything I can so that they can go to school."



## WATER PROJECT

### Water and sanitary project

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	14,000 people, impacting up to 40,200
<b>Project duration:</b>	December 2012 to May 2014
<b>Project partner:</b>	ZOA, several local project partners
<b>Project area:</b>	Arhab and Bani-Garmoz districts
<b>Project budget:</b>	1,666,868 Euros
<b>Project manager:</b>	Habib Rajeh

#### Background

As the groundwater resources of Yemen's capital, Sana'a, most likely will be exhausted within the next ten years, although drilling has gone as deep as 1,000 meters, it is highly necessary to find alternatives to a water supply through fossil groundwater. A reliable water supply is the most important precondition for a healthy life. If other parts of daily supplies are not available regularly, it is even more important to drink clean water. Rainwater has to be purified with simple filtering systems which, however, are not available in Yemen. Our project areas Arhab and Bani-Garmoz are located in the southern part of the Sana'a district. During the civil war, the local tribal territories were massively destroyed by the government, because a regular forces fighter jet had been shot down in the area. Drastic retaliation followed: Among others, the water supply was destroyed systematically.



**Together we are strong!**



## ZOA

ZOA was founded in 1973 in the Netherlands, initially as an initiative to support refugees in Southeast Asia. By now, the worldwide recognized NGO works in 14 countries, following the principle "Relief, Hope, Recovery" and with the aim to help victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts, gain self-sufficiency. In cooperation with ZOA we implement water and sanitary projects in Yemen.

[www.zoa-international.com](http://www.zoa-international.com)

## Project goal

The project will focus on the at most quick optimization of the ramshackle water supply. For this purpose, 15 wells and 20 rainwater cisterns will be thoroughly refurbished. Additionally, 100 rooftops will be converted for rainwater collection and 100 dry toilets will be built. To this, we will distribute water filters and sanitary products to 2,000 families. Thereby, we can help provide good drinking water quality from rainwater to approx. 14,000 people, using simple resources. Farmers receive a sustainably improved water supply, fossil water reservoirs are saved through rainwater collections. With such a basis of existence, the population of Arhab has the chance to live in their homeland, without depending on outside assistance.

## Activities

Besides the preparation of this project, we started the "Global Hand Washing" campaign in 2012, in cooperation with Dutch NGO ZOA, reaching out to more than 9,500 Yemenis. The aim of this UNICEF funded project was to raise and strengthen awareness for hygiene.





## EDUCATION PROJECTS

### Rehabilitation of the Haiyl Saeed Anam School

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	192 male and female students
<b>Project duration:</b>	December 2012 to January 2013
<b>Project partner:</b>	Sada Development Charity Association
<b>Project area:</b>	Bani Hajjar, Hajja
<b>Project expenses:</b>	250 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Maged Al-Aliyi

#### Background

The Haiyl Saeed Anaam Elementary and Junior High School is currently hosting nearly 200 students. The building was built in 2000 and is now in need of several renovations. In the five classrooms windows and blackboards are broken, and the large front gate of the school is also damaged. To establish the safety of students again and to create an appropriate learning environment, the damage had to be fixed.

#### Project Goal

A safe and suitably equipped school that provides a place for children to reach their potential.

#### Activities

The necessary renovations were implemented in a time-efficient and inexpensive way with very good results. The school now offers an excellent learning environment while being protected against break-ins. A water tank with drinking water filters complements the high standards of the facility.



## HEALTH PROJECTS

### Diabetes and wound treatment center

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	5-10 patients per day, three nurses on payroll
<b>Project duration:</b>	June 2012 to December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	48 Street Hospital and Yemeni diabetics organization "Yemen Diabetes Association"
<b>Project area:</b>	Sana'a/Yemen
<b>Project expenses:</b>	5,125 Euros in 2012
<b>Project manager:</b>	Grace Newman

#### Background:

Even in 2012, Yemen struggles with a very sad record: The country has the highest malnutrition rate worldwide. A problem that holds dramatic consequences for the affected: Various forms of diabetes. The significantly poor supply of people with, for example, protein, is intensified by other negative environmental conditions, like political instability, miserable economic figures, as well as, by extraordinarily poor medical care. The prevalence of this serious, unfortunately, chronic disease, suggests normality to society, patients and those not affected alike. Although the number of diabetics is extremely high, there are only few physicians, sufficiently familiar with diagnostics and treatment options. Many patients suffer from secondary symptoms of the disease like essential eye, heart and kidney conditions. Many of them are not even aware of which disease is troubling them and the dangers emanating from it. In cooperation with our partner organization "Yemen Diabetes Association", we have recognized this problem and have developed an appropriate project.

*"Unfortunately, so far, many amputations were performed which were not mandatory. The long-term prospects of the patients were bad. Thanks to the elaborated measures of this project and the comprehensive instructional material of our partner "Yemen Diabetes Association", many surgeries could be avoided, we learn to better understand the different forms of the disease and we are able to contain it."*

Grace Newman  
Projekt manager





### Project goals

Education, multiplication of information and, above all, valuable care for the already sick individuals is our defined goal. An information center with a wide range of wound treatment is being established inside the "48 Street Hospital" for diabetics in Sana'a. In the context of special training programs, the medicating physicians and nurses are being trained in new procedures. In practice they very quickly receive the urgently needed experience and routine in dealing with the disease. Furthermore, they learn how to explain diabetes to both those affected and their families, including all associated specific circumstances and risks. But especially they learn to call attention to the necessary treatment discipline. The project is based on a very successful preceding project in a different hospital.

### Activities

Due to the unstable security situation during the Arab Spring, the Vision Hope staff of project manager Grace Newman unfortunately had to open the clinic later than scheduled. Since June 2012, the clinic now has been running and is treating up to 10 patients every day. Prior to that, three nurses were specially trained and the supply of urgently needed medical goods was organized, for example, bandaging material and medicines. Today, the clinic's staff is capable of treating many different kinds of wounds. This way the awareness is strengthened within the population, that this might not be a curable, but in any case a treatable disease.



## HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

### Humanitarian aid for refugee families from Arhab

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	ERF 1 2,291 families ERF 2 2,452 families (food packages), 1,800 families with non-food items (NFIs)
<b>Project duration:</b>	November 2011 to June 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	UN OCHA and SOUL
<b>Project location:</b>	Sana'a, Arhab and Bani Garmouz
<b>Project expenses:</b>	RF 1 137,511 €, ERF 2 174,441 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Adriaan Jagersma

#### Background

Life in Arhab is largely dominated by violence. Smoldering clashes with the government almost completely obstruct everyday life. Especially families suffer from this state of affairs. Many leave their homes and seek shelter with their children in districts like Amraan and Sana'a (in not affected parts of their home districts as well). There indeed, they no longer have to fear for their lives, but they have to live under the poorest conditions. As early as 2011, we distributed food packages in cooperation with our partner SOUL. This year, in ERF 1, more than 16,000 individuals depended on specific assistance in Arhab and Bani Garmouz. In the following project, ERF 2, 2,452 families were supplied with food packages and 1,800 families with non-food items (NFIs), after they had fled to the capital. Due to fuel shortage and high electricity costs, prices for basic foods are considerably increasing.

*An empty stomach makes all  
maladies twice as hard."*

Christoph Martin Wieland



## Project goal

Provide a sufficient supply with food for families living in existential need. They saved their lives, but they lost their homes. We prevent hunger through our selective aid.

## Activities

Thanks to the great groundwork of our local partner Jama'iyya Arhab, we were able to register many refugee families in ERF 1 around the rural areas in Arhab who we supplied, on a monthly basis and in cooperation with our partner SOUL, with individually customized food packages. As the families live in different villages, we establish three bases in the vicinity. Furthermore, we install an effective distribution system. Our evaluations at the end of the project documented that 80 percent of the recipients didn't encounter any problems in receiving the packages. In ERF 2, our task was even more difficult: Where exactly did the many registered refugee families find accommodation in the megapolis of Sana'a? Thousands of phone calls were made by specially established call centers to check the information of the government and to lead the families to distribution centers inside of Sana'a. Step by step we were able to recognize 4,252 refugee families in Sana'a, equip them with mattresses and blankets and customized food packages.

### Additional figures and facts:

In the context of the ERF 1 project, VHI distributed to 2,291 families:

- Roughly 128,675 kg flour
- Roughly 25,735 kg rice
- Roughly 27,390 kg sugar
- Roughly 5,478 liters oil
- 2,574 boxes of bean

**An average food package contained: 50 kg flour, 10 kg rice, 5 kg beans and 2 liters oil**





Not everyone has the  
chance to live a healthy life!



*"This project is a significant contribution in fighting malnutrition and a far too high child mortality rate in several regions of Yemen. Children receive the opportunity to lead a healthy life."*

Caroline van Leeuwen

## Mother-child nutrition program

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	3,392 women, 8,445 children
<b>Project duration:</b>	August 2012 to December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	WFP, UNICEF, OCHA
<b>Project location:</b>	6 governorates in Hajja and Hodeida
<b>Project expenses:</b>	85,951 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Caroline van Leeuwen

### Background

No clean drinking water, insufficient sanitary facilities and no food: in the regions around Hajja and Hodeida, daily life is hard to handle. The weakest members in the communities become victims first, children, pregnant women and the elderly. They are especially prone to infectious diseases, like pneumonia or diarrhea, two of the most frequent causes of death for children under five. Latest studies in the region around Al Hodeija reveal that close to 60 percent of the children are malnourished and almost 55 percent are stunted. For Hodeida a survey from May 2012 stated the most dramatic results of acute malnutrition among children under five in the entire country; the determined figures significantly exceeded what, by international standards, is defined as the critical line. This is a situation which urgently requires help from outside. This help requires all internationally known practices and techniques in fighting structural poverty and its dramatic consequences. All of our actions within this diverse project are, on the one hand, based on an initiative involving individual members of the affected community in the relief efforts ("community based management"), and on the other hand, on targeted scientific surveys on the living conditions of our beneficiary groups, as well as, on a specific assessment of their needs.

### Project goals

Above all, our efforts focus on fighting the consequences of malnutrition of pregnant (and nursing) women, as well as of their infants in six of the most affected regions. As a mid-term result of our action, we would like to see the decrease of the mortality rate among children under five. This requires a stabilization of the nutritional situation, and also an activation of the potential, hidden in the affected community.

### Activities

Our commitment was especially required in remote areas. Accordingly, we relied on mobile assistance through mobile teams: Our staff not only supplied thousands of severely malnourished women and infants in the affected regions with food and medicines. At the same time (in the following project in 2013), volunteer helpers will be trained in basic medical care for pregnant women: Is the expectant mother receiving a sufficient dosage of vitamin A, iron and folic acid? Is she aware of the right hygienic care for a newborn? How is primary health care done? Dramatic, existentially dangerous situations regarding food and clean water supply can be detected earlier and, accordingly, can be more effectively tackled.

## Food for Work Program

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	60 villages with approx. 3,250 families, in total
<b>Project duration:</b>	June 2012 to December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	WFP, 8 local partners
<b>Project location:</b>	six districts in Hajja and the governorate around Hodeida
<b>Project expenses:</b>	268,083 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Caroline van Leeuwen

### Background

The political insecurity in 2011 and the weak economy brought a tremendous increase in food prices to many regions of Yemen. At the end of 2012, independent polls revealed that more than ten million Yemenis, hence roughly 45 percent of the country's population, didn't have enough food on hand. For one fifth, supply was not ensured at all. Shocking figures which, according to expert opinion, are owed to the latent dependence on food imports and the disastrous infrastructure of the country. More than 90 percent of foods are imported and sold at horrendous prices, unaffordable for the majority of people.

### Project goal

It is the goal of the project to ensure the food supply for approx. 3,250 households by means of distributions and the targeted development of the rural infrastructure. In return for cooperating within their communities, the needy additionally receive a food package.

### Activities

The "Food for Work" Program is the result of a cooperation of eight local NGOs, in total, and Vision Hope. We were able to attract about 3,250 families in employment, more than 22,000 individuals, through this initiative and supplied them with food packages. A specific activity, for instance, included the rehabilitation of terraces along mountain slopes to expand the cultivation area.

A photograph showing two men in traditional Yemeni headwear (ghutra and agal) carrying large white sacks of food. The man on the left is smiling and holding a small green container. The man on the right is looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing more sacks and a building.

Care for 22,000 people



## SOCIAL PROJECTS

### Helping the boys of Hajja Orphanage

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	88 boys
<b>Project duration:</b>	December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	Sada Development Charity Association
<b>Project location:</b>	Bani Hajjar – Hajja – Yemen
<b>Project expenses:</b>	900 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Maged Al-Aliyi

#### Background

88 boys between the age of 7 and 17 years live in the municipal orphanage of Hajja. As public funding for adequate maintenance alone does not suffice, they were lacking the bare necessities. Hygiene products were just as rare as leisure facilities.

#### Project goal

Specifically improve the living situation for the boys of Hajja Orphanage.

#### Activities

Every boy received a package containing hygiene products and useful goods for daily needs. We handed over footballs for recreational activities, as well as cleaning materials for the home. Furthermore, we equipped the facility with four water filters to prevent diseases.





## Prison Work Hajja

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	25 female inmates
<b>Project duration:</b>	February 2012 to December 2012
<b>Project partner:</b>	Prison Administration Hajja
<b>Project location:</b>	Hajja
<b>Project expenses:</b>	2.467 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Abdallah Al-Aliyi

### Background

Prisoners in Yemen suffer degrading living conditions in overcrowded prisons with hardly any variety and perspective.

### Project Goal

Significant improvement in the detainment and living conditions by direct help for the inmates through relief distributions.

### Activities

Diapers and milk powder were purchased for the female inmates to provide better nourishment for their children. Moreover, the project funds were used to buy medicine, clothing, drawing utensils and other recreation-oriented items.



# AFGHANISTAN



The South Asian country experienced much turmoil over the past decades and continuously was a site of conflict and war. Not only was this followed by disastrous consequences for the infrastructure and the economy, but it also massively impaired society and the individual wellbeing.

Even 12 years after the intervention of the USA and the international community, it is extremely difficult to preserve a secure state. But in order to create a lasting peace, the extreme poverty of Afghans needs to be tackled. The UN Human Development Index still ranks Afghanistan at 175 of 186.

# AFGHANISTAN

## KINDERGARTEN FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	120 children
<b>Project duration:</b>	July 2012 to June 2013
<b>Project partner:</b>	ASET
<b>Project location:</b>	Baba Qambar, Mazar-e-Sharif
<b>Project expenses:</b>	25,000 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Cleides Magalhaes

### Background

Education is a luxury good. Taken for granted in Europe, it remains out of reach for many families in Afghanistan: The country lacks compulsory school attendance and also a sufficient number of childcare facilities. In Greater Mazar-e-Sharif, Baba Qambar is one of the poorest regions. As there are hardly any public schools and kindergartens, the few facilities present are overcrowded.

### Project goal

Continuous funding for the day care center ensures a normal childhood for fosterlings from extremely poor families and saves them from the cycle of poverty. Moreover, a pedagogical concept can be refined in this facility which can serve as a prototype for similar projects.

### Activities

They sing, play and learn to read and write: During the school year of 2012, the facility offered the chance of a normal everyday life to 74 children. When admitting the children, we pay close attention to a balanced ratio of girls and boys. Moreover, with the exception of the driver and the guard, all team members are female, two of which we trained in 2012. Furthermore, the kindergarten moved to a new building.



*"This place lets children from the poorest families in the region around Baba Qambar forget their misery and gives them the opportunity to just be children."*

Cleides Magalhaes,  
project manager



## SHOLGARA SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

### School construction in Quaflandara village, Balk province

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	350 children
<b>Project duration:</b>	December 2012 to November 2013, estimated
<b>Project partner:</b>	BMZ, ASET, DAEVO
<b>Project location:</b>	Qaflandara
<b>Project expenses:</b>	180,000 €
<b>Project manager:</b>	Brian Germann

#### Background

How an inadequate education is not only a problem for adolescents becomes distinctly apparent in Afghanistan. The causal relationship between a weak educational system and a powerless economy becomes evident. Indeed, there are schools in some villages, yet especially for younger children the way to get there is much too long and too dangerous. As the village of Qaflandara is quite remote, we provide the children of this region with a qualified education opportunity through this project.

#### Project goal

Realize grades one to six at Sholgara School. At the same time, further optimize the underlying concept, as the facility will have role model function for other schools. We emphasize a balanced admittance of girls and boys. This is not the case at public schools, where, as a rule, boys are preferentially admitted. Moreover, we provide adequate play space.

#### Activities

The project is at the stage of conceptual planning. Scheduled commencement of construction: in the spring of 2013.

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORT



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### BALANCE 31.12.2012

ASSETS (EUR)		
<b>A. Fixed Assets</b>		
I. Fixed Assets		
1. Office and Vehicle Assets	10,607.00	
<b>B. Current Assets</b>		
I. Receivables		
1. Assured Project Funding for 2013	287,661.89	
2. Other Assets	30.24	
II. Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts	206,477.26	
<b>Sum Assets</b>		<b>504,776.57</b>

LIABILITIES (EUR)		
<b>A. Capital</b>		
1. Assets of the Charity	53,620.69	
2. Annual Result	39,341.68	
<b>B. Accruals</b>		
1. Accrual Audit	6,000.00	
<b>C. Liabilities</b>		
1. To Forward Donations	164,846.16	
2. Designated Project Funds for 2013	240,501.85	
3. Liabilities from Income and Church Tax	336.19	
4. Other Liabilities	130.00	
<b>Sum Accruals/Liabilities</b>		<b>504,776.57</b>



## BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2012

<b>A.</b>	<b>Assets</b>		
1.	Intangible fixed assets (Software)		2.00 €
2.	Office assets		975.00 €
3.	Vehicles		306.00 €
4.	Commodities Summary		9,324.00 €
5.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts		
	Postbank 624 520 751	74,846.01 €	
	Business Sparcard 3017929325	17,206.89 €	
	PayPal	18.49 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Yemen	114,405.87 €	206,477.26 €
6.	Assured project funding for 2013		287,661.89 €
7.	Other Assets		30.42 €
	<b>Sum of Assets</b>		<b>504,776.57 €</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Accruals/Liabilities</b>		
1.	Liabilities from Income and Church Tax		336.19 €
2.	Other Liabilities		130.00 €
3.	Designated Project Funds for 2013		204,501.85 €
4.	Other Donations to be transferred		164,846.16 €
5.	Accruals		6,000.00 €
	<b>Sum of Accruals/Liabilities</b>		<b>411,814.20 €</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>		
1.	Sum of Assets		504,776.57 €
2.	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		411,814.20 €
	<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>92,962.37 €</b>

## INCOME-SURPLUS-BILL 2012

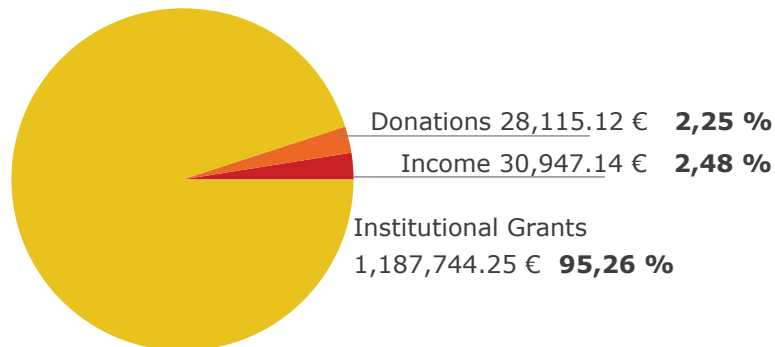
### Income in Fiscal Year 2012

A.	Income from donations and grants	Amount	Percentage
1.	Donations from members	9,041.00 €	0,73 %
2.	Donations from companies and private donors	5,490.00 €	0,44 %
3.	Earmarked donations from companies and private donors for abroad	7,594.12 €	0,61 %
4.	Earmarked donations from companies and private donors for inland	5,990.00 €	0,48 %
5.	Income from Partner Institutions	6,882.25 €	0,55 %
6.	Income Projects Yemen	19,620.81 €	1,57 %
7.	Income Overhead Projects Yemen	3,966.52 €	0,32 %
8.	Institutional grants	1,187,744.25 €	95,26 %
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,246,328.95 €</b>	<b>99,96 %</b>
B.	<b>Other income</b>		
1.	Interest	204.92 €	0,02 %
2.	Extraordinary Income	272.64 €	0,02 %
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>477.56 €</b>	<b>0,04 %</b>
<b>Sum Income</b>		<b>1,246,806.51 €</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>

### Disposition of Funds in Fiscal Year 2012

A.	Project Expenses	Amount	Percentage
1.	Project Funding Yemen	949,987.53 €	78,68 %
2.	Project Funding Afghanistan	24,016.05 €	1,99 %
3.	To Forward Donations	162,023.56 €	13,42 %
4.	Project Support	11,889.47 €	0,98 %
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,147,916.01 €</b>	<b>95,07 %</b>
B.	<b>Expenses for Administration, Fundraising and Public Relations</b>		
1.	Staff Costs	28,107.43 €	2,33 %
2.	Administrative Costs	22,339.66 €	1,85 %
3.	Fundraising and Public Relations	3,763.85 €	0,31 %
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>54,210.94 €</b>	<b>4,49 %</b>
C.	<b>Exchange Rate Losses</b>	<b>5,337.28 €</b>	<b>0,44 %</b>
<b>Sum Disposition of Funds</b>		<b>1,207,464.83</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>
<b>Annual Result</b>		<b>39,341.68 €</b>	

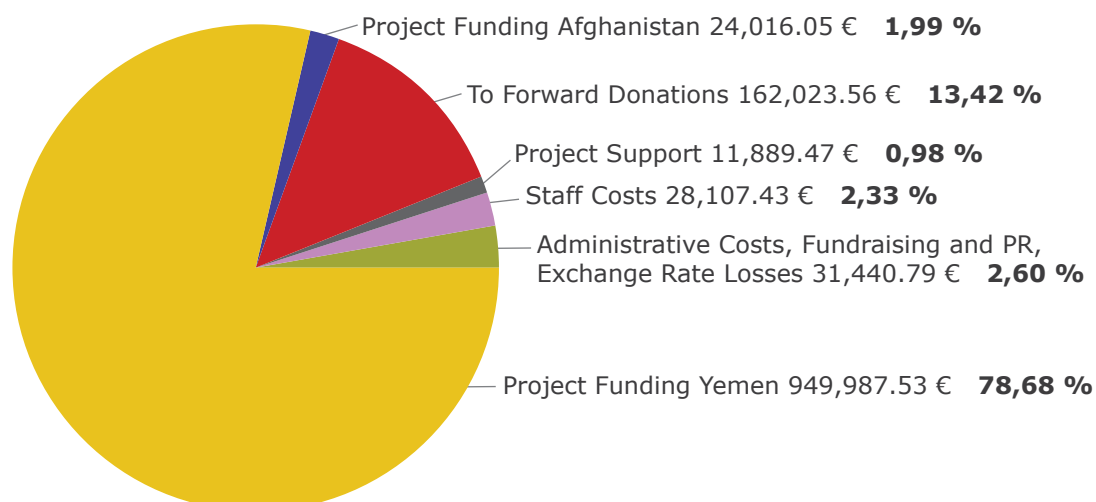
## INCOME 2012



## TREND PROJECT EXPENSES



## DISPOSITION OF FUNDS 2012





## Auditor's Certificate

To the Board of Directors of Vision Hope International e.V.,

We have audited the financial statements of Vision Hope International e.V. consisting of the related income statement, the statement of comprehensive income, the cash flow statement and the balance statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes from 1st January to 31st December 2012. The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IDW. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with § 317 HGB (German Commercial Code) and IDW guidelines. Those Standards require that we perform procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vision Hope International e.V. as at 31 December, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with § 317 HGB and IDW.

Stuttgart, 04. October 2013



E. Assmann  
Auditor



## 6. DONATIONS AND SUPPORT



## THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

- Fundraising and charitable events
- with ongoing project sponsorship
- Instead of presents at birthdays or anniversaries, collect donations for one of our projects

To make a tax-deductable donation, make a bank transfer to:

Vision Hope International e.V.

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# THANK You !



## „HE WHO EATS RICE SHOULD NOT FORGET THE SOWER“

“Indifference is the worst enemy of love.” The great British lyricist and literature professor, Clive Staples Lewis, has bequeathed the world many wise words; but hardly anybody else can describe the motivation of the Vision Hope staff more aptly. We commit ourselves in mostly inhospitable, very dangerous regions of the world, to people often living under unthinkable circumstances, because we sympathize and live charity. We help because we believe that through our talents and capabilities, even under the most difficult conditions, we can indeed bring about sustainable change. And we help because you, dear donor, award us the mandate to do so. As a team it is very important to us to thank you for the trust you have been placing in us for ten years. Your mandate is our commitment to aspire the highest ethical standards in all of our actions, as well as to act efficiently and transparently. We explicitly thank the great institutional donors UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), UN OCHA and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Furthermore, we would particularly like to thank the Dr Heinz-Horst Deichmann foundation which supported our projects with a total amount of 85,000 Euros. Due to this generous donation, we were able to advance the kindergarten project in Afghanistan and, moreover, integrate hundreds of Yemeni adolescents in our empowerment project. Our heartfelt thanks go out to two organizations in the Netherlands: Y.E.S. Foundation (Youth Empowerment Support) which likewise supports our youth empow-

erment program in Yemen and our new partner organization ZOA which helped us, combined with funding by the Dutch government, to greatly expand our water projects. We thank our friends Jemenhilfe e.V. (Help for Yemen Association), for their funding support of our diabetes project. Our acknowledgment closes with a remarkable idea of our board member, Heinrich Dix, mayor of the municipality of Ringsheim, Germany. In celebration of his 60th birthday, he asked his guests to refrain from presents and instead make a donation in support of our projects. Could this be an idea for your next celebration, as well?

Thank you for standing by our side!  
Your Vision Hope International Team

PS: Maybe only mentioned last, but certainly not forgotten, our special thanks go to: the congregations of Kippenheim, Meißenheim, Schwanau, the municipal offices of Lahr and Ettenheim, Sport-Schützenverein Ringsheim e.V.



## OUTLOOK 2013

### +++Jordan: Trauma therapy for Syrian refugee children+++

In April of 2013, we will open a kindergarten for Syrian refugee children in Mafraq, in cooperation with local NGO "Jamaiyya Mashiyya". The aim of this educational institute is to give an oasis of help and a place of peace to 90 traumatized children for their overcoming of experiences of flight and war through play and art therapy, based on the Montessori pedagogy. We give our little visitors back their childhood and bring hope to them. Accordingly, the name of the kindergarten is "Amal", in English: "hope"!

### +++German office+++

After ten years of development work, we are moving into our office in Emmendingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg. We are looking forward to our new German home, you are warmly welcome!

### +++ School donation campaigns+++

In collaboration with several schools, we are planning exhibitions and campaigns for educational work about Syrian refugee children. If you would like to support our project work in this way, please contact: [judith.kindler@vision-hope.org](mailto:judith.kindler@vision-hope.org)

### +++ Film: "Bringing hope to Syrian refugee children" +++

Visit <http://vision-hope.org/Movies.html> to watch a short film on the work with Syrian refugee children in our kindergarten in Manshia (Syria). To ensure the safety of the local people, access is password protected. Login and password read: "hopefilm". Thank you for your interest!

### +++VHI USA+++

As early as September 2013, we expect the founding of Vision Hope USA. We are looking forward to a good cooperation and thank initiator Rebecca Ray for her efforts.

### +++ Interns wanted+++

In 2013, we are seeking competent interns for positions in the fields of public relations, fundraising and project supervision. Interns need to be available for a minimum of 12 weeks. For further information, please visit our website.









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