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FOREWORD

DEAR READER,

2013 was a very important year for Vision Hope International: Our activities were extended to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. As the civil war in Syria entered its fourth year, insecurity, generalized violence, and targeted persecution continued to force the people of Syria to seek protection in neighboring countries. As an organization, we decided to open a kindergarten for traumatized Syrian refugee children in the Jordanian town of Manshia, near the Syrian border.

Thanks to the wonderful commitment of our volunteer project director Daniel Harrison and his wife Kim, an amazing and peaceful preschool was started for 90 Syrian refugee children and jobs were created for 18 Syrian women as kindergarten teachers. I visited this project several times in 2013, and each time my heart was touched by the outpouring of love which can be sensed by everyone entering this zone of inclusion and kindness. For me, as the founder of Vision Hope, it rejuvenated my motivation to continue bringing hope and love to places that seem hopeless. The situation in many countries of the Middle East is extremely disturbing, but looking away is not the solution. Change is possible. The lives of these children and thousands of other beneficiaries have been positively touched, and I have faith that our work is not in vain: Love is infinitely stronger than evil.

Agents of change

Our task is monumental in the countries we chose to work in:

Yemen:	Over 1 million Yemeni girls and boys under the age of five suffer from acute malnutrition.
Afghanistan:	War for 35 years.
Jordan:	More than 600,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan.

We work together with the UN, governments, and foundations to address the severe needs in these places. Schools, companies, churches, and many private donors have become agents of change and supported us with funds. It was wonderful to visit schools that organized fundraising events – such as sponsored runs – which were filled with hundreds of children, all of whom were committed to their responsibility of improving the lives of the less fortunate. Thanks so much.

Thanks

In November 2013, Adriaan Jagersma, our country representative in Yemen, left that country with his family. I want to personally and publically thank Adriaan for devoting his energy to help Vision Hope become an agency that is both producing positive results for people in some of the most destitute places in the world and is well respected by the UN and other donors. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to all of our local staff, especially Yasser Motea and Bilquis Al Monef who took over the leadership responsibilities in Yemen after Adriaan's departure. **Keep on doing good work.**

Lastly, thank you, dear reader, for your continued support!

Matthias Leibbrand
Executive Director - Vision Hope International

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 from conditions of hopelessness and despair. If one's home suddenly becomes a drafty tent, if children have to overcome severe post-war trauma, if hygiene conditions sharply deteriorate and medical care is no longer existent, or if distress leads people to stand at the edge of life, VHI will be there to provide the psychological and material support necessary for self-empowerment. 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, renew courage, and make underprivileged groups both self-determined and self-sufficient.

Developing opportunities

In addition to our humanitarian projects - which are primarily in the fields of nutrition and trauma relief in our kindergartens - we were able to implement water and school construction projects, equip health centers, promote youth empowerment, and started many other useful activities. 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 until they are self-sufficient.

Accompanying paths

Story from Tom, a Syrian child from our trauma kindergarten in Jordan:

I used to live in a nice big house with my mom, dad, sister, and two brothers. Then the fighting started. One day, while I was on the balcony, the house next door was bombed. After that, my dad decided to send us to Jordan while he stayed to fight and defend our country. I'll never forget the day we said goodbye to each other. I was especially sad because my dad was also crying.

At first, we would talk very often on the phone with my dad. But then one day, we lost touch with him. There has been no communication since that day. We don't know where he is or even if he is still alive.

Note: Every time Tom would talk about his dad, tears would well up in his eyes, and he would try to hide. We help Tom to overcome his specific trauma and to bring back hope into his life.

3. VISION HOPE



Being able to help is a privilege.

VISION HOPE

ORGANISATION

In 2013, Vision Hope continued to grow and to expand in Yemen, Afghanistan and in Jordan. Unfortunately, security has worsened, especially in Yemen. For that reason, Adriaan Jagersma and his family decided to leave his post as the county representative of Yemen at the end of 2013. As an organization, we decided in the end not to replace him with another western expat, but rather to hand the activities to our Yemeni senior staff. Since then we have been monitoring our activities from abroad.

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.



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 local 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

The key element of every project is the aim which is to be reached; associated with this is 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 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 neighborhoods and to wait for help as IDPs 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 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 and new cisterns constructed. Additionally, unemployed individuals and adolescents are being trained in technical skills, e.g. the maintenance of water pumps. Through the collection of rain water into the cisterns and from the rooftops, as well as from the simultaneous distribution of water filters, it is certain that 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 2013 Vision Hope International had 56 members.

Member's assembly

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

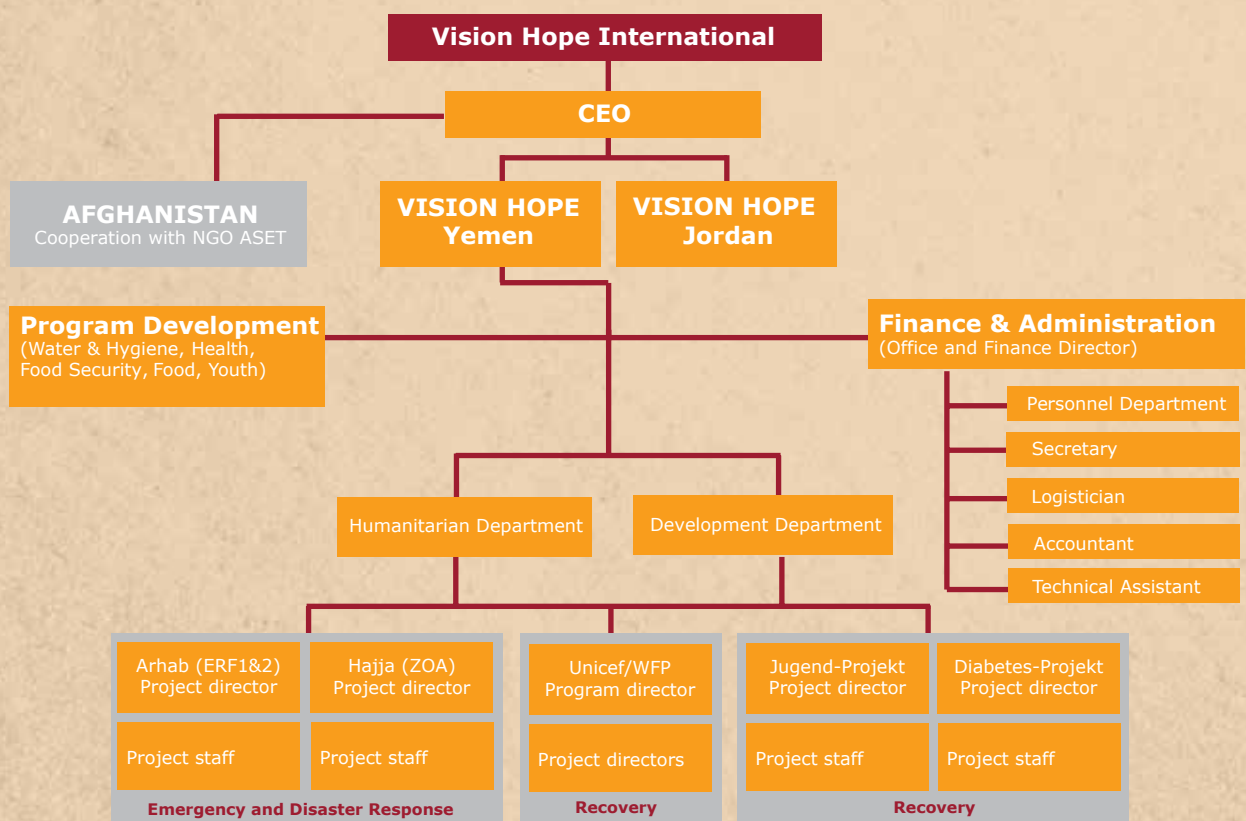
of refusal the member's assembly will decide. The member's assembly accepts the board's annual report, approves the budget, elects and relieves the board.

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).



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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Responsibilities:

- Financial administration
- Fundraising
- Local networking

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Angelika Linsin Board Secretary

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Responsibilities:

- Education: Carry one world into schools

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Matthias Leibbrand Chief Executive Officer

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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...
UN OCHA (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.	The "Emergency Response Fund" continued to fund humanitarian projects in 2013. Project contracts for the provision of shelter and non-food-items for internally displaced people in Hudaida Governorate in Yemen were signed by the end of the year. These will be implemented with local partners in 2014.
UN WFP (World Food Program)	The largest humanitarian organization in the world supports the cause of assisting 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.	Our projects for the Moderate Acute Malnourished Children were continued in 2013. The programs are carried out in partnership with eight local NGOs, in order to develop their capacity to coordinate emergency projects.
UNICEF	UNICEF fights for the rights of children worldwide. Yemeni children receive necessary immunizations and are encouraged and equipped to return to school. In the current disaster situation, UNICEF is in charge of coordinating nutrition projects for acutely and severely malnourished children.	In the context of its nutrition program, UNICEF supports Vision Hope with funding of a project to fight severe malnutrition among children and their mothers in Yemen.
EUROPEAID	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.
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	Bengo-Engagement Global is a consulting center for NGOs, e.g. supporting the proper preparation and issuance of grant application for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.	Due to the targeted support of Bengo, Vision Hope was able to implement/get approval of two projects in 2013. The school construction project in Afghanistan, which was started in 2012, was completed by the end of 2013; additional measures for this school were requested for 2014, plus a youth development project was approved in October 2013 with a contribution of 225,000 Euro.

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

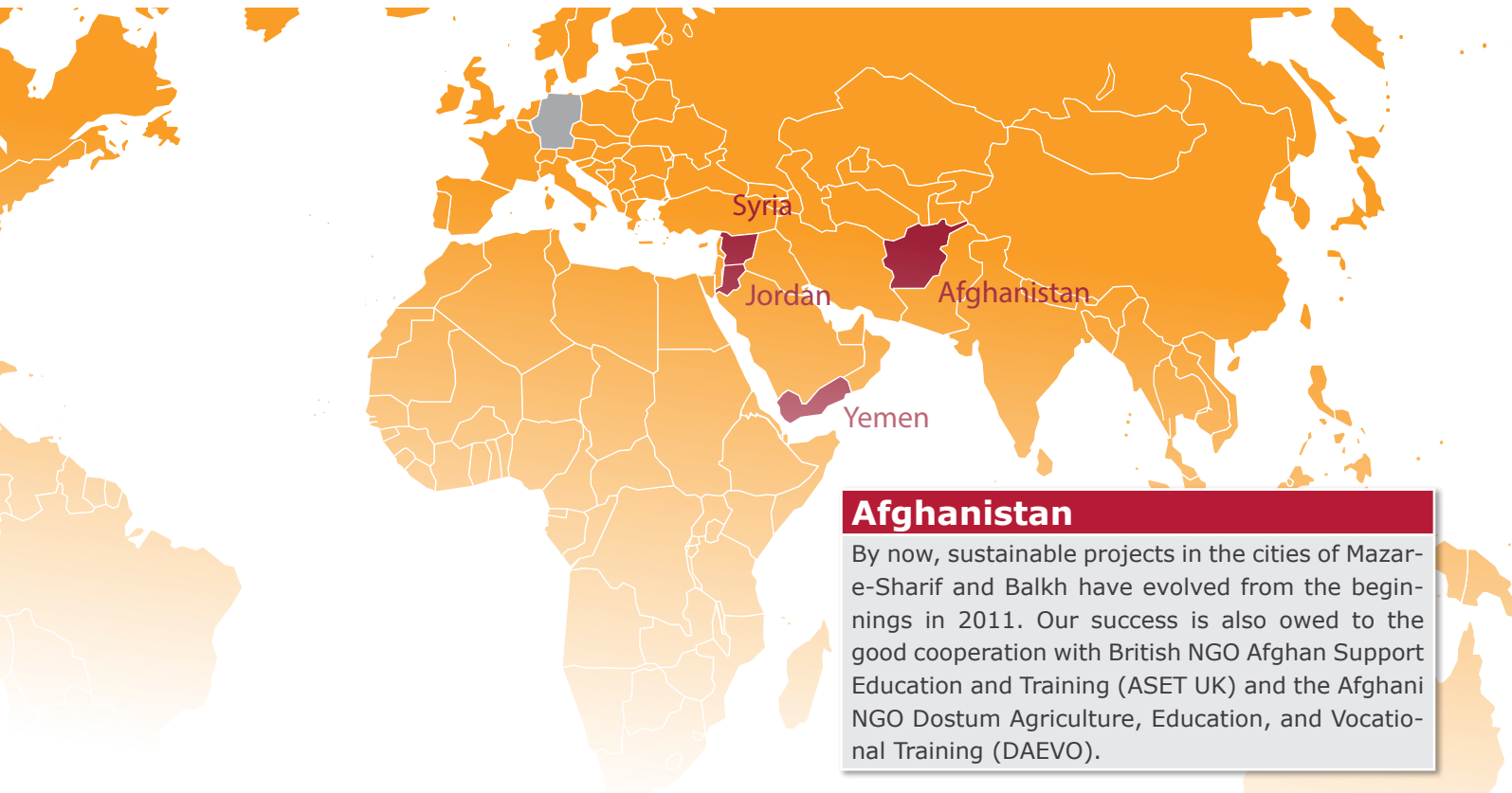
Furthermore, we follow the '12 basic rules of humanitarian aid' which were compiled by all development organisations and federal ministries affiliated in the German coordination "Humanitarian Aid." In this document, the purpose and implementation of humanitarian assistance are determined.



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) and the Afghani NGO Dostum Agriculture, Education, and Vocational Training (DAEVO).

Jordan

In 2013, we could increase the efforts to support Syrian refugees and Jordanians in need. The first Kindergarten for traumatized refugee children opened in Mafrq; an additional one was opened in May 2014 in the city of Karak. Furthermore, relationships with local organizations and authorities got established and we finally received our official registration for Jordan in June 2014.

Yemen

Through our proven commitment for Yemen and the well-established relations with local partners, Vision Hope reached more than 50,000 people in 2013. Despite the deteriorating security situation we were able to increase our efforts in all projects and start new initiatives.

YEMEN



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

But even the most beautiful scenery and the most warm-hearted people cannot hide how tribal 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

Beneficiaries:	260 teenagers and young adults, 20 teachers, and 10 trainers
Project duration:	January 2013 to December 2013
Project partner:	Jamaiyya Bani al Harith and AMIDEAST
Project area:	Arhab
Project expenses:	12,067 € in 2013
Project manager:	Mohammed Yahya Al-Aqel

"I have learned this program is a message and steers emotions in others. It is not only about reciting information or just to think of money and income. I have learned this program is affecting the whole life." – Trainer Suha

Background

Yemen, home to one of the oldest civilizations in the world, is today a very young society with a majority of the population being under 18 years old. This is a huge potential of working power, but unfortunately several problems prevent many young people from development and integration in the labor market. The urban employment status is low with only 58 % of the men and 8 % of women having a job. Statistics also show an alarming high illiteracy rate of 54 % for girls and 17 % for boys among teenagers. Gender disparity and a lack of female participation in all levels of society, as well as unhealthy habits like chewing Qat leaves (a mild stimulating drug) and smoking, limit youths' possibilities to develop their skills.

Project Goals

The project aim's was to empower young people to become fully contributing members of society, promote gender equality, increase their chances to gain employment while ultimately contributing towards reducing poverty.

Activities

As a first step, VHI taught trainers of our local partner - the NGO Bani-Alharit - and other local mobilizers in methods to reach young adults and how to conduct integral life skills training. These trainers then reached 260 students directly through lessons in language, computer use, social behavior, and general life skills. Many more young people benefitted indirectly as each student shared the lessons learnt with their friends. In addition, 20 teachers received further education in modern teaching methods and creative ways of knowledge transfer. The integral approach of the concept, which targets teachers and students alike, combines lessons of hard skills like computer science with ethical values like tolerance, equality, and honesty, which were all well received and appreciated.

In 2014, VHI will implement the youth development concept in more schools in Sana'a together with our local partners. These partnerships are essential to gain acceptance of students, parents, teachers and schools and lead to the success of the program.





FATIMA'S STORY

Fatima is a 50-year-old woman with an energy drink cap over her headscarf. The sun is bright and warm, and extra protection cannot hurt in this desert environment. We meet her at her home in Hawn, a village in the district Arhab, north of the capital Sana'a. We sit outside on a stone at her house. She is signed by the hard life in this dry environment, as sunbeams spread the lines extending from its outer corners.

"I have five daughters and three sons, all of them are already married. My husband is a bus driver and I do the laundry, cook the food and clean. Together we care for our five sheep and two donkeys that we have. We were lucky that we were able to live here during the conflict in 2011, the fighting did not come near our home. But my husband and I bear certainly the consequences of the conflict. The bus company

stopped its services because it was too dangerous so my husband stayed home. As a result we had less income. Before the conflict, life was easy, now there is less work and gasoline and food have become much more expensive. "

"All my life I have lived in this village - I was born and will die here. In addition to a school, there are no facilities: no electricity, no doctor. Every day I get water from the well, a half hour walk with a jerry can I wear on my head. We depend on the rainfall for the dry season if the cisterns are empty we have to pay for a small truck that brings water. "

WATER PROJECT

Water and sanitary project

Beneficiaries:	14,000 people, impacting up to 40,200
Project duration:	December 2012 to September 2014
Project partner:	ZOA, several local project partners
Project area:	Arhab and Bani-Garmoz districts
Project budget:	1,666,868 Euros
Project manager:	Yahya Al Madhaji

Background

In May 2011, armed clashes broke out in Arhab and Bani-Garmoz, two districts in the outskirts of Sana'a, followed by widespread destruction of infrastructure. The violence forced many families to flee from their land and seek shelter in neighboring districts. When they returned, the fighting had left destroyed houses, cisterns, and wells, plus broken sanitary facilities and irrigation systems. In addition, the returnees suffer from lost livelihoods and high prices for drinking water, which gets delivered by trucks.

Project goal

Increasing equitable access to water and sanitation for the people in Arhab and Bani-Garmoz. Through the provision of clean drinking water and sanitation services, the overall health situation improves and fewer children die from waterborne illnesses like diarrhea. The rehabilitation and construction of cisterns and wells helps people to farm, feed their families, and earn their own income.



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

Activities

Like in all VHI projects, the participation of the community ensures the sustainability of the interventions. Therefore, the people of Arhab and Bani-Garmoz are involved at all levels of the construction and rehabilitation of the water sources. 70 youths from Arhab and Bani-Garmoz received training programs and participate in the construction of cisterns or the preparation of rooftops to collect water during the rainy season and store it in tanks. The construction efforts are accompanied by the distribution of water filters and hygiene and sanitation training for the communities. In particular, VHI has assured the following:

1. Improved access to domestic water supply through repaired wells, rehabilitated/constructed water cisterns and rooftop water collection systems.
2. Improved access to water for irrigation through the repair of damaged wells (boreholes) and piping systems.
3. Improved health and hygiene among the targeted households through:
 - a. Applied hygiene and sanitation practices
 - b. Use of sanitation kits
 - c. Use of water filters
 - d. Use of urine separation VIP latrines



EDUCATION PROJECTS

Cistern Construction for the Khaled Bin al Walid School

Beneficiaries:	200 students and their teachers
Project duration:	September 2013 to November 2013
Project partner:	Adwa Al Yemen
Project area:	Mabiyah, Hajja Governorate
Project expenses:	3,090 € funded by Primary School Wagenstadt, Germany
Project manager:	Yahya Al Madhaji

Background

The Khalid Bin al Walid School hosts nearly 200 students in rural Mabiyah of the Hajja Governorate in Yemen. There is an extreme shortage of water supply at this site, and for this reason the students suffer from dehydration and the hygiene conditions are at low levels. The lack of water is one reason why girls are not studying in this school.

Project Goal

Provide for the sanitary needs of children and their teachers by harvesting rain-water from the school roof water into a cistern.

Activities

The cistern construction was implemented by Adwa Al Yemen in a professional way within three months. The process was very well documented by the project Manager Yahya Al Madhaji.

The whole project was funded through a sponsorship run of the "Johann Peter Hebel" primary school in Wagenstadt, Germany.



HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

ERF 4

Beneficiaries:	1,000 refugee households (about 7,000 women, children and men)
Project duration:	October 2013 to April 2014
Project partner:	LNGO Sada, UN OCHA
Project location:	Khairan Al-Moharag and Mustaba Districts, Hajjah Governorate
Project expenses:	21,263 €
Project manager:	Yasser Motea

Background

Northern Yemen is a battle ground and armed clashes between different Islamic groups and affiliated tribes occur regularly over the last few years. Many families had to leave their villages and houses in the Hajour area of al-Sada Governorate between 2012 and 2013 due to heavy fights between the separatist Shia movement Al-Houthi and Sunni Salafists. They arrived in neighboring districts with nothing more than what they could carry by foot and are living in small tents or improvised traditional huts. These shelters often leak, do not protect against the sun, dust, or rain, are not spacious enough for all family members, and offer little privacy, which is important for women and girls. In addition to their traumatic experiences and hopelessness, they are prone to spreading diseases and malaria.

Project goal

VHI's goal is to provide improved shelter and distribute basic household items like mosquito nets and soap to the displaced families. This will improve their living conditions in the harsh environment of northern Hajjah and cover their most urgent needs.

An empty stomach makes all maladies twice as hard."

Christoph Martin Wieland



Activities

In 2013, the necessary preparations of the planned distribution started. Together with our local partner we conducted a rapid needs assessment to identify the beneficiaries' individual needs. To gain acceptance of the local communities and work under their protection, all interventions were coordinated with local authorities and community leaders. Our engineer was developing a new shelter design which is adapted well to the local conditions. The procurement of goods and construction material started. In the second phase of the project, the distribution of household items and building activities will start. VHI aims to extend this project in 2014 and serve more internally displaced families to cover their basic needs.



Mother-Child Nutrition Program

Beneficiaries:	18,000 children, 4,000 women, and 560 households
Project duration:	February 2013 to June 2014
Project partner:	WFP, UNICEF, OCHA
Project location:	7 districts in Hajjah and Al-Hudaydah
Project expenses:	675,979 €
Project manager:	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 - children, pregnant women, and the elderly - are the first to be victimized. They are especially prone to infectious diseases, like pneumonia or diarrhea, two of the most frequent causes of death for children under five. The latest studies in the region around Al Hudaydah 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. We would like to see the further decrease of the mortality rate among children under five in the area we work, but to see a long-lasting effect on the nutrition and overall health status we need to involve the community and train them to help themselves. Therefore, a large emphasis is placed on capacity building and empowerment of community members.

Activities

Our commitment is to serve the neediest mothers and children. With the assistance of mobile teams, even remote village can be reached. In 2013, the VHI field staff not only supplied thousands of severely malnourished women and infants in the affected regions with food and medicines, but approximately 120 volunteer helpers - trained by VHI - delivered almost 10,000 awareness raising sessions in basic medical care for pregnant women.

"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

Questions were discussed like: 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?

In addition, volunteers identified malnourished children and referred them to the mobile teams for treatment and supplementary feeding. Without this strong community-based component, many malnourished women and children would have never been identified or received help.



Nutritional Services Facts:

18,036 under the age of five were children screened for their nutritional status by mobile teams. Of the screened children and women, the following receive services of therapeutic or supplementary feeding:

- 1,329 U5 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
- 4,107 Pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
- 7,945 U5 MAM
- 10,111 U2 blanking feeding

Health and Educational Services Facts:

- 1,174 children and households received deworming treatment
- 871 U5 children and 787 lactating mothers received Vitamin A
- 4,021 pregnant women/WCBA received iron and folic acid supplementation
- 2,438 men and women accessing family services, including contraceptives, clean birth delivery kits
- 120 community health volunteers/workers trained and delivered 9473 awareness raising lessons in nutritional, health, disease prevention, and hygiene promotion



Prison Work Hajja

Beneficiaries:	400
Project duration:	January 2013 to December 2013
Project partner:	Prison Administration Hajjah
Project location:	Hajjah City
Project expenses:	3,463 €
Project manager:	Abdallah Al-Aliyi

Background

Prisoners in Yemen suffer degrading living conditions in overcrowded prisons, especially for female inmates with children as it is difficult to get proper nourishment and basic commodities.

Project Goal

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

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



Activities

Services provided to the men's prison:

- Provision of sport tools such as soccer balls
- Provision of medicines that are not available in the prison
- Provision of help regarding attaining documents by printing and copying
- Provision of natural toothpicks in order to ensure a basic kind of tooth cleaning
- Provision of clothing, especially to those who don't have families and relatives around
- Provision of notebooks and pens for approx. 200 men so that they can participate in the Basic School / Elementary School and learn how to read and write
- Provision of drawing materials for those interested in drawing to use the huge amount of free time
- Organizing leaves for medical treatments outside the prison for those who have special diseases and need to be seen by a doctor

Services provided to the women's prison:

- Provision of diapers, warm clothing, and soap
- Provision of notebooks and pens to enable learning
- Organizing leaves for medical treatments outside the prison

Services for 6 children of current prisoners between the age of 1 month and 5 years:

- Provision of milk, diapers, medicines, clothing, and toys
- Organizing leaves for medical treatments outside the prison

AFGHANISTAN



The South Asian country experienced much turmoil over the past decades and has continuously been 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 individual wellbeing.

Even 13 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

RANGIN KAMAN KINDERGARTEN

Beneficiaries:	120 children
Project duration:	January 2013 to December 2013
Project partner:	ASET
Project location:	Baba Qambar, Mazar-e-Sharif
Project expenses:	25,000 €
Project manager:	Managed by local staff

Background

Education is a luxury. Taken for granted in Europe, it remains out of reach for many families in Afghanistan: the country lacks compulsory school attendance and 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

Rangin Kaman provides lessons for children of low-income families in the Baba Qambar district of Mazar-e Sharif. It aims to reach 120 families per year. Ten staff members, mostly women, receive salaries to help provide for their families.

Activities

They sing, play and learn to read and write: a new curriculum has been translated and implemented in all of the Rangin Kaman classrooms. Forty-five students have graduated from the kindergarten in the past year. Furthermore, the past year has seen a transition of leadership. The kindergarten is now entirely run by local staff and has made a smooth transition.



What a promising future is ahead for two young boys who simply needed someone to believe in them.



SUCCESS STORY

"The teachers at Rangin Kaman are dedicated to helping children with special needs and learning disabilities. Two such children graduated from Rangin Kaman in March 2014. Isan and Sharif both came to Rangin Kaman last year with significant problems. Isan struggled with mental illness and Sharif battled a learning disability and could not speak at all. Their parents brought them to Rangin Kaman because no other school would accept them. Their teachers patiently worked with them and watched them transform in the classroom. Upon graduation, Isan was able to contribute in the classroom and interact well with his teacher and classmates. Sharif had learned to speak! Now Sharif's younger brother, who has similar speech problems, has started classes at Rangin Kaman.



SHOLGARA SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

School Construction in Quaflandara village, Balk Province

Beneficiaries:	350 children
Project duration:	December 2012 to May 2014
Project partner:	BMZ, ASET, DAEVO
Project location:	Qaflandara
Project expenses:	175,981 € in 2013
Project manager:	Brian Germann

Background

That an inadequate education is not only a problem for adolescents becomes distinctly apparent when one analyzes the education system in Afghanistan. The causal relationship between a weak educational system and a powerless economy becomes evident. Indeed, there are schools in some villages, yet the way to get there is much too long and too dangerous, especially for younger children. 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

In 2013, our partners built the main school building with surrounding walls and latrines for boys and girls. Through the partnership with the Afghan National NGO DAEVO we built an important relationship with the community leaders and government offices. Villagers and local leaders provided much help and were involved in the construction. These partnerships ensure that the ownership is with the Afghan people and the project will be sustainable. In addition to the infrastructure construction, the teachers attended different workshops. With new skills and inspired by different teaching methods they can prepare their students for the future.

Forecast 2014

VHI is glad and thankful to have received the confirmation of the German Government to fund additional construction activities. The school will get equipped with green energy through photovoltaic and solar heating. Furthermore, a guardhouse will be built to protect the new compound from any theft. Finally, the teachers will receive further training and basic computer courses, ensuring that they have the proper inspiration for carrying out the project's hopes of providing quality education to the village.





JORDAN



Well known are the pictures of Jordan's stunning historical monuments, witnesses of rich and influential ancient empires. Millions of tourists visit the country every year and enjoy the hospitality and kindness of the Jordanian people.

Since the break-out of crisis in neighboring Syria, this hospitality is also shown to more than 600,000 Syrian refugees who have crossed the border to escape from chaos, hunger, and violence. The Jordanian government has made tremendous efforts to provide help to these refugees, but support by international partners is needed to cope with the emergency situation. Since the influx of Syrian refugees also causes economic problems to Jordanians, many of whom are already living below the poverty line, Vision Hope's projects are designed to benefit the host community and new arrivals equally.

HOPE KINDERGARTEN IN MANSHIA

Beneficiaries:	90 children, plus 18 women employed
Project duration:	April 2013 - ongoing
Project partner:	Tearfund UK, Deichmann, Sternstunden, Joy
Project location:	Manshia, Mafraq
Project expenses:	61,693 € in 2013
Project manager:	Daniel Harrison

Background

Most of the Syrian refugees in Northern Jordan not only face incredible challenges as they scramble to provide for their families, they also have experienced extremely traumatic events. Most have lost at least one family member in the war, and many have been imprisoned and tortured. The children, especially, are showing signs of trauma such as regular nightmares or excessive reactions to triggers (example: the sound of fireworks). Hope Kindergarten aims to bring relief to the refugees in Manshia from both the trauma of the past and the difficulties of the present.

Project goals

Firstly, Hope KG provides high-quality play-based education to the children of Manshia between 4 and 7 years old.

Secondly, the KG serves as a safe space for the children, providing structure to their daily routine as well as stability. Through all of our activities, we try to promote an atmosphere of joy and love. Furthermore, through play and art therapy, the children are encouraged to express themselves. Our teachers receive training and ongoing coaching so that they can recognize and appropriately address issues of trauma within their pupils. Maintaining a high teacher-to-child ratio also empowers our teachers to better listen to and care for each child's needs. Furthermore, a professional counselor is available on a weekly basis to provide private counseling sessions to families who so desire.

Finally, through a cash-for-work program, Hope KG is empowering a staff of 18 Syrian refugee women to provide for their families.

Activities

Hope Kindergarten has been established in the community and equipped with Montessori-inspired toys and other educational equipment. 18 Syrian refugee women have been empowered to provide for their families, and have received regular training and coaching in education and trauma therapy. The children of Manshia have received high-quality play-based education in a loving and caring environment. Our average beneficiary child has shown a 74% improvement on the educational goals addressed during the first term. Furthermore, according to our administration of the SCARED (Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders) assessment, 67% of the children demonstrate fewer anxiety symptoms now than when they started attending Hope KG.





SUCCESS STORY - LESSONS LEARNED

Mariam lost her father in the war a couple of years ago. When she first arrived at the KG, she suffered from social and separation anxiety. She was so afraid of the other kids and teachers, every day she cried and her mother couldn't leave her. After a couple of weeks, however, she got used to the school and the daily routine. She began to build friendships and become a part of the community. Now, she loves to go to the KG and comes without her mother. She seems so happy and is always smiling from ear to ear.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT



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BALANCE 31.12.2013

ASSETS (EUR)		
A. Fixed Assets		
I. Fixed Assets		
1. Office and Vehicle Assets	34,006.89	
B. Current Assets		
I. Receivables		
1. Assured Project Funding for 2013	403,738.97	
2. Other Assets	30.24	
II. Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts	806,420.91	
Sum Assets		1,244,197.19

LIABILITIES (EUR)		
A. Capital		
1. Assets of the Charity	92,962.37	
2. Annual Result	4,151.33	
B. Accruals		
1. Accrual Audit	4,000.00	
C. Liabilities		
1. To Forward Donations	766,663.32	
2. Designated Project Funds for 2014	370,205.94	
3. Liabilities from Income and Church Tax	4,755.78	
4. Other Liabilities	1,458.45	
Sum Accruals/Liabilities		1,244,197.19

BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2013

A.	Assets		
1.	Intangible fixed assets (Software)		1,561.80 €
2.	Office assets		1,576.07 €
3.	Vehicles		1.00 €
4.	Commodities Summary		30,868.02 €
5.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts		
	Cashbook Germany	2,940.00 €	
	Postbank 624 520 751	211,255.74 €	
	Business Sparcard 3017929325	67,409.93 €	
	Business Sparcard 3018491972	35,022.00 €	
	PayPal	43.85 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Jordan	29,818.67 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Yemen	459,930.72 €	806,420.91 €
6.	Assured project funding for 2014		403.738,97 €
7.	Other Assets		30.42 €
	Sum of Assets		1,244,197.19 €
B.	Accruals/Liabilities		
1.	Liabilities from Income and Church Tax		4,755.78 €
2.	Other Liabilities		1,458.45 €
3.	Designated Project Funds for 2014		370,205.94 €
4.	Other Donations to be transferred		766,663.32 €
5.	Accruals		4,000.00 €
	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		1,147,083.49 €
C.	Net Assets		
1.	Sum of Assets		1,244,197.19 €
2.	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		1,147,083.49 €
	Net Assets		97,113.70 €

INCOME-SURPLUS-BILL 2013

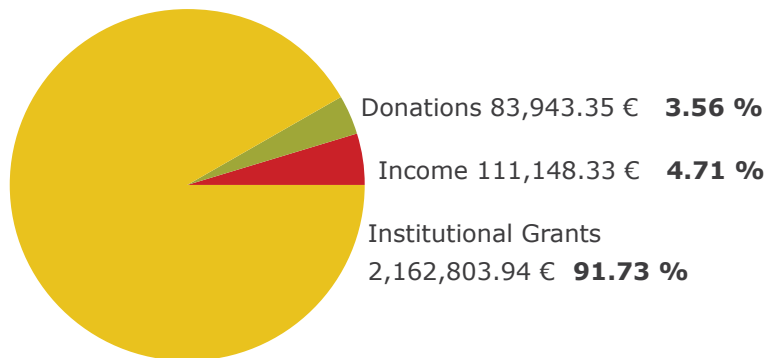
Income in Fiscal Year 2013

A.	Income from donations and grants	Amount	Percentage
1.	Donations from members	8,836.74 €	0.37 %
2.	Donations from private donors	3,620.93 €	0.15 %
3.	Earmarked donations from private donors for abroad	44,584.50 €	1.89 %
4.	Earmarked donations from private donors for inland	2,080.00 €	0.09 %
5.	Earmarked donations from companies, associations, schools, churches	24,821.18 €	1.05 %
6.	Income Overhead Projects	110,918.80 €	4.70 %
7.	Institutional Grants	2,162,803.94 €	91.73 %
	(including 35,000 € from Sternstunden e.V.)		
Subtotal		2,357,666.09 €	99.99 %
B.	Other income		
1.	Interest	225.04 €	0.01 %
2.	Extraordinary Income	4.49 €	0.00 %
Subtotal		229.53 €	0.01 %
Sum Income		2,357,895.62 €	100.00 %

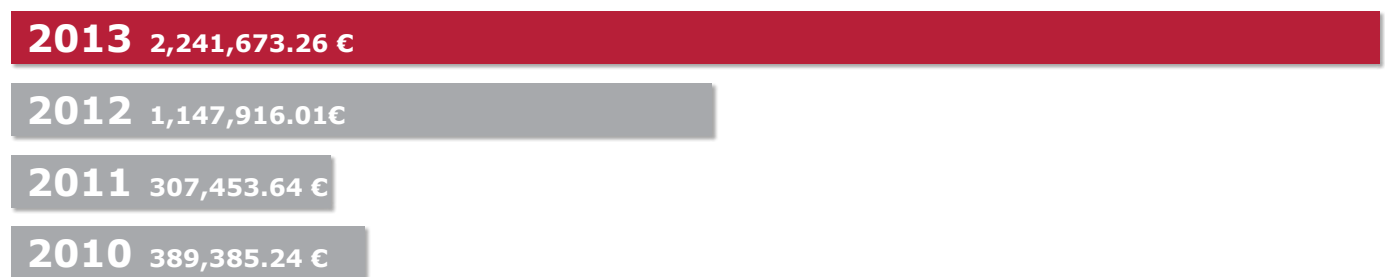
Disposition of Funds in Fiscal Year 2013

A.	Project Expenses	Amount	Percentage
1.	Project Funding Yemen	1,366,721.86 €	58.07 %
2.	Project Funding Afghanistan	198,481.80 €	8.43 %
3.	Project Funding Jordan	61,693.86 €	2.62 %
4.	To Forward Donations	601,817.16 €	25.57 %
5.	Project Support	10,094.99 €	0.43 %
6.	Educational Work in Germany	2,863.59 €	0.12 %
Subtotal		2,241,673.26 €	95.24 %
B.	Expenses for Administration, Fundraising and Public Relations		
1.	Staff Costs	49,831.77 €	2.12 %
2.	Administrative Costs	43,253.78 €	1.84 %
3.	Fundraising and Public Relations	14,234.11 €	0.60 %
Subtotal		107,319.66 €	4.56 %
C.	Exchange Rate Losses	4,751.37 €	0.20 %
Sum Disposition of Funds		2,353,744.29 €	100.00 %
Annual Result		4,151.33 €	

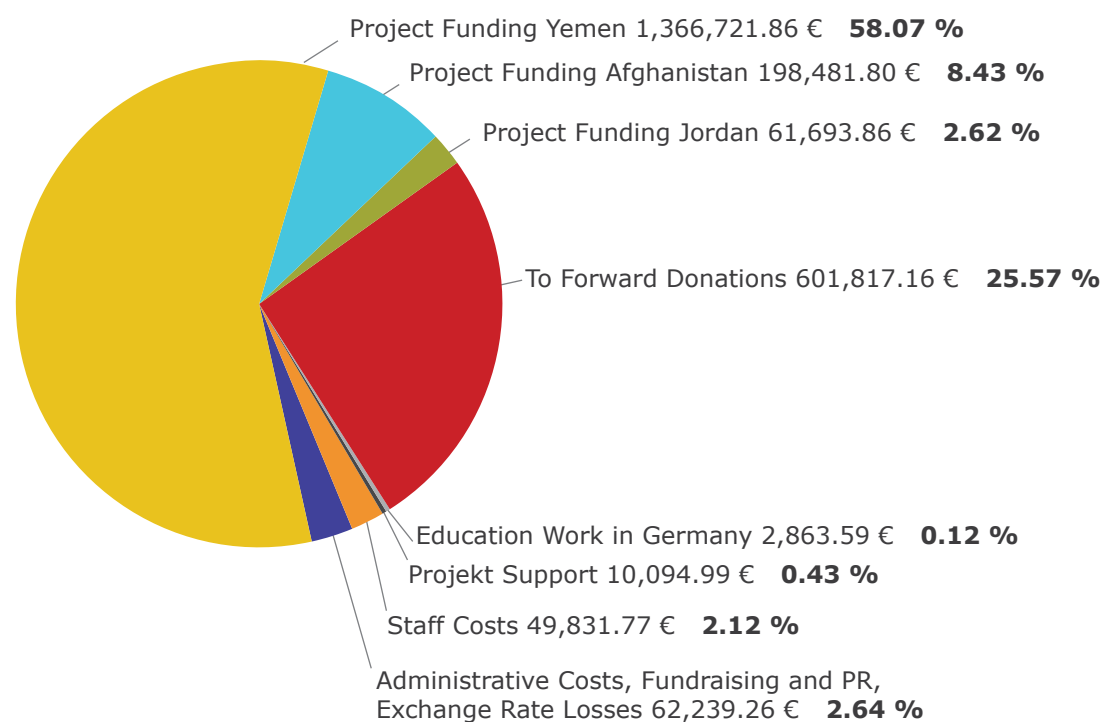
INCOME 2013



TREND PROJECT EXPENSES



DISPOSITION OF FUNDS 2013



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 2013. 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, 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with § 317 HGB and IDW.

Stuttgart, 04. August 2014



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:

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"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, extremely dangerous regions of the world, often to people 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 since 2002. 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). We express many thanks to the foundation Tearfund UK, which has faithfully supported our activities for a decade. Furthermore, we would particularly like to thank first time donors Sternstunden e.V. and the foundation Joy for their assistance in the establishment of our kindergarten project in Manshiya.

Another new wonderful relationship was established with the foundation of the German Soldiers abroad "Lachen helfen e.V."; we hope that a long lasting relationship can be established and thanks for the support.

In 2013, a number of schools undertook great efforts to raise funds primarily for the assistance of Syrian Refugees. In some of these schools, we were able to hold exhibitions with drawings from Syrians children in Jordan which explained the trauma in heart touching ways.

Thanks to the students, teachers and parents of:

Stefan-Zweig-Schule Endingen
Tanneck Schule Mölln
Gymnasium Kenzingen
Bergschule Heidenheim
Grundschule Wagenstadt (Cistern project for school in Yemen)
Georg-August-Zinn-Schule Reichelsheim
Europäische Schule RheinMain

We also want to thank all companies, associations, churches, and municipalities for their support with donations of all sizes.

Thank you for standing by our side!

Your Vision Hope International Team

OUTLOOK 2014

+++Jordan: 2nd Trauma Kindergarten for Syrian refugee children+++

In May of 2014, a second kindergarten for Syrian refugee children will be opened in Karak, in cooperation with the local NGO "Branches of Mercy." The concept of this project was developed by Dirk Kleinloh based on the successful model from Manshia.

Again, the aim of this educational institute is to give an oasis of help and a place of peace to 90 traumatized children for overcoming their experiences of flight and war through play and art therapy. This kindergarten will have 50% Jordanian and 50% Syrian children; we hope to strengthen integration through this step.

+++Lions Club Hannover - Wilhelm Busch+++

The Lions Club in Hannover has collected warm clothes for around 1,850 families in Jordan and will ship them with two sea freight containers in January and February 2014. The distribution is planned in the first week of January 2014 for 350 families in Manshia, the site of our first kindergarten. The second shipment will be for 1,500 families in Karak. The Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization and the Kawar Group will support this humanitarian effort through logistical support.

+++Lebanon and Syria+++

In cooperation with the Lebanese NGO AFA, we want to implement humanitarian projects for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Internally Displaced Persons inside Syria. AFA will provide food baskets to 200 families and rent subsidies for 100 vulnerable refugee families.

+++Food for Assets+++

In January 2014, a new food distribution project will be started in cooperation with the World Food Program. The project contributes to the immediate reduction of food insecurity by improving the availability of essential food for vulnerable households. Alongside this distribution VHI conducts activities to strengthen community and household resiliency to food security and livelihood shocks through asset creation and infrastructure measures.



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