



Annual Report 2014



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FOREWORD

DEAR READER,

Hope is not just our middle name: hope is the result of faith put into loving action, despite horrifying circumstances. Hope and faith are renewed when we observe positive outcomes in spite of seemingly insurmountable challenges. Because of hope, we have continued our efforts in one of the most war-torn countries of the world, Yemen. Because of hope, we have been able to stabilize Family Centers for refugees in Jordan. Because of hope, we are seeking new ways to resettle refugees arriving on our shores by mobilizing and training Germans to help integrate these new arrivals into German society.

Hope is not just driving us; hope is the last resort for the people we work with in Yemen. The civil war, political instability, and continuous bombings we read about in our newspapers do not adequately portray the suffering of the people we assist. Thanks to the efforts of our long-term co-workers and friends in the country, and with the aid of the UN, the German government, and others, we are able to ease suffering on the spot.

Hope is obvious in the eyes of the children in the two Family Centers for traumatized Syrian refugee children in Jordan. The sparkling in their eyes also hints at the dramatically different lives between persons residing in and coming from conflict zones and persons living in the West. On one side, daily necessities are scarce, and the horrors of violence and war have to be overcome; on the other side, amid egregious levels of material accumulation, existential questions about meaning and happiness are asked to address ennui and weltschmerz.

Vision Hope International e.V. has earned a strong reputation for its humanitarian impact in and near conflict zones. Our status as an organization that positively affects the lives of refugees displaced by war and instability has led us to another demanding task: finding, training, and sending volunteers to help resettle refugees in Germany. With our experience and expertise, we anticipate that this project will be as successful as in the Family Centers in Jordan.

THANKS

In August 2014, the first chairman of Vision Hope International e.V., Dr. Jan Linsin and his wife, Angelika, who had been shaping the small beginnings and the development of our organization since 2002, asked to step down from the board and support the future of VHI as public members. Without the two of them, Vision Hope's humanitarian projects would not have been as successful. I also wish to thank our CEO Matthias Leibbrand, the person who started VHI's work in Yemen and has been coaching from abroad the amazing people who have worked in leadership inside Yemen ever since, our Country Representative Yasser Motea and long-term staff Bilquis Al Monef. Thank you so much for the foundation that we, as the new board, can use to springboard into the future.

Keep on doing good work. Lastly, thank you, dear reader, for your continued support!



Marcus Rose, Chairman of the Board

2. A FOCUS ON PEOPLE



Once you choose hope, anything is possible.



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 commence many other beneficial activities.

In close cooperation with the local municipalities, as well as other nongovernmental 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

6 year old Muhammed Abdulfatah comes from Dara'a in southern Syria. His family lived a pleasant life until war broke out, which punctuated their day-to-day activities with insecurity and instability. When fighting broke out in Dara'a almost 3 years ago, their house was struck by a rocket and collapsed on top of them. Miraculously, Muhammed, his mother, father, and three siblings managed to get out of the rubble. They quickly fled to Jordan with only the clothes on their backs and no identifying documents, all of which were lost in the destruction of their home.

From that day on Muhammed stopped talking altogether. Since enrolling in our Hope Kindergarten, Muhammed has shown great improvement in his behavior. The psychosocial counselors and teachers at Hope KG have addressed Muhammed's trauma and have taught him coping strategies. He now talks and behaves as a normal child. His mother often expresses her thankfulness towards the staff and the teachers.

3. VISION HOPE



**When the world says, "Give up,"
Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."**

VISION HOPE

ORGANISATION

In 2014, Vision Hope continued to grow in Jordan with the opening of the second Family Center. Unfortunately, security has worsened, especially in Yemen which resulted in setbacks in our project funding opportunities from the UN. As an organization, we decided to continue with national staff rather than bringing in expats into the dangerous situation in Yemen. Since then, we have been monitoring our activities in Yemen from abroad, and our CEO Matthias Leibbrand is in constant contact with our staff in Yemen.

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 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 (since 2014 the charity is listed under the register of organizations of the city Freiburg im Breisgau, 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 are 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

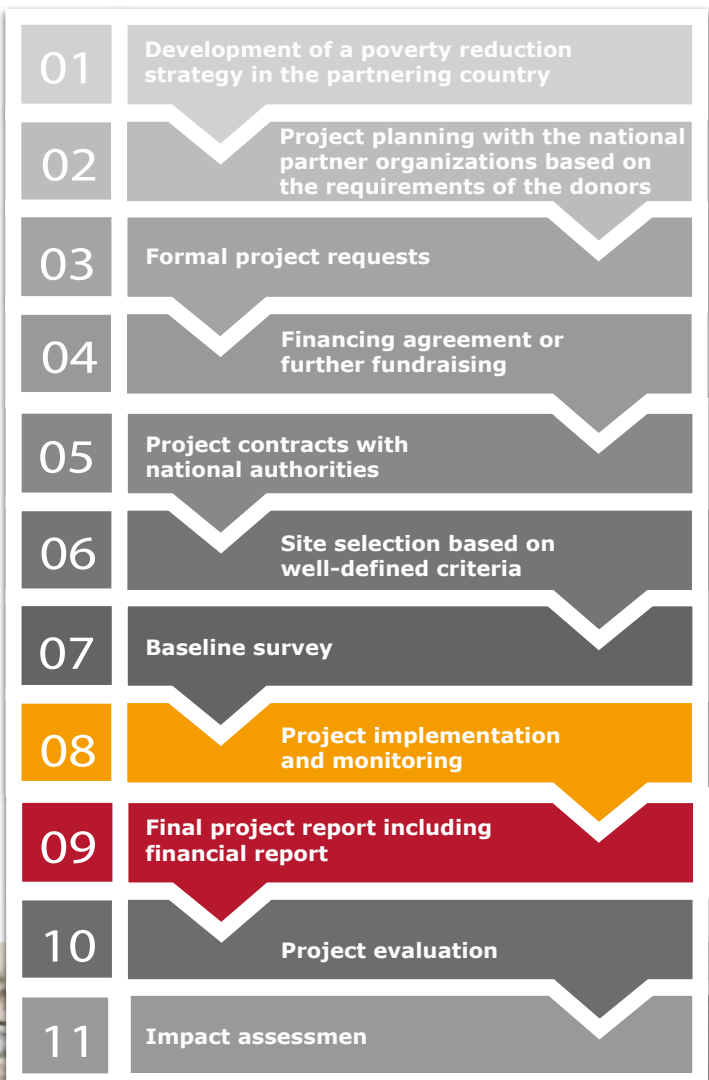
Our work is based on the various projects which we individually develop with different partners on-the-ground. This partnership cooperation with local populations, local organizations and authorities is at the center of our efforts at all times. Within our projects nobody should feel patronized, overlooked, 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:



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 have been engaged in armed conflict, forcing many locals to leave their destroyed houses and neighborhoods and to wait for help as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) elsewhere in the country. In the context of our emergency relief response, which started in 2011, VHI has distributed food and non-food items like blankets to these IDPs. At the same time we appealed 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 reliable cooperation with our Dutch partner organization ZOA, during 2014 we were able to implement and complete a project that ensured a functioning water supply for many villages: destroyed wells were repaired and new cisterns constructed. Additionally, unemployed individuals and adolescents have been trained in technical skills, e.g. the maintenance of water pumps. Through the collection of rainwater into 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

Vision Hope International is registered with the local register of associations (VR 270382) at the city courts of Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. The association was accredited in 2002 by the fiscal authorities in Emmendingen, Germany as a non-profit and charitable organization (Tax ID 05070/50969).

Members

The vision and mission of Vision Hope would not be possible without the support of the association's members. In addition to providing financial donations, VHI's members lend their moral 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 2014, Vision Hope International had 66 members, of which seven members are the elected board.

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

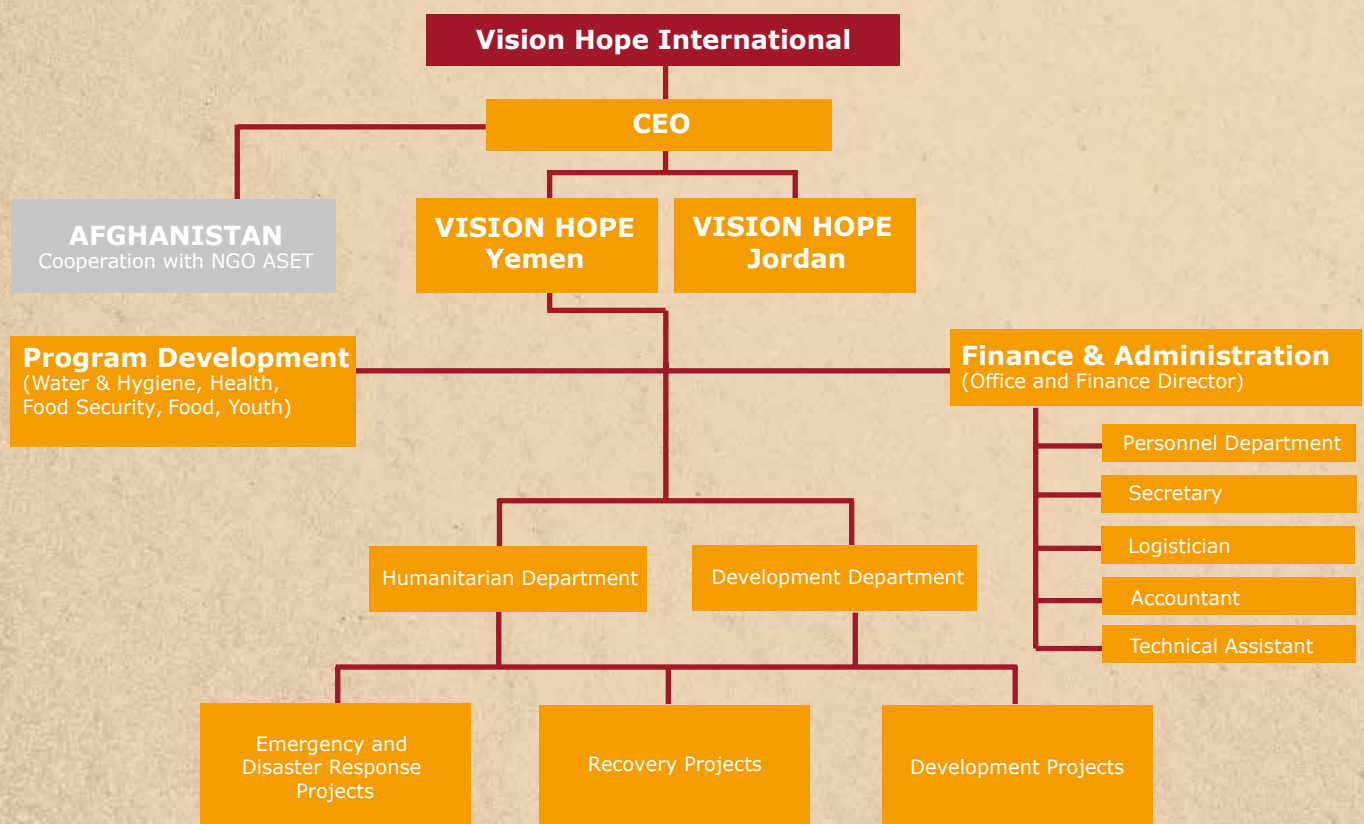
member's assembly accepts the board's annual report, approves the budget, elects and relieves the board.

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

Marcus Rose Chairman

Founder, consultant and mentor for NGOs, Frankfurt, Germany, Married with three children

Responsibilities:

- Long-term development of Vision-Hope
- Public relations
- Installation of a wider foundation of volunteers

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Lars Schärer Secretary

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Responsibilities:

- Secretary
- Organisational development
- Quality management

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- Donor service
- Organising campaigns and charities with friends

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- Representative for association

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Matthias Ribbentrop Treasurer

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Responsibilities:

- Budget & Finances
- Strategic thinking

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Jens-Peter Kamp Board Member

Businessman in Emmendingen, Germany

Responsibilities:

- Public relations
- Representative for association
- Strategic development

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Responsibilities:

- Participation in internal controlling
- Project accounting
- Counseling for social law

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Matthias Leibbrand CEO

Consultant in humanitarian aid and development cooperation in Emmendingen, Germany with four children

Responsibilities:

- Overall management
- Public relations and fundraising
- Networking with other organizations
- Strategy formation

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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 2014. Projects for the provision of shelter and non-food-items for internally displaced people in Hudaida Governorate and a Food Security Project for Somali Refugees in Mukalla were implemented.
UN WFP (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.	Our projects for the Moderate Acute Malnourished Children were continued in 2013, plus a Food for Assets Projects was added. 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 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 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.
BMZ BENGU – Engagement Global	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/get approval of two projects in 2013. The school construction project in Afghanistan, which was started in 2012, was completed after an additional phase by the end of May 2014. Plus a youth development project was implemented which was approved in October 2013 with a contribution of 225,000 Euro. It was implemented during 2014.

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.

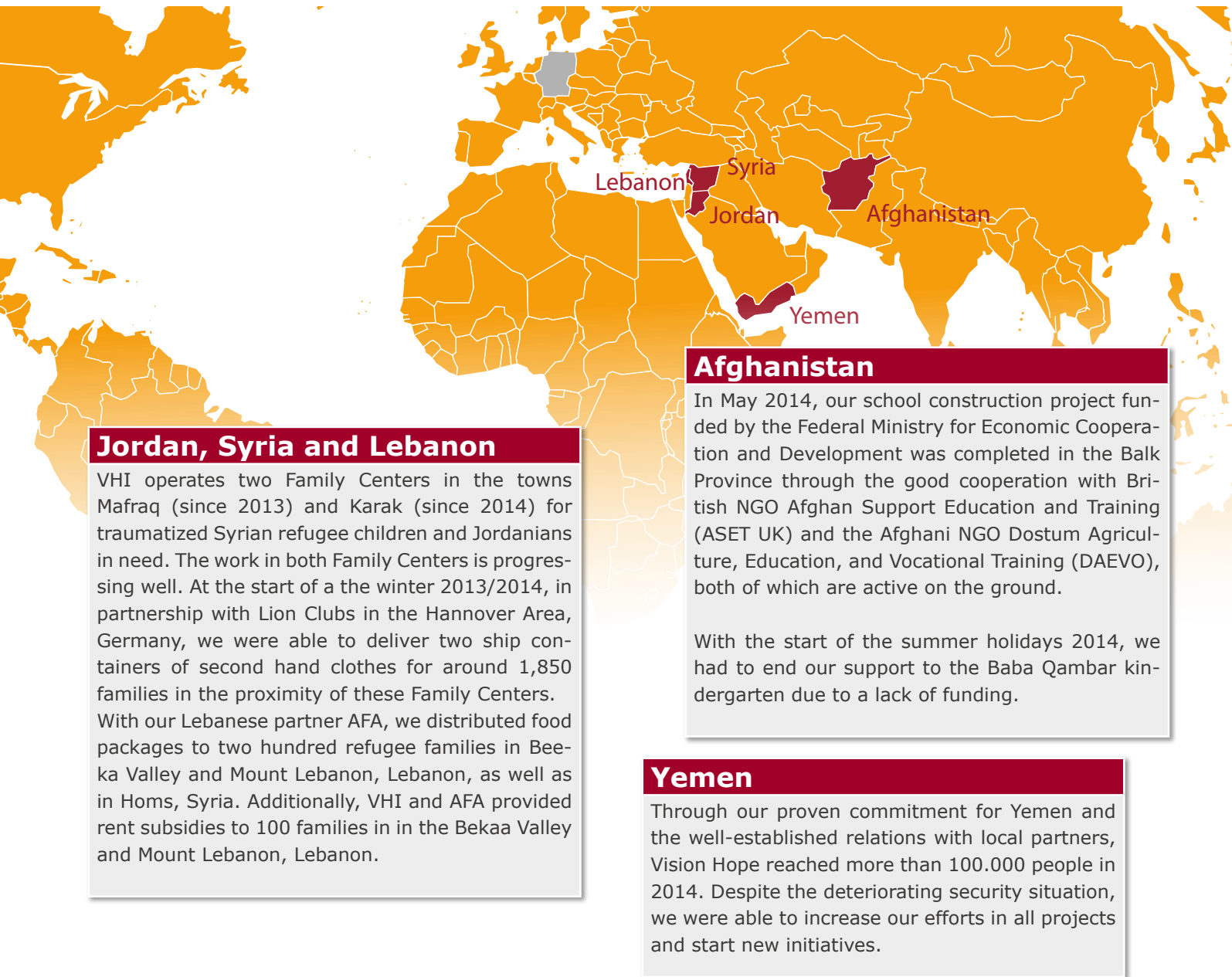


4. PROJECTS



"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

PROJECT ACTIVITIES



Jordan, Syria and Lebanon

VHI operates two Family Centers in the towns Mafrak (since 2013) and Karak (since 2014) for traumatized Syrian refugee children and Jordanians in need. The work in both Family Centers is progressing well. At the start of the winter 2013/2014, in partnership with Lion Clubs in the Hannover Area, Germany, we were able to deliver two ship containers of second hand clothes for around 1,850 families in the proximity of these Family Centers. With our Lebanese partner AFA, we distributed food packages to two hundred refugee families in Bekaa Valley and Mount Lebanon, Lebanon, as well as in Homs, Syria. Additionally, VHI and AFA provided rent subsidies to 100 families in the Bekaa Valley and Mount Lebanon, Lebanon.

Afghanistan

In May 2014, our school construction project funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development was completed in the Balk Province through the good cooperation with British NGO Afghan Support Education and Training (ASET UK) and the Afghani NGO Dostum Agriculture, Education, and Vocational Training (DAEVO), both of which are active on the ground.

With the start of the summer holidays 2014, we had to end our support to the Baba Qambar kindergarten due to a lack of funding.

Yemen

Through our proven commitment for Yemen and the well-established relations with local partners, Vision Hope reached more than 100.000 people in 2014. 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 to be the gateway to the Arab fairy tale world. Unique 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 do 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

Beneficiaries:	1,200 teenager and young adults, 100 Teachers, and 20 trainers
Project duration:	September 2013 to December 2015
Donor:	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany
Project partner:	Jama'iyya Johood
Project area:	Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
Project expenses:	137,748 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Bilquis Al-Monef

Background

Yemen is the poorest Arab country and one of the least developed countries in the world, ranking 154th of the 173 countries listed in the Human Development Report 2011. According to the UNDP, 41.8% of the population lives below the poverty line.

Labour Market

The political unrest and the ensuing civil war in 2011 have plunged the country into a humanitarian crisis. The current poverty level has grown since then, and unemployment is particularly high among young people. Yemen has had one of the world's highest youth unemployment rates for many years. This is due in part to the youth's lack of the practical skills and basic qualifications necessary to secure jobs.

Children and Human Rights

Human and children's rights are not integrated in Yemeni society. Because there is no legal marriageable age, Yemen has a high rate of child marriage; according to the UN and the Yemeni government, about 14% of all girls marry before the age of 15, and 52% are married before age 18.

Indicators for other human rights such as women's rights, freedom of press and religion, and police brutality all place Yemen as one of the worst off countries globally. The country ranked 150 out of 177 in the 2006 Human Development Index and 121 out of 140 countries in the Gender Development Index.

Education

School enrolment rates have been rising in recent years but are still less than desirable, with only 82% of boys and 69% of girls attending primary school. Less than half of all boys and less than one-third of girls in Yemen attend secondary school. Literacy rates have also been rising, but still only 3 out of 4 female youth (aged 15-24) are literate (UNESCO 2011). The importance of education cannot be understated; education plays a crucial role in preparing children to take their place in society as adults. Without it, great potential is lost.

The quality of education is also critical. The Yemeni vocational training system does not compensate for the lack of skills that entering students possess, and is not in line with the needs of the economy and the labour market.



Project Goals

Poverty in the capital city of Sana'a is reduced through the improved social and economic starting position of vulnerable youth in order to promote an inclusive and empowered society (Millennium Development Goal 1).

Project Purpose

1,200 youth from Sana'a Governorate possess better life skills and are further supported by 100 trained teachers.

Beneficiaries

The primary stakeholders are the program's beneficiaries. Over the project period of two years, 1,200 severely disadvantaged youth from 10 public schools will be trained in 60 youth development programs. Afterwards, the youth will apply the material learned through 240 small projects or internships in the areas of life skills, health, and human rights. Teachers are another primary stakeholder. Ten teachers from each of the 10 institutions will be selected for specialized teacher and life skills and IT training. Approximately half of them will be women. To compensate for the general lack of IT knowledge and ensure mastery of this important subject, half of the 10 training days will be spent on the topic of EDP.

Activities of the Current Year

- Training of 574 students in 5 public schools and one orphanage in life skills.
- 56 teachers trained in computers and 46 teachers in creative teaching skills.
- 120 community service project implemented at various levels.
- 55 computer notebooks distributed in public high schools.
- 22 trainers trained as Master Trainers on essential life skills.
- Closing Ceremony with graduation of teachers under patronage of the yemeni president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi and the attendance of the German Ambassador Walter Hassmann.



WATER PROJECT

Water and Sanitary project

Beneficiaries:	14,000 people, impacting up to 40,200
Project duration:	December 2012 to September 2014
Donor:	Dutch Embassy via INGO ZOA
Project partner:	ZOA, several local project partners
Project area:	Arhab and Bani-Garmoz districts
Project budget:	543,043 Euros in 2014
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 the 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, wells, 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.

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. Seventy youths from Arhab and Bani-Garmoz received training programs, participated in the construction of cisterns, and also learned vocational skills like welding and the repairs of pumps.

The construction efforts were accompanied by the distribution of water filters and hygiene and sanitation training for the communities.

Results of the Program

- 18 cisterns were rehabilitated, enlarged, or newly constructed
- 148 were changed to groundwater-saving rooftop rainwater collection systems
- 51 dry toilets were constructed; these substantially reduce water consumption
- Training of Female Hygiene Promoters
- 1,990 households received hygiene kits including water filters
- 70 youths received training programs.



EDUCATION PROJECTS

Cistern Construction for Alwahah School, Mabian District, Hajja Governorate

Beneficiaries:	219 students and their teachers
Project duration:	July 2014 to December 2014
Donor:	The Johann Peter Hebel Primary School, Wagenstadt, Germany
Project partner:	Adwa Al Yemen
Project area:	Mabiyan, Hajja Governorate
Project expenses:	3,500 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Yahya Al Madhaji

Background

The Wahadah School hosts more than 200 students in rural Mabiyan 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 channeling rain-water from the school rooftop into a cistern.

Activities

An underground tank with a capacity of 32 cubic meters has been completed and handed over to the Alwahadah School at Al-Jelal village, Mabian district, Hajah province, Yemen. The process was very well documented by the project Manager Yahya Al Madhaji.



HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

ERF 4 Shelter and Non-Food-Items

Beneficiaries:	1,000 refugee households (about 7,000 women, children and men)
Project duration:	October 2013 to April 2014
Donor:	UN OCHA
Project partner:	LNGO Sada
Project location:	Khairan Al-Moharag and Mustaba Districts, Hajjah Governorate
Project expenses:	302,972 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Yasser Motea

Background

Northern Yemen is a battle ground and armed clashes between different Islamic groups, affiliated tribes and the central government in Sana'a. Many families had to leave their villages and houses in Hajour area, Sada Governorate, in 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 and are neither protection against the sun, dust or rain nor do they provide enough space or privacy for family members, especially 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 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.



Activities

In the middle of January 2014, the team of the local organization Sada and Vision Hope started packaging the selected 11 NFIs items into a bag and numbered them with the family number in the distribution list of the 1,000 registered IDP families.

The following table displays the content of each family bag:

Item	Amount per Kit
Privacy screen	1
Kettle	1
Frying-pan	1
Knife	1
Dishes	2
Pots	2
Cloth bag for the items	1
Plastic mats	2
Plastic sheets (Double sided)	2
Dresses	According to number of women
Children clothes	According to number, age, and gender of children

Shelters

227 shelters were installed by four selected local metal workshops. This included the installation of the main metal body shelter and fixing onduline roofing sheets atop of the shelters.



Mother-child nutrition program

Beneficiaries:	20,000 children, 8,000 women, and 5,000 households
Project duration:	January 2014 to December 2014
Donor:	WFP, UNICEF, OCHA
Project Partner:	Ministry of Health at central and governorate level
Project location:	7 districts in Hajjah and Al-Hudaydah
Project expenses:	372,127 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Dr. Vishal Sunil Olleri

Background

One of the most critical issues that Yemen faces is malnutrition, with an estimated 26% of the population classified as undernourished as of 2014. Deterioration of the country's health system and social services has resulted in serious implications on the nutritional status of girls and boys under five years (about 20% of the population), as well as pregnant and lactating women. Limited food availability, poor feeding practices and intake, contaminated water, poor hygiene and inaccessible or limited health care services, particularly nutritional therapeutic services, are all contributing factors in the decline of the nutritional status of Yemeni youth.

Assessments showed that 47% of children under five years are stunted (reduced irreversible growth rate), making the country one of the highest in rates of chronic malnutrition. Meanwhile, 42.9% U5 children are underweight (low body weight for height and age), while wasting (gradual periodic loss or decrease in body weight) represents 13% of this age group. According to WHO classification of malnutrition, the prevalence rates for Stunting, Underweight, and Wasting are categorized as critical.

Malnutrition data among pregnant and lactating mothers show that around 25% are moderately malnourished or underweight. Maternal malnutrition increases the risk of premature or low birth-weight, which is a significant contributor to infant mortality. Moreover, low birth-weight babies who survive are likely to suffer from growth retardation, poor development, and illness throughout their childhood, adolescence, and into adulthood. This contributes to further strains on the Yemeni economy.

Statistics show that Yemen has a low rate of exclusive breastfeeding for infants under 6 months (around 12%) as well as a mortality rate of 60 per 1,000 live births for children under 5 (as of 2012). Malnutrition and poor health care services are the leading causes of child and maternal mortality especially in the rural areas.

Project Goals

The above figures indicate that along with a strong nutrition program support and intervention, there is a high need for capacity building in order to improve community awareness regarding the causes of malnutrition and methods to prevent it. Ensuring sound nutrition for mothers and children in combination with a healthier environment, such as clean drinking water and toilet usage for everybody, are keys to the survival, growth, and development of children.



In order to break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition, illness, and death, it is required that integrated emergency and early recovery interventions in affected governorates continue, especially as they target the most vulnerable segments of population.

The overall goal of this project is to prevent and reduce acute malnutrition among children below the age of 5 years – a critical development period in a child's life – as well as prevent the development of malnutrition among pregnant women and lactating mothers and their newborn children within targeted areas selected through assessment of malnutrition prevalence.

Activities

To achieve this goal, the project was committed towards strengthening the following activities, which include:

- Provision of Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) services through 5 mobile teams.
- Training and building capacity of 50 Government Health Workers and 25 Health Facilities towards the long-term fight against malnutrition.
- Development of a team of 120 trained Community Health Volunteers to screen, identify, refer, and follow-up on malnourished cases and provide awareness education to the community.
- Provide education to mothers on maternal health, mother and child nutrition, and exclusive breastfeeding practices.
- Reach out to the remote villages within the districts.
- Work along with and provide support to the Yemen Government Health Authorities to strengthen the above.

Our commitment is to serve the neediest mothers and children. With the assistance of mobile teams, even remote villages can be reached to provide thousands of severely malnourished women and infants in the affected regions with food and medicines, therapeutic and supplementary feeding services, and blanket feeding for children under 2 years. This was done by running 5 mobile out-patient therapeutic programs (OTPs) and setting up 6 fixed OTPs and Supplementary Feeding Programs (SFPs) in Hajja and Hodeidah during the first half of 2014. It was followed by another 25 SFPs in the second half of the year, with an overall involvement of 120 volunteers and 50 health workers, all of whom were both trained and supported by VHI.

Nutritional Services Facts of 38,051 screened in mobile and fixed OTPs:

- 1,329 U5 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
- 8,126 Pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
- 12,502 U5 children with MAM
- 22,569 children under 2 years were given blanket feeding (malnutrition preventive feeding program)

Health and Educational Services Facts:

- 9,455 children and households received deworming treatment
- 1,658 U5 children and 787 lactating mothers received Vitamin A
- 8,040 pregnant women/women at child-bearing age received iron and folic acid supplementation
- 10,126 men and women received contraceptives and clean birth delivery kits
- 10,346 women received awareness-raising sessions on topics such as nutrition, health, disease prevention, and hygiene promotion that were conducted in 50 villages.

Food For Assets Program (FFA)

Beneficiaries:	80,000
Project duration:	January 2014 to April 2014
Donor:	WFP
Project partner:	Four local Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
Project location:	Hajjah and Hodeidah Governorates
Project expenses:	133,015 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Yasser Motee

Background

Yemen continues to face dire food security challenges caused by internal conflict, political instability, high food prices, and effects of climate change. The proposed program improves short-term consumption levels for vulnerable households while strengthening community and household resiliency to food security and livelihood shocks. By moving beyond short-term relief and enhancing existing local capacities, the program will help to address chronic vulnerability and help set the foundation for inclusive growth.

In the project locations in Al-Hudeidah Governorate, 33.3% of the population is moderately or severely food insecure, while in Hajjah Governorate rates rise to a shocking 53.3%. An August 2012 report from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) categorizes both Hajjah and Al-Hudeidah under the Emergency phase of food insecurity statuses. The two governorates also have some of the worst nutrition indicators in the country, with 47% and 58% of children in Hajjah and Al-Hudeidah underweight, respectively. Al-Hudeidah has the country's highest level of global acute malnutrition at 28%. Assessments from districts within these governorates targeted by the proposed program have consistently worse food security and nutrition indicators than the wider governorates.

Project Goal

To contribute to the immediate reduction of food insecurity by improving short-term consumption levels for vulnerable households while strengthening community and household resiliency to food security and livelihood shocks through asset creation and improved community physical infrastructure.



Activities

The concept behind FFA projects is that the community itself creates assets in the form of infrastructure or training that will enhance the community. In order to receive a food package consisting of flour, oil, and beans, males have to work 40 hours per month in their work group and women have the possibility to take part in 20-hour training lessons per month. These training lessons for women serve to enhance and sustain the local economy by teaching them useful skills, like handicrafts.

Other activities included:

- Four local Community Based Organizations recruited as partners for supervision.
- 303 male and 114 female workgroups were established, each consisting of 34 members with foremen and forewomen being responsible.
- Training of the foremen and forewomen.
- Provision of specific materials needed for the FFA group activities, for example cement or other construction materials.
- Construction and Implementation supervision.
- Delivery of distribution cards to beneficiaries eligible to receive their monthly food rations.
- 996 metric tons of food delivered to 3,250 family units per month as payment for the establishment of Assets through the Workgroups.

Work/Training Field	Hajja	Hodeidah	Total
Agriculture	25	22	47
Education	63	54	117
Health	8	3	11
Roads	96	11	107
Water	74	61	135



ERF 5 Humanitarian Aid Mukalla

Beneficiaries:	8,837 Somali Refugee Families
Project duration:	December 2013 to April 2014
Donor:	UN OCHA
Project partner:	MERCY Yemen
Project area:	Mukalla
Project budget:	276,045 Euros in 2014
Project manager:	Bilquis Al Monef

Background

Al-Koda, Jowl Al-Shifa and Al-Taweela Districts are located in western Mukalla and are greatly suffering due to the influx of refugees from nearby countries, especially from Somalia, via illegal smuggling routes. Yemen is part of the 1951 Refugee Convention and they continue to adopt a generous policy with Somalis by giving them prima facie refugee status (UNHCR Yemen website). The resulting crisis and its subsequent inflation from the political unrest in 2011 in Yemen have led to an emergency situation in these refugee areas.

Currently these Somali refugees are lacking their basic needs, including food, emergency dignity kits (for women and girls), health care services, clean water, and women and child protection.

Project Goal

To alleviate the effects of worsening conditions in the Hadhramout for Somali refugees by offering food security through the provision of food supplies, non-food items for vulnerable women and girls, basic health services, and trauma therapy, with a special focus on protection of women and children.

Activities

- 30 Community Workers were trained and conducted trainings for 1,606 refugee families on topics like Human Rights, Sex and Gender Based Violence, legal aid
- 51 Health Workers trained on: Family Planning, Personal hygiene, Breast-feeding and its benefits, types of Malnutrition
- 2,320 families received food baskets
- 5,390 women received dignity kits (containing Hygiene Products)
- Child-friendly spaces were started in three schools in the targeted areas to offer art and play therapy to the refugee children
- 660 patients were seen by Mobile Health Units established by the program.



AFGHANISTAN



RANGIN KAMAN KINDERGARTEN

Beneficiaries:	120 children
Project duration:	January 2014 to June 2014
Project partner:	ASET
Project location:	Baba Qambar, Mazar-e-Sharif
Project expenses:	12,500 Euros
Project manager:	Managed by Local Staff

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

Kindergarten activities went very well until the end of the school year in June 2014.

Vision Hope International was able to fund the kindergarten until June 2014, when institutional funding ended. The kindergarten continued through the mobilization of other resources, but is in large need of additional support.



"A promising future lies ahead for this boy, who receives quality preparation for entry to the public school system."

SHOLGARA SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

School construction in Qaflandara village, Balk province

Beneficiaries:	440 children
Project duration:	December 2012 to May 2014
Donor:	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany
Project partner:	INGO ASET, Local organization DAEVO
Project location:	Qaflandara
Project expenses:	51,765 Euros in 2104
Project manager:	Brian Germann

Background

An inadequate education is a problem for adolescents and for the economy at large, and this becomes apparent when one examines Afghanistan's weak educational system and knows of its powerless economy. Schools in some villages are inaccessible either because the voyage to school is too long or too dangerous, especially for younger children. As the village of Qaflandara is quite remote, VHI provides the children of this region with a qualified educational opportunity through this project.

Project Goal

Implement educational curricula for grades one to six at Sholgara School. At the same time, further optimize the underlying pedagogical concepts, as the facility will have role model function for other schools. VHI emphasizes a balanced admittance of girls and boys, which is not the case at public schools where, as a rule, boys are preferentially admitted. Moreover, adequate play space is provided at Sholgara School. Additionally, 12 teachers were trained in didactic teaching methods.

Activities

- 12 teachers in didactic teaching methods trained.
- Construction of the following:
 - 6 classrooms with 120 benches
 - Teacher room with six desks
 - Office, Library, Storage Room
 - Toilet house with 8 seats
 - Guard house
 - Solar energy system
 - Wall around whole school
 - Football field and School garden
 - Driveway to school
 - Electronic Equipment (notebook, projector and printer) for the local partner organization DAEVO



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 FAMILY CENTERS IN MANSHIA AND KARAK

Beneficiaries:	309 children and their teachers
Project duration:	Ongoing for both Family Centers
Donors:	Tearfund, Deichmann, Sternstunden e.V. und Ein Herz für Kider e.V.
Project partner:	Jamaiyya Khayriyya Bani Hassan for Manshia Jamaiyya Khayriyya Branches of Mercy for Karak
Project location:	Manshia (Mafraq Governorate) and Karak (Karak Governorate)
Project expenses:	188,126 Euros
Project manager:	Managed by Beth Poffenberger and Dirk Kleinloh

Background

Most of the Syrian refugees in Northern and Southern 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). Many refugee children have not attended school for more than 2 years and about 50% are not attending school presently. Hope Family Centers aim to bring relief to the refugees in Manshia and Karak from both the trauma of the past and the difficulties of the present.

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 is further refined in this facility which will serve as a prototype for similar projects.

Activities

Hope Family Centers have been established in the communities and equipped with Montessori-inspired toys and other educational equipment. 47 women (half of them Syrian refugees) have been empowered to provide for their families, and have received regular training and coaching in education and trauma therapy. The children of Manshia and Thanieh have received high-quality play-based education in a loving and caring environment. Our average beneficiary child has shown a 67% improvement on the educational goals addressed during the project cycle. Furthermore, according to our administration of the SCARED (Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders) assessment, 83% of the children demonstrate fewer anxiety symptoms now than when they started attending Hope Family Centers.







SUCCESS STORY - VISIT GERMAN SCHOOL

In April 2014, a group of exchange school students from the Free Christian School in Siegen, Germany, visited Karak Hope Family Center to support the staff with a variety of activities ranging from creative group games, handy crafts and other activities. They also brought along a variety of toys and dolls as donations for the project. Although the Center in Karak was not yet operational at the time, this visit was highly appreciated and we want to express our thanks to the organizer, school director Frieder Wagner.

As a result of this relationship the Hope Family Centers in Jordan were also supported by business man Friedhelm Loh with a generous donation of 20 000 Euro.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT



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BALANCE 31.12.2014

ASSETS (EUR)		
A. Fixed Assets		
I. Fixed Assets		
1. Office and Vehicle Assets	57,908.41	
B. Current Assets		
I. Receivables		
1. Assured Project Funding for 2015	144,798.77	
2. Other Assets	30.42	
II. Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts	273,305.97	
Sum Assets		476,043.57

LIABILITIES (EUR)		
A. Capital		
1. Association Capital	50,000.00	
2. Retained Earnings	47,133.40	
3. Annual Result	10,931.04	
B. Accruals		
1. Accrual Audit	3,000.00	
C. Liabilities		
1. To Forward Donations	232,934.76	
2. Designated Project Funds for 2015	131,591.27	
3. Liabilities from Income and Church Tax	00.00	
4. Other Liabilities	472.80	
Sum Accruals/Liabilities		476,043.57

BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2014

A.	Assets		
1.	Intangible fixed assets (Software)		975.37 €
2.	Office assets		712.14 €
3.	Vehicles		15,618.26 €
4.	Commodities Summary		40,602.64 €
5.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts		
	Postbank 624 520 751	151,621.96 €	
	Business Sparcard 3017929325	17,483.41 €	
	Business Sparcard 3018491972	5,066.70 €	
	PayPal	360.44 €	
	Funds in Transit	12,500.00 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Jordan	26,657.17 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Yemen	59,616.29 €	273,305.97 €
6.	Assured project funding for 2015		144,798.77 €
7.	Other Assets		30.42 €
Sum of Assets			476,043.57 €
B.	Accruals/Liabilities		
1.	Liabilities from Income and Church Tax		0.00 €
2.	Other Liabilities		472.80 €
3.	Designated Project Funds for 2015		131,591.27 €
4.	Donations to forward		232,934.76 €
5.	Accruals		3,000.00 €
Sum of Accruals/Liabilities			367,998.83 €
C.	Net Assets		
1.	Sum of Assets		476,043.57 €
2.	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		367,998.83 €
Net Assets			108,044.74 €

INCOME-SURPLUS-BILL 2014

Income in Fiscal Year 2014

A.	Income from donations and grants	Amount	Percentage
1.	Donations from members	15,942,83 €	0.81 %
2.	Unspecified donations from private donors	2,796.00 €	0.14 %
3.	Earmarked donations from private donors for abroad	42,857.77 €	2.17 %
4.	Earmarked donations from private donors for inland	2,048,74 €	0,10 %
5.	Earmarked donations from companies, associations, churches and schools	23,185.12 €	1.18 %
6.	Income overhead projects	134,379.22 €	6.81 %
7.	Institutional grants (including 55,000 € from Sternstunden e.V.)	1,211,666.27 €	61.41 %
Subtotal		1,432,875.95 €	72.62 %
B.	Other income		
1.	Interest	142.08 €	0.01 %
2.	Liquidation to forward donations	533,728.56 €	27.05 %
3.	Exchange rate gains	6,289.01 €	0.32 %
Subtotal		540,159.65 €	27.38 %
Sum Income		1,973,035.60 €	100.00 %

Disposition of Funds in Fiscal Year 2014

A.	Project Expenses	Amount	Percentage
1.	Project Funding Yemen	1.599,201.52 €	81.50 %
2.	Project Funding Afghanistan	63,015.20 €	3.21 %
3.	Project Funding Jordan	195,326.40 €	9.95 %
4.	Project Funding Lebanon	21,623.78 €	1.10 %
5.	Project Funding Philippines (forwarded)	795.00 €	0.04 %
6.	Project support	4.296 €	0.22 %
7.	Educational work in Germany	104.96 €	0.01 %
Subtotal		1,884,362.86 €	96,04 %
B.	Expenses for Administration, Fundraising and Public Relations		
1.	Staff Costs	33,674.31 €	1.72 %
2.	Administrative Costs	41,544.62 €	2.12 %
3.	Fundraising and Public Relations	2,522.77 €	0.13 %
Subtotal		77,741.70 €	3.96 %
Sum Disposition of Funds		1,962,104.56	100,00 %
Annual Result		10,931.04 €	

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 2014. 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, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with § 317 HGB and IDW.

Stuttgart, 22. Juni 2015



E. Assmann
Auditor



6. DONATIONS AND SUPPORT



THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

- Fundraising and charitable events
- 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, very exceedingly dangerous regions of the world, to people often living under unthinkable circumstances, because we sympathize and live charitably. 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 for 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). 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 the foundations Sternstunden and Ein Herz für Kinder which support our kindergarten activities in the Family Centers in Jordan.

Moreover, we wish to thank our long-term Swiss partner NGO Innovaid, which supported our Youth Empowerment Project in Yemen.

A special partnership developed with the German organization Clowns Without Borders; they visited our Family Center in Karak and did amazing shows there for our children, but also for the whole community. This partnership will continue in 2015.

In 2014, a number of schools undertook great efforts to raise funds primarily for the assistance of Syrian refugees. In some of these schools, VHI was able to hold exhibitions with artwork by Syrian children in Jordan that characterized their trauma in heart touching ways. Special thanks go to the students, teachers, and parents of students at the following schools in southern Germany:

- GWRS, Pliezhausen
- Georg-August-Zinn Schule, Reichelsheim
- Freie Evangelische Schule Lahr
- Johann Peter Hebel Primary School, Wagenstadt

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 2015

+++Humanitarian Response in Yemen+++

The situation in Yemen has deteriorated more and more in the last years. Currently, a civil war is raging in the country with different stakeholders involved. Vision Hope was able to keep its presence and office in Hajja continually operational, and it is now in a position to react in an emergency response manner to the huge needs of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) while also assisting host communities that suffer from extremely high prices for commodities and fuel. Vision Hope received several contracts from different UN agencies to respond to the crisis with Food Baskets and the provision of Non-Food-Items packages for IDPs.

+++More Possibilities for Involvement of Volunteers+++

The new chairman of our board, Marcus Rose, is strongly advocating for increasing the possibilities for volunteers to be engaged in our organization by responding to the growing needs of refugees within Germany and abroad. We are in the process of selecting countries that could serve as a first entry for young professionals.

+++Active Participation in Networks+++

We want to engage ourselves in networks and conferences who deal with the issues of refugees and humanitarian work inside and outside of Germany. Our board members live in different regions of Germany including Berlin. We are therefore able to cover important geographical areas from the south to the north.

+++Annual Board Meeting+++

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on June 27, 2015 in Emmendingen, Germany. We invite all our members to take part in this important meeting and to assist in developing our new strategies. For people who are interested to join our organization as members, please contact us at our office address.



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