

# **Annual Report 2015**



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# FOREWORD

# **DEAR READER,**

The year 2015 has been characterized by a rise in human suffering around the world. Humanitarian crises became even more desperate. Vision Hope International actively responded to the needs and provided a holistic assistance from emergency relief to long-term development, especially in conflict-ridden areas. Countries in the Middle East have been our focus during 2015. We ensured running operations despite faced struggles, violence and other challenges.

In Yemen, we provided emergency food, shelter, non-food items and water filters to ten thousands of people. And we continued our Youth Empowerment Project to provide the Yemeni youth a way forward in the face of adversity. We also supported hundreds of children in Jordan with two kindergartens for Syrian refugee children. In Turkey, a school for Syrian refugees was supported. In this way, we do not only provide education, but also the much needed psychological support for trauma. Our projects provide a place for children, youth and adults to meet and develop skills and work together for a better future.

Moved by a Syrian refugee's positive attitude towards life, inspite of his struggle with a disability, we funded his surgery so that he can now be more active and is able to engage in society. We believe that a desire to help others in the bleakest of times spreads love and humanity in ways that are intangible, yet more powerful.

While you read our Annual Report of 2015, we encourage you to see the faces of those who have found hope in spite seemingly insurmountable circumstances. Our work is far from over. As the human suffering is rising, we are planning to increase our action – therefore, we need your active support.

We thank you for all the support received in 2015 and looking forward to your engagement in the coming year.

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Matthias Leibbrand Chief Executive Officer Vision Hope International

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." Martin Luther King Jr.



# **2. A FOCUS ON PEOPLE**

People are in the centre of our efforts: empowerment is the key.

# **A FOCUS ON PEOPLE**

#### **Fostering Hope**

The conflicts in Yemen and Syria have caused unimaginable suffering.

People have been forced to flee their homes. Families have been left without their belongings and without shelter. Men, women, and children have gone far without food, healthcare, and basic hygiene; all while they suffer from the stark trauma of war.

In these situations, the only way to overcome despair is with hope. Vision Hope serves people in the most extreme circumstances by providing those basic needs when they were otherwise unattainable. Also psychological support is provided, so that people can once again find hope in themselves.

#### **Developing Opportunities**

Through our project work, we help to establish functioning structures in cooperation with the local communities. We aim to break the cycle of poverty by providing education to children and promoting the equal treatment of men and women. Gender equality is indispensable. We work in close cooperation with local authorities, governments, and other nongovernmental organisations (NGOs). We are meticulously mindful of considering the individual needs of people in their specific living situations, habits and cultures as well as accompanying them along their way until they are self-sufficient.

#### Accompanying paths

Abdullah Alas'adi is 42 years old and was targeted by one of the YEP activities in Yemen. He, his wife and their five children were forced to flee their home in Sada'a when the conflict began, and they lost everything they owned. They now live in Sana'a, and at first the family depended on the generosity of the community to feed them. Youth from Vision Hope's YEP helped Abdullah start a small business selling fried and boiled potatoes in a mobile kitchen. This provided him with a stable income, and greatly helped him and his family. Now Abdullah is a regular potato seller at the front gates of the same school that helped him. He says, "Thank God for this program. Now I do not have to wait for people to feed us anymore."

> "There is nothing I fear more than waking up without a program that will help me bring a little happiness to those with no resources, those who are poor, illiterate, and ridden with terminal disease." Nelson Mandela

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# **3. VISION HOPE**

Together for a better future with equal opportunities for everyone.

# **VISION HOPE**

# ORGANISATION

In 2015, we adapted our humanitarian response to the devastating situation in Syria. To enhance our support to the all the people, we started to prepare ourselves with a new project inside the warzone in itself. Throughout 2015, we were planning a maternal and child health clinic together with a local NGO, to be implemented in 2016. The projects in Yemen gave us experience for acting remotely in Syria. Our family centres in Jordan provided us the opportunity to be locally involved.

#### The story of Vision Hope

The founding of Vision Hope can be traced back to the simple appeal of one individual: Matthias Leibbrand. He had been devoted to various projects in Yemen and was overwhelmed by their success. He consulted his circle of friends with the idea of establishing an association.

Eventually, in 2002, Vision Hope was entered into the registry of associations in Kenzingen, Germany – the starting point for a remarkable success story in the field of humanitarian assistance, sustainable development and cooperation. Since 2014, Vision Hope has been listed under the registry of organizations in the city of Freiburg im Breisgau. Many elaborate projects, implemented with dedication, have helped Vision Hope build a reputation and engage 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, organisations and authorities is at the centre of our efforts at all times. Within our projects no one 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. Great results are the reward we receive for our effort and engagement.

# Between concept and completed project

The key element of every project is the impact – and also the strategy of achieving that impact. If an aim is defined, a project document is developed which serves as point of reference for the entire duration of the project. Our employees in the field document the baseline situation through an initial needs assessment and the baseline survey, a basic data collection system. 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 experience, nonetheless if it is positive or negative, is a profit for the future. Lessons-learned are highly taken into consideration for our next steps.

#### **Project Management**

Our approach in implementing the institutionally funded projects follows the project cycle management:



#### 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 2015, Vision Hope International had 66 members, of which seven members are the elected board.

#### Member's assembly

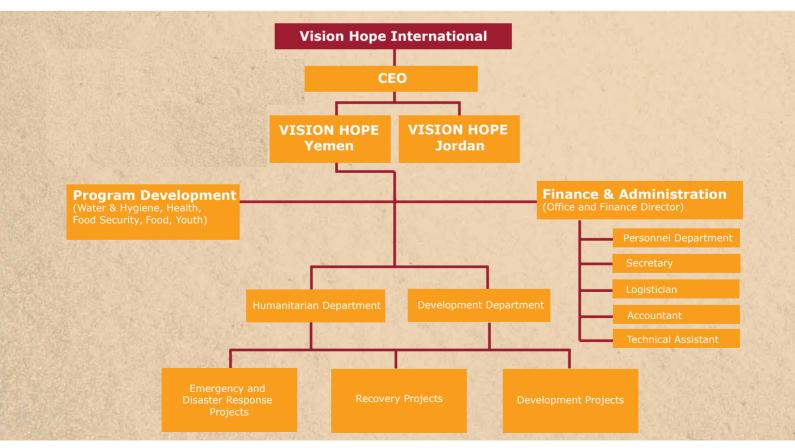
The acceptance of any new member is decided upon by the board following written application. In case of refusal the member's assembly will decide. The member's assembly accepts the boards annual report, approves the budget, elects and relieves the board.

#### 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 Berlin, Germany

#### **Responsibilities:**

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

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#### Gerald Mall Deputy Chairman

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#### **Responsibilities:**

- Secretary
- Donor service
- Organising campaigns and charities

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#### Matthias Ribbentrop Treasurer

Business Administrator Berlin, Germany **Responsibilities:** 

#### - Budget & Finances

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#### Silvana Höpfner Board Member

Public Administrator München, Germany

- Responsibilities:
- Participation in internal controlling
- Project accounting
- Counseling for social law
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#### Lars Schärer Secretary

Medical doctor and entrepreneur Freiburg, Germany **Responsibilities:** 

- Secretary
- Organisational development
- Quality management

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#### Rainer Weber Board Member

Rehabilitation Practitioner Pfalzgrafenweiler, Germany **Responsibilities:** 

- Public relations

- Representative for association

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#### Jens-Peter Kamp Board Member

Businessman Emmendingen, Germany **Responsibilities:** 

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- Representative for association
- Strategic development

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#### Matthias Leibbrand CEO

Consultant in humanitarian aid and development cooperation Steinheim, Germany

#### **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
<b>UN OCHA</b> (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)	Since 2009 OCHA has been engaged in Ye- men and has opened an office there. The aim is to coordinate humanitarian aid effectively. In order to reduce suffering and to imple- ment sustainable solutions, partnerships with national and international actors are striven for.	programs in Yemen and supported Vision Hope in the distribution of emergency shel- ter and NFI to displaced families in Hajja
<b>UN WFP</b> (World Food Program)	The largest humanitarian organisation in the world supports the cause of starving peop- le in Yemen. The WFP has been present in Yemen since 2004, mostly in Sada, in the northern part of Yemen, where armed con- flicts 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 in- creasing.	In 2015, WFP continued its support for emer- gency response to malnutrition and food in- security, funding two Vision Hope projects that helped save the lives of thousands of malnourished and food insecure Yemenis in Hajja Governorate.
<b>BMZ</b> (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)	The Federal Ministry for Economic Coopera- tion and Development is Germany's contri- bution to achieve international development goals	The BMZ continues to support Vision Hope in the implementation of the Youth Empo- werment Project in Yemen, a much needed program that aims to develop thoughtful lea- ders for future generations.
Tearfund	Tearfund is an NGO motivated by Christian principles that aims to end poverty. They are based in the UK and work in many countries around the world.	Tearfund supported several Vision Hope pro- jects this year. They funded our nutrition ac- tivities in Yemen, and also supported both Hope Family Centres in Jordan.

# RESPONSIBILITY

#### **Controlling and Transparency**

Are donations spent in the developing 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, Vision Hope 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 confirmed 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 and Red Crescent Movement
- Sphere standards for the implementation of emergency and disaster relief an 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**

"Everything that is done in the world is done by hope."— Martin Luther

# **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**



#### Jordan and Syria

Vision Hope operates two Family Centres in the towns Mafraq (since 2013) and Karak (since 2014) for traumatized Syrian refugee children and Jordanians in need. The work in both Family Centres is progressing well.

In order to address the crisis in Syria itself, we handed in a proposal to establish a maternal and child health clinic in 2016. Our main targets are to provide health care for 750 women and assistance to deliver 250 new-borns per month. Also 34 administrative as well as medical jobs will be created.

#### Yemen

Through our proven commitment for Yemen and the well-established relations with local partners, Vision Hope reached more than 100,000 people in 2015.

Despite the deteriorating security situation, we were able to increase our efforts in all projects and start new initiatives. With funding from WFP and OCHA, we provided life-saving emergency assistance to tens of thousands of people. Additionally, we supported the Yemeni youth through our YEP.

# YEMEN



at 2.8 million. In addition to Yemen's own issues, the influx of refugees and migrants coming in particular from Africa has seriously endangered the provision of state services.

# **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**

Beneficiaries:	1,239 teenager and young adults, 165 Teachers, and 45 trainers
Project duration:	September 2013 to July 2016
Donor:	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany
Project partner:	Jamaiyya Johood and Youth For Homeland
Project area:	Sana'a, Republic of Yemen
Project budget:	338,000 Euro
Project manager:	Bilquis Al-Monef

#### **Background**

YEP allowed youth and teachers to creatively engage in their schools and communities well after the completion of the project. Through this positive environment, the education community has been reinvigorated. The participants of the YEP program now have the ability to determine whether Yemen spirals deeper into conflict or achieves lasting peace at the community level. In a country going through a very difficult time, the training of young people is significant, and now their hopes and dreams for their future can stay alive.

Due to the current extreme and unstable environment, adolescents in Yemen are more likely to engage in risky coping mechanisms, marry early, engage in child labour, or join armed groups. Those that do graduate from university still face unemployment, since current university curriculums do not match the labour market needs. During our fieldwork, we have seen that the lack of access to education increases adolescent risk to political and social manipulation, which aggravates inequalities and inhibits social cohesion. With rising levels of poverty, a bulging youth population, coupled with high unemployment and huge gender disparities, Yemen cannot afford to lose a generation of young people through denial of their fundamental right to education and social support.

#### **Project Goals**

The goal of YEP is to reduce poverty in the capital city of Sana'a through improved social and economic statuses of vulnerable youth, and to promote an inclusive and empowered society. YEP aims to provide youth with better life skills, prepare them for university, help them become employable, and make them aware of the importance of being active members of their society. It also aims to benefit teachers by training them in better teaching skills and modern teaching techniques. This program is also designed to impact the parents and families of trainees, and enables youth to participate in dozens of society service projects in their communities. Therefore we aim that whole communities benefit from this initiative.

#### **Project Purpose**

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







#### **Student Training**

The YEP consists of 16 lessons, such as: personal life skills, health issues, human rights, job readiness training, communication skills, self-confidence, and problem solving and decision-making skills. In addition to the lessons, students participated in a forum where they shared their experiences, ideas, and feelings, which reinforced the healthy coping strategies they learned in the program and enabled them to better face social and academic challenges. Near the end of the program, participants presented their lessons learned, creativity, and experiences to their family and friends. This gave students a unique opportunity to discuss their parents' involvement in their lives and how parents can be more supportive and motivational. Furthermore, upon completion of all sessions, YEP participants from each program were divided into small groups and developed and implemented community service projects with the help of youth trainers.

#### **Teacher Development Program (TDP)**

Upon completion of the YEP program, the TDP training started the first program with 17 teachers in the targeted school. The 40 hours of training included creative teaching, how to deal with difficult youth, quality instruction in modern teaching techniques, IT and computer skills, and the promotion of essential life skills.

#### Activities of the current year

- Over 200 youth ages 13-17 were successfully trained in the program
- 100 girls were successfully trained, helping to reduce gender barriers in the communities
- 21 youth trainers were trained and acted as mentors within the program
- 17 teachers successfully finished the creative teaching program
- Conflicts were lowered in the participating schools through the presence of new youth leaders
- Improved communication skills for young people enabled them to better actively engage
- Parents started to show closer involvement in their children's daily lives



# **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

#### **Nutrition Project for Priority Districts**

Beneficiaries:	93,429 (children U2: 31,111; children U5: 46,954; PLW: 16,264)
Project duration:	January to March 2016
Donor:	World Food Program
Project partner:	Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP)
Project area:	Hajja Governorate, Yemen
Project budget:	331,156 Euro
Project manager:	Maher Al-Katta

#### Background

Among the many issues Yemen is facing, malnutrition is one of the most urgent. Before the crisis, Yemen imported around 90% of its food from other countries. However, endemic poverty coupled with a political, economic, and military crisis has disrupted the supply of food resulting in serious implications on the nutritional status of girls and boys under five (U5) years (about 20% of the population), as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLW). Three million people are in need of malnutrition treatment, a 65% rise since 2014, of which about two million are acutely malnourished. Limited food availability, poor feeding practices and intake, contaminated water, poor hygiene, and inaccessible or limited healthcare services, particularly nutritional therapeutic services, are all contributing factors to the decline of the nutritional status of Yemeni youth.

In 2015, Vision Hope intervened aimed at breaking the vicious intergenerational cycle of malnutrition and ill health, providing humanitarian relief to the most vulnerable groups in the society.

The project was funded and supported by the World Food Program (WFP) and intended to reduce acute malnutrition in the target beneficiaries. From January to December 2015, Vision Hope worked in five districts of Hajja Governorate (the Al-Maghrabah district was included in September 2015), providing assistance to the Nutrition Supplementary Program services in 35 health facilities. Out of necessity, another component developed. With financial support from Tearfund, the Vision Hope health project provided medication and healthcare for 35 health facilities in the five districts of Hajja from November 2015 to March 2016.

#### **Project Goal**

Over the projects' lifetimes, Vision Hope has contributed to the reduction of acute malnutrition in children U5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in targeted districts in the Hajja Governorate via a three-pronged approach aimed at A) providing supplementary feeding and medication to malnourished children and to PLW; B) building the technical capacity of health workers in treating malnutrition; and C) raising awareness on the subject among the local communities.













#### Activities

To achieve these goals, the following activities were implemented:

- Distribution of about 300 tons of lipid-based nutrient supplement for maternal and child supplementary feeding to 35 health facilities in the five targeted districts in Hajja governorate.
- The health project supplied U5 children with the necessary medication for common diseases like fever and diarrhoea as well as for de-worming to fight fungal infections that are common in the targeted local communities, reaching a total 18,410 children. The pregnant women in rural areas received 1,132 Clean Delivery Kits, which improved the overall health condition associated with childbirth.
- In cooperation with WFP, the project maintained efficient and adequate logistics of food delivery and warehouse management with sufficient supplies to 35 health facilities, reducing the incidence of defaulters (the number of people who did not complete the whole period of treatment).
- Administration of two one-day refreshment training for 50 health workers.
- Administration of eight days of Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) training for 20 new health workers to improve the overall capacity of the health facilities.
- Meetings for community sensitization and technical support each month in the 35 targeted health facilities, for a total of 257 sensitization campaigns, both aimed at fostering the relationship between the organisation and the beneficiaries, and at improving the specific knowledge of the health workers in treating malnutrition.

#### Results

The joint effort of the two projects decisively contributed to improve the lives of the target groups. In fact, the nutrition project, also helped by the health project that allowed more families to access the health facilities, attained a consistent 78.27% cure rate.

Data for the Project on Malnutrition

- Blanket Feeding Children U2: 31,111
- MAM Children U5: 46,054
- MAM PLW: 16,264
- Plumpy'Doz in MT: 44.251
- Plumpy'Sup in MT: 94.335
- WSB in MT: 162.64

Outcomes (indicators)

- Cure rate = 78.27%
- Defaulter rate = 20.25%
- Non-response rate = 1.48%
- Mortality rate below = 0%

#### Data on the Health Project

- 8,410 Children received antibiotics, antifungal, and pain and fever medicines.
- 1,132 pregnant women received Clean Delivery Kits (CDKs) and will be able to give birth in their local communities.



# **HEALTHY NUTRITION FOR JAMEELA**

Among the many lives changed by Vision Hope, there was Jameela.

As many others in the Hajja governorate, at seven months she was severely underweight and had lost her appetite. Her mother, Maryam, unaware of her daughter's malnutrition and its risks, became worried only when Jameela started to cry day and night, lamenting in pain. Without enough money to pay for medicines or food, Maryam decided to bring Jameela into one of the health centres that is part of the Vision Hope Nutrition project. There, with close supervision and care, Jameela recovered from malnutrition.

Maryam wanted to share her thoughts:

"I really thank Vision Hope and all the health workers who changed the life of my daughter and my life as well. I wish all children health and happiness, and I would recommend all mothers to take their children to the nearest health facility because of its great importance to the survival of our children."

# **EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Beneficiaries:	38,062 households for a total of 212,506 people
Project duration:	June to December 2015
Donor:	World Food Program
Project partner:	Local councils in the targeted districts
Project area:	Najrah, Hajja City and Hajja rural districts, Hajja Governorate, Yemen
Project budget:	365,526 Euro
Project manager:	Fadi Al Shumeiri

#### **Background**

Due to this crisis, WFP called for a lifesaving program to help Yemeni families with food. Vision Hope was one of the program's implementing partners and has been working in food security and nutrition projects in three districts of Hajja Governorate for the last three years. The Vision Hope staff is knowledgeable of the situation on the ground and has well-established networks with local community-based organisations and local councils, and has, through these partners, full and safe access to the sites. Therefore, this additional food security project greatly complemented the nutrition project that we were already implementing, and the situation in Yemen did not prevent Vision Hope's regional office in Hajja city from continuing its operations in the region.

#### **Project Goal**

We aimed to address the objective of the cluster and react as quickly as possible to the situation. The goal was to provide lifesaving food supplies to the most vulnerable and food-insecure cases in a seven-month distribution in the following districts: Hajja rural, Hajja city, and Najrah, which were also assigned by WFP.

#### **Activities**

The distribution was planned and organized with the local communities. Volunteers, community mobilizers, and local council members identified, registered, and verified the beneficiaries in the three targeted districts. Because the communities assisted in the data collection process, the communities were well informed of the process and had ownership of the project, which ensured transparency.

The local council members were legally responsible and represented the government during the selection of the targeted families by the following selection criteria set by WFP:

- Displaced households (HH);
- HH headed by persons unable to earn income from their own work, such as those headed by widowed, divorced or separated women, and the elderly and disabled;
- Poor HH from the socially and economically marginalized communities (the Muhamasheen);
- HH who depend on the Social Welfare Fund or community charity as their main source of income;
- HH that depend on income earned from daily wages for their livelihood.





#### Results

Vision Hope successfully distributed food to Hajja rural, Hajja city, and Najrah districts in Hajja governorate.

The food distribution started immediately when WFP delivered the first rations to the Vision Hope distribution points in July 2015. Overall a total of 2,921.96 MT of food was distributed over six months. The food rations consisted of sugar, wheat soya blend (WSB), salt, vegetable oil, pulses (grain legumes), and wheat or flour.

The actual numbers of beneficiaries from the food distribution in Hajja Governorate are as follows:

Districts	Reached HH	Targeted HH	Percentage
Najrah	10,448	13,699	76.27%
Hajjah city	22,662	17,801	127.31%
Hajjah rural	4,952	11,795	41.98%
HH Number	38,062	43,295	87,81%

Districts	Reached HH	Reached IDP Families	Total HH
Najrah	17,946	4,716	22,662
Hajjah city	8,957	1,491	10,448
Hajjah rural	4,166	786	4,952
Total	31,069	6,993	38,062

Girls < 5	Boys < 5	Girls 5-18	Boys 5-18	Girls > 18	Men > 18	Total
20,535	21,237	38,901	40,035	46,003	45,795	212,506



# **EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NFI**

<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	30,096 total
Project duration:	June to October 2015
Donor:	UN OCHA
Project partner:	Local councils at district level
Project location:	Hajja rural districts, Hajja city and Najrah districts, Hajja Governorate, Yemen
Project budget:	459,030 Euro
Project manager:	Yasser Motee

#### Background

Due to the airstrikes along the Saudi border in Yemen, thousands of internally displaced families fled to the northern districts of the Hajja governorate and are considered extremely vulnerable. Fifteen percent of these families are female-headed households (HH). In addition to a severe food crisis affecting these displaced families, many of them did not have a place to sleep or even a way to cook food. When Vision Hope interviewed some of the families, they responded with fear that they did not feel safe.

#### **Project Goal**

Given the fast-changing context of the ongoing emergency situation in Hajja governorate, the project focused on responding to immediate needs and saving lives. In addition to the emergency nutrition and food projects in the same area, this project aimed to provide 2,891 internally displaced families in Hajja rural, Hajja city, and Najrah districts with non-food items (NFI) assistance consisting of mattresses, blankets, and kitchen sets in a one-time distribution for IDPs, most of whom are in temporary shelters.



#### **Activities**

Vision Hope deployed eight teams of volunteers, community mobilizers, and local council members who verified and registered the beneficiaries, and confirmed actual needs in the three targeted districts. This ensured that the community was involved, informed, and had ownership of the project, and also ensured that the distribution retained the beneficiaries' well-being and dignity. The teams identified 3,217 families of internally displaced people (IDP). For this project, 86% of the families were targeted, equalling 2,891 families. Local councils and community leaders selected an additional 509 families from the host communities. These targeted groups included pregnant and lactating women, poor families, the elderly, child-headed HH, and persons with disabilities. The local council census showed that there were 1,356 more women than men, therefore the project also targeted 300 female-headed HH.

#### **Results**

The OCHA-supported NFI project was a success and the planned target was clearly overachieved; instead of 15,379 beneficiaries, 21,732 beneficiaries were reached with lifesaving NFI. The distribution was effective due to the fact that Vision Hope's field teams verified the beneficiary lists and confirmed the prior assessment of actual needs. This is a considerable achievement considering the number of obstacles that had to be overcome on an almost daily basis. The flow of IDPs to the areas of operation increased, and the country's physical environment continued to deteriorate with the ongoing conflict. With OCHA's support, access to basic and lifesaving NFI continued to rise under the direct involvement of local communities in which women played key roles. Through its focus on women, the project proactively addressed female-headed HH, and therefore boosted the notion of females as key members of their communities. Many families told us that they now have sufficient basic items to take them through the harsh period of displacement, and that they feel more comfortable in their temporary shelters.

Since there was such a huge need for intervention in Hajja city, Vision Hope reported the findings to the CCCM (Camp Coordination and Camp Management)/ Shelter/NFI Cluster, at the Emergency Committee, Planning and International Cooperation Office in Hajja governorate. Through this coordination, another INGO provided NFI packages to 1,000 IDP families and home rent for 600 IDP families in Hajja city. The remaining 410 IDP families received NFI packages from the Red Crescent in Hajja governorate at the end of 2015. All of the IDP families that received NFI packages from Vision Hope also received food assistance through the Vision Hope Emergency Food Assistant Program funded by WFP.





# WATER FILTERS

Beneficiaries:	74 households (518 people)
Project duration:	March 2015 (one-time distribution)
Donor:	Jemenhilfe
Project location:	Alsawd district, Amran Governorate, Yemen
Project budget:	2,342 Euro
Project manager:	Said Aliyi

#### Background

Out of 25 million people living in Yemen, only half of them have access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. The current conflict in Yemen is destroying infrastructure such as wells and cisterns, and the resulting migration of internally displaced people has increased vulnerability to water-related illnesses and water scarcity. Vision Hope targeted Bait Kutan and Safa'a villages, which did not have adequate access to clean water, nor did they have any water filters.

#### **Project Goals**

Jemenhilfe has worked with Vision Hope in this area for years, and supported Vision Hope in the completion of other water projects. This project's goal was to enable the households in Bait Kutan and Safa'a villages to have access to clean water with the use of home-based water filters.

#### **Activities and Results**

74 households were selected and Vision Hope held coordinating meetings with the communities, explained the project to all the beneficiaries, and decided upon the appropriate distribution plan. The distribution of the water filters took place in March, 2015. The water filters are made of clay and silver, which improves the purity of the water (www.silverfilters.org). The households were given usage instructions and maintenance guidelines using leaflets and computer presentations. Everyone in the communities: men, women and children, were very satisfied with the project.

#### Water Purification for Bakeel's family

Bakeel Yahya Hadi is 47 years old and has a large family. Many members of his family complained about health problems caused by drinking water from cisterns. They had to boil water to purify it, but this caused increased salt elements, which led to kidney problems. After using the water filters which are made by silver and clay, the situation is now very different. All seven members of Bakeel's family can always drink clean water, and they no longer have to take time to boil water and risk increased salt content. Bakeel hopes that all people in Garn Afif can one day receive silver water filters, and so they hope for a bigger project in the future because the need in Yemen is so great. Bakeel says, "Me and my family have a very good impression about Vision Hope, and we convey our many thanks!"



# 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.

An incredible amount of people have fled neighbouring Syria 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 Prrivals equally.

# HOPE FAMILY CENTRE IN MANSHIA

Beneficiaries:	217 total
Project duration:	April 2015 to June 2016
Donors:	Tearfund, Sternstunden e.V. and Vision Hope
Project partner:	Jamaiyya Bani Hassan
Project location:	Manshia, Mafraq Governorate, Jordan
Project budget:	130,000 Euro
Project manager:	Akef Sahawneh

#### Background

Syrian refugees face incredible challenges as they try to provide a new life for their families. Most refugees have lost at least one family member in the conflict, and many have been imprisoned or tortured. The children especially show signs of trauma, such as regular nightmares or excessive reactions to triggers (such as to the sound of fireworks). Many refugee children have not attended school for more than two years, and about 50% are not attending school presently. The Hope Family Centre in Mafraq is located in a village called Manshia, about 15 kilometres outside of Mafraq City, Northern Jordan. In Manshia there is a significant refugee population, around 300 families. But compared to the centre of Mafraq, the surrounding villages receive only small support. Therefore this centre was established in March 2013 as a safe space for around 100 Syrian refugee children to find security, care, and love.

#### **Project Goal**

The main goal of the Hope Family Centre Mafraq is to bring hope to Syrian refugee families in Jordan. We offer preschool/kindergarten for children ages 4-6 years, including trauma therapy through art and play. If the children have access to school, the parents see another reason to stay in Jordan and are not forced to move on. Other vulnerable groups are the war widows and young Syrian women also suffering from trauma and the burden of caring for their families in a new country.



#### Activities

The children receive education based on the Montessori Method of play-based learning, as well as counselling and trauma therapy through playing, art, music, and the opportunity to form community with other refugee children as well as with Jordanian children.

Activities at the school include praying time, singing and music, free play time outside and indoors, story time, nutritious snacks, and arts and crafts time. There are three classrooms with Montessori Method learning tools and toys, and three activity rooms for handcrafts, computers, and sports. Likewise, the teachers and staff get psychosocial training and support for work with trauma, training in teaching methods, and income for their families.

Additional to the school, the centre offers a Saturday program for young Syrian women ages 13-20, where they have the chance to get advice, learn about their rights, be creative while doing handcrafts, and learn life skills such as hairdressing, makeup, and sewing. The girls are also able to seek counselling.

Similarly, the program offers support for war widows, another vulnerable group in the area, which empowers them through activities like handcrafts and the ability to receive private and group counselling to help them recover from traumatic experiences. This allows them to support each other and find ways to be empowered members of society and care for their families, while navigating a new life in Jordan.

#### Results

The children attending the school in Mafraq are assessed each semester. The assessment includes basic preschool knowledge such as recognizing numbers, letters, and colours, holding a pencil properly, writing their names, and drawing a picture of themselves. At the end of the 2015 semester, 38% of the students knew 85% of the questions. A "SCARED" (Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders) assessment is also conducted to determine symptoms of anxiety disorders.

At the beginning of the school year, 70% of children and 84% of parents said the children showed symptoms of anxiety disorders, but by the end of the year over 50% showed an improvement. In the children's perspective at least 21% were healed, and 40% of the parents said they saw improvement.

A total of 129 children attended the school in 2015. Furthermore, the Family Centre in Mafraq employs five Syrian women and six Jordanian women. A further eight men and 80 women were assisted through the other programs, for a total of 217 direct beneficiaries, which in turn benefited Mafraq society as a whole.







# HOPE FAMILY CENTRE IN KARAK

Beneficiaries:	209 total
Project duration:	April 2015 to June 2016
Donors:	Tearfund, Sternstunden e.V., Hilfe für Brüder e.V. and Vision Hope
Project partner:	Jamaiyya Khayriyya Branches of Mercy for Karak
Project location:	Karak, Karak Governorate, Jordan
Project budget:	162,000 Euro
Project manager:	Dirk Kleinoh and Erling Aasen

#### **Background and Project Goal**

Hope Family Centre Karak, in southern Jordan, was established in March 2014 as a safe space for around 120 Syrian refugee children. Our main goal is to assist 90 Syrian refugee children and 90 low-income Jordanian children with a preschool/ kindergarten and assistance with school homework. There is a focus on trauma resolution, life skills, and learning by playing.

#### **Activities**

The Hope Family Centre Karak is equipped with Montessori-inspired toys and other educational equipment. The main activities are the morning preschool/kindergarten and the afternoon school which helps them with homework and education. Activities at the school include singing and music, free play time indoors and outside, story time, nutritious snacks, and arts and crafts time. The school also provides space on Thursday afternoons for older Syrian and Jordanian students to receive help with homework and have a place for sports, music, life skills, and youth club activities. Since its inception, the project has grown in many ways to serve the felt needs of the Syrian community. The Karak Centre also provides employment, training, and coaching for teachers and staff in teaching methods as well as psychological training in trauma therapy. Many of the staff are women and are empowered to be more active members of society. The centre also holds counselling sessions and focus group meetings for parents, which enables them to be empowered in their children's education and better able to overcome traumatic experiences and provide for their families.

#### **Results**

The children at the Karak entre showed a 67% improvement in the education and an 83% improvement in the SCARED assessment. During the year 2015, 95 children attended the school, while 85 older children attended the afternoon school and youth club. 25 women and four men were employed at the center, and three men are regular suppliers for the centre which provides a steady income. 18 women, half of them Syrian refugees, received training in teaching, coaching, life skills, and trauma therapy. 70 parents attended focus group meetings and counselling sessions, and approximately 1,000 children in the community attended the "Clowns without Borders" show that enabled them to enjoy a rare form of entertainment and healing. During Ramadan there was an informal life-skills education program at the center where almost 70 children attended. Overall, 209 individuals were helped directly, and 2,868 benefitted indirectly from the program.







# **HIDAE'S NEW BEGINNING**

At the beginning of the school semester, a girl named Hidae came to school with her mother. But she would not let go of her mother's hand and mostly looked down at her feet. When she did look up, her eyes were full of fear and confusion. She was unable to attend the kindergarten without her mother. When her mother tried to leave, Hidae screamed and stopped responding to others. Her mother explained that Hidae suffers from psychological problems similar to autism and post traumatic stress disorder. She said that Hidae and her family had to suddenly flee Syria when their neighborhood was bombed by warplanes. She took Hidae to different doctors but there was no clear diagnosis. An MRI of her brain did not show any problems.

To make Hidae feel comfortable, the staff allowed her mother to attend school with her. At first, even though everyone tried to make her feel comfortable, all attempts to get Hidae to be involved in the class failed. Eventually, she started to feel comfortable with her teacher, began to answer questions, and started to write and draw. But she was still unable to participate with other children. Finally, after the first semester, she started to smile and interact with the other students, and participated more in class.

Though doctors could not diagnose her, and other kindergartens would not accept her, she now enjoys kindergarten like any other child; she talks and plays, and even goes on the school bus without her mother. Her mother says she wakes up happy and shows less fear around strangers. Now, when we look into Hidae's eyes, we see tranquillity and peace.

## **SUPPORT TO SURGERY**

Beneficiary:	Loay Shahade Salloum, Syrian refugee
Project duration:	April to May 2015
Donor:	Private Donor
Project partner:	None
Project location:	Amman, Jordan
Project budget:	4,026 Euro
Project manager:	Dirk Kleinoh

#### Background

A "Clowns Without Borders" group, in cooperation with Vision Hope, visited Karak to entertain children in late 2014. They visited village centers for Syrian refugees, and Vision Hope's Karak Family Center. The NGO was also invited to a Syrian refugee family's home, where they met a man about 20 years old named Loay Shahade Salloum. Loay was only able to move on crutches due to a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) in one of his knees. The only way to fix it was through ACL reconstruction surgery, which the family could not afford.

#### **Activities and Results**

After hearing Loay's story from "Clown Without Borders", Vision Hope decided to help and searched for a suitable hospital, surgeon, and funding. A group member of "Clowns without Borders" collected private donations for the operation at a Christmas benefit in Germany. A local doctor in Amman, Dr. Hany Abu Farsakh, agreed to perform the surgery. The surgery was performed on the 26th of April, 2015. The patient entered the hospital one day prior and left two days after the surgery. The ACL reconstruction surgery was successful, and Loay is now able to use both his legs and participate in everyday life. He and his family are very happy; they say, "Thank you to Vision Hope one thousand times!"



# TURKEY



## **SUPPORT OF SALAM SCHOOL**

Beneficiaries:	99 children
Project duration:	July to September 2015
Donor:	Johann Peter Hebel Primary School, Wagenstadt, Germany
Project location:	Sanliurfa, Turkey
Project budget:	6,000 Euro

#### Background

A small school in Turkey supports Syrian children—refugees struggling to start new lives. But the school lacked funding and support. 71 children were enrolled, but another 50 children were on a waiting list. The school did not have adequate classroom space and materials. Without this school, the Syrian children would be forced to travel far away to attend school, which for most refugee families is impossible. The families struggle to support themselves with food and other basic necessities, such as keeping warm in the winter, and do not have the means to pay for transport or school materials.

#### **Project Goal**

Vision Hope's goal was to increase enrolment at the school, and enhance the resources and quality of the education. This small school not only provides five hours of education every day, but also serves a warm lunch, gives the children hope and emotional support, which is so urgently needed after their experiences in Syria and dangerous travels to safety in a new country.

#### **Activities**

Johann Peter Hebel Primary School in Wagenstadt raised 6,000 Euros for the school, which enabled 28 new Syrian children to enrol. The school rented an extra floor of the schoolhouse which provided space for two new classrooms. The school purchased textbooks for Arabic, English, and mathematics. Whiteboards, chairs, tables, and kitchen supplies for the 28 new students could be provided as well as salaries of the kitchen staff. Now the school has a total of 99 students, and one newly hired teacher.

Vision Hope also coordinated for the group "Clowns Without Borders" to visit the school in November, and families were invited to attend. It was a highlight for the students and their families to see the show and interact with the clowns – a rare and much needed form of entertainment after their struggles. In addition to the funds raised, private donors in Germany agreed to keep the two new classes running even after the Vision Hope project ended in September.

The project manager says: "The situation in our neighborhood is very difficult for the Syrian families. Our new children are very happy and thankful to be able to learn in this neighborhood school. We see big improvements in their lives and in their families. Through regular visits, parent meetings and special events, we are able to have close relationships with their whole families. Thank you so much for your great support and love for these Syrian refugee children!"

# **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**



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# **BALANCE 31.12.2015**

AS	SSE	TS (EUR)	
A. Fixed Assets			
	I.	Fixed Assets	
		1. Office and Vehicle Assets	40,656.82
B. Current Assets			
	Ι.	Receivables	
		1. Assured Project Funding for 2016	451,282.48
		2. Other Assets	0.00
	II.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts	196,278.29
		Sum Assets	688,217.59

## LIABILITIES (EUR)

Α.	Capital			
	1.	Association Capital	50,000.00	
	2.	Retained Earnings	58,044.74	
	3.	Annual Result	63,935.96	
В.	B. Accruals			
	1.	Accrual Audit	6,000.00	
С.	Liabilities			
	1.	To Forward Donations	143,736.90	
	2.	Designated Project Funds for		
		2016	321,765.47	
	3.	Liabilities from Income and		
		Church Tax	0.00	
	4.	Other Liabilities	44,734.52	
		Sum Accruals/Liabilities	688,217.59	

# **BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2015**

Α.	Assets		
1.	Intangible fixed assets (Software)		388.94 €
2.	Office assets		253.62 €
3.	Vehicles		12,138.86 €
4.	Commodities Summary		27,844.98 €
5.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts		
	Postbank 624 520 751	111,184.54 €	
	Business Sparcard 3017929325	17,510.36 €	
	Business Sparcard 3018491972	5,074.51€	
	PayPal	999,83€	
	Funds in Transit	0.00€	
	Bank and Cashbook Jordan	30,397.85€	
	Bank and Cashbook Yemen	31,111.20 €	196,278.29 €
6.	Assured project funding for 2016		451,282.48 €
7.	Other Assets		30.42 €
Sum	of Assets		688,217.59 €
В.	Accruals/Liabilities		
1.	Liabilities from Income and Church Tax		0.00 €
2.	Other Liabilities		44,734.52 €
3.	Designated Project Funds for 2016		321,765.47 €
4.	Donations to forward		143,736.90 €
5.	Accruals		6,000.00 €
Sum	of Accruals/Liabilities		516,236.89 €
C.	Net Assets		
1.	Sum of Assets		688,217.59 €
2.	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		516,236.89 €
Net	Assets		171,980.70 €

## **INCOME-SURPLUS-BILL 2015**

## Income in Fiscal Year 2015

Α.	Income from donations and grants	Amount	Percentage
1.	Donations from members	22,035.15 €	1,49 %
2.	Unspecified donations from private donors	1,298.00€	0.09 %
3.	Earmarked donations from private donors for abroad	52,113.37 €	3.52 %
4.	Earmarked donations from private donors for inland	1,570.66 €	0.11 %
5.	Earmarked donations from companies, associations, churches and schools	14,591.85€	0.99 %
6.	Income overhead projects	25,380.47 €	1.71 %
7.	Institutional grants (including 29,094 $\in$ from Sternstunden e.V.)	1,272,688.33 €	85.91 %
Sub	ototal	1,389,677.83 €	93.81 %
в.	Other income		
1.	Interest	34.76 €	0.00 %
2.	Liquidation to forward donations	89,197.86 €	6.03 %
3.	Exchange rate gains	2,428.22 €	0.16 %
Sub	ototal	91,660.84 €	6.19 %
Sur	n Income	1,481,388.67 €	100.00 %

## **Disposition of Funds in Fiscal Year 2015**

Α.	Project Expenses	Amount	Percentage
1.	Project Funding Yemen	1,059,754.84 €	74.77 %
2.	Project Funding Jordan	304,383.96 €	21.47 %
3.	Project Funding Turkey	6,000.00 €	0.42 %
4.	Project support	19,091.00 €	1.35 %
Sub	otal	1,389,229.80 €	98.01 %
В.	Expenses for Administration, Fundraising		
	and Public Relations		
1.	Staff Costs	0.00 €	0.00 %
2.	Administrative Costs	27,534.24 €	1.94 %
3.	Fundraising and Public Relations	638,67 €	0.05 %
Sub	otal	28,172.91 €	1.99 %
Sum Disposition of Funds		1,417,402.71 €	100.00 %
Ann	ual Result	63,935.96 €	

## **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 2015. 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, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with § 317 HGB and IDW.

Stuttgart, 04. September 2016

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E. Assman Auditor



# **6. DONATIONS AND SUPPORT**



## THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

- Fundraising and charitable events
- Ongoing project sponsorship
- Instead of presents at anniversaries, collect donations for one of our projects

To make a tax-deductable donation, make a bank transfer to: Vision Hope International e.V. Account Number: 624 520 751 Postbank Karlsruhe, BLZ 660 100 75 IBAN DE69660100750624520751 BIC PBNKDEFF

We are thankful for any contribution received and looking forward to your support.



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## ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE REACHED IN 2015, WE SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS



"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 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 foundation Sternstunden which supports our kindergarten activities in the Family Centres in Jordan. A special partnership developed with the German organisation Clowns Without Borders; they visited our Family Centre in Karak and did amazing shows there for our children, but also for the whole community.

Additionally, we would like to kindly thank Jemenhilfe e.V. for the great support in the water filter project in Yemen.

In 2015, 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:

- Georg-August-Zinn Schule, Reichelsheim
- Johann Peter Hebel Primary School, Wagenstadt
- Freie Christliche Schule, Siegen
- Grund- und Werkrealschule, Heumaden

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 2016**

#### +++Water Management in Yemen+++

The people in Yemen are still in high need for assistance; a new project planned is dealing with the integrated water resource management locally with planned funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. We are striving to provide the communities with knowledge and equipment to enhance their situation. Water is one of the basic needs and is indispensable.

#### +++Humanitarian Response in Syria+++

The conflict in Syria has reached a devastating situation over the past five years. As we are already providing relief for refugees, we decided to step further and interact within the warzone. In 2016, we plan to establish a maternal and child clinic in Syria. Together with a local partner, called VIOLET Syria, we are aiming for a combination of emergency assistance and capacity building with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

#### +++Youth Empowerment in Tunisia+++

The youth are the future of the society, and their empowerment is necessary for a positive, sustainable change. Drawn from our experience in Yemen, we decided to address the youth empowerment as a wider issue in the region. Together with the international NGO ACT and the local organisation NAH, we plan to support the youth in Tunisia and build their capacity for a better future; to be funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.

#### +++Creating a Global Community+++

New technologies are offering NGOs more possibilities to engage with beneficiaries, the interested public as well as all the stakeholders globally. Our aim for 2016 is to achieve a better visibility in social media platforms and to create a community to inform and interact globally.

#### +++Annual Board Meeting+++

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on September 11, 2016 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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