

15 YEARS
OF HOPE
2002-2017

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Empowered people transform the world.



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OUR VISION

Empowered people transform the world.

OUR MISSION

Together, we work with local communities to create sustainable solutions in the world's most difficult regions.

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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Reader, Dear Supporter, Dear Friend,

When we started Vision Hope, it was an initiative of friends; a handful of people striving to contribute toward a better world. This commitment has grown into something much stronger: a successful international organisation that celebrates its 15th anniversary as you read this.

This year, Vision Hope has continued this adventure. 2016 marked a year of growth for our team. We developed ourselves further as we discovered new sectors and reached more families and individuals than previous years in North Africa and the Middle East.

Throughout this 15-year journey, one thing has not changed: the commitment and dedication of every single person who supports Vision Hope.

Thanks to the support of our donors, staff, volunteers, and partner organizations, we have been able to respond to devastating crises and seemingly hopeless situations during the last twelve months. It is more clear now than ever before that together, we can achieve the impossible.

This year, we learned that our vision is inevitable and legitimate: **Empowered people transform the world.** Delivering aid does not only mean to provide goods, it means to bring hope and confidence for the future to those who need it most. We see this in the more stable countries we work in, like Jordan, and also where the need is the greatest, in Syria and Yemen. Our efforts and projects prove that it is not too early to start providing transitional assistance and to let people play a part in designing their own future, with their own perspective.

Looking back on our achievements in 2016, and on the team who provided endless and untiring support, I am more confident than ever: Together we are able to fulfill our goals, and to live our vision to bring hope.

Yours truly,
Matthias

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Matthias Leibbrand', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthias Leibbrand
Chief Executive Officer
Vision Hope International

A LETTER FROM DR. GERD MÜLLER

FEDERAL MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY

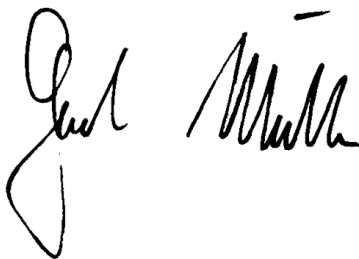
Dear readers,

Fifteen years of Vision Hope International e.V., that is a huge success story. It is a success story both for the people behind the association and, even more importantly, for the people who benefit from its work and projects. The purpose of the association is to give people hope.

This hope is needed most by people in countries ravaged by civil war, for example in Yemen or Afghanistan. Vision Hope goes to support these people even in the most difficult environments, helping to improve water supply and food security or build schools. Through its work, the association gives people hope of a better future and helps make this hope become reality.

This also shows how important it is that the work of civil society complement the efforts of official development cooperation. Especially in difficult environments, we need non-governmental organisations and their work, because they have decades of experience on the ground, know the people and are able to build bridges between Germany and our partners in the world. Vision Hope International uses these bridges, for example, to inform us here in Germany about the hardships the refugees have experienced. Drawings made by Syrian children to illustrate and come to terms with their experience of civil war are shown in exhibitions in German schools. This is an important contribution also to creating better understanding and recognition of the work done by the helpers on the ground. The work done by Vision Hope International is so extremely valuable, not least because it provides transitional aid, thus creating the link between short-term humanitarian assistance and long-term development cooperation. This form of support is rapidly available and effective, but at the same time it puts into place structures on which long-term activities can be built. I am very pleased that the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has been able to support the work of Vision Hope in recent years, providing a total of more than 1.7 million euros.

I wish Vision Hope International every success for its work now and in the future and, above all, the courage and strength needed so that it can continue to give people whose lives have been shaken by crises and conflicts hope for the future.



Dr. Gerd Müller
Federal Minister for Economic
Cooperation and Development



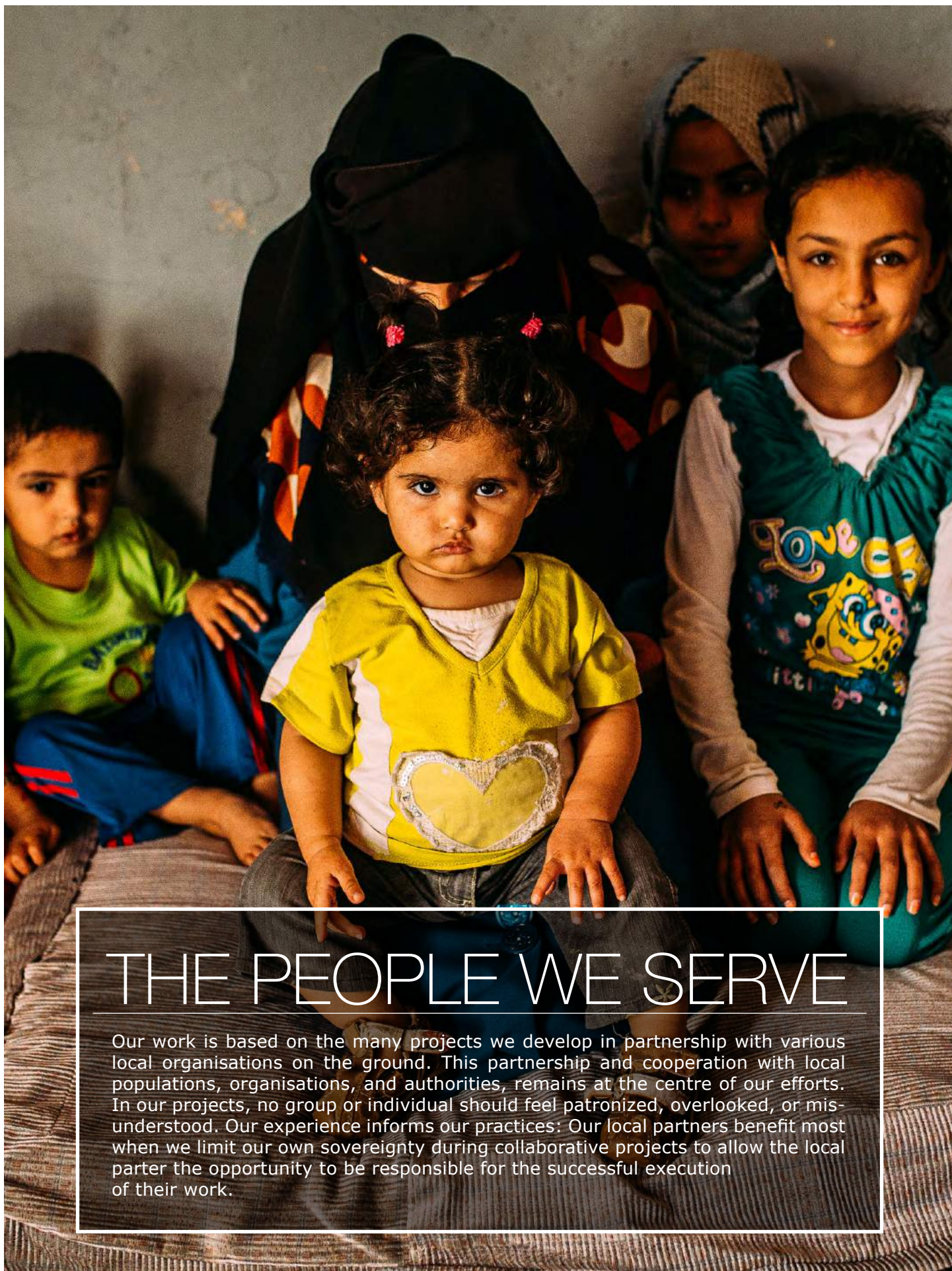


OUR STORY

Vision Hope International was founded in 2002 by Matthias Leibbrand. Leibbrand had previously devoted himself to working on various projects in Yemen. Inspired and overwhelmed by the success of his projects, he consulted with his circle of friends to establish an organization together. In 2002, Vision Hope was entered into the registry of organizations in Kenzingen, Germany. This marked the start of a remarkable success story in the field of humanitarian assistance, sustainable development, and cooperation. Vision Hope has been listed under the registry of organizations in the city of Freiburg im Breisgau (VR270382) since 2014. Since beginning its work in 2002, Vision Hope has built a reputation for its dedication to the work and successful execution of complex projects. Vision Hope continues to engage a growing number of enthusiastic supporters in the field of humanitarian assistance and sustainable development.

OUR FOCUS

We are passionate about people. Providing our beneficiaries with motivation and a new perspective on their future gratifies us. The results and appreciation we achieve grace us with deep joy and satisfaction.



THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

Our work is based on the many projects we develop in partnership with various local organisations on the ground. This partnership and cooperation with local populations, organisations, and authorities, remains at the centre of our efforts. In our projects, no group or individual should feel patronized, overlooked, or misunderstood. Our experience informs our practices: Our local partners benefit most when we limit our own sovereignty during collaborative projects to allow the local partner the opportunity to be responsible for the successful execution of their work.

OUR CORE VALUES

LOVE

Genuine help is more than merely material assistance. We believe that long-term sustainable development is possible only in an environment conducive to positive human relationships that are based on respect, acceptance, and reconciliation.

PASSION

We cannot remain indifferent in the face of human suffering and despair. We fiercely fight misery with dedication and passion, and we celebrate every change for the better.

COURAGE

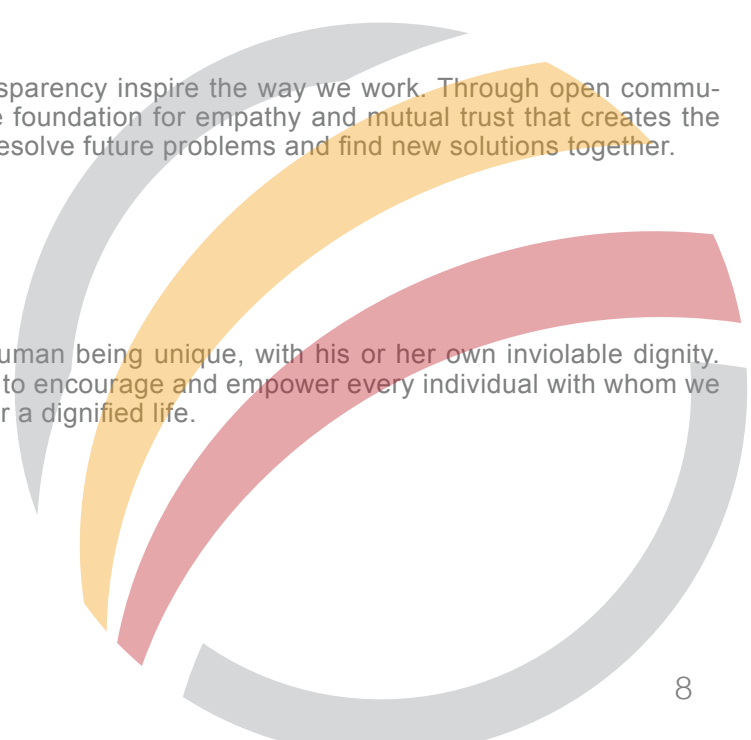
We operate in the world's most unstable territories despite the adversities and uncertainties present. We encourage others to take a stand against injustice and to support those who cannot help themselves.

TRUST

Authenticity and transparency inspire the way we work. Through open communication, we build the foundation for empathy and mutual trust that creates the optimal condition to resolve future problems and find new solutions together.

DIGNITY

We consider every human being unique, with his or her own inviolable dignity. That is why we strive to encourage and empower every individual with whom we work with the hope for a dignified life.



STANDARDS OF OUR WORK



BETWEEN CONCEPT AND COMPLETED PROJECT

The key element of every project at Vision Hope is the impact, and the strategy of achieving that impact. Once an aim is defined, we develop a project document that continues to serve as a point of reference for duration of the project. Our field staff document the baseline situation through initial needs assessments, baseline surveys, and a basic data collection system. This method allows us to monitor and evaluate the success of the planned project in achieving the intended goal. While the specifics of the goal vary, a central theme is helping beneficiaries in a useful and sustainable way. We emphasize project evaluations. Every experience, whether it be positive or negative, provides a profit of knowledge for the future. We always reference lessons learned from past projects when we begin with the first steps of new projects.

STATUTES IN BRIEF

THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION: 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).

RESPONSIBILITY

CONTROL AND TRANSPARENCY

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

The Vision Hope country offices, and our CEO, keep these and many other financial questions in mind throughout every project. Proper accounting is often a task our partner organizations find overwhelming. Therefore, Vision Hope takes on the responsibility for all accounting on the project level or the 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 upon at the start of the project and the implemented project activities. All receipts and accounting are checked by the country office and the CEO.

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 to be 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 processes 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 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,, a document that determines the purpose and implementation of humanitarian assistance.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ASSOCIATION

Vision Hope International is registered with the local registry 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 2016, Vision Hope International had 63 members, of which seven members compose the elected board.

MEMBER'S ASSEMBLY

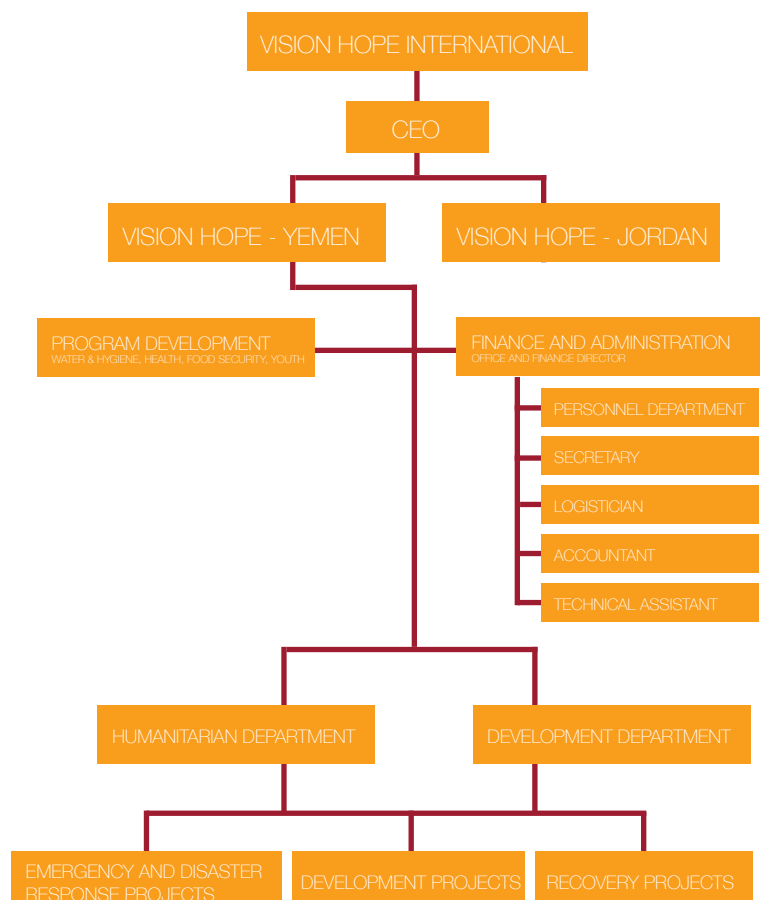
The acceptance of any new member is decided upon by the board following a written application. In case of refusal, the member's assembly will decide. The member's assembly accepts the board's annual report, approves the budget, and elects and relieves the board.

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. The board of Vision Hope International must consist 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 Vision Hope headquarters in Germany supports the country offices regarding financial issues, quality assurance, and technical consultation during project implementation.



INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD

Marcus Rose Chairman

Founder, consultant and mentor for NGOs
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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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- Organisational development
- Quality management

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- Donor service
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- Representative for association

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Business Administrator
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Responsibilities:

- Budget & Finances
- Strategic thinking

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Jens-Peter Kamp Board Member

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- Representative for association
- Strategic development

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Silvana Höpfner Board Member

Public Administrator
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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
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Responsibilities:

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

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PARTNERSHIPS

UN OCHA

Since 2009, The UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs 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. OCHA continued its emergency response programs in Yemen and supported Vision Hope in the distribution of emergency shelter and NFI to displaced families in Hajja Governorate.

UN WFP

The largest humanitarian organisation in the world supports the cause of starving people in Yemen. The World Food Program 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. In 2015, WFP continued its support for emergency response to malnutrition and food insecurity, funding two Vision Hope projects that helped save the lives of thousands of malnourished and food insecure Yemenis in Hajja Governorate.

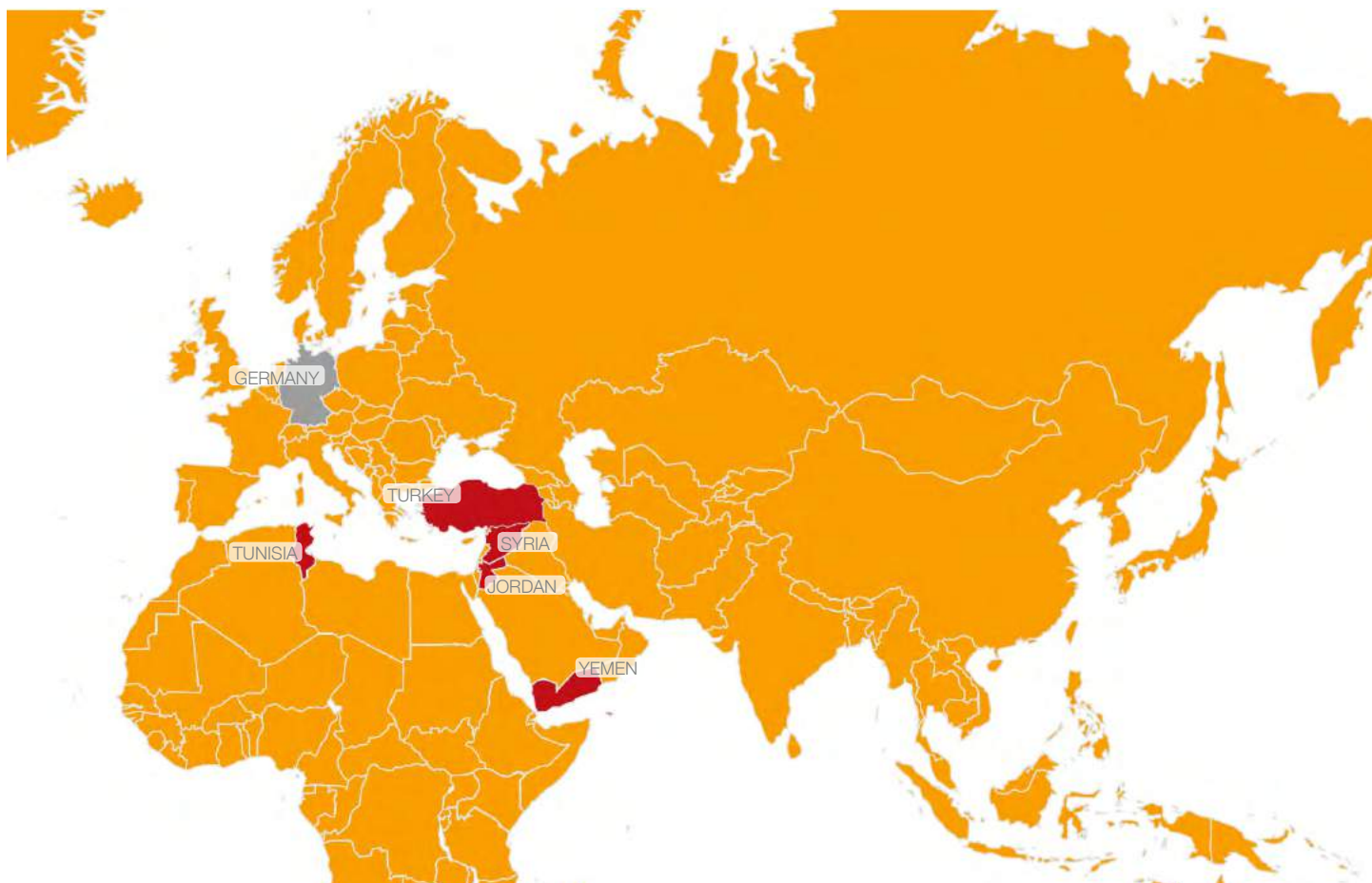
BMZ

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is Germany's contribution to achieve international development goals. The BMZ continues to support Vision Hope in the implementation of the Youth Empowerment Project in Yemen, a much needed program that aims to develop thoughtful leaders 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 projects this year. They funded our nutrition activities in Yemen, and also supported both Hope Family Centres in Jordan.

OUR PROJECT MAP



JORDAN

TUNISIA

YEMEN

TURKEY

SYRIA

GERMANY



JORDAN

Jordan is well known for its stunning historical monuments, and for the hospitality and generous warmth of its people. The country currently hosts the second highest number of refugees in the world: 87 refugees per 1,000 inhabitants. Millions of people fled neighbouring Syria from crisis, hunger and violence. The Jordanian government has prioritized providing help for refugees, but additional international support is needed because of the economic challenges caused by the influx of refugees on Jordanian society, many of whom were already living below the poverty line.

KINDERGARTEN

A FOCUS ON TRAUMA RESOLUTION AND LEARNING BY PLAY

BENEFICIARIES:	154 children
PROJECT DURATION:	September 2016 to August 2019
DONOR:	Private Donations
PROJECT LOCATION	Manshya, Mafraq Governorate and Karak, Karak Governorate, Jordan
PROJECT BUDGET:	97,500 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Manshya Bani Hassan, Manshya and Branches of Mercy, Karak

BACKGROUND

Syrian refugees face incredible challenges as they attempt 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. Trauma is extremely common, especially among children, whose trauma manifests in many ways, like regular nightmares or excessive reactions to triggers. Vision Hope took action to address these concerns by establishing two kindergartens, one in 2013 and a second in 2014, for the most vulnerable Syrian refugees and socially disadvantaged Jordanian families. Vision Hope calls these the Hope Kindergartens.



- PROVIDED NON-FORMAL EDUCATION FOR 154 CHILDREN
- PROVISION OF DAILY HEALTHY SNACKS CONSISTING OF FRUIT AND MILK
- TRAUMA HEALING THROUGH ART ACTIVITIES

KINDERGARTEN

PROJECT OUTLINE

Vision Hope established two kindergartens. The first is located in Manshya, a village host to about 300 refugee families located outside of Mafraq City in northern Jordan. Manshya was selected because of the lack of support available to refugees living in remote areas. Since 2013, we have been able to offer the children of Manshya a safe space to learn and play thanks to our local partner, the Mansyha Bani Hassan Organization.

In March 2014, the second kindergarten opened in Karak, a city in southern Jordan. Our local partner for The Hope Kindergarten in Karak is Branches of Mercy. Branches of Mercy and Vision Hope collaborate to provide a safe space for Syrian refugee and Jordanian children from low-income families with a focus on trauma resolution and learning by play.

Manshya Bani Hassan and Branches of Mercy are Jordanian non-profit associations, both focused on education, training, and integration of refugees. Manshya Bani Hassan's principal objective is to fight poverty and unemployment, primarily among the Bani Hassan Bedouin tribes of northern Jordan. Branches of Mercy focuses on the empowerment of women, children and disabled people. Working with these partners helps us create sustainable solutions and build independence within the local communities in which we work.

The main goal of the Hope kindergarten is to bring hope to Syrian refugee families in Jordan and to enhance their integration in the local community. The kindergartens offer trauma therapy based on the Montessori method through art and play for children between the ages of four and six.

2016 ACTIVITIES

2016 marked the third operating year of the Hope Kindergartens in Jordan, and another year of successful support for vulnerable children. 94 children in Manshya and 60 children in Karak received access to non-formal and pre-primary education in a safe recreational place. The activities included song, music, free play outside and indoors, computer literacy, storytelling, and arts and crafts. Additionally, the children receive psychological support during all activities with an emphasis on play and art therapy. To ensure a healthy diet, the children receive a nutritious daily snack of fruit and milk.

The success of the services provided was measured through end-of-semester and SCARED (Screen for Anxiety Related Disorders) assessments, which evaluated progress on trauma healing, as well as age-specific education status. Evaluations covered basic preschool knowledge, such as recognising numbers, letters and colours, holding a pen properly, writing their names, and drawing a picture of themselves. Parents were interviewed regarding the well-being and progress of their child.

The kindergartens are run by Syrians and Jordanians who attain gainful employment from the project. Seven Syrian and six Jordanian women are employed in Manshya, while in Karak 25 women and four men are employed. The centers also stimulate local economies through supply procurements.

After piloting smaller projects during the first quarter of 2016, Vision Hope and the partner organizations decided there was capacity to address more problems in the community. Therefore, the kindergartens were upgraded to centres with services and opportunities for the whole family.

FAMILY CENTRES

LIFE SKILLS AND EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

BENEFICIARIES:	840 children (over project duration)
PROJECT DURATION:	September 2016 to August 2019
DONOR:	BMZ
PROJECT LOCATION	Manshya, Mafraq Governorate and Karak, Karak Governorate, Jordan
PROJECT BUDGET:	555,555 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Manshya Bani Hassan, Manshya and Branches of Mercy, Karak

BACKGROUND

After establishing the Hope Kindergartens, Vision Hope began to receive requests from family members for additional services. In September 2016, after piloting several programs to gauge interest, Vision Hope established a family center project targeting both Syrian refugee families and local Jordanians. The family centers are located in the same buildings as the kindergartens and have three components: an integrative nursery for school children, therapeutic life competencies programmes for young women between 15 and 25 years old, and an ergo therapeutic programme for mothers. All project components aim to offer our beneficiaries the resources to reach a higher level of self-sufficiency and capacity for self-help to heal from their trauma.



- 360 SCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVE HOMEWORK SUPPORT
- 220 YOUNG WOMEN ARE EMPOWERED THANKS TO ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS
- 220 MOTHERS HEAL FROM TRAUMA THROUGH ERGO THERAPY

FAMILY CENTRES

PROJECT OUTLINE

2016 was dedicated to preparing for a smooth project implementation. As the activities with the beneficiaries had not yet started, the focus was on preparing the staff, trainers, the local organizations, and the junior expert for their new roles.

Thanks to the thorough preparation and dedication of the staff, the first children and women will be welcomed in 2017.

Over the project duration, 1,164 individuals will benefit directly: 582 in Mafraq and 582 in Karak. 360 children benefit from the activities as each year, about 60 children between 1st to 6th grade attend the integrative after-school program. The beneficiaries are Syrian refugees, and children from Jordanian families with problematic living conditions. In the afternoons, older Syrian and Jordanian students receive help with homework and have a place for sports, music, life skills, and youth club activities.

The second component of the project targets 220 girls and women between 15 and 25 years old. These young women participate in essential life competencies training where they learn their rights, express their creativity through handcrafts, and gain life skills such as team-building, conflict management, and self-confidence. Counseling is provided to participants process their history, plan for the future, and heal their trauma.

220 mothers learn new skills through an ergo therapeutic support program. Most mothers are single parents and war widows from Syria; a highly vulnerable group. The activities and counseling (both private and group) allow them to build a supportive community and become empowered members of society, as they navigate their new life in Jordan.





ZAHIRA'S STORY: 7 CHILDREN IN A TIME OF WAR

Zahira, her husband, and their seven children are from Syria. When the war in Syria began, her family tried to stay in their home and persevere. However, after almost two years of war, two of Zahira's daughters saw fighter aircrafts and ran for their lives. One daughter stumbled and broke her leg, leaving her sister to rush home alone for help. Zahira was pained that her daughter was forced to lay in the streets helpless, while bombs dropped down from the sky above her.

Zahira and her family arrived near Mafraq, Jordan, five years ago. One of Zahira's sons, who was born without arms, attends our Hope Kindergarten. The headmaster of the kindergarten says that this boy would not have had found a spot in another kindergarten because of his handicap. The initially shy boy is now fully integrated in the children's group.

Another of Zahira's seven children, her daughter, suffers from autism. She has financial troubles that are exacerbated by her daughter's need for therapy and medication.

There is never enough money for proper treatment.

Zahira's husband is a farmer - hard labor with low earnings. She receives food stamps from the UN, but can't use them to buy clothes or hygiene products.

Zahira only attended school until sixth grade, but has high hopes that her daughters will reach a higher level of education. Her oldest children are unbelievably hardworking, and Zahira says they receive good grades. Her children's education is the only pathway out of poverty she sees.

Zahira is extremely thankful for the services of Vision Hope. Her son attends the kindergarten, her daughter attended the preschool, and her autistic daughter receives therapy through the Family Centre. When asked her about her dreams, Zahira says she dreams of her family's return to Syria, of peace for her and her family, of seeing her children grow up happy.



SYRIA

Syria is the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today, and contributes to a higher total number of refugees worldwide than ever previously experienced. Since 2011, the conflict in Syria has shown no signs of slowing, and peace talks have continuously failed. The conflict destroys hospitals, schools, homes, and other necessary infrastructure. It causes food insecurity and malnutrition. Vision Hope is now using its expertise to contribute to improving the situation of those in need in Syria.

MATERNAL HOSPITAL

STRENGTHENING MATERNAL, INFANT, AND CHILD HEALTHCARE

BENEFICIARIES:	5,738 women, 4,182 children
PROJECT DURATION:	April 2016 to April 2017
DONOR:	BMZ
PROJECT LOCATION	Ariha, Idlib Governorate, Syria
PROJECT BUDGET:	450,000 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Violet Syria

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Syrian crisis entered its fifth year. The Syrian people continue to experience massive displacement, unfulfilled basic needs, and a devastated healthcare sector. Bombings and air-raids have destroyed infrastructure and private homes. In response to the urgency of the situation, Vision Hope prioritized new projects within Syria to support the most vulnerable members of society: women, newborns, and children. The health sector has sustained severe damage, and requires international support to rebuild capacity. The long distance travel necessary in order to reach healthcare facilities adds additional risks. Vision Hope strongly believes in working together with the community on sustainable solutions, even if it requires working within a war-zone. Supporting the construction of a hospital within a community reduces the travel time for women, and with that, the risks of being on the road.



- 150 BABIES DELIVERED MONTHLY
- OVER 800 WOMEN TREATED MONTHLY
- OVER 500 CHILDREN TREATED MONTHLY

MATERNAL HOSPITAL

PROJECT OUTLINE

In 2016, Vision Hope began a joint effort to strengthen maternal and child health in the Idleb Governorate in northwest Syria, in collaboration with the Syrian organization, Violet, our partner on the ground. The project was financed with 450.000 Euro from the BMZ Transitional Assistance Fund. This project marks both Vision Hope's first project within the borders of Syria, and our first collaboration with Violet.

Violet was founded in 2011 in response to the situation in Syria, and is engaged in the humanitarian sector regarding food security, livelihoods, non-food items, shelter, education, and camp coordination and management. They dedicate their focus to their home-country with a meaningful vision: To create a team of benevolent individuals, motivated by love and faith, to provide aid to the oppressed and the needy around the world. The organization is composed of several teams that work in various developmental, educational, relief, and administrative fields in cooperation with international partners. In 2015-2016, they reached more than 2.7 million beneficiaries. The maternal health project seeks to improve the living conditions of women by establishing a hospital that reduces the mortality rate among newborns in the Idleb Governorate and decreases overall healthcare expenses for households.

2016 ACTIVITIES

In April 2016, Violet began rehabilitating a building to house the maternal and child hospital. The hospital is based in a four-story building, but only the ground and first floor are currently in use due to security constraints. Once construction was complete, procurements were fulfilled and staff was recruited. Finally, the daily hospital operations began. The treatments available are for both acute and preventive care (e.g. vaccination campaigns). Strengthening the capacity of our partners and the Syrian health care sector is a priority for us as it is a clear pathway to sustainability.

Starting in July 2016, the maternal and child hospital had 34 staff members – most of whom are female – who deliver medical assistance to the women and new-borns, run the pharmacy, and continue to smoothly manage the facility. In an average month, 150 new-borns are delivered, around 20 deliveries via caesarean are performed, and a total of over 800 women 500 children receive medical treatment. Almost all of the staff specialized or expanded their knowledge through additional medical and administrative trainings.

To ensure a high quality of treatment, the hospital is equipped with proper medical devices: hospital beds, ultrasounds, incubators and monitors, sterilisation units, and other necessities. In addition to facing a lack of medical equipment and healthcare professionals, Syria's healthcare suffers from frequent power cuts. Therefore, the hospital has two emergency power generators, as well as a solar system, to minimize interruptions in care. An ambulance service was established to increase access to urgent healthcare.



GIVING BIRTH TO HOPE IN SYRIA

July 10, 2016, remains special day for many at the Violet Maternity Hospital in Ariha. This is especially true for Ahmad and Albatool. At 1:50 pm local time, their daughter, Eter Alsham, blessed the couple with their first child, and also marked the first birth of a baby in the newly-opened maternal hospital.

The parents chose the name for a reason: Eter Alsham means "the scent of Syria." This name represents unity amongst people, and symbolizes a feeling of pride for the beautiful land of Syria. In July of 2016, these sentiments are tantamount to a utopian dream. They could not be further from reality.

Because of the deliberate damage of health facilities, and the lack of medical personnel, the health-

care infrastructure in Ariha is severely affected. As more and more people are in critical need of medical care from monthly air strikes, hunger, and warfare, there is a substantial need for life-saving drugs and medical supplies. This is especially true for the most vulnerable amongst the vulnerable: children and women.

This is where the new Violet maternity hospital comes into play. The delivery of little Eter Alsham does not only provide hope and strength to her parents, Ahmad and Albatool, but gives hope to the entire hospital staff and to all pregnant women in Ariha. Despite all of the hardship, the war, and the air strikes to come, there is hope for a better future, hope for more healthy babies and healthy mothers, and most importantly: Hope that the scent of Syria will unify the country once again.

TUNISIA

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Since the Arab Spring in 2011, the situation in Tunisia has changed drastically. For youth, integration into the workforce became more difficult. The rate of job creation has not kept up with the rising number of young and well-educated people who would like to find gainful employment. The rate of unemployment is a major social issue: the unemployment rate for highly skilled youth between 15 and 29 years old is estimated at almost 45%.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

BENEFICIARIES:	1,200 Youth
PROJECT DURATION:	September 2016 to August 2018
DONOR:	BMZ
PROJECT LOCATION	Tunis, Tunisia
PROJECT BUDGET:	200,000 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Nour Al Hayat

BACKGROUND

Drawing on our experience from our successful Youth Empowerment project in Yemen, we applied the same approach for the Tunisian Youth Empowerment project. In September 2016, we partnered with Nour Al Hayat, a Tunisian NGO, to launch a Social and Economic Promotion project in Tunis. Youth are trained on essential life skills including teamwork, building trust, conflict management, and self-confidence. After the training, they are supported and encouraged to start own projects. We are consistently inspired by the ideas the youth come up with, and their determination to create a sustainable change within their communities through independent projects.

The main goal of this project is to equip youth in Tunisia with hope for a brighter future and guidance for their careers. We approach this from an economic perspective while also addressin the social situation of Tunisian youth.

Because of the skill building educational component of the project, youth gain confidence and clarity for feasible pathways to reach their life goals. By the end of the project, the young people are empowered, inspired, and driven to work towards a positive future for themselves and their communities.



- **16 LESSONS FOR BUILDING ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS PROVIDED**
- **CLOSE COOPERATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION INITIATED**
- **INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN SOCIETY**

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT OUTLINE

As a society, Tunisia faces many challenges. Youth are especially limited by their current status. Vision Hope's project responds to three of these challenges: (1) enhancing access to informal education through skills trainings, (2) contributing to a higher gender equality, and (3) delivering hope for a brighter future. In Tunisia, youth are excluded economically and marginalized socially. They are not recognized as active citizens, and their voices carry little weight because they lack platforms to express their perspectives.

Vision Hope works in partnership with Nour Al Hayat, a Tunisian NGO established in 2011. In 2012, Nour Al Hayat was officially recognised by the Tunisian government. The organisation's goal is to support minorities as they contribute to the positive development of youth in Tunis. Nour al Hayat is well-respected in Tunisian society and supported by a dedicated cohort of volunteers. Their projects benefit children, youth, and disadvantaged families through sports days, tournaments, food distributions and microcredits for medical needs.

With the support of BMZ, Vision Hope and Nour Al Hayat work to increase the capacity of local community based organisations by training youth coaches. The educators are based at schools and youth centres whose students participate in the project activities. The youth coaches participate in a five-day training on objectives and fundamentals of experimental learning. The training focuses on innovative teaching practices.

The trainers and educators work with 700 youth, aged between 15 and 20 years, from socially challenging backgrounds to improve their access to the labour market through essential life and employability skills. As a result, the young people better integrate within the greater society by demonstrating civic society engagement. 25 Youth will establish businesses, thereby benefitting family, friends, and society. The social environment youth will benefit from the 140 civil society projects the youth will complete.

2016 ACTIVITIES

2016 marked the beginning of this project. After a transparent recruitment process, the staff was trained on their responsibilities. Vision Hope coordinated an upgrade of the supplies at the Nour Al Hayat office, including notebooks, furniture, a projector, and a copy machine—necessary supplies for providing trainings.

Vision Hope and Nour Al Hayat strongly believe in localisation, so the project worked with ten select community-based organisations who fit the project needs of indoor and outdoor recreational space, commitment to youth, and dedication of volunteers.

A launch event in December 2016 created awareness for the project, and the first session of capacity building for Nour Al Hayat took place.

By the end of December, the youth trainers and educators had been selected, and the training activities began. Once they successfully complete the trainings, they will lead the youth through the life skills curriculum. Identifying youth participants from the first round of applications is in process.

In 2017, the participants will be selected and start their workshops with the trainers and educators to engage with civil society. To best support the youth, 25 young adults will receive a jumpstart to start small businesses or qualify for an employment possibility.

TURKEY



The crisis in Syria has led many refugees to cross the border into Turkey since 2011. Syrian refugees are in need of transitional assistance to acclimate to their new environment. Vision Hope has focused on easing the transition of Syrian students to the public school system in Turkey.

SALAAM SCHOOL

SUPPORTING CHILDREN BY PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

BENEFICIARIES:	180 children
PROJECT DURATION:	December 2016
DONOR:	Johann Peter Hebel School and private donors
PROJECT LOCATION	Sanliurfa, Turkey
PROJECT BUDGET:	4,323 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Salaam School, operated by CVJM Schlesische Oberlausitz

BACKGROUND

The region in southern Turkey that borders Syria has seen a huge influx of refugees since 2011. The arriving refugees strain the availability of educational resources, and necessitate international humanitarian assistance. Therefore, Vision Hope committed to providing the funds for teacher's salaries at The Salaam School near Gaziantep, which serves the Syrian refugee population. Vision Hope committed to providing the funds for 8 instructors to teach between grades 1 and 7. These funds create educational opportunities so Syrian refugee children arriving in Turkey can smoothly transition into the Turkish governmental school system. This project was made possible thanks to the generous donations of Johann Peter Hebel School in Wagenstadt.



- 180 CHILDREN GIVEN ACCESS TO EDUCATION
- 8 TEACHERS FUNDED
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS GAINED THROUGH EDUCATIONAL COURSES



YEMEN

Yemen is the poorest and one of the least developed Arab countries, ranking 160 out of 188 countries on the Human Development Index. Since March 2015, armed conflict has spread rapidly across the country leading to devastating consequences. An estimated 21 million people, or 80% of the population, are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Many civilians have died during the war, and there are 3.2 million people internally displaced people. As the mortality rates soar, life expectancy has dropped to 63 years.

EMOP

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

BENEFICIARIES:	143,417 households (982,514 individuals)
PROJECT DURATION:	January 2016 to December 2016
DONOR:	WFP
PROJECT LOCATION	Hajja Governorate and Al Hodeidah Governorate, Yemen
PROJECT BUDGET:	755,303 Euro

BACKGROUND

Vision Hope has been working in food security and nutrition projects in three districts of Hajja Governorate for the last four years in partnership with the World Food Program. Vision Hope has well-established networks with local community-based organisations and local councils, and has, through these partners, full and safe access to the sites. The project goal is to provide lifesaving food supplies to the most vulnerable and food-insecure cases through distributions in eight districts in the Hajja governorate and two districts in Al Hodeidah. The distributions were 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.



- 20 COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS HIRED
- 66 VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED
- 10 DISTRICTS TARGETED
- 2,921.96 MT FOOD DISTRIBUTED

EMOP

PROJECT OUTLINE

This project was designed to reduce the poverty among severely food-insecure households and IDPs families. The war has caused internal displacement for thousands of families in 17 governorates of Yemen. Airstrikes destroyed all public life services and factories. Because of this crisis, WFP called for life-saving programs to help Yemeni families with food insecurity. VHI was one of the program's implementing partners, and covered 8 districts in Hajja governorate (Almaghraba, Alshahil, Najrah, Hajja City, Hajja Rural, Sharis, Kuhlan Affar, and Almiftah districts).

With cooperation with the local councils in the targeted districts, the households and IDPs families were registered in the 8 targeted districts, and in December 2016, two districts in Alhudiadah governorate were targeted. The food distributions started immediately after WFP delivered the 1st food transport to VHI FDPs in April 2016. Monthly plans were shared with VHI by WFP to inform VHI with number of HHs, district and food rations. 2,921.96 MT food were distributed in six months. The food ration consisted of Wheat, lentils, vegetable oil, sugar WSB, and salt.

This project involved working with 20 community mobilizers tasked with registration and identification, who acted as liaisons between beneficiaries and the project team to ensure the targeting criteria of the emergency assistance food distributions was applied in a transparent manner. Three members for each of the six districts were selected as community mobilizers, with an additional two hired by Vision Hope to lead the community mobilizer team.

Households were favored for selection if they consisted of displaced persons, poor persons from the socially and economically marginalized communities, or headed by those unable to earn income from their own work, such as widowed, divorced or separated women, the elderly, and the disabled.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

PROVIDING SKILLBUILDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLYING LEARNING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

BENEFICIARIES:	1,353 youth and 100 teachers
PROJECT DURATION:	September 2013 - July 2016
DONOR:	BMZ
PROJECT LOCATION	Sana'a, Yemen
PROJECT BUDGET:	338,040 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Youth for Homeland Organization

BACKGROUND

Poverty, a weak civil society, and an outdated pedagogical approach, leaves youth in Yemen to fend for themselves. This project seeks to provide training in essential life skills, health, and social issues to youth from eight public schools and two orphanages in Sana'a. The youth then apply the skills they've learned by leading projects related to civil society, human rights, and job creation. The youth are supported by 100 teachers who received training in modern and creative teaching methods, human rights, and technology. Youth-led projects added value to society by initiating small businesses, completing school-improvement projects, visiting hospitals, distributing toys, food, and clothing, and other project initiatives.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

PROJECT OUTLINE

Over the project period of two years, 1,200 severely disadvantaged youth from eight public schools and two orphanages in Sana'a were trained via 60 youth development programs. Afterwards, the youth applied the material learned through 240 small projects or internships in the areas of life skills, health and human rights. Schools were selected by VHI and SOUL in cooperation with municipal authorities, according to the following criteria: (1) effort and cooperation with SOUL, VHI, local authorities and businesses, (2) attitude and commitment of the school principal, (3) the socioeconomic makeup of the school, and (4) availability of rooms for training. The students selected from each participating school were chosen in cooperation with school social workers, favoring students from single-parent households, students with disabilities, and students with other disadvantages.

Youth were placed in groups of 20 students for the duration of the program. Each group received of 15 lessons, with three hours of instruction on each of the following topics: personal life skills, health issues, human rights and job-readiness training. The program aimed to promote integrated development (physical, social, and emotional). In addition to character development and health education, the curriculum centered on equipping the youth for the labour market. Half of the youth participants were girls, and care was taken to ensure that trainers, teachers, content and location were appropriate according to their needs.

At the end of each youth development program, participants were divided into groups of five, and had the opportunity to design their own small project, develop and implement it under the guidance of youth trainers. In total, 240 activities were carried out, each involving about 50 hours of effort.

2016 ACTIVITIES

Debate Clubs:

Here, children and human rights as well as other socially relevant issues were discussed in an organised framework. While debate does play a role in the Yemeni society, an organised framework is unfamiliar and helped young people to focus on the content and comply with rules while discussing emotional topics.

Youth Promoter/Peer Education:

Young people share with other youth from the content learned and thereby continue to deepen their knowledge and make a positive contribution to sharing with others. An example would be to organise a job fair or career orientation training for other youth.

Charitable Projects:

Charitable projects in the neighbourhood (e.g. human rights awareness campaigns, waste disposal, plant trees, help with homework, water purification techniques, etc.) help young people to deepen what they have learned and test potential ideas for their own projects and micro-enterprises and also make a positive contribution to the community. To help poor families stand on their feet, Trainees targeted poor IDPs families to start new businesses by providing them with basic products of cosmetics or vegetables, Sewing machines to sell a product and repurpose profits for new supplies.

MATERNAL + CHILD NUTRITION

PROVIDING SUSTENANCE TO MALNOURISHED CHILDREN,
PREGNANT WOMEN, AND BREASTFEEDING WOMEN

BENEFICIARIES:	54,212 children and 16,411 women
PROJECT DURATION:	January 2016 - December 2016
DONOR:	World Food Programme
PROJECT LOCATION	Hajja Governorate, Yemen
PROJECT BUDGET:	338,902 Euro

BACKGROUND

Malnutrition has become a chronic problem in Yemen. Before the crisis, Yemen imported around 90% of its food supply. The supply of food has been wrecked by endemic poverty coupled with economic and political instability. Children and expectant mothers are facing especially severe consequences of malnutrition and limited or complete lack of access to clean water and healthcare. Vision Hope started the maternal and Child Health Nutrition program in the Hajja Governorate in April 2016. The partnership between WFP and Vision Hope was established in 2012 and continues to make a difference for thousands of lives in Yemen. Through the distribution of peanut-based nutritional supplements, Vision Hope estimates to have reached roughly 45,000 people.



MATERNAL + CHILD NUTRITION

PROJECT OUTLINE

Vision Hope funded and supported by WFP, worked in 7 districts of Hajja Governorate to provide support to the Nutrition Supplementary Program services in 51 health facilities in order to include the targeted supplementary feeding (TSF) component in these already functional outpatient therapeutic programs (OTPs).

In 2016 the Vision Hope Maternal and Child Nutrition project expanded from the five previously targeted districts to include more two additional districts in Hajja governorate. This expansion allowed us to continue to reach more malnourished women and U5 children in the hardest to reach areas to ensure equal and unbiased service delivery, and to deliver services to children suffering from SAM and MAM. VHI worked in coordination with the Hajja Governorate Health Office to support and increase the capacity of Health Facilities (HFs) within the targeted priority districts, by providing supplementary feeding program (SFP) services within HFs that run OTP service, and enabling these OTPs and SFPs to receive, register, treat, follow-up, and monitor cases of acute malnutrition. These objectives thereby contribute to the reduction of infant and young child mortality, improve their survival, and provide children the opportunity to develop, physically and mentally, to their full potential.

As a result, Vision Hope was able to reach normal and malnourished children as well as malnourished pregnant and lactating women in large numbers:

Blanket Feeding U2: (6,457) children, MAM U5: (47,755) children, MAM PLW: (16,411) PLW. Additionally, we were able to distribute nutritious food to the target beneficiary group (Year 2016) as follows: Plumpy'Doz in MT: (9.1632) MTs, Plumpy'Sup in MT: (101.56) MTs, WSB in MT: (131.878) MTs.

2016 ACTIVITIES

This project included food delivery and warehouse management of food stock in two main warehouses located in Hajja governorate, and the coordination of deliveries to 51 health facilities. Supervisory field teams made monthly movement plans to reach all 51 health facilities in order to supervise health workers and collect relevant needed data. Monthly reports were created and submitted to WFP and Ministry of Public Health to reflect the progress of the project against the agreed upon plans and budget.

VHI, as an active participant and member of the Nutrition Cluster and Regional Sub-Cluster, is involved in coordination of meetings on a national and regional level, and takes a lead role in sharing and disseminating information. In addition to targeted distributions of this project, VHI organized community sensitization meetings and trainings to improve the technical skills of health workers in the targeted districts.

WATER RESOURCES

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR THE HAJJA AND MAHWEET GOVERNORATES OF YEMEN

BENEFICIARIES:	4,434 women, men, and children
PROJECT DURATION:	June 2016 - June 2017
DONOR:	BMZ
PROJECT LOCATION	Hajja and Al Mahweet, Yemen
PROJECT BUDGET:	555,555 Euro
PROJECT PARTNER:	Youth for Homeland Organization

BACKGROUND

Many districts in the Hajja Governorate have no running water, no electricity, no phones, and cannot be accessed by car. In collaboration with local NGOs, we have restored hundreds of rainwater systems over the last couple of years in these communities. Currently, we are working with Youth For Homeland, a Yemeni NGO, on re-building twelve water cisterns in Hajja. Around 600 families benefit from the restored water cisterns, but for Vision Hope, sustainability is key. VHI applies years of experience in the sustainable establishment and rehabilitation of water cisterns to this project. This will not be a temporary water solution, but one that benefits the community long-term: Each cistern lasts for roughly 30 years. Through trainings, local people maintain the cisterns independently. Between June 2016 and April 2017 we will work on improving and sustaining water resources in Yemen.



- 720 WATER FILTERS AND HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED
- 12 WATER CISTERNS CONSTRUCTED
- 4,434 BENEFICIARIES SERVED
- ABOUT 60 FAMILIES SERVED PER CISTERN

WATER RESOURCES

PROJECT OUTLINE

The Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) - Project in Yemen, implemented by the local NGO Youth For Homeland (YFH) had an overall objective to increase the capacity of YFH and to improve the living conditions of at least 600 poor smallholder families in four selected districts of the Hajjah and Mahweet governorates of the Republic of Yemen.

Hajjah and Mahweet are agricultural economy-based governorates, and because of their geographic location in the high mountains, they are not connected to adequate infrastructure. Paved roads are scarce, leaving many mountain villages reachable only by footpath. These villages often do not have water sources conveniently located. Women and girls suffer most from this problem. They spend many hours hauling water from the valleys to the mountain villages. There were once mechanized water supply pump, but these have collapsed because of the current political crisis. There is a massive shortage of diesel fuel due to the armed conflict, and so the pump no longer operates.

However, the rainfall in these regions reaches 400 mm per year, which is relatively high, and sufficient to collect rainwater for consumption. The project in Hajjah Governorate (Shiris and Al Maghraba districts) and Mahweet Governorate (Bani Saad and Al Tawila districts) supplied 720 smallholder families with sustainable drinking water, which is then made potable with water filters.

2016 ACTIVITIES

This project has several goals. The first is to increase the capacity of the local promoters. The local NGO staff were trained in the area of managing NGOs, project management, IT, and life skills. This capacity-building helped the team from Youth for Homeland complete a high quality project implementation.

A second goal was to create local governance over the cisterns. In order to establish 12 water-use committees, a five-member committee was established by the communities in each of the 12 cistern locations. These committees are responsible for determining the exact locations for the cisterns. The committee members are appointed by the village communities. The project gave a three-day training to the 60 committee members. During the implementation of the construction phase, they were responsible for quality assurance.

A third goal was to train 24 hygiene promoters. Half of the hygiene promoters trained were female. The aim of the training was to teach hygiene standards, proper usage of the water filters, general water hygiene, and the safe storage of water. Other curriculum included keeping the household clean, among other lessons. The 24 hygiene promoters visited 720 households, and distributed hygiene kits and silver filters. During the delivery, the hygiene promoters trained the receiving families how to use the silver filter and the hygiene kits. Additionally, the project successfully completed the construction of 12 rainwater cisterns using local contractors who employed labor from the local communities.

A man wearing a light blue turban and a brown jacket is looking down into a white container. The background is a warm, orange-toned indoor setting. The text is overlaid on a dark semi-transparent box at the bottom of the image.

I USED TO DRINK WITH MY EYES SHUT

Mohammed Ali Othrob is a 40 year- old man living in Yemen in the village of Moammar Al Harth, Al Tawila district, in the Governorate of Al Mahweet, with his wife and four children.

Clean water in his village is not easily accessible. He and his family were forced to drink unclean water because of a lack of a clean water source. When he speaks of his health troubles, he describes how he used to suffer from frequent abdominal pain, and his children used to suffer from diarrhea.

After the intervention of the IWRM project, Mohammed said, “Before the project started work in our area, I used to drink water with my eyes shut! Now I drink while looking into the water so I can enjoy its cleanliness!” His children are now healthier and their quality of life has improved. Mohammed thanked Vision Hope and the Youth for Homeland Organization for helping very poor people like him in remote areas.

He explained that targeting this very poor community of people and the remote area in which they live was the right first step and gave him hope, saying, “We felt we are not forgotten.”

CASH FOR WORK

TO REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY IN VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

BENEFICIARIES:	9,836 men, women, and children
PROJECT DURATION:	July 2016 - June 2017
DONOR:	World Food Programme
PROJECT LOCATION	Bani Qaiss and Aslam, Hajja Governorate, Yemen
PROJECT BUDGET:	1,467,840 USD distributed wages, 338,902 USD project operations
PROJECT PARTNER:	Local councils in the targeted districts

BACKGROUND

The conflict in Yemen has continued to deteriorate into an ever-growing humanitarian disaster. 12.9 million Yemeni people are food insecure, with 6.2 million of that group in an emergency situation. Vision Hope has partnered with local councils, as well as tribal and religious leaders, to identify the households in emergent need of food assistance in order to provide them a monthly wage. These households are largely those of



CASH FOR WORK

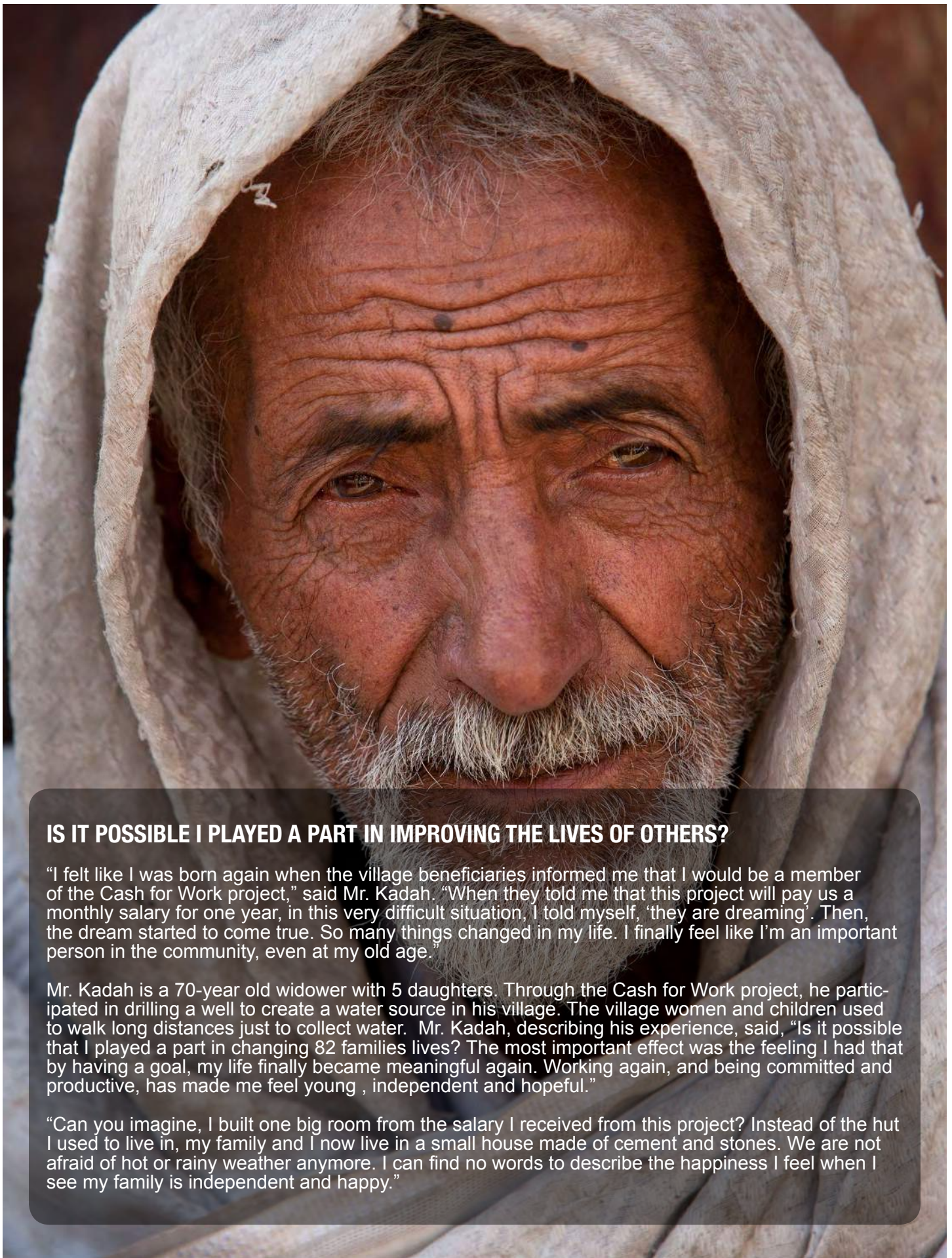
PROJECT OUTLINE

displaced families, households headed by widowed women, the elderly and disabled, those from socially and economically marginalized communities. The overarching goal of this project is to save lives and reduce food insecurity of conflict-affected and vulnerable populations in Hajja governorate.

This project required a project management team to handle the administrative logistics of distributing a large number of wages to households in Yemen. Initially, a project staff was hired. This staff then got to work targeting villages within the specified districts. Community mobilizers were hired for each of the target communities, and they were responsible for creating committees in the villages to oversee the selection of beneficiaries for wage distributions. Groups were established and work plans were established depending on the composition of the work group. Some focused on producing craftwork, such as sewing, while others dug wells for their community to have access to additional or more convenient water sources.

The work opportunities allowed beneficiaries to properly nourish their families by providing resources to increase food security. Other beneficiaries were able to winterize their homes. The projects the working groups completed also tended to offer an improved quality of life to the greater village community.





IS IT POSSIBLE I PLAYED A PART IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS?

"I felt like I was born again when the village beneficiaries informed me that I would be a member of the Cash for Work project," said Mr. Kadah. "When they told me that this project will pay us a monthly salary for one year, in this very difficult situation, I told myself, 'they are dreaming'. Then, the dream started to come true. So many things changed in my life. I finally feel like I'm an important person in the community, even at my old age."

Mr. Kadah is a 70-year old widower with 5 daughters. Through the Cash for Work project, he participated in drilling a well to create a water source in his village. The village women and children used to walk long distances just to collect water. Mr. Kadah, describing his experience, said, "Is it possible that I played a part in changing 82 families lives? The most important effect was the feeling I had that by having a goal, my life finally became meaningful again. Working again, and being committed and productive, has made me feel young, independent and hopeful."

"Can you imagine, I built one big room from the salary I received from this project? Instead of the hut I used to live in, my family and I now live in a small house made of cement and stones. We are not afraid of hot or rainy weather anymore. I can find no words to describe the happiness I feel when I see my family is independent and happy."

A photograph of children sitting at a yellow table, engaged in coloring and writing. One child is using a red marker to draw on a notebook, while another is using a white marker. A bowl of colorful crayons is visible on the table. The scene is warmly lit, and the children are wearing red and grey clothing.

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TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS FOR
YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT IN OUR WORK



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Schublade 10 e.V.	2.500 Euro

FINANCIALS



FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS (EUR)

A. Fixed Assets

I. Fixed Assets	
1. Office and Vehicle Assets	24,583.56

B. Current Assets

I. Receivables	
1. Assured Project Funding for 2016	669,376.10
2. Other Assets	92,377.76
II. Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts	896.677.78

Sum Assets 1,683,015.20

LIABILITIES (EUR)

A. Capital

1. Association Capital	50,000.00
2. Retained Earnings	121,980.70
3. Annual Result	315,053.54

B. Accruals

1. Accrual Audit	4,000.00
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C. Liabilities

1. To Forward Donations	666,761.26
2. Designated Project Funds for 2017	515,972.01
3. Liabilities from Income and Church Tax	600.32
4. Other Liabilities	8,647.37

Sum Accruals/Liabilities 1,683,015.20

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 2016

A.	Assets		
1.	Intangible fixed assets (Software)		403.39 €
2.	Office assets		3.00 €
3.	Vehicles		8,659.47 €
4.	Commodities Summary		15,487.28 €
5.	Balance in Cashbooks and Bank Accounts		
	Postbank	565,355.67 €	
	Volksbank	35,276.80 €	
	Business Sparcard 1	17,510.36 €	
	Business Sparcard 2	5,074.51 €	
	PayPal	926.77 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Jordan	12,646.41 €	
	Bank and Cashbook Yemen	259,887.26 €	896,677.78 €
6.	Assured project funding for 2016		669,376.10 €
7.	Other Assets		92,408.18 €
	Sum of Assets		1,683,015.20 €
B.	Accruals/Liabilities		
1.	Liabilities from Income and Church Tax		600.32 €
2.	Other Liabilities		8,647.37 €
3.	Designated Project Funds for 2016		515,972.01 €
4.	Donations to forward		666,761.26 €
5.	Accruals		4,000.00 €
	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		1,195,980.96 €
C.	Net Assets		
1.	Sum of Assets		1,683,015.20 €
2.	Sum of Accruals/Liabilities		1,195,980.96 €
	Net Assets		487,034.24 €

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR IN EUROS

A.	Income from donations and grants	Amount	Percentage
1.	Donations from members	25,024.00 €	0.83 %
2.	Unspecified donations from private donors	1,120.00 €	0.04 %
3.	Earmarked donations from private donors for abroad	156,219.15 €	5.19 %
4.	Earmarked donations from private donors for inland	2,260.00 €	0.08 %
5.	Earmarked donations from companies, associations, churches and schools	54,116.76 €	1.80 %
6.	Institutional grants (including 29,094 € from Sternstunden e.V.)	2,760,805.72 €	91.72 %
Subtotal		2,999,545.63 €	99.65 %
B.	Other income		
1.	Exchange rate gains	10,417.97 €	0.35 %
Subtotal		10,417.97 €	0.35 %
Sum Income		3,009,963.60 €	100.00 %

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR IN EUROS

A.	Project Expenses	Amount	Percentage
1.	Project funding Yemen	1,538,059.60 €	57.07 %
2.	Project funding Jordan	145,713 €	5.41 %
3.	Project funding Tunisia	33,464 €	1.24 %
4.	Project funding Syria	365,992.12 €	13.58 %
5.	Project funding Turkey	4,323.00 €	0.16 %
6.	Project support	15,740.85 €	0.58 %
7.	Building to forward donations	523,024.36 €	19.41 %
Subtotal		2,626,317.34 €	97.45 %
B.	Expenses for Administration, Fundraising, and Public Relations		
1.	Staff costs	22,268.91 €	0.83 %
2.	Administrative costs	41,925.43 €	1.56 %
3.	Fundraising and public relations	4,398.38 €	0.16 %
Subtotal		68,592.72 €	2.55 %
Sum Income		2,694,910.06 €	100.00 %
Annual Result		315,053.54 €	

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 2016. 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, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with § 317 HGB and IDW.

Stuttgart, 20 May 2017



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