



ANNUAL REPORT
2016

APPROACH

Delivering essentials, developing opportunities

MISSION

ARAHA strives to alleviate human suffering and build self-reliant communities by providing humanitarian aid and empowering individuals in the Horn of Africa and here at home.

ADVANTAGE

ARAHA is a unique aid organization. First, we are focused only on the Horn of Africa. We speak the languages of the region and understand the local cultures. This helps us to be well-connected, well-accepted, and welcomed by local communities. We have years of experience in this area and we have the tools required to navigate the many challenges of working in the region. Our field offices and partners are officially registered, recognized, and respected by local governments in the Horn of Africa. We enjoy our work and we do it professionally while constantly striving to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

What motivates us to donate to charity, help victims of humanitarian crises, and fight poverty around the world? It is a drive to do good that we all have in our hearts. We avoid indicating that our motive to help others is self-interest. But I would like to argue that it may be time for people to think about their self-interest as well when they donate.

By self-interest, I do not mean the urge to show off or seek recognition. Instead, I mean to point out that, in today's interconnected society, where the entire world truly is like one village, we should understand that each of us will be impacted by disasters, wherever they strike. A famine, earthquake, or war that devastates one nation will, directly or indirectly, harm our world as well. Therefore, when we help others, we should recognize that we are essentially helping ourselves. Borders and oceans no longer keep nations and peoples safe and separate, as they used to do.

No matter how far we are from an area afflicted with disaster, we will feel the impact. Let me give you some recent examples: When the Ebola outbreak hit West Africa in 2014, US citizens here in Texas and New York got sick, despite the fact they never visited West Africa before. In other words, the US was just one flight away from the epidemic. When the international community ignored the conflict in Syria and did not intervene to resolve it at the beginning, the Syrian people were devastated by war, but they were not the only ones burned in that fire. Hundreds of thousands of innocent Syrian refugees crossed the borders not only to neighboring countries, but also into Europe without permission or visas. Not only did they become an economic and social burden on hosting countries, but they even created political turmoil within these countries.

Therefore, whenever we help victims of war, natural crisis, or even poverty, we are not only helping those in need, we are also indirectly serving our own interests, and making the world a better place.



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HIGHLIGHTS



62

Water wells have been dug- 44 in Somalia, 8 in Ethiopia, 7 in Kenya, and 3 in Sudan- to serve over 62,000 people.



107,711

People received sustenance from our food basket and meat distribution projects throughout Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Sudan.



252

Orphans received care and education through out orphan support program.



3,270

Students received support from our educational projects, which included distributions of books and school supplies, tuition payments, and college scholarships.



270,000

Meals were distributed to children affected by malnutrition in Somalia. The meals are scientifically produced to provide the best nutritional value.



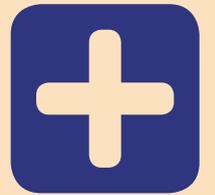
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People benefited from ARAHA's dairy cow and dairy goat projects.



9

Lifesaver campaigns raised over \$60,000 to provide aid to thousands of individuals in the Horn.



12,661

People received aid from our disaster response team.



FOOD



In a year marked by drought in the Horn of Africa, ARAHA continued its annual food basket distribution program in the region. We were able to serve around 30,000 people and provided much-needed aid to fight the difficult weather conditions. Each family received a food basket that included rice, flour, sugar, cooking oil, juice, dates, and spices.

In addition to this, we continued our annual meat distribution project. In many parts of the Horn of Africa region, people herd livestock, so meat makes up a considerable portion of a typical diet. But many have lost their farmlands and livestock due to drought and flooding. We were able to distribute a family-sized portion of meat to over 78,000 people, helping families cook filling meals at home and avoid the hunger that comes from food shortages.



WATER



With the growing inconsistency of regional and global weather patterns, and the drought that now seems to be an annual occurrence in the Horn, access to clean water for families in east Africa has become even more irregular. That is why this year ARAHA set a new record of 62 water wells built, nearly tripling our average annual output and serving over 60,000 people in the region.

Now, families not only have access to clean water for themselves, and their livestock—they also don't have to travel very far to get water. In most instances, wells have been built within their villages or their local community center.

In addition, we also provided emergency water trucking (EWT) in Somaliland where many were suffering from drought. We served over 4,500 individuals across eight villages with immediate access to clean water.



EDUCATION



Education is the gateway to a better life and a means of ensuring a better future for our children. But in many parts of the Horn region, children are not afforded the best educational opportunities. In particular, attending college is nearly impossible.

This year, we wanted to make sure everyone would have an uninterrupted path to education. From our Shegerab High School in Sudan, we provided scholarships to seven young women to attend universities. In addition, we distributed sanitary pads to over 200 girls at the high school, so that they won't miss a day of school.

In Somalia, we empowered instructors at East Africa University—Gardho campus to continue teaching by sponsoring their salaries for a whole year. Through these efforts, over 3,000 individuals benefited from our education projects this year.



ORPHANS



Due to war, famine, and disease, it is estimated that at least 10% of children in the Horn of Africa region are orphaned, according to UNICEF. This means that over 18 million children in the Horn are under the age of 15 and living without parent(s). While these numbers are devastating and may seem insurmountable, we each still have an opportunity to make a difference, even if it may only be for a single orphan.

Here at ARAHA, we are passionate about caring for orphans. We do our best to be a positive impact in their lives. With your help in supporting our orphan program, we were able to help 252 orphans in 2016. This brings our lifetime total to over 10,000 orphans assisted by ARAHA.



HEALTH



Malnutrition remains a serious health problem. In the developing world, it is the single biggest contributor to child mortality; nearly one-third of the children in the developing world are either underweight or stunted. With this in mind, ARAHA partnered with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to continue the fight against malnutrition in Somalia.

The team of nutrition and health workers from ARAHA were able to distribute 270,000 meals in Somalia to malnourished children. The children were put on a nutrition program to monitor their development.

Families received a box of Mannapack rice from FMSC to aid in the development of their children. The rice is specifically produced to target and fight malnutrition, as it is packed with dehydrated vegetables, a range of different vitamins, and other beneficial ingredients.



SELF RELIANCE



It is everyone's goal to be able to provide for their family. But in a region with an unemployment rate of 31%, opportunities to earn a livable income are scarce. Many have depended on agriculture for income generation, and even that is in peril; the recent drought and flooding in the region have made agricultural pursuits less viable.

In order to encourage other forms of self-reliance, ARAHA annually distributes donkey carts and water tankers for families to use to generate income. They can use these donkey carts and water tankers to transport people, water, and other good for a fair income.

In addition to this, we provided some families with four dairy goats, which can be used to generate income via milk sales.



EMERGENCY
AID



At ARAHA, we had our work cut out for us this year. In the Horn, close to 20 million people are currently facing hunger and malnutrition—including at least 6 million children. The unpredictable El Nino weather pattern, compounded by climate change, has led to extreme weather conditions. Regions of Sudan and Kenya have experienced floods that wiped out villages and farmland, while regions in Ethiopia and Somalia haven't had enough rain in over three years. These conditions have hurt pastoralists, who depend on livestock for their income, as well as farmers, whose crops have been laid to waste.

Our emergency response team worked tirelessly to provide much needed emergency aid to thousands of families in the region, specifically Somalia and Sudan. We have distributed thousands of drought relief packages that include food baskets, nutrition packs for children, and water. In other areas, we've provided flood relief packages that included food baskets, tents, blankets, utensils and much more.



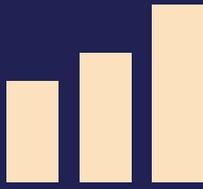
LIFE SAVER
CAMPAIGN



This year, the lifesaver campaign witnessed yet another wonderful turnout of people creating campaigns to make a difference in the horn. Projects included building water wells in honor of a family members, funding blankets for refugees, distributing sanitary pads to girls in school, and providing emergency food aid. In total, people like you crowd-funded over \$60,000 in support of these projects.

Lifesaver projects are a manifestation of the passion people have for bringing hope to the Horn of Africa. Humanitarian work is not just a responsibility of a non-profit organization. We all share in the effort to bring about change and hope in the region.

FINANCE



Audited by:

La Fayette, Melssen & Plath, LTD.

Opinion:

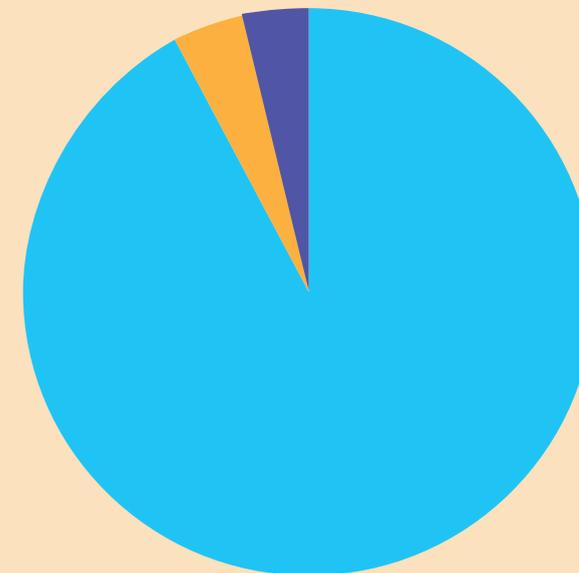
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Current assets	
Cash	549,094
Inventory	-----
Pledge receivable, net	29,602
Contribution receivable	170,106
Prepaid expenses	400
Employee advances	-----
Other receivable	-----
Total current assets	749,202
Property & equipment	
Building & Improvements	219,886
Land	39,100
Equipment	58,849
Less accumulated depreciation	(37,166)
Net fixed assets	280,669
Mailing list, software & website	18,379
Less accumulated amortization	(10,198)
Net mailing list, software & web	8,181
Other	
Agreement Deposit	100,000
Total other assets	100,000
Total assets	1,138,052
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	85,000
Accrued expenses	20,232
Security deposit	2,850
Total current liabilities	108,692
Non-current liabilities	
Accrued severance & sick pay	43,288
Total non-current liabilities	43,288
Total liabilities	151,370
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	
Unrestricted	432,501
Board designated	236,708
Temporarily restricted	317,473
Total liabilities & net assets	1,138,052

REVENUE & EXPENSES

SUPPORT & REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMP RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Support			
Contributions	268,248	1,289,458	1,557,706
In-kind	256,827	-----	256,827
Total Support	525,075	1,289,458	1,814,533
Revenue			
Rental income	39,488	-----	39,488
Net asset (released from restrictions)	1,096,064	(1,096,064)	-----
Total Revenue	1,135,552	(1,096,064)	39,488
Total support & revenue	1,660,627	193,394	1,854,021
EXPENSES			
Program	3,076,961	-	3,076,961
Management & general	124,145	-	124,145
Fundraising	158,144	-	158,144
Total expenses	3,359,250		3,359,250
Increase in net assets	(1,698,623)	193,394	(1,505,229)
Net assets, beginning of year	2,367,832	124,079	2,491,911
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Restated beginning net assets	2,367,832	124,079	2,491,911
Net asset end of year	669,209	317,473	986,682



FINANCIAL EXPENSES 2016

Program	92%
Fundraising	4%
Management & General	4%

OUR PARTNERS (2016)

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the people responsible for making all of this possible. To our donors, volunteers, collaborators, partners, supporters and staff: thank you for making 2016 a wonderful year!



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ACCREDITATION

ARAHA has been recognized by multiple organizations for its financial health, accountability, and transparency. Including a four-star rating from charity navigator, the premiere charity evaluator, for four consecutive years - ranking us in the top 10 percent of all U.S. charities.



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