

20 Annual 13 Report



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Respected Life Donor and Supporter,

As we wrapped up 2013 and inventoried all that was achieved during that tumultuous year, I am happy to report to each and every person, group and organization that contributed to Life in its mission over the past year that thanks to that generous support, a great many projects were implemented in 26 countries spanning Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and America.

Whether an area was hit by natural disasters such as in the Philippines, war and violence as in Syria and Iraq, Life staff responded by bringing needed emergency supplies ranging from water and sanitation kits to prevent the spread of disease to food, clothing and blankets to help protect the victims from the harsh elements.

As part of our ongoing mission to support underserved healthcare institutions and communities, Life provided medicines, and medical equipment as well as helped build new clinics where needed.

With the belief that education is the foundation for promoting development, prosperity and peace, Life with its partners distributed over \$18 million dollars' worth of books and educational materials to learning institutions ranging from universities to grade schools.

In the area of community and human development, Life helped build community centers for the people to congregate and manage their lives. We also helped dig water wells to provide continuous supply of clean water. We continued to support orphanages as well as campaign for orphans' sponsorships. I am also sad to report that as a result of natural calamities and wars, the number of orphans needing support keeps growing.

Our traditional seasonal projects (Ramadan and Eid) were stronger than prior years and as a result we were able to help many more families than before.

As this annual report demonstrates, Life continues to grow stronger and reach more needy individual and families throughout the world. We could not have achieved such results without the generosity and continued support of our friends, donors and partners.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff that was instrumental in implementing these projects, some at great risks of their lives. I also thank Life Board of Directors for their contributions, wise counsel and stewardship. May Allah reward everyone and may he continue to protect this great organization.

Sincerely

Abdallah Boumediene

President and CEO

Life for Relief and Development



ABOUT LIFE

Our Motto:

“And if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind”

The Holy Quran (5:32)

Mission Statement

Life for Relief and Development’s mission is deeply rooted in the belief that saving lives should be a priority of all mankind. For this reason, Life is dedicated to alleviating human suffering regardless of race, color, religion, or cultural background. In response to poverty, famine, social and economic turmoil, natural disasters, war, and other catastrophes, Life works to provide assistance to people across the globe by offering humanitarian services such as food, water, and temporary shelter as well as healthcare and education.

Organizational Background

Life for Relief and Development is a non-profit humanitarian charity founded in 1992 by concerned Arab and Muslim American professionals in response to the humanitarian crises that developed in Iraq as a result of the 1991 Gulf War. Today, Life for Relief and Development has become the largest U.S.-founded Muslim American humanitarian relief and development organization, with an annual budget of nearly \$35 million. Due to the great generosity of donors, Life has been able to distribute over \$350 million of humanitarian assistance items around the world, and in the process, kindly touched millions of lives.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES MAP



- AFGHANISTAN
- BANGLADESH
- DARFUR
- EGYPT
- ERITREA
- ETHIOPIA
- GHANA

- HAITI
- INDIA
- IRAQ
- JORDAN
- KENYA

- LEBANON
- MALAWI
- MALI
- MYANMAR
- NIGER
- PAKISTAN

- PALESTINE
- PHILIPPINES
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SYRIA
- USA
- YEMEN

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Life provided emergency food, clean water, tents, bedding and blankets, hygiene kits, first aid kits, medicines, medical supplies & equipment, wheelchairs and psychological treatment to victims in countries stricken by war and natural disasters.

In 2013, Life provided emergency humanitarian relief and services valued at over \$8.15 million dollars to victims of the wars in Syria and Gaza, Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon, displaced families in Iraq, Myanmar and Eritrean refugees in South Sudan. Life also provided funds for medical aid to clinics and hospitals affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.



HEALTH PROGRAMS

Life provided wheelchairs and assistive devices to the handicapped, assisted individual medical cases in Lebanon and the West Bank, distributed donated medicines, medical supplies medical equipment and first aid kits to underserved hospitals and clinics.

In 2013, Life provided medical aid and equipment valued at over \$3 million dollars to hospitals, clinics and the disabled in Lebanon, Malawi, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and the West Bank.

Life in partnership with UAE-based Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Charity and Humanitarian Foundation continues building two new clinics in Iraq.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Life promotes literacy through the distribution of books to colleges, universities, primary and secondary schools, gives needy school children uniforms, shoes, and school bags filled with stationary, pens, and other educational items.

In 2013, Life provided educational materials valued at nearly \$18.5 million dollars to schools, colleges and universities in Sierra Leone, Ghana, Somaliland, the West Bank, and Egypt and to Native American and non-profit schools and colleges in the US.

Life in partnership with UAE-based Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum Charity and Humanitarian Foundation continues building 4 new schools in Iraq.



COMMUNITY/HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Life builds community centers where community members can gather for social events as well as funds small human development projects in Africa for poor families to enable them to start their own businesses and support their families and provides vegetable seeds to poor farmers.

In 2013, Life provided mobile carts to improve the livelihood of poor families in Somalia and vegetable seeds valued at over \$3.2 million dollars of poor famers and their families in Somalia and Mali.



ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP / SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Life's orphan sponsorship program provides food, shelter, education and healthcare to over four thousand orphans in Afghanistan, Ghana, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Sierra Leone and Syria. In 2013, Life's worldwide orphan program increased dramatically especially inside Syria where it almost doubled.

Through Life's social programs 40,000 children in Sierra Leone received a new pair of TOMS shoes. Additionally, Life distributed thousands of handbags, watches, clothing and other items to widows and needy women in Sierra Leone which were donated by Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Charity and Humanitarian Foundation in the United Arab Emirates.

Life distributed heavy winter blankets to needy Palestinian families in the West Bank and Gaza. Over two million dollars was provided to support Life's orphan sponsorship and social programs in 2013.



WATER/SANITATION/FILTRATION PROGRAMS

Life dug water wells in Ghana, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia and Somalia. Life also installed water filtration units in schools in Iraq.



SEASONAL PROJECTS

Life spent nearly \$1.5 million dollars on its seasonal projects in 2013 which helped feed thousands of needy families in many countries throughout the world.

Ramadan

During Ramadan 2013, food baskets were distributed to poor and needy families and individuals. Each basket contained enough food items to meet the needs of a family of 5-7 for one month which eased the financial burden on the family. All items were locally procured to help boost the local economy.

In 2013, Life distributed 15,000 food baskets and Iftar meals and provided Eid holiday gifts to poor children and orphans in several countries.

Udhiya/Qurbani

In many countries, families wait in anticipation for Eid to arrive so they can receive fresh meat. Many families are so poor they cannot afford to buy meat at all during the entire year and Eid Ul Adha is the only time that they have the opportunity to eat meat. With declining economies in many countries, millions of families are struggling to put food on their tables.

In 2013, Life distributed meat to nearly 90,000 families in 26 countries



Financials

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|---------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | 5,032,231 | |
| Prepaid expenses | | 37,590 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | | \$ 5,069,821 |

FIXED ASSETS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|
| Land | \$ | 57,750 | |
| Building | | 792,586 | |
| Building Improvements | | 411,354 | 1,261,690 |
| Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures | | 232,130 | |
| Automobile | | 20,195 | |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | \$ | 1,514,015 | |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | | 568,531 | |

NET FIXED ASSETS **945,484**

OTHER ASSETS

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|------------------|
| Employee Advance | | 5,475 | |
| Security deposits | | 1,212,384 | |
| TOTAL OTHER ASSETS | | | 1,217,859 |

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 7,233,164**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---|-------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ | - | |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | \$ - |

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ -

FUND BALANCE

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|--|
| Fund Balance - Unrestricted | \$ | 9,189,460 | |
| Fund Balance - Current | | (1,956,296) | |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | \$ | 7,233,164 | |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES **\$ 7,233,164**

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

REVENUE

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Direct Public Support - Cash | \$ | 11,402,470 |
| Direct Public Support - NonCash | | 22,653,581 |
| Interest on Investments | | 5,631 |
| | | 34,061,682 |
| | \$ | 34,061,682 |

TOTAL REVENUE

OPERATING EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|----|------------|
| Emergency Disaster Relief Expenditures | \$ | 8,150,329 |
| Educational Expenditures | | 18,411,714 |
| Health and Safety Expenditures | | 3,013,580 |
| Seasonal Program Expenditures | | 1,497,221 |
| Social Program Expenditures | | 2,192,404 |
| Water Treatment and Sanitation Expenditures | | 33,000 |
| Zakat Program Expenditures | | 74,458 |
| Indirect and General Program Expenditures | | 970,783 |
| Human Development Program | | 3,600 |
| Fundraising Expenditures | | 717,342 |
| Management and General Expenditures | | 953,547 |
| | | 36,017,978 |

Total Expenditures **\$ 36,017,978**

Fund Balance - Unrestricted **\$ (1,956,296)**

Rounding Differences -

Fund Balance - Unrestricted **\$ (1,956,296)**

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Cash Flows from operating Activities:

| | | |
|--|----|-------------|
| Net Fund Balance | \$ | (1,956,296) |
| Add: Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash: | | |
| Depreciation expense | \$ | 45,241 |
| Prepaid Expenses | | (827) |
| Other Assets | | 32,148 |
| Accounts Payable | | (460) |
| | | 76,102 |
| Net cash flow provided by operating activities | \$ | (1,880,194) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Cash paid to purchase fixed assets | \$ | (5,531) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (5,531) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Security Deposits | | - |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | | - |
| Net increase in cash equivalents | \$ | (1,885,725) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | 6,917,956 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | \$ | 5,032,231 |

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S

Dr. Abulwahab Asamarai, Board Chairman

Dr. Asamarai has served as a Board Member for Life for Relief and Development since its establishment in 1992. He holds the following degrees: D.V.M., M.Sc., Ph.D. and M.D. His degree as a Medical Doctor was inspired by his commitment to helping the needy. He hopes to continue to see Life extending its hand to all suffering people around the world.

Mohamed Idris, Board Vice Chairman

Mohamed Idris maintains an Associate's Degree in Pharmaceutical Science, a B.S. degree in Business Administration, and an M.A. degree in Management. His past achievements include a position as the Executive Director of the American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa (ARAHA) in Minneapolis, MN, as well as serving as the Senior Pharmacy Technician at the Hennepin County Medical Center.

Michel J. Salloum, Board Secretary and Treasurer

Michel J. Salloum holds a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He held several technical and managerial leadership positions. He currently serves as a Board Member of the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor (MCA). He also served as President of the MCA (2004-2005), V.P. and Board Member of the Michigan Islamic Academy (MIA) (1997-1999), and Secretary of the MCA E.C. (1995-1996).

Abdallah Boumediene, CEO

Abdallah Boumediene is a graduate of Wayne State University in the field of economics. He has over 30 years of experience in healthcare administration, finance, and operations management. He has worked at large healthcare institutions such as Henry Ford Health System and Community Based Organizations such as Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). He has also been on several Boards including the State of Michigan Committee on Refugees Resettlement, Michigan State Advisory Board on Recipients Rights, Board of Directors of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAH), Interfaith Committee on Workers Issues, and Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan (CIOM). He also served as President of the National Consortium of Torture Treatments Programs.

Dr. Sharif Gindy, Board Member

Dr. Gindy has a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and has worked over 30 years in Research and Development in the area of Dynamic Measurement Technology. He also serves as a member of the Board of other non-profit organizations.

Dawud Walid, Board Member

Dawud Walid is currently the Executive Director of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MI), a chapter of America's largest advocacy and civil liberties organization for Muslims. Walid has spoken at over twenty institutions of higher learning about Islam and interfaith dialogue including DePaul University, Harvard University and the University of the Virgin Islands. He has also presented on prominent panel discussions with international leaders and academics such as a panel discussion on African-American and American Muslim relations at the 2008 Congressional Black Caucus Convention with the Reverend Jesse Jackson to the 2009 and 2010 Malian Peace and Tolerance Conferences held in Bamako, Mali, which were attended by religious scholars from twelve different countries. Walid also served in the United States Navy under honorable conditions earning two United States Navy and Marine Corp Achievement medals as well as having received awards of recognition from both the Hamtramck and Detroit City Councils and from the Mayor of Lansing.

Dr. M. Yahia Abdul-Rahim, Board Member

Dr. Rahim is a pediatric hematologist/oncologist for 22+ years. He graduated from Emory University in Georgia. He also has special interest in the youth centers and youth education as well as Islamic Schools in the USA. He works with many medical and charity organizations for Syrian causes.

Dr. Hany E. Saqr, Board Member

Dr. Saqr is a retired physician in Ohio. He has been active in the local Arab and Muslim communities in Ohio.

Thanks to our Supporters

Life for Relief and Development would like to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude for your support and participation in Life's humanitarian mission. Life also expresses its appreciation to its founders who realized the need of helping the indigent and needy across the globe, and thanks the staff and its volunteers along with the donors and partners who together helped save the lives of many, eased their suffering and helped make Life successful in its noble mission.