

20 Annual 14 Report



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Board of Directors

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Respected Life Donor and Supporter,

As we wrapped up 2014 and inventoried all that was achieved, 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 25 countries spanning Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and America. Whether an area was hit by natural disasters, war and violence as in Syria, Yemen 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 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 Khalid Turaani

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. Due to the great generosity of donors, Life has become the largest U.S.-founded Muslim American humanitarian relief and development organization, with an annual budget of nearly \$52 million. Life has been able to distribute nearly \$437 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
- MALI
- MEXICO
- MYANMAR
- NIGER
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- PHILIPPINES
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SOUTHERN SUDAN
- SYRIA
- TURKEY
- 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 for children and parents affected by war and natural disasters.

In 2014, Life provided emergency humanitarian relief and services valued at over \$3.7 million to victims of the wars in Iraq, Syria and Gaza, Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Health Programs

Life provided wheelchairs and assistive devices to the handicapped, hearing aids to hearing impaired poor, needy and refugees, distributed donated medicines, medical supplies medical equipment to underserved hospitals and clinics.

In 2014, Life provided medicines, medical aid and equipment valued at over \$22.8 million to hospitals, clinics and the disabled in Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Ghana and Mali.

Education Programs

Life promotes literacy through the distribution of books to colleges, universities, primary and secondary schools, donates classroom furniture to schools in need, gives orphans and poor school children uniforms, shoes, and school bags filled with stationary, pens, and other educational items.

In 2014, Life provided school furniture and educational materials valued at over \$17.1 million to schools, colleges and universities in Iraq, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Somalia, the Philippines 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 completed construction on 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 Ghana, one community center was completed in Dodofie in the Volta region and work to construct 3 additional community centers in Ghana is ongoing.

Life Haiti opened its 5th small kiosk shop that sells basic food items to the local community at very low cost and from the income generated gives free food to extremely poor families. The 5 shops are located in Cite Soleil, Bel Air and the Delmas in Port-au-Prince.

Orphan Sponsorship/Social Programs

Life's orphan sponsorship program provides food, shelter, education and healthcare to over 4,300 orphans in Afghanistan, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Sierra Leone and Syria.

Life provided Family Assistance to needy families in Afghanistan, Jordan and the US.

Dorm room furniture was shipped to the UAE-based Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum Charity and Humanitarian Foundation orphanage in Kandahar Afghanistan and dorm room furniture was sent and distributed to orphanages in Sierra Leone and Ghana.

Water/Sanitation Programs

Life dug 16 water wells in Ghana, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Ghana, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia. Life also installed water coolers with filtration units in 3 schools in Iraq and in several public buildings in Haiti.

Seasonal Projects

Life spent nearly \$1.3 million on its seasonal projects in 2014 which helped feed thousands of needy families in many countries throughout the world.

Ramadan

During Ramadan 2014, 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.

Life distributed food baskets to thousands of needy families and provided Iftar meals and provided Eid holiday gifts to poor children and orphans in 13 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.

In 2014, Life distributed meat to over 100,000 families in 24 countries

Financials

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	5,613,351	
Prepaid expenses		81,353	
			\$ 5,694,704

FIXED ASSETS

Land	\$	57,750	
Building		337,792	
Building Improvements		434,712	830,254
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures		238,314	
Automobile		20,195	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		\$ 1,088,763	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		524,153	
NET FIXED ASSETS			564,610

OTHER ASSETS

Employee Advances		5,916	
Security deposits		156	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS			6,072

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 6,265,386	
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	(150)	
			\$ (150)

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ (150)	
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$	7,233,164	
Fund Balance - Current		(967,628)	

TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$ 6,265,536	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		\$ 6,265,386	
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LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

REVENUE

Direct Public Support - Cash & NonCash	\$	51,415,342
Gain(Loss) on Investments		19,993
Gain(Loss) on Sale of Assets		<u>(175,643)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	51,259,692

OPERATING EXPENSES

Emergency Disaster Relief Expenditures	\$	3,740,344
Educational Expenditures		17,117,410
Health and Safety Expenditures		22,802,986
Seasonal Program Expenditures		1,299,323
Social Program Expenditures		3,290,961
Water Treatment and Sanitation Expenditures		69,040
Zakat Program Expenditures		107,981
Indirect and General Program Expenditures		1,778,704
Fundraising Expenditures		629,730
Management and General Expenditures		<u>1,390,841</u>

Total expenditures	\$	52,227,320
Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$	<u>(967,628)</u>
Rounding Differences		
Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$	<u>(967,628)</u>

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Cash Flows from operating Activities:

Net Fund Balance		\$	(967,628)
Add: Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash:			
Depreciation expense	\$	44,774	
Prepaid Expenses		(43,763)	
Other Assets		1,211,787	
Accounts Payable		(150)	
			<u>1,212,648</u>
Net cash flow provided by operating activities		\$	245,020

Cash flows from investing activities:

Cash paid to purchase fixed assets	\$	(40,084)	
Sale of Fixed Assets		376,184	
			<u>336,100</u>
Net cash used in investing activities			336,100

Cash flows from financing activities:

<u>Security Deposits</u>			
Net cash provided by financing activities			<u>336,100</u>
Net increase in cash equivalents		\$	581,120
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			5,032,231
			<u>5,613,351</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		\$	5,613,351

Life Staff

Headquarters

CEO:	Abdallah Boumediene
COO:	Mohammed Alomari
Administrative Assistant:	Alaa Aburahmeh
Accounts Manager:	Amr Mohamed
Accounting Assistant:	Auf Al-Rawi
Grants and Projects Manager:	Vicki Robb
Community Relations Coordinator:	Ayman Aburahma
Community Relations Assistant:	Fawzy Kersha
Community Relations/Projects Assistant:	Kareem Shaout
Orphans Program Coordinator:	Ali Zaquq
Orphans Program Assistant:	Azhar Alatraqchi
Orphans Program/Database Assistant:	Ezreta Nikocecic
Database Manager:	Yahya Labanieh
IT Assistant:	Marwan Alatraqchi
Media Productions Coordinator:	Muthana Obaida Hussein
Webmaster:	Mohammed Suboh
Media Publicist/Graphic Designer:	Ibrahim Salameh
Office Support Staff:	Mohammed Baban

Regional Directors

Afghanistan:	Noor Agha
Ghana:	Umar Farouk
Haiti:	Ayman Aburahma
Iraq:	Nizar Al-Shiraida
Jordan:	Walid Qanah
Palestine:	Mohammed Beshar
Sierra Leone:	Haja Mariama Fofanah
Syria:	Anwar Qasim
United Arab Emirates:	Mohammed Abokora

Thanks to our Supporters

We 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 for 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.