



ANNUAL REPORT
2018

APPROACH

*Delivering essentials,
developing opportunities.*

VISION

A stable, sustainable, and thriving Horn of Africa.

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.

ARAHA is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization based in Minnesota. All donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID #41-1989714.

Food for Thought

Hunger is a serious obstacle to learning. Students who don't get enough to eat lack focus, earn poorer grades than their well-fed peers, and have a harder time staying in school. Many children in Africa suffer from stunted growth and drop out from school simply because their mental development has been impaired due to hunger. Daily hunger can impair education and consequently, an entire life, keeping many kids trapped in the poverty cycle.

To combat this, ARAHA recently shifted the focus of its food program into a school lunch program. All children who attend certain schools in the Horn region will be guaranteed a full meal during the course of their school day.

This has the triple benefit of alleviating hunger for children living in poverty, ensuring that the students maintain their focus in class, and providing an incentive for children to stay in school for longer periods of time. Many schools have found a significant increase in the number of enrolled students as a result of this program. ARAHA is currently sponsoring 7 schools in refugee camps, IDPs, and very poor neighborhoods. Our goal is to reach 20 schools by the end of 2019. It is not difficult to achieve with your help. For only \$100 you can provide a meal per day for a child during the whole school year. How many children you can afford to feed?

Remember, it is more than feeding. It is making sure that these children will stay in school to have a better future.



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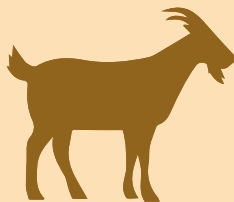
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2018 Highlights



4,298 families recieved food baskets in Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Yemen serving over 20,000 people.



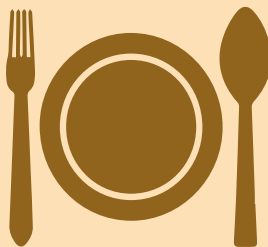
686 Dairy Goats distributed to 350 families in need in Kenya, Somalia, and Sudan.



33 water wells installed serving over 45,000 people in Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, and Ethiopia



340 orphans sponsored across the region.



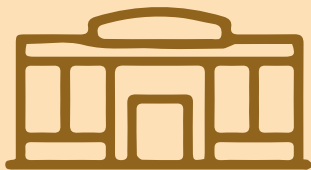
2,000 kids received nutritious meals through our school lunch program across 7 schools in Somalia, Sudan, and Ethiopia.



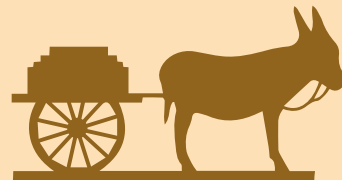
32 college scholarships for refugee students in Sudan.



2 children received lifesaving cancer treatment surgeries: one from Djibouti and one from Sudan.



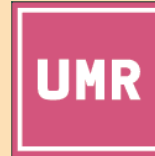
Constructed a community center including a school and a library in Kilo 26 refugee camp, Sudan.



20 donkey carts for 20 families in Somalia

OUR PARTNERS (2018)

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 2018 a wonderful year!



Continued: The Wasily Foundation, Direct Background Search, The Ayudar Foundation, Mumtuz Foundation, and Midwest Home healthcare Inc.

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 8 percent of all U.S. charities.



FOOD



*Hunger is not an
issue of charity.
it is an issue of
justice.*

~Jacques Diouf



School meals play a large role in keeping students in school, fighting malnutrition, and keeping them focused. For many students across the world, school lunch will be the only wholesome meal of the day that they will have. And in many places in the Horn of Africa region where poverty is the norm, most schools can't afford to provide meals for children.

Two years ago we successfully launched our school lunch program to help combat malnutrition and keep kids in school.

Fast forward to 2018 and we expanded the program to include 7 more schools across the region, and feeding over 2000 kids, and employing some parents as

cooks to help them generate livelihood.

With our food basket program, we distributed 3,160 food baskets for families in need within the Horn of Africa region and Yemen. That's over 18,000 receiving nutritious meals.

Each food basket lasts for one month for a family of 6 to 8 individuals. Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Yemen and South Sudanese refugees were the targeted locations and beneficiaries.

Furthermore, this year, ARAHA has distributed 3.8 million meals of Mannapack rice to Somalia and Djibouti



WATER



*"A drop of water
is worth more
than a sack of
gold to a thirsty
man"*

~Unknown

Over the past year, we have continued to add more water wells to the Horn of Africa region; adding a total of 33 water wells across the region. In addition to water wells, we have also introduced a water catchment scheme.

In many parts of the Horn of Africa region, there is no adequate infrastructure to capture rainwater. This means when a downpour occurs, water does not get stored for the dry season.

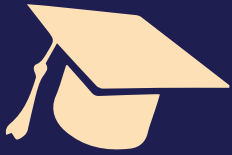
To make best of the water catchment scheme, we chose to install them in two local schools. By doing so, we encourage education, and provide clean water for the school and surrounding villages.

We are continuing to explore other sustainable water solutions to help provide families with clean water.

As we continue to explore more sustainable solutions, we must realize that droughts will come and go, but if we adequately plan. We can be prepared to sustain the people and prevent loss of lives.

With your assistance we were able to accomplish all this, and with your continued support, we can do even more.

EDUCATION



Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.

~African Proverb



Sometimes, refugees around the world are victims of xenophobia because they are seen as incapable people supported by society. Yet, through access to education, there is hope to achieve independence. Financial independence, is a way to help their families out of poverty and finally help parents who gave everything to give them a future. Needless to say, the greatest thing one can offer another is education.

Moreover, for people who have lost everything, like refugees, education offers them the opportunity to build a better life. ARAHA's scholarships help bright, but marginalized students to access college education paying tuition

fees. Giving kids who grow up in refugee camps an opportunity to lift their lives and the lives of their families up.

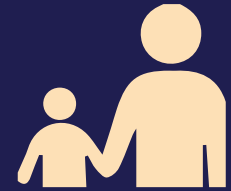
For girls, this means they can get an education, instead of ending up in early childhood marriage.

In 2018, we provided 50 students with scholarships to pursue their dreams.

ARAHA also runs the only high school in the refugee camp of Shegarab in Eastern Sudan. The total number of enrolled students is 395.



ORPHANS



*Not everyone can
be an orphan.*

~Andre Gide

These children are especially vulnerable due to the impoverished conditions in many parts of the Horn. But life gets a lot more challenging when a child who is already experiencing life in poverty loses one or both of their parents. According to a study by UNICEF, it is estimated that close to 15% of children in the Horn of Africa region are orphaned by one or both parents, and the numbers are growing. With this type of urgency, it is vital that we take care of these children.

The orphan program has long been a central component of ARAHA. We are proud of tackling this issue from multiple angles and utilizing different approaches to give these children a fighting chance

for a better life.

We have had many children go through our program and go on to become productive citizens attending universities, entering careers, and starting families.

ARAHA has continued sponsorship program, with 290 orphans sponsored this year.

HEALTH



*It is health that
is real wealth and
not pieces of gold
and silver.*

~Mahatma Gandhi



In 2018 Sudan experienced an outbreak of Chikungunya virus that saw close to 1,000 people being affected, majority of whom are in the Eastern province of Kassala.

Chikungunya is a virus that's spread by two mosquito species and can cause severe symptoms, which develop three to seven days after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito. This includes high fever, headache, muscle pain, back pain and rash. The severity of these can vary from patient to patient.

Our team on the ground mobilized quickly to intervene and take measurable steps to prevent the spread of the virus

and treat the sick. We deployed a convoy that included team of doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, and materials such as Mosquito nets, and spray pumps to treat still water.

With the swift action of our Sudan team, we were able to examine and provided general preventative drugs to over 9,000 individuals of which close to 7,000 receiving specific prescriptions for their ailment.



SELF RELIANCE



When you're providing emergency aid, you're fighting hunger; you're filling stomachs.

~Ertharin Cousin

In a region where a large number of people are nomads and pastoralists, many families rely on goats and sheep to make a living. But many of these families in the Horn of Africa region had lost between 40-70% of their livestock to drought and floods in the past year or so.

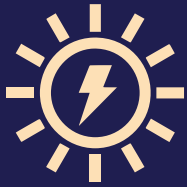
To help them get back to their feet, we shifted our self reliance program efforts to restocking livestock of goats to families across the region.

After diligently working with our offices on the ground to determine families most in need, ARAHA was able to distributed dairy goats and sheep for more than a hundred families in Kenya and Sudan.

Each family received four pregnant goats/sheep to help bring up a new flock of livestock and use it to generate income and sustenance.

To pay it forward, we also tasked the families to pass on a gift to their less fortunate relatives by providing 50% of the first offspring to them. In this way, they will spread the joy of giving and sharing, but most importantly; sustainability.

ENERGY



*The Sun never
repents of the
good he does,
nor does he
ever demand a
recompense.*

~Benjamin Franklin



In many parts of the world, schools don't have access to electricity. which prevents them from many resources that rely on electrical power. The most important being light in the classroom. With no lights in the classroom, students rely on the ray of sunlight that may or may not come through the windows of the classroom.

Shagerab high school in Sudan is one of these schools; A school that is situated in the middle of a refugee camp with over 600 students. To provide a solution, we partnered with Eritrean Muslim Council to raise funds to facilitate the installation of solar panels on the roofs of the boys school and the girls school campuses.

This not only provides power, but its a sustainable solution to the problem.

With your help, we were able to power lights, computers, fans and classroom equipment. More than that, you helped us to power eduction for the students at Shagerab High School.



LIFE SAVER CAMPAIGN



*Alone we can do
so little, together
we can do so
much.*

~Helen Keller

One of the most important things we can do as an organization is to provide a platform for our supporters to join us in making a difference. This is why we have empowered our supporters with our crowd-funding platform called Lifesaver.

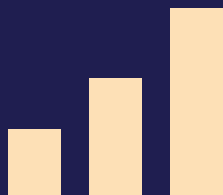
With this platform our supporters have a personal investment and a direct link to the Horn of Africa through the projects they feel passionate about, and the family, friends, and community they mobilize for their campaign.

Our Lifesaver campaign continues to grow and empower our diaspora community to take action and make a difference in the Horn of Africa. Our

lifesavers have raised funds for many causes in the region; for both relief and development projects.

This years we had campaigns raising funds for blankets for refugees, sanitary pads for refugees, emergency relief for chikungunya Virus in Sudan, water well projects, solar energy projects and so on. In total our supporters have crowd-funded to raise over \$30,000 that helped thousands of people in the region.

FINANCE



Audited by:

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& 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, 2018, 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 -----	864,931
Inventory -----	89,726
Promise to give, net -----	25,809
Accounts receivable -----	2,709
Total current assets-----	983,175

Property & equipment

Building & improvements -----	219,886
Land -----	39,100
Equipment -----	69,852
Vehicle -----	16,500
Less accumulated depreciation -----	(69,945)
Net fixed assets -----	275,393

Mailing list, software & Website -----	20,117
Less accumulated amortization -----	(12,474)
Net mailing list, software & web -----	7,643

Other assets

Agreement deposit -----	100,000
Total other assets -----	100,000

Total assets -----	1,366,211
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable & Accrued expenses -----	121,221
Security deposit -----	2,898
Total current liabilities -----	124,119

Non-current liabilities

Accrued severance & sick pay -----	58,085
Total non-current liabilities -----	58,085

Total liabilities-----	182,204
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NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions

Board designated -----	266,168
Undesignated -----	321,907
Total without donor restrictions-----	588,075

With donor restrictions

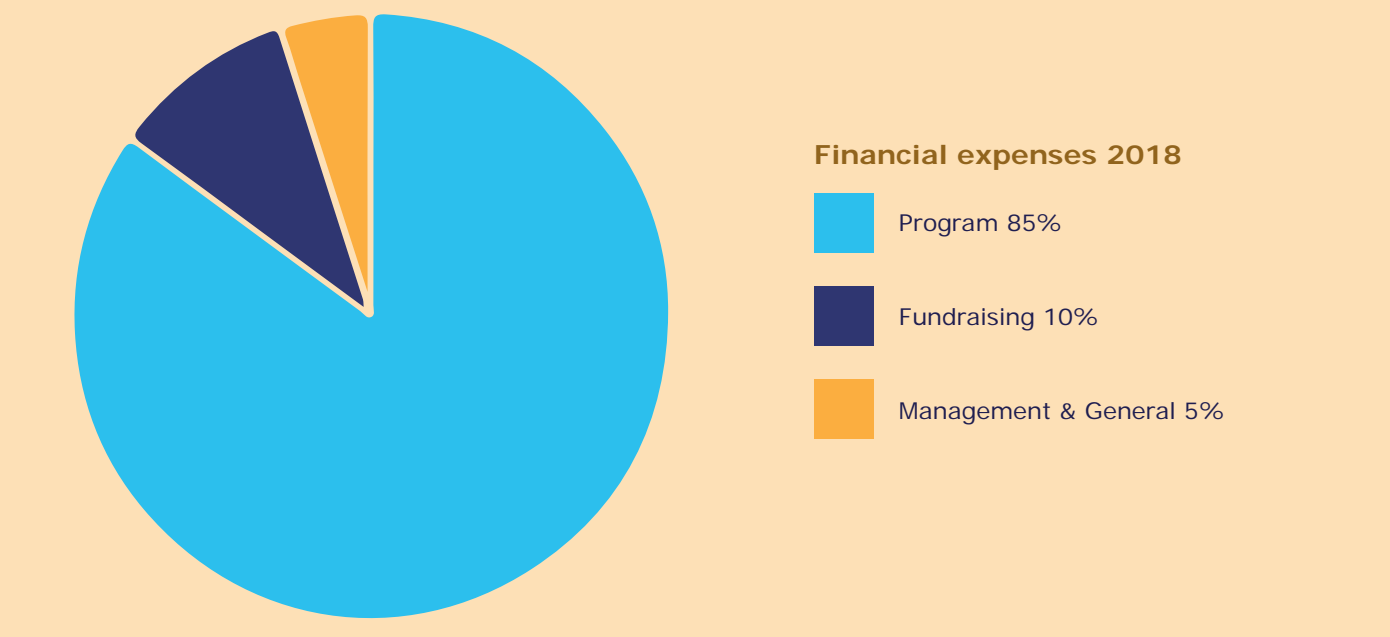
Purpose restrictions -----	595,932
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Total net assets -----	1,184,007
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Total liabilities & net assets -----	1,366,211
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REVENUE & EXPENSES

SUPPORT & REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMP RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Support			
Contributions -----	207,718	1,102,325	1,310,043
In-kind -----	1,055,566	-----	1,055,566
Total support -----	1,263,284	1,102,325	2,365,609
Revenue			
Rental income -----	41,665	-----	41,665
Net assets released from restrictions -----	1,101,666	(1,101,666)	-----
Total revenue -----	1,143,311	(1,101,666)	41,665
Total support & revenue-----	2,406,615	659	2,407,274
EXPENSES			
Program -----	2,146,974	-----	2,146,974
Management & general -----	126,494	-----	126,494
Fundraising -----	241,816	-----	241,816
Total Expenses -----	2,515,284	-----	2,515,284
(Decrease) in net assets -----	(108,669)	659	(108,010)
Net assets, beginning of year -----	696,744	595,273	1,292,017
Net asset, end of year -----	588,075	595,932	1,184,007





5 WAYS TO GIVE

*Giving is easy, so long as
it comes from the heart.*

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