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Who We Are



Approach

Delivering essentials,
developing opportunities.



Vision

A stable, sustainable, and
thriving Horn of Africa.



Mission

We strive to alleviate
human suffering and build
self-reliance in the Horn of
Africa and here at home.



Advantage

ARAHAA is a unique aid organization as we only focus on the Horn of Africa. We speak the languages of the region and we understand the local cultures. Our advantage helps us be well connected, well accepted, and welcomed by the local communities.

We have years of experience in these areas 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 and abroad. We enjoy our work and do it professionally while constantly striving to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.



Director's Note

As we reflect on 2023, dual crises plagued the Horn of Africa. The war in Sudan and the devastating floods that swept through the region left millions in perilous conditions.

In Sudan, the clash between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on April 15th, 2023, plunged the nation into chaos and triggered a dire humanitarian emergency. The toll has been immense, with approximately 15,000 lives lost and over 9 million individuals displaced, both internally and across borders. According to the UN, a staggering 25 million people, including more than 14 million children, are in desperate need of humanitarian aid. Shockingly, 17.7 million people, comprising over one-third of Sudan's population, face acute food insecurity, with 4.9 million on the brink of famine.

Through your unwavering support, ARAHA's dedicated team in Sudan has been tirelessly providing vital food assistance and essential supplies to displaced families.

Meanwhile, the region also grappled with the aftermath of severe flooding, particularly in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Over 300 lives were lost, and entire villages were submerged and inaccessible due to destroyed infrastructure. These floods came after the longest and most severe drought on record. In response, ARAHA mobilized its teams in Kenya and Somalia to distribute thousands of food packages to those affected, offering a lifeline during the devastation.

While we prioritize emergencies and lifesaving efforts, ARAHA remained steadfast in its commitment to empowering communities through education and self-reliance projects. Significant milestones were achieved, including the completion of a high school in a Sudanese refugee camp, the establishment of a community center in Kenya, and the construction of kitchen and dining facilities for three schools in Somalia, Supporting our school lunch program.

Furthermore, we take pride in the launch of our "See Her Thrive" initiative, an attempt to reshape the narrative surrounding the Horn of Africa region. Through the creation of a cookbook and films celebrating the region's rich culture, resilience, and hospitality, we aim to showcase its beauty and strength to the world.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without your continued support. Your contributions serve as a lifeline, enabling us to fulfill our mission, extend aid to the most vulnerable, and offer hope to thousands of young men and women in the Horn of Africa.

THANK YOU! Together, we will continue to make a difference.

Dr. Mohamed Idris
Executive Director

Director's note



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Executive Director

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ARAHA Programs



Orphans

The orphan program has long been a fundamental component of our organization. We proudly provide sponsorship, general support, holiday gifts and much more.



Emergency Aid

When crisis strikes in the Horn of Africa, ARAHA mobilizes quickly to give families the support they need through times of upheaval.



Energy

ARAHA has focused on helping refugees and displaced peoples use solar power to improve household life and chores even while in transit.



Health

ARAHA is dedicated to improving health outcomes in the Horn of Africa through a number of initiatives aimed at building local capacity and addressing local needs.



Self Reliance

ARAHA's programs are all guided by a desire to create viable pathways to opportunity and economic independence for families in the Horn.



Education

ARAHA is deeply committed to ensuring that every child in the Horn has access to an education.



Water

Essential for daily life and health, access to clean water is not always a simple proposition for families and communities in the Horn of Africa region (East Africa).



Food

Through periods of drought and famine, ARAHA ensures that families across the Horn are nourished and sustained.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY,

**+10 million**

meals distributed from our partnership with FMSC to provide food containers.

**+4,000**

beneficiaries benefited from the construction of new community centers in Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia.

**+20,000**

people have access to clean water through the construction of water wells and water tanks in Sudan, and Ethiopia.

**+2,000**

orphans sponsored across the region.

**+2,600**

Students benefited from the School Meals Program throughout the academic year

**+500**

students received support to continue their education through new textbooks and scholarships.

**+ 600**

beneficiaries impacted by receiving dairy goats and the planting of new trees through our Self-Reliance Program.

**+19,000**

People received emergency aid in food baskets, and health and NFI kits in Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

**+41,900**

people received beef or goat meat for cooking to fight malnutrition.

YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF OVER 100,000 PEOPLE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.



In a world where uncertainties abound and challenges seem insurmountable, it is your unwavering support that acts as a pillar of hope and resilience. Together, we are the steadfast force that lifts communities, empowering individuals and ensuring that even in the face of adversity, we rise stronger.

No matter what the world throws our way, we will stand tall, shoulder to shoulder, keeping the light of compassion and progress shining brightly. Your generosity is the foundation upon which we build a better, more resilient tomorrow.

Thank you for being the strength that upholds our mission and the hope for so many.

Are you ready to impact more?

With heartfelt gratitude,



PROGRAMS REPORT

In 2023, ARAHA continued its steadfast dedication to humanitarian endeavors throughout the Horn of Africa, positively influencing the lives of numerous individuals in need. Through the collective efforts of our committed team and strategic partnership, we achieved significant milestones that exemplify our core principles of sustainability, and empowerment.



Throughout the year, ARAHA initiated almost 50 projects across our field offices in Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and collaborative endeavors in Djibouti and Yemen. Among these initiatives is the support provided to many families displaced by the conflict in Sudan through the distribution of food and non-food items. We continued our collaboration with Rise Against Hunger (RAH) and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to distribute nearly 36 containers with nourishing meals for vulnerable families affected by the multi-year drought in the region and provision of school lunch meals to ensure the eradication of hunger

and support the education of children to remain in school. Our partnership with the Wasily Foundation continued as well, and we were able to provide school lunch meals to students in Sudan and Somalia. ARAHA was able to construct in Kenya a multi-faceted community center that includes a borehole, community hall, classrooms, and sanitation



block. The center has had a profound impact on the community by creating empowerment, engagement, and educational opportunities

In alignment with our mission to promote sustainable change, ARAHA expanded its orphan sponsorship program, extending support to over 2000 orphans throughout the Horn of Africa. In 2024, we hope to extend the program in the coming year to have a transformative impact on the lives of orphaned children to thrive despite their challenging circumstances and invest in their future for a brighter and more hopeful tomorrow.



Through the Lifesaver Campaigns, we engaged donors nationwide, amplifying our impact and garnering support for our humanitarian endeavors. It has enabled communities to come together to support projects and causes they care about in profound ways.

Looking ahead to 2024, ARAHA remains steadfast in our dedication to projects that prioritize sustainability and foster lasting community impact. With a renewed focus on innovation and partnership, we are committed to building a brighter future for the communities we serve in the Horn of Africa and beyond. Together, we will continue to inspire hope, transform lives, and create positive change for generations to come.

Thank you,

Anab Omar
Program Director

SOMALIA



Food Baskets: 750 beneficiaries
FMSC Containers: 38 containers(10,260,000 meals)
Scholarships: 21 college scholarships
School Lunch: 1,219 students
Orphans: 181 Orphans
Adahi (Meat distribution): 14,220 beneficiaries
Sanitary Pads: 85 individuals
Self- Reliance Program: 600 individuals received dairy goats and trees
Emergency Response: 2,000 individuals
Kitchen and shading construction: 1,037 Students



FROM DROUGHT TO FLOODING: CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

In 2023, ARAHA continued its mission to aid families in the Horn of Africa impacted by the worst drought in four decades. With farmers and families displaced and facing famine, our efforts were vital in providing relief, and distributing over 10 million meals to combat malnutrition. However, the year brought further challenges as severe flooding ravaged the region, leaving homes and livelihoods devastated. This extreme fluctuation, from drought to flooding, underscores the urgent need for collective action against climate change. As we navigate these challenges, it becomes increasingly vital to educate and unite communities to minimize the impact of such catastrophes. Our responsibility to protect vulnerable populations, including refugees and displaced persons, is paramount in the face of climate-driven disasters. We must stand together and take responsibility for our footprint in the world and ensure a sustainable world for all.



ETHIOPIA



Community Center: 1,250 beneficiaries

Water Well: 6,000 beneficiaries

Adahi (Meat Distribution): 1,740
beneficiaries

Orphans: 50 children



THE LAUNCH OF THE “SEE HER THRIVE” CAMPAIGN: CHALLENGING NARRATIVE THROUGH COOKING

In the quest to secure vital funds for critical programs, non-profits often resort to showcasing the most dire images of those in need. This tactic tugs at the heartstrings of potential donors, compelling them to contribute and support the cause while highlighting the severity of the situation. However, during one of our recent meetings, we confronted a sobering realization stemming from this approach.

If our portrayal of the Horn of Africa consistently revolves around struggle and individuals at their most vulnerable, how can we ever expect our donors to envision our aspiration for a “stable, sustainable, and thriving Horn of Africa”?

This poignant question prompted us to undertake a thorough examination of the messages we convey to the world about the region we are dedicated to serving. By constantly depicting people in times of desperation, are we inadvertently assigning a permanent identity to the Horn of Africa?

To confront this challenge head-on and fulfill the responsibility we’ve assumed, we recognized the necessity of reassessing the narratives we propagate. Thus emerged the concept of the “See Her Thrive” campaign, with “her” symbolizing the Horn of Africa.

To realize our vision of a prosperous Horn of Africa, urgent change was imperative. After extensive brainstorming sessions, our focus settled on a fundamental necessity: food. While we traditionally implore donors to send food aid, we discovered a beautiful custom ingrained in the fabric of Horn of Africa’s culture — hospitality, often expressed through sharing meals with

guests. With this insight, we embarked on a unique endeavor: inviting beneficiaries to showcase their culinary traditions. Our aim? To compile these recipes into a cookbook, offering donors a deeper connection beyond mere financial support. This initiative fosters a relationship akin to sharing a communal table, where the act of passing food embodies mutual assistance and solidarity.

We invite you to follow the journey of this campaign closely as we prepare to launch it, marking a pivotal step towards our collective vision of a brighter future for the Horn of Africa.

Sincerely,
Muna Scekomar
Marketing Director



KENYA



Emergency Response: 1,000 beneficiaries
Community Center: 2,100 individuals
Orphans: 1,806 children
Books: 450 Students
Adahi (Meat Distribution): 9,425 beneficiaries



AN ORPHAN SPOTLIGHT

In a community grappling with poverty, a family of six siblings faced the daunting task of surviving after their father's death. With their mother, Fatima, as the sole provider, they struggled to meet basic needs. The initiation of the orphan sponsorship program has profoundly transformed their lives, showcasing the impact of community support.

Financial assistance from the sponsorship program enabled the mother to build a two-bedroom house. This stable and secure living environment has significantly improved the family's well-being and quality of life.

The program covered school fees for three of the siblings, ensuring access to quality education. This empowered the children academically and opened doors to future opportunities, breaking the cycle of poverty. Their academic success has made them role models in their community.

Funds from the program allowed Fatima to provide essential necessities such as food, clothing, and healthcare. This eased the family's financial burden and ensured the children's holistic development.

Beyond financial aid, the program offered psychosocial support, fostering a sense of belonging and emotional well-being among the children. This support network was crucial in building their resilience and ability to cope with adversity.

Support from the program helped the mother gain confidence and skills to become self-reliant. She participated in income-generating activities, enhancing the family's financial stability.

The family's positive changes inspired collective action within the community, promoting support for other vulnerable families and fostering a culture of empowerment.

The orphan sponsorship program has been instrumental in transforming this family's lives, providing opportunities for growth and stability. By addressing immediate needs and paving the way for sustainable development, the program highlights the power of compassion and community support in creating positive change. This family's journey from hardship to hope underscores the vital impact of targeted support programs on vulnerable families.

Warmest Regards,
Yahya Hassan
Orphan Program Coordinator



SUDAN



New School: Serving the Shegarab refugee camp population (30,000 people)

Emergency Response: 10,598 people

Water Tank: 14,000 beneficiaries

Food Basket: 4,044 beneficiaries

Food Container: 1 container, 1,320 families

Scholarships: 88 College scholarships

School Lunch: 1,400 students

Eid gifts: 207 gifts

Adahi (Meat Distribution): 14,600 beneficiaries

Cochlear Surgery: 1

Medical Supplies for Kidney

Dialysis Center: 112 beneficiaries

Orphan: 140 children

Building rehabilitation: 600 beneficiaries

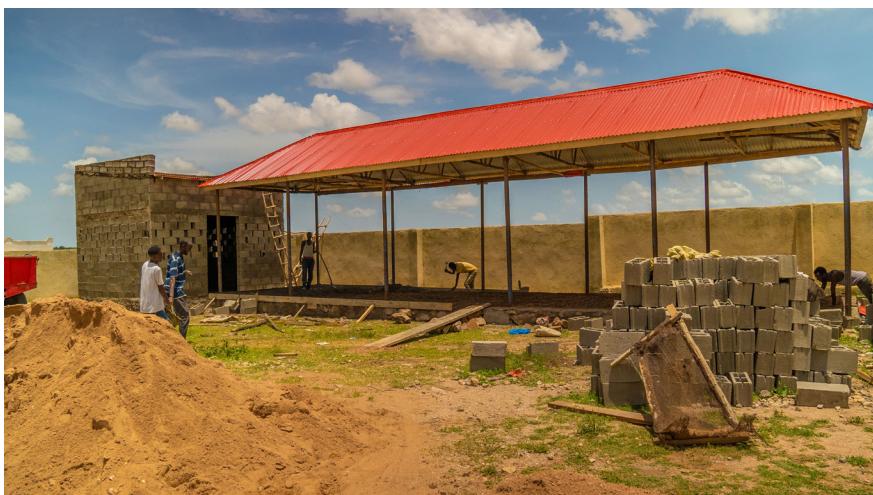


A FEEDING CENTER IN THE MIDST OF WAR

The Sudan war ravaged communities across the nation, leaving over 9 million Sudanese families displaced and struggling to survive. In the wake of this crisis, a glimmer of hope emerged with the establishment of a feeding center in Wadi Al-Madni, providing a lifeline for internally displaced persons (IDPs). This center, fueled by compassion and determination, became a beacon of support, offering nutritious meals and vital assistance to those in need. As the conflict persisted, the need for aid only grew, leading to the expansion of similar centers, including one in Kassala, providing relief to even more vulnerable individuals and families. Through these feeding centers, amidst the turmoil of war, communities found a source of nourishment, stability, and hope, demonstrating the resilience and solidarity of the Sudanese people in the face of adversity.



OUR TEAM IN ACTION





OTHER WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

ARAHA

START A LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN

Do you have an idea that won't go away?

Lifesaver campaigns allow you and your family or community to work together in making a specific ARAHA program in the Horn of Africa possible!

3 Easy Steps



Set a fundraising goal



Choose the ARAHA Program you wish to support



Decide on a fundraising activity



Ideas for Lifesaver Projects

Water Borehole
Housing Units
Student/College Scholarships

Dairy Goat
Planting Trees
Sanitary Pads

For more information on Lifesaver campaigns, reach out to our development director at developmentdirector@araha.org

Our partners (2023)

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 2023 a wonderful year!



Continued: The Wasily Foundation, Direct Background Search, American online, Mumtaz Foundation, and Giving Foundation.

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 six consecutive years.



Balance Sheet

Finance



Audited by:
Abdo Solutions

ARAHAs a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization based in Minnesota.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Tax ID #41-1989714

ASSETS	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents -----	744,278
Investments -----	1,942
Accounts receivable -----	14,752
Pledges receivable, net -----	197,494
Inventory -----	2,238
Prepaid expenses -----	49
Total Current Assets -----	960,753
Property and Equipment	
Land and improvements-----	45,675
Building and improvements-----	226,107
Furniture and equipment-----	88,895
Vehicles -----	57,710
Total Property and Equipment, Cost -----	418,387
Less Accumulated Depreciation -----	(196,796)
Total Property and Equipment, Net -----	221,591
Intangible Assets	
Mailing list -----	350
Software -----	24,851
Website -----	12,718
Total Intangible Assets, Cost -----	37,919
Less Accumulated Amortization -----	(20,993)
Total Intangible Assets, Net -----	16,926
Total Assets -----	1,199,270
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable -----	107,629
Accrued expenses -----	119,894
Security deposit -----	2,398
Total Current Liabilities -----	229,921
Net Assets	
Undesignated (Without donor restriction)-----	306,140
Board designated (Without donor restriction)-----	434,749
Total without donor restrictions -----	740,889
With donor restrictions -----	228,460
Total Net Assets -----	969,349
Total Liabilities and Net Assets -----	1,199,270

Revenue & Expenses

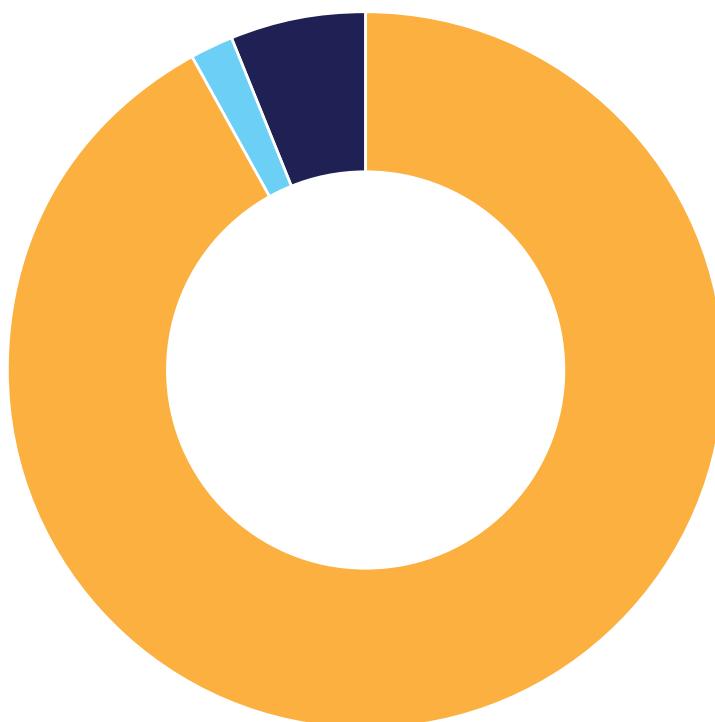
SUPPORT & REVENUE

Revenue and Support

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMP RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Contributions -----	377,662	3,063,243	3,440,905
In-kind donations -----	3,243,485	-----	3,243,485
Rental income -----	64,362	-----	64,362
Investment income -----	292	-----	292
Miscellaneous income -----	2,442	-----	2,442
Net Assets Released from Restrictions -----	3,510,769	(3,510,769)	-----
Total Revenue and Support -----	7,199,012	(447,526)	6,751,486
6,751,486			

Expenses

Program services -----	6,444,799	-----	6,444,799
Supporting services			
Management and general -----	168,692	-----	168,692
Fundraising -----	528,328	-----	528,328
Total Expenses -----	7,141,819	-----	7,141,819
Change in Net Assets -----	57,193	(447,526)	(390,333)
(390,333)			
Net Assets, January 1st -----	683,696	675,986	1,359,682
Net Assets, December 31st -----	740,889	228,460	969,349



Financial expenses 2023

- █ Program 90.2%
- █ Management & General 2.4%
- █ Fundraising 7.4%



10 Million People Displaced.

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**Million Opportunities
For Compassion.**



DONATE NOW

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**WILL
YOU ACT
NOW?**


ARAHAs

**Your Donation
Provides:**

- Daily meals for displaced individuals
- Medical services & Medicine
- Non-food items like sanitary pads, beds & shelter
- A moment of ease for someone in need



5 WAYS TO GIVE

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

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