



ANNUAL REPORT
2017



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.

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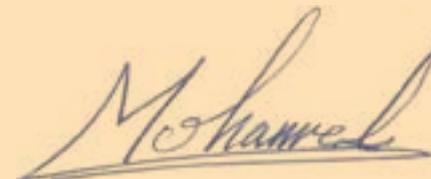
Why do we need to intervene earlier?

At ARAHA, one of the lessons we have learned over the years is the importance of early intervention in areas where severe drought is damaging people's lives. Early intervention saves money and lives. Helping villagers in rural areas mitigate the impact of drought, deforestation, and other manifestations of climate change prevents them from fleeing their homes in search of better conditions.

Migration is a dangerous journey that involves political and physical risks. Many children die even after reaching aid camps because it is too late to save them after such a difficult journey. During the 2011 famine, in Somalia alone, we lost about 260,000 lives. Half of them were children under the age of five.

On the other hand, studies have shown that the cost of early intervention is three times lower than the cost of helping people after they become refugees or IDPs. When people remain in their villages, they usually keep up some sort of livelihood that supports them, even if it is weak. They retain a home to live in, some sort of income from farming or livestock, and a supportive social system of relatives and neighbors. Once they leave, they become fully dependent on foreign assistance.

The help they will need after they leave their villages expands from just food and water to include shelter, health, protection, education, and more. Since late intervention can occur only after families have been uprooted from their livelihood and homes, the help they'll need will last not just for a few months, but for many years or even generations to come. As we present you our life saving work in 2017, we hope you will keep this in mind and join us in our lifesaving work.



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2017 HIGHLIGHTS



77

Wells dug:
44 in Somalia,
6 in Ethiopia,
24 in Sudan,
and 3 in Kenya



150K+

People received sustenance from our food program, consisting of food basket distribution, meals for schools, and meat distribution.



911

Orphans received support through our orphan sponsorships and eid gift programs.



12K+

Students, teachers, and staff benefited from our education program through tuition payments, college and high school scholarships, book distribution, and library construction.



5,000+

People benefited from all of our health programs. Hospitals and patients received aid through our distribution of medical supplies and medicine.



10K+

People received aid from our emergency relief program.



18

Lifesaver campaigns started by our supporters that raised over \$80,000 for various projects in the Horn of Africa region.



FOOD



You cannot work for food when there is no food for work.

~African Proverb



No parent should be forced to choose between putting food on the table for their children or paying for their school fees and other needs. The impact of having food security means families can have a sense of peace in their lives. Our annual food basket program has continued to help thousands of people with nutritious meals, adjusting to the needs of different communities.

Over the past year, we have partnered with Feed My Starving Children to add Mannapack rice packs--which contain all of the ingredients for a complete, nutritious meal in the form of rice, vegetables, and soy protein--to our food baskets and distribution program.

With this new partnership, we further increased our distribution to include public schools for the first time. Many schools in the region lack access to a wholesome meal for children, and some of the children attending are still recovering for the effects of the drought.

With the addition of the school lunch program, we are able to provide wholesome healthy meals for thousands of children.

So far, we have distributed over 16,200 food baskets and 2,160,000 meals of Mannapack rice packs

WATER



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

~Unknown



Historically, drought has been a recurring theme in many parts of the Horn of Africa region, but over the past few years, it has gotten significantly worse. The Horn has witnessed the unrelenting effects of climate change and it is creating major problems like never before.

Some regions experienced drought even as others were gripped by floods. Add to these unpredictable and extreme weather patterns a chronic lack of water-related infrastructure, and this immense pressure is leading to poverty, food insecurity, death, livestock loss, and biodiversity loss.

Recognizing the crucial need for clean water, we continue to rapidly build water wells across the region to accommodate families in rural areas.

Our teams have worked tirelessly to bring clean water to 77 villages across the region. In addition, we are looking into ways to capture rain and flood water for future use using different methods such as underground tanks or catchment systems.

EDUCATION



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

~African Proverb



Over the past few years, we have provided hundreds of students with an opportunity to pursue high school education. Many of them have graduated and gone on to universities through our scholarship program. As of 2017, we've had 73 students graduate from high school and 30 students receive scholarships to go after their dreams in college.

As much as education is important, it is equally important to have a great facility and educational tools for students. In 2017, we were able to renovate the boys classrooms at Shegerab High School in Shegerab refugee camp, Sudan, new classrooms for Altakaful Primary School

in Sudan, and a library for Luqman Primary School in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.

In addition to empowering students, we have also helped to spread a wealth of knowledge with the distribution of 6 40-foot shipping containers full of books for higher education institutions in Somalia. These books have gone to many elementary schools, high schools, and universities throughout the country.

ORPHANS



Not everyone can be an orphan.

~Andre Gide



Children are already vulnerable to begin with, especially in 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 our focus on taking care of orphans. We have had many children

go through our program and go on to become productive citizens attending universities, entering careers, and starting families.

In 2017, our supporters sponsored 311 orphans across the region. Furthermore, to bring holiday joy, we provided Eid gifts to 600 needy and orphaned children.

HEALTH



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

~Mahatma Gandhi



In 2017, Mogadishu experienced the worst single terrorist attack in its history. The attack took the lives of hundreds of people and injured many more. We quickly mobilized our team in Somalia to assess the situation and see how we could help.

After meeting with local officials, we decided it would be best to provide much needed medical supplies to one of the hospitals treating the victims in Mogadishu. We provided Mogadishu hospital with much-needed medical supplies and antibiotics.

Furthermore, many hospitals in the region operate with rundown equipment

and chronically low levels of supplies. This causes delays in patient treatment, gaps in medical services, and potential loss of life. To counteract these unfortunate realities, we have continued to provide upgraded equipment and supplies to hospitals in the region.

In 2017, we distributed medical supplies to 7 hospitals across the region to help serve over 5,000 people.



It is becoming more and more clear that climate change is making life difficult across the globe, which means erratic weather patterns will continue for regions like the Horn of Africa. To date, there have been multiple famines, severe drought, and floods in just the last few years. As we navigate through this challenge, we've continued to aid families in the aftermath of the 2015-2016 drought and famine.

For instance, Marsabit County was one of the most hard-hit drought zones in Kenya; there, families lost over 60% of their livestock, which is their main source of livelihood. To help these families recover and stave off hunger, we

provided food baskets for 3 months.

In addition to climate change, local conflict has unfortunately contributed to even more human catastrophe. There are still millions of refugees from South Sudan in Sudan. With the ongoing ethnic conflict between the Somali and Oromo peoples in Ethiopia, close to a million bystanders have been displaced from their homes. Many of these families are living in dire conditions. Our teams were dispatched in the aftermath of the conflict to provide much-needed aid to both the Somali and Oromo Communities in IDP camps.

EMERGENCY AID



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

~Ertharin Cousin

**LIFE SAVER
CAMPAIGN**



*No one has ever
become poor by
giving.*

~Anne Frank



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, Mogadishu attack relief, water well projects and so on. In total our supporters have crowd-funded to raise over \$80,000 that helped thousands of people in the region.

OUR PARTNERS (2017)

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 2017 a wonderful year!



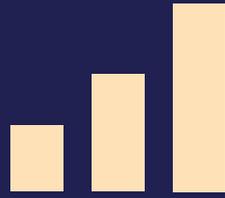
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ACCREDITATION

ARAHA has been recognized by multiple organizations for it's 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.



FINANCE



Audited by:
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Opinion:

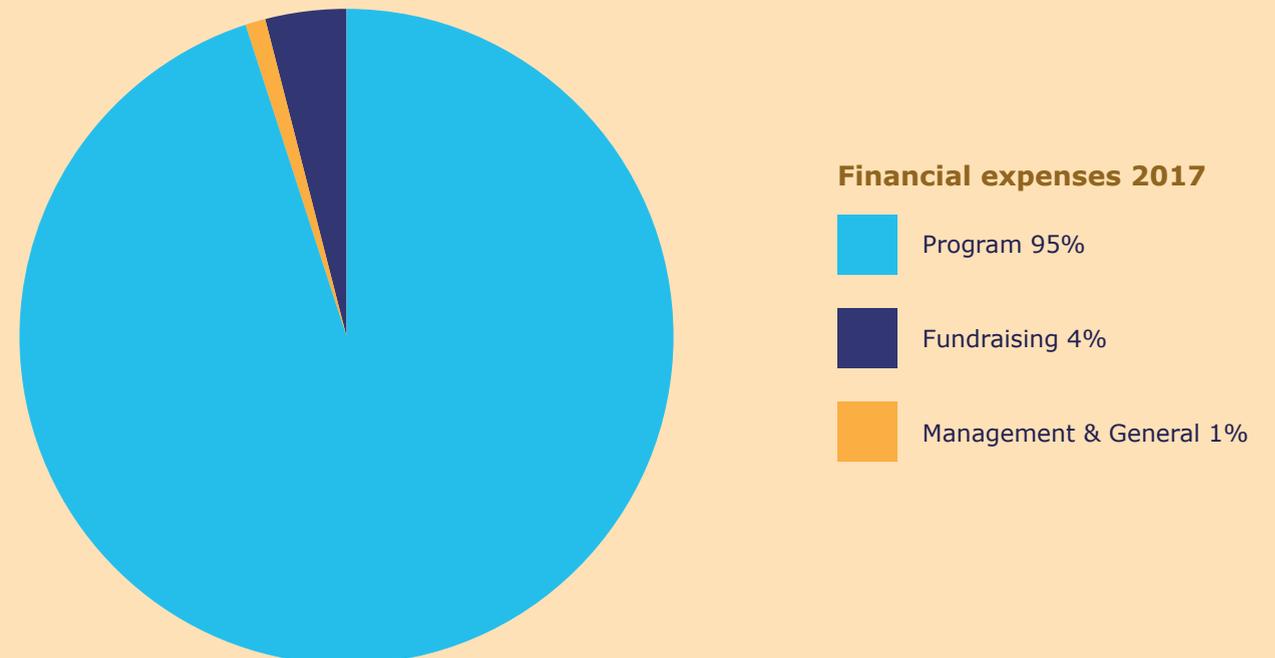
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa as of December 31, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

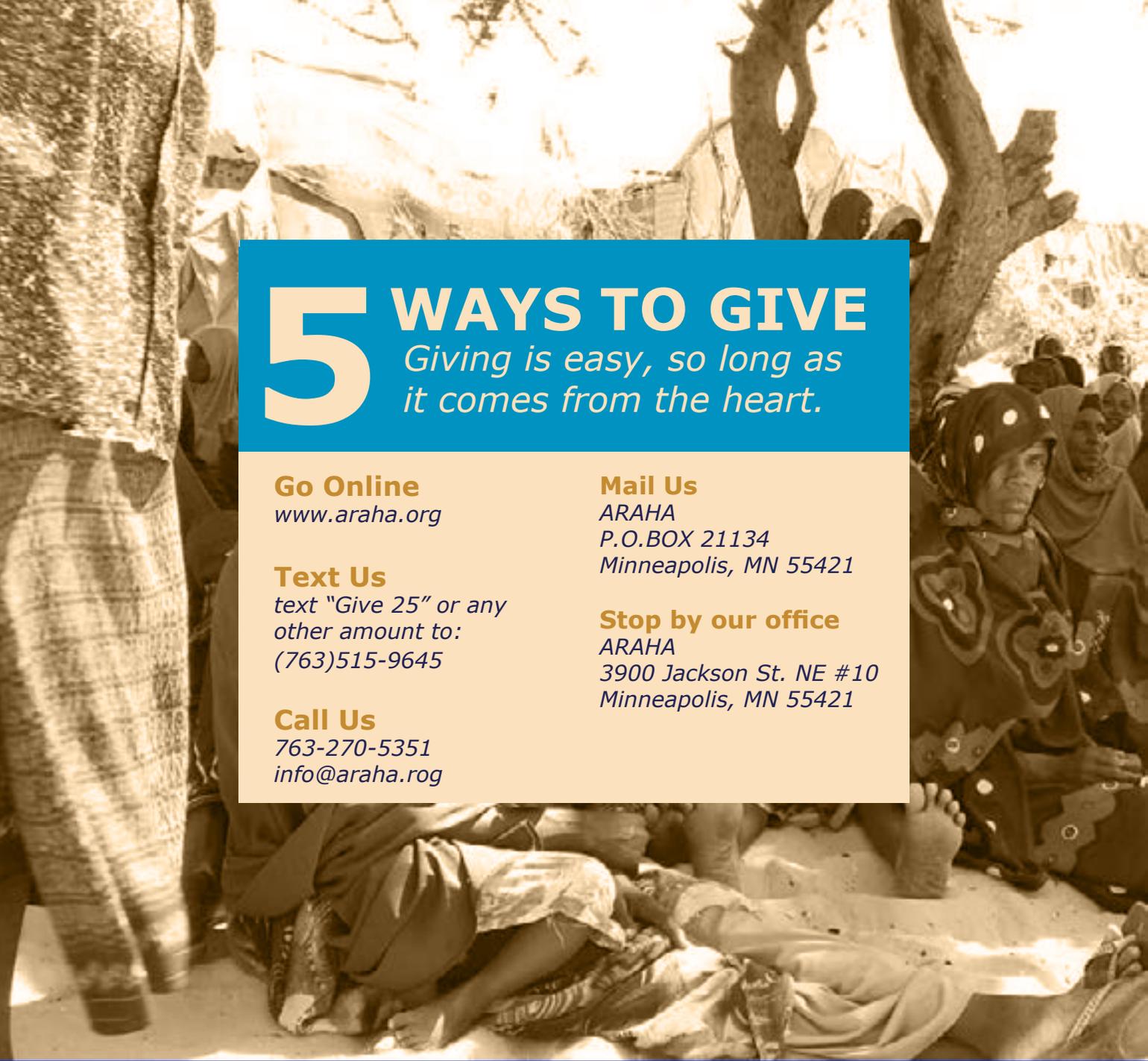
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Current assets	
Cash -----	1,058,862
Pledge receivable, net -----	16,575
Contribution receivable -----	25,250
Prepaid expenses -----	
Other receivable -----	217
Total current assets -----	1,100,904
Property & equipment	
Building & improvements -----	219,886
Land -----	39,100
Equipment -----	61,699
Less accumulated depreciation -----	(52,693)
Net fixed assets -----	267,992
Mailing list, software & Website -----	18,379
Less accumulated amortization -----	(13,003)
Net mailing list, software & web -----	5,376
Other assets	
Agreement deposit -----	100,000
Total other assets -----	100,000
Total assets -----	1,474,272
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable -----	112,147
Accrued expenses -----	20,208
Security deposit -----	2,898
Total current liabilities -----	135,253
Non-current liabilities	
Accrued severance & sick pay -----	47,002
Total non-current liabilities -----	47,002
Total liabilities -----	182,255
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	
Unrestricted -----	460,036
Board designated -----	236,708
Temporary restricted -----	595,273
Total net assets -----	1,292,017
Total liabilities & net assets -----	1,474,272

REVENUE & EXPENSES

SUPPORT & REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMP RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Support			
Contributions -----	290,828	1,545,380	1,836,208
In-kind -----	4,594,862		4,594,862
Total support -----	4,885,690	1,545,380	6,431,070
Revenue			
Rental income -----	40,320		40,320
Net assets released from restrictions -----	1,267,580	(1,267,580)	
Total revenue -----	1,307,900	(1,267,580)	
Total support & revenue -----	6,193,590	277,800	6,471,390
EXPENSES			
Program -----	5,860,378		5,860,378
Management & general -----	90,148		90,148
Fundraising -----	218,374		218,374
Total Expenses -----	6,168,900		6,168,900
Increase in net assets -----	24,690	277,800	302,490
Net assets, beginning of year -----	669,209	317,473	986,682
Prior period adjustment -----	2,845		2,845
Restated beginning net assets -----	672,054	317,473	989,527
Net asset end of year -----	696,744	595,273	1,292,017





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