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Greetings from the Chairman



Dear Friends of World Relief Germany,

As you look at the map of our field project locations, you will see that World Relief Germany (WRG) is engaged in some very difficult places, whether due to instability, war, or natural disaster.

WRG is there carrying out our mission to empower local communities to serve the most vulnerable. In this past year, we have been challenged as to why we remain in these areas and our answer continues to be that our focus is on the most vulnerable (the most in need).

In the following pages, you will read stories and reports about WRG staff who have dedicated their lives in the service of others.

In Yemen, our staff members helped bring life-saving cholera medicines while continuing to be involved in various WASH activities despite the escalating war. In Pakistan and Iraq, the invaluable work towards peace building and uniting communities of different religions continued from the previous year.

And lastly, in Somaliland, we have been able to stand with the communities that we have worked with for many years to provide much needed drought relief as the lack of rain in 2017 was especially devastating. WRG, through its committed staff members is standing with the most in need seeking to bring hope in the midst of tragedy and I hope you will be encouraged by their stories and the impact they have made.

We know that we cannot accomplish our mandate without the many partners, friends, family and supporters from all over the world who pray, give, and advocate for our work. Thank you for your faithful support and encouragement to us!

Many blessings,

Andrew Benckert,
Chairman of the Executive Board
World Relief Germany

Our Faith in God and commitment to reconciliation motivate us to partner with communities in Relief and Development activities that help vulnerable individuals, families and communities flourish.

In 2017, through an organizational wide conference, we were able to reaffirm this focus and developed our motivation statement: Our faith in God and commitment to reconciliation motivate us to partner with communities in relief and development activities that help vulnerable individuals, families and communities flourish.

In Jordan, refugees remained the focal point of the projects and our staff were able to have a leading voice in the cross-agency development of livelihood programs. While seeking official registration in both Turkey and Syria, we partnered with local groups serving refugees.

About us

OUR WORK

World Relief Germany was established in Germany under the name Partner Aid International in 1998. We are a Christian humanitarian organization that partners with the vulnerable to find ways out of poverty and need.

Our mission is to empower local communities to serve the most vulnerable. In partnership with local communities, World Relief Deutschland envisions the most vulnerable people transformed economically, socially and personally.

We are an independent and autonomous part of the World Relief family. World Relief in Germany, the U.S. and internationally, partners with various associations and networks.

We are world neighbors, because we live in a globalized world and poverty, injustice and violence does not stop at our borders.

We trust in God. The foundation of our work is the commandment to love our neighbors. It is our conviction that everyone has a right to nutrition, health and education, but above all to be a valued member of society.

We partner with local communities for the benefit of poor and vulnerable parts of society in the areas of food security, access to safe drinking water and hygiene, poverty reduction and economic development, peacebuilding, disaster relief and refugee work.

As world neighbors we understand that poverty and violence also lead people to seek help in Europe, and that is why we cooperate with churches and other groups of society in working with refugees and migrants within Germany.

OUR VALUES

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS as we serve those who are suffering from poverty and injustice, regardless of color, belief, or gender, as part of God’s plan to redeem, reconcile, and restore the world. We seek to follow Jesus by living holy, humble, and honest lives individually and corporately.

THE MANDATE OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS to bring peace, justice, and love to a broken world. The integrated “word” and “deed” dimensions of our mandate, as evidenced through an integral, or transformational approach are necessary to bring reconciliation and restoration with God, each other, and the environment.

PEOPLE, whether staff, volunteers, clients, beneficiaries, donors, or partners, as important actors in bringing peace, love, and justice. We recognize and affirm World Relief as a multicultural organization and seek to understand and

respect the multiplicity of cultures among us. As we seek change in the world, we recognize that we, too, are changed, by those we serve.

EXCELLENCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT in all our program initiatives and support services, following best practices and standards in a manner that is sustainable to the community from a spiritual, social and economic perspective. We also seek to apply our human and financial resources in such ways that maximize impact and sustain benefits to the greatest number of people.

EMPOWERMENT of those we serve, whether individuals, communities or local institutions, recognizing their participation as critical to creating and sustaining change and giving them priority in leadership. We seek to catalyze a movement of worldwide volunteers to multiply impact, and we value capacity-building as a means towards that end.

PARTNERSHIP as essential to serving the most vulnerable. We seek, facilitate, and promote collaboration among all stakeholders, including local governments, the worldwide church, other NGO’s, and the business community. We believe that each partner has a unique and interdependent role in bringing peace and justice to the world.

PRAYER as the priority and foundation to accomplishing our mission.

THE ORGANIZATION

World Relief Deutschland e.V. is a registered charitable association. Our staff are either full-time or part-time employees or work on a voluntary basis both in the International Office and in the projects. The bodies of the Association are a) the General Assembly, b) the Executive Board and c) the Supervisory Board.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the supreme supervisory and controlling body of the Association. It is responsible for determining the main principles of the Association’s work, accepting and approving the Executive Board’s annual activity report, budget and work plan, accepting the Supervisory Board’s accountability report, appointing and dismissing the members of the Executive Board, electing and dismissing the members of the Supervisory Board, as well as adopting amendments to the Articles of Association. It consists of seven non-paid members.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is appointed and dismissed by the General Assembly. Members of the Executive Board may not be members of the Association. The Executive Board consists of at least two members that each have the power of sole representation. It is responsible for strategic implementation as well as the daily matters of the organization.

Currently the Executive Board has three members that are employed and compensated for their work by the organization.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

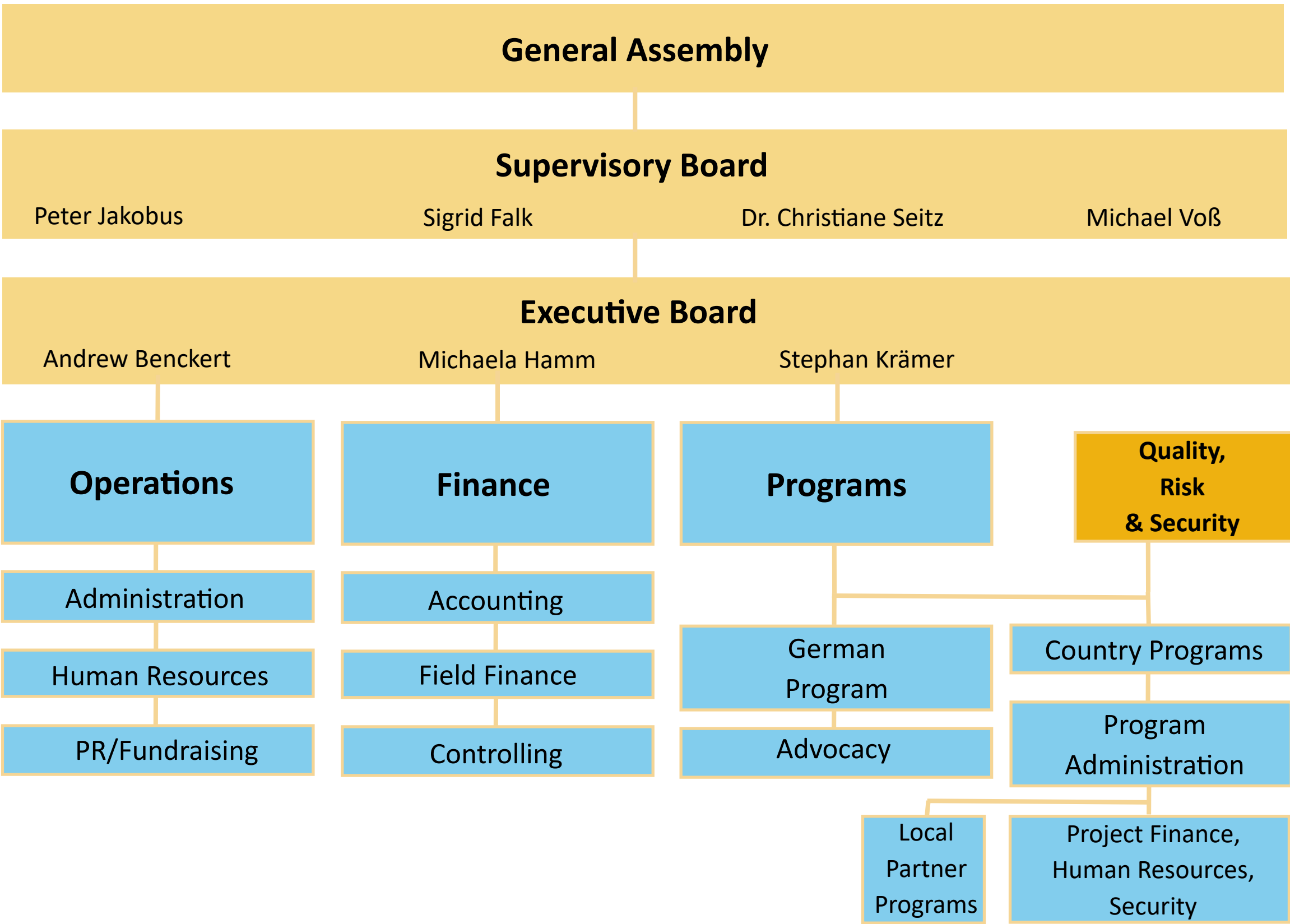
The Supervisory Board consists of three to five (currently four) non-paid members. They are elected for a five year period by the General Assembly and are responsible for the control of the day-to-day management of the Executive Board. They review the audit report and present it to the General Assembly.

Further information is provided in the Articles of Association which can be found on our website.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

World Relief Germany maintains an affiliation relationship with a number of sister organizations based on Memoranda of Agreement that govern the relationships. In addition to PartnerAid UK and PartnerAid CH, on April 1, 2014 World Relief Germany entered into an affiliation agreement with World Relief USA.

Each of these affiliates are charities according to their respective national laws. Each agency is legally and financially independent from one another but all are guided by a common motivation and shared ethos.



Our Team

ANDREW BENCKERT - Chairman, Operations

Andrew Benckert has a B.A. in International Studies and a Master's degree in Public Management. As Chairman of the Executive Board, besides the general leadership of the organization in terms of strategy and vision, he coordinates the operative Administration, Human Resources and Public Relations.

MICHAELA HAMM - Deputy chair, Finance Coordination

Michaela Hamm has a B.A. in International Business and Oriental Studies and a M.A. in International Development Studies. As a member of the Executive Board, she is responsible for the areas of Accounting, Project Finance and Controlling.

STEPHAN KRÄMER - Member of the board, Program Coordination

Stephan Krämer has a degree in Civil Engineering and is specialized in WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) projects. In his role as member of the Executive Board, he is responsible for coordinating all country programs. He is also leading our Berlin office and represents the organization in various networks.



OUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

From left to right: Stephan Krämer (Program Coordination, Executive Board), Kerstin Kaie (Finance Coordinator), Ines Baumann (Administration & Communication), Andrea Rüdiger (Integral Engagement, PR), Scott Amis (Program Coordinator, Safety & Security), Myron Jespersen (Senior Program Advisor), Andrew Benckert (Executive Board Chairman), Miriam Krämer (Facility Manager), Michaela Hamm (Finance Coordination, Executive Board)

Executive Board Report

DEVELOPMENTS

The outlook for World Relief Germany (WRG) at the end of 2017 continues the positive progress that was made in 2016, with a continued emphasis of incremental establishment and growth. At the beginning of 2017 the Executive Board (EB) recognized the need for continued effort to:

- Build the management capacity at each field location,
- Develop a diverse program revenue base to balance grant cycles and maintain a strong program portfolio
- Develop our member care to ensure that staff are retained for the long-term
- Engage a German/European constituency as a base for funding and personnel recruitment.

Looking back over 2017, we can see progress in each of these areas but we also recognize that these are likely to be areas for development for some time.

PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

As the program volume and organizational involvement increased in 2017, WRG added a position at the International Office (IO) to lead the Integral Engagement strategy for the organization, a part-time position at IO focused on admin and public relations, and further developed the program support hub in Jordan to extend the admin, finance, HR and program functions from IO to a central field location. Furthermore, new staff members were added in various field locations to support the increased program activity. In December 2017, all WRG international staff members met together in Berlin for a week of prayer, discussion and writing, leading to a final draft Integral Engagement Framework document that will serve to guide our program work into the future.

Continued to grow in 2017, WRG will persist in its strategy to build greater capacity with field staff and continue with only a minimal number of staff at the International Office.

BUSINESS STRATEGIES FOR 2018

With a healthy financial picture developed throughout 2017, the Executive Board felt that we could begin to look at a longer term horizon for strategic planning, and in August set out a strategic plan looking to the end of 2018 and beyond. Key priorities of this plan include:

- Retaining the current management structure, focused on an incremental growth strategy,
- Developing a multi-year financial strategy consistent with the IE framework,
- Developing a PR team out of IO staff,
- Improving follow-up and retention of private donors,
- Reviewing the salary scale and policy to reflect organizational values as well as staff needs,
- Developing a strategy for engaging interns and volunteers,
- Reviewing security and IT needs and options,
- Building the capacity, ownership and participation of the Supervisory Board and General Assembly,
- Establishing better review and monitoring of key objectives.

IMPACT MONITORING

WRG strives for high standards of quality in all its programs with integrity, accountability and transparency. WRG sets quality assurance standards and policies as an integral part of all programs and processes. Policies are continually reviewed and tested to ensure compliance, while components of Monitoring and Evaluation form the basis of every project implemented by WRG and its partners.

Looking forward to 2018, WRG plans a complete review and revision where necessary of all its policies and procedures.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

In 2017, WRG continued to capitalize on the extensive work of overhauling the security systems, policies and training procedures that took place in previous years. As such, WRG ensured all field programs were in compliance with standard safety procedures, contingency plans, and precautionary measures. WRG places a high priority on staff as our single most valuable asset and will continue to take all measures necessary to ensure staff are cared for and not placed in unnecessary danger.

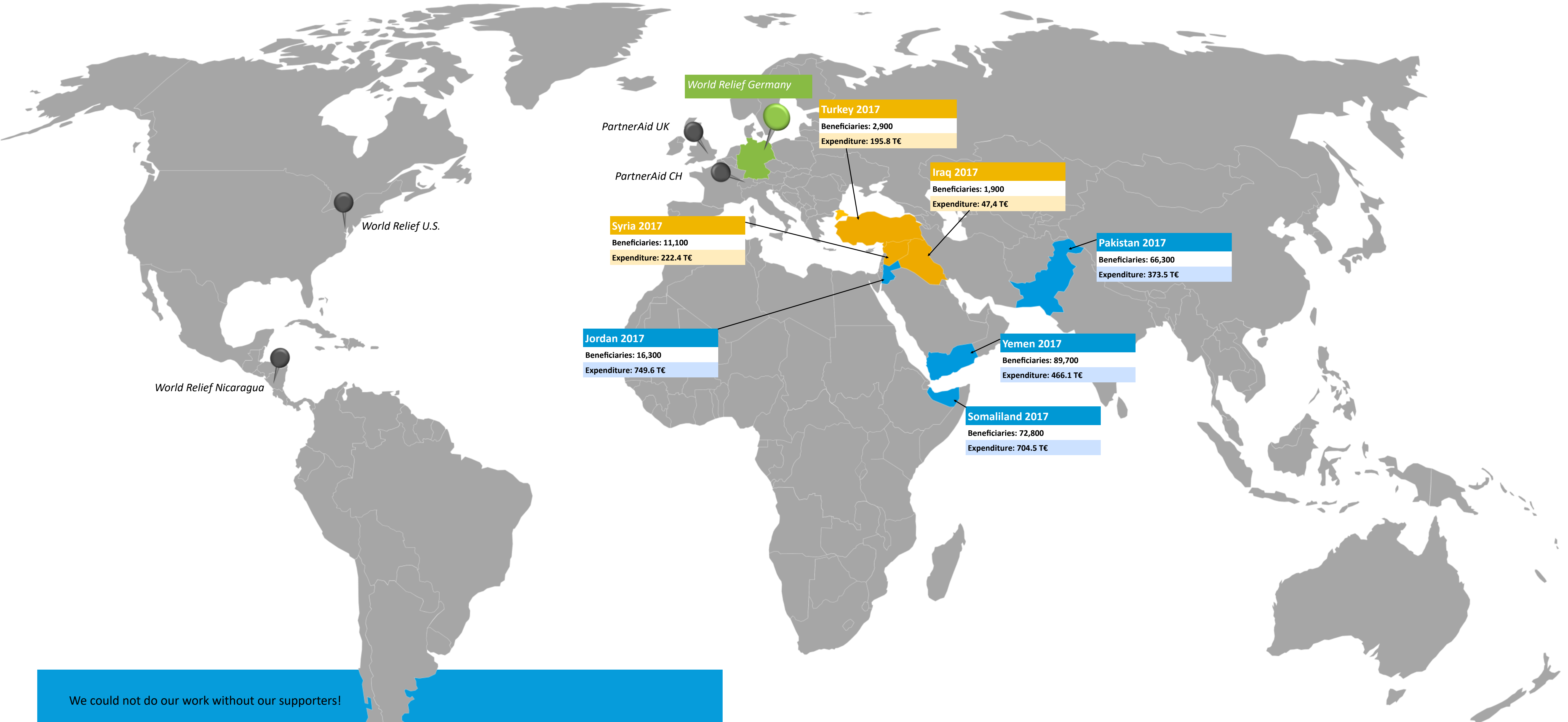
OUTLOOK FOR 2018

Based on the experience of three years of positive recovery from near insolvency in 2014, WRG is committed to an approach of delivering quality, strategic programs with a dedicated core of staff at each field location as the basis for incremental increase in a diverse revenue base that sustains our priority programs and provides revenue for core operations of the field and IO.

WRG will also continue to focus on developing a broader base of support so that the organization becomes less dependent on single sources of funding. WRG will seek to be actively engaged with partner organizations, donor agencies and community led initiatives that have already begun in previous years. WRG continues to be dedicated to all its stakeholders working with integrity, transparency and according to its mission, vision and values.

Where we work

- Country Programs WRG
- Partner Programs
- WRG Coordination Office
- Sister Organization Offices



We could not do our work without our supporters!

- For this reason we would like to give **THANKS** to:
- ... friends and private donors for supporting our work and placing their trust in us.
 - ... leaders from civil society, politics and church organizations for promoting our cause.
 - ... national and international donor institutions and foundations for supporting our work.
 - ... local and international organizations collaborating with us on a local level.

Note: Beneficiary numbers are comprised of total beneficiaries that significantly profited from project activities.. Due to the fact that project activities, local context and donor definitions of direct and indirect beneficiaries vary, beneficiary numbers are not easily comparable between countries and projects and are to be taken as an approximation.

Pakistan

Reconciling and Flourishing Communities through Share and Care

Pakistan, the “Land of the Pure,” is home to about 207 million people. Since its creation in 1947, Pakistan is consistently challenged by political instability, religious extremism and war against terrorism. This has been aggravated by four wars and the arrival of 1.5 million Afghan refugees.

As per the Human Development Index Pakistan ranks at 147 out of 188 countries. Nature and man-made disasters have exacerbated these pre-existing issues, with recurrent political instability and conflict leading to numerous negative consequences in all areas of life. The country continues to struggle with providing basic needs and good governance to its population of which 97% are of Muslim faith.

World Relief Germany (WRG) has established programs in Pakistan in 1980 in response to the Afghan refugee crisis. In addition to refugee protection programs, WRG has implemented projects of community development, income generation, earthquake and flood relief, shelter, water and sanitation, peace-building and skills training in some of the most insecure and under-developed areas of the country.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

WRG, in collaboration with local partners initiated “Faith Friends for Peace in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province: Promoting peace and harmony through an interfaith network at the grass roots level.”



This province was chosen because of its geographical location bordering Afghanistan and its historical reputation as the crossroads of political, tribal, sectarian and religious division and unrest.



The project goal was to create an enhanced interfaith network that focused on proactive peace-building to diffuse potential conflict before violence can erupt. The program invited women to participate as network leaders and key community influencers. The project was focused on five districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

The project activities focused on uniting different faith communities of KP, empowering local communities including women to resolve conflicts through dialogues and peaceful community interventions, and creating an environment more accepting of religious diversity. The main beneficiaries of the project were religious leaders of different faith communities, politicians, policy-makers, government officials, male and female members of the associated religious communities that were engaged, and youth, especially students of different faith communities.

WRG with its local partner is running a Mental Health Center (MHC) in Peshawar. The Centre has a Special Education School for mentally challenged children and a Physiotherapy Clinic for physically challenged persons. It also has an Orthotics workshop where technical aids for rehabilitation are made and repaired at affordable prices.



A small vocational centre teaches patients life skills. Certain treatments are also provided to patients in their own homes. The project reached out to 90 beneficiaries.

The project aims to improve the quality of life for disabled children and their families in KP irrespective of faith, creed and color. The project strives to:

- Build the capacity of parents of disabled children to care for their children from the home.
- Capacity building of health professionals
- Creating structures for parents to connect, communicate, and advocate for their children
- Provide rehabilitative training and equipment for caregivers and medical professionals.

The activities start by enhancing MHC staff capacity professionally and spiritually. They identify and select young female and male volunteers who are professionally trained, and their discipleship skills are enhanced to ensure that they reveal Christ through their words, actions, interventions, and attitudes.



The Physiotherapy and Special Education Instructors work with the volunteers in providing low-cost, high quality service to the disabled children at home. An In-House Parent Counsellor provides counselling to parents at home addressing their challenges, child growth and behavior change.

The project has also developed a Parents Association to hold group counselling, advocate for disabled children in their communities and provide encouragement through each other's experiences. The capacity of parents has been enhanced in providing counselling and advocating for a friendly environment and acceptability for disabled children. The trained volunteers in groups of two under the supervision of Physiotherapy and Special Education Instructors perform home visits to help develop close relationships with the beneficiaries.

The project has a small support fund that is used for buying edible household items for these disabled children, energy supplements, and school/vocational training transportation assistance. Three fun events are arranged for special children for social networking. In order to explore and secure other funding sources, two network visits were arranged for donor organizations to get firsthand experience of the services of the Center. The most needy beneficiaries were assisted with rehabilitation equipment through this project. Some children were also be empowered with life skills, i.e. candle making.

BENEFICIARY STORY

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION - My name is Anum Waqar, 25 years old, married, and belonging to a Hindu family. My husband is a government employee and we have two children. I am living in Peshawar. We soon realized that our Muslim neighbors don't like us much because of our faith. They kept distant from us and the children. Whenever my children would go out my neighbors would not let them play with their children. My children would return and ask me: “Why do they ask us about our faith?” It was a difficult time for me. I am engaged with Faith Friends activities and discussed the issue with other members in our monthly meeting. Some members shared that I should talk with my neighbor to clear their thoughts about non-Muslim communities.



If this did not work the Faith Friends members would accompany me in the next phase.

I tried to talk with one of my neighbors but she initially would not listen to me and I started to wonder whether this whole interfaith harmony was of any help at all. Then around Eid, a Muslim religious festival, I gathered my courage and visited my neighbor again and surprisingly she invited me in. Although I was initially confused and wanted to just give her greetings and leave, I nevertheless went in through her door for the first time.

“I am glad that with the support of my Faith Friend members I am able to be a source of harmony among people of different faiths.”

After Eid, I visited her again and we talked and she asked me about my faith, practices and patriotism. I laughed and told her I am a Pakistani Hindu. My affiliation is undoubtedly with Pakistan and I love to see peace and harmony among all faith communities in our country. I told her about the Faith Friend initiatives and our activities.

She clearly looked amazed and in between apologized for her past behavior. She said she was not well aware of Hindu religious and cultural beliefs and what she heard from others just made her distant from other faith communities.

I am glad that with the support of my Faith Friend members I am able to be a source of harmony among people of different faiths.

OUTLOOK

World Relief Germany will continue its strategic engagement at grass root level with its partners in Pakistan. Our geographical focus will continue to be on underdeveloped and conflict affected areas.

As we remain committed to building the capacity of our beneficiaries to lead flourishing lives, we focus on the following activities:

1. Expand the Interfaith Peacebuilding to additional districts in Pakistan.
2. Community-directed rehabilitation of children with disabilities.
3. Strengthening Integral Engagement through Church Empowerment

Yemen

Bringing Relief and Hope to Yemen

THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Yemen, one of the Arab world's poorest countries, has been devastated by over 3 years of civil war:

- 22.2 million people (75% total population) are in need of some kind of assistance or protection assistance, including 11.3 million who are in acute need
- 3 million are Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and IDP returnees. Out of these, 76% are women and children
- 17.8 million people (60%) are food insecure. Out of these 8.4 million are severely food insecure and at risk of starvation
- 1.8 million children and 1.1 million pregnant or lactating women are acutely malnourished, including approximately 400,000 children under age 5 who are suffering from severe acute malnutrition
- 16 million people (55%) lack access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene
- 16.4 million people (56%) lack access to adequate healthcare
- Only 50% of the health facilities are functioning and even these face severe shortages in medicines, equipment, and staff
- Yemen risks sliding into famine and further disease outbreaks



World Relief Germany has been providing humanitarian and development services to vulnerable communities since 1998. Since the start of the conflict in 2015 WRG has been working with local partners to provide essential Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and health interventions to vulnerable populations.



ACTIVITIES IN 2017

In 2017, WRG assisted more than 6,000 people in the provision of clean water, rehabilitation of water systems, construction and rehabilitation of sanitation systems, hygiene promotion and distribution of essential hygiene items and water filters. Additionally, 22 tons (55 palettes) of essential medicines and medical supplies donations were delivered to 9 Ministry of Public Health & Population (MoPHP) health facilities in 2 governorates in Yemen. Most of these medicines and medical supplies supported the treatment for the recent cholera outbreak.

BENEFICIARY STORY

Hassan (not real name)
When Hassan came home he found that his 4-year-old son had vomited three times and had diarrhea twice since morning. Hassan was anxious because of the cholera outbreak in the area. He had read that the number of cases was increasing and had been killing children, especially those who did not have cholera services.



As Hassan did not have any money due to the fact that teachers and other civil servants had not received salaries for months, he had no idea of where to go for help. Then one of his friends told him that the district hospital has started a Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) and that the treatment was provided there for free.

Hassan's son was brought to the CTC and treated with intravenous fluids. He was soon getting better and could be discharged the following evening.

Hassan's son was brought there and treated with intravenous fluids. He was soon getting better and could be discharged the following evening. Hassan thanks WRG and other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for their help provided to Yemeni patients during this difficult time.



Zeinab (not real name)
Mahmud, the project manager of one of our local partner organizations, was surprised to receive a call from Zeinab during a water, sanitation and hygiene project. Zeinab was one of the female beneficiaries of the project and had heard that hygiene kits were to be distributed at a later date.

Mahmud explained that in connection with hygiene promotion, kits would be distributed with items like soap and sanitary pads. Mahmud reports, "When she heard this, she rejoiced as if she had just won a prize!" He was amazed so he asked Zeinab about her response. Zeinab then informed him that she has not had appropriate materials to use during her monthly menstrual cycle and it had been very problematic for her. The project manager was at a loss for words when Zeinab began to cry.



Many women in Yemen cannot afford to purchase disposable sanitary pads. One barrier is the high price due to inflation, and another is the social stigmas attached to menstruation. By providing hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene items to Internally Displaced Persons, WRG has been to help restore dignity for many women.

OUTLOOK

Unfortunately, there is no end in sight for the conflict and unnecessary suffering in Yemen. WRG continues to support vulnerable people through local partner organizations who are providing water, sanitation, hygiene, and health services. WRG does not want to only bring relief but also to build the resilience of the people in Yemen.



Somaliland

Building Resilience to Droughts in Somaliland

THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Somalia is a disintegrated state with a variety of political entities and clans controlling territory to a greater or lesser extent throughout the country. One of these territories with the highest level of stability, governmental infrastructure, and services is Somaliland.

For the past 9 years WRG has been active in Somaliland particularly in Salahley and Sabawanaag Districts in Woqooyi Galbeed region and has invested in long-term relationships with eight pastoralist communities. In spite of the drought, WRG is working with these communities to build resilience through livelihood diversification, rangeland management, animal health, rainwater retention and harvesting, resource management, savings and investment and other initiatives.

We have also implemented relief projects at times of crisis as this is intended to complement the resilience building initiatives in the community by caring for the most pressing needs from residents so the community can focus on early recovery.



ACTIVITIES IN 2017

- Eight communities have created or renewed their 2017 Community Risk Management Plan. (CRMP)
- WRG supported the implementation of each community's plan with small grant matching funds that were used in a variety of ways including procurement of tools for farming, hiring tractors for ploughing and purchasing irrigation material.
- Six Self-Help Groups have been established and sustained group businesses that provide income for the members and their families from alternative activities that are not rain-dependent.
- WRG has supported the development of SHGs by arranging literacy, numeracy and vocational skills training including tailoring and henna decoration to SHG members to increase their capacity for livelihood diversification.

RELIEF

- WRG provided conditional cash transfers, including cash for work (C4W) and unconditional cash transfers to 640 Households in 12 months

Safia observed that after the treatment the frequency of livestock death in the community decreased significantly, and for her there were no more losses.

BENEFICIARY STORY

Safia Hussein, 54 years old, lives in Galoole and is the mother of 7 children. Most of the residents in Galoole are agro-pastoralists but due to recent successive droughts, they have not cultivated their farmland and have been watching their



- Vaccination and other veterinary medicines for livestock (64786 animals) were provided through mobile community outreach in 55 communities

few remaining livestock die due to lack of pasture. On every side of the village she remembers seeing dead animal corpses because people were tired of disposing them properly. Safia herself lost 10 sheep and 3 cows "but that changed when WRG brought livestock treatment into our area", she said. Safia observed that after the treatment the frequency of livestock deaths in the community decreased significantly, and for her there were no more losses. Safia appreciated the assistance and thinks her herd would not have survived otherwise. Since then, although the mass treatment campaign has stopped, animal health services are still available in the village through trained and equipped community animal health workers.

OUTLOOK

For the coming year, WRG is planning to

- Lead eight communities to complete their CRMPs for 2018/19 with pictorial expressions so that they are clear to all members of the community,
- Assist each community to implement the resilience activities determined in their CRMPs, providing training and external resources to complement the contribution and participation of community residents
- Facilitate the functioning of up to 13 Self-Help Groups, arranging for skills and management training and exploring options with them for larger-scale group businesses
- Enable 3 SHGs to replicate and each start one new SHG
- Facilitate meetings and community visits to establish and strengthen links between key community members and appropriate ministry or district leadership contacts
- Together with CBOs, engage in lobbying at the national level for land policy development and enforcement
- Partner with 1 village to construct/pilot a sand dam



Jordan

Supporting refugee and host communities in Jordan

As the crisis in Syria enters its seventh year, Jordan continues to experience an enormous strain on its social and economic systems due to the influx of Syrian refugees and closed borders with its neighbors. Of the 655,000 registered Syrian refugees in Jordan, 79% percent do not reside in formal camps, but instead live as urban and rural refugees. Additionally, Jordan is home to thousands of Iraqis, Sudanese, and Yemenis seeking refuge from conflict in their home countries. Refugees and vulnerable Jordanians are experiencing competition for housing and employment, and rising prices of critical goods and services. The result is that some families are engaging in negative coping strategies including begging, early marriage, child labor, and domestic violence, which all have negative generational impacts on individuals, families, and communities. Since 2015, WRG has focused on serving refugees and vulnerable Jordanians through programs that aim at the overall health and well-being of entire families.



ACTIVITIES IN 2017

In 2017, WRG Jordan office served almost 8,000 people through Child & Family Strengthening programs, Multipurpose Cash Assistance, Women's Empowerment through Sport, and Livelihood programs. Refugees and Jordanians were served in partnership with some 30 local partners and over 200 volunteers.



Families and children were strengthened through kids clubs specifically designed to foster the health and psychosocial well-being of children, while women were supported through peer to peer support groups that utilize a WRG designed curriculum. Entire families were also served through literacy clubs. The basic and urgent needs of refugees and poorer members of the host community were served through unconditional cash, cash for health, cash for rent, and cash for winter assistances. WRG Jordan continued its Girls Soccer Program in conjunction with government and private schools. Finally, through its livelihood program, WRG Jordan is assisting refugees in attaining work permits, job matching, and paid volunteering in the running of our programs.

BENEFICIARY STORY

Sarah's family is struggling to make ends meet as refugees. The family is so desperate, conversation has started about marrying off 15 year old Sarah. Sarah's mom shyly comes to WRG begging for us to take on Sarah as a paid volunteer so she can continue her studies. Sarah is assigned to be an assistant for a kids' club and teach Arabic literacy once a week. Due to her artistic abilities, she is also assigned the job of making visual aids for our child protection trainings.



In this same center where Sarah serves, she begins to attend English and computer courses run by Christian youth from a local partnering church.

Sarah's confidence and skills set are growing, and best of all she is still at home with her family.

Sarah and her tutor, Mariam, have become fast friends despite their different religious and national backgrounds. Through both her work with WRG, and participation in WRG sponsored activities, Sarah's confidence and skills set are growing, and best of all she is still at home with her family.

OUTLOOK

Planned activities for 2018 are :

- Expansion of the literacy programs
- Continuing trainings of partners for mothers programs
- Finalizing and piloting parenting and marriage curriculum
- Finalizing concept on how to include men in the psycho-social programs, especially parenting and marriage
- Launch of a pilot program aimed at training aspiring entrepreneurs in making their business ideas a reality and equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to keep their businesses running
- Ongoing multipurpose cash support for refugees and vulnerable Jordanians
- Expanding and strengthening our delivery of community based protection programming, specifically in two different lower income areas of Jordan
- Increasing our staff's skills, knowledge, and awareness in dealing with sensitive protection related issues

Iraq



Yezidi, Muslim, Christian – all Women: Reconciliation in Action in Iraq

THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Since the onset of the ongoing emergency in Ninewa in 2014, people fled to Sinjar Mountain to find safety from the so-called Islamic state. Thousands of people were forced to flee their homes, while others were either killed or abducted. More than 6,000 people were reportedly abducted, many of which have relatives currently living in IDP (Internally Displaced Person) settlements surrounding Dahuk city and many other places. Large numbers of IDPs are living in areas around Dahuk and Ninewa. In addition to the IDPs, large numbers of refugees came from Syria, starting in 2011. This has made the city of Dahuk very diverse and created a lot of interaction between the various groups from very different backgrounds. It also caused many challenges and reconciliation is needed to help all people live together peacefully. Since 2014, WRG is active in North Iraq and had deployed an international staff to work with the team of our partner organization Mission East on relief projects. During this time, we also cooperated with HOCA, a local organization founded by young, dynamic university graduates. After investing into capacity building and working with HOCA in Mission East projects, WRG could partner directly with HOCA in 2017 in a project funded by IFA with funds from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

"Reconciliation and Peace through the development of Women Interaction" was the title of this initiative to contribute to bringing peace among the different groups present in the city of Dahuk: Local population, IDPs and refugees from Syria; Sunni and Shia Muslims, Yezidis and Christians.



The core activity was the implementation of six ten-day-workshops, each for 20 women between the ages of 20 to 30. The content of the workshops was reconciliation and peace building, with a particular focus on women's role. The participants were trained to become peace and reconciliation ambassadors that influence their communities. The workshops included presentations and interaction about cross-cultural engagement and reconciliation. Theoretic learning was combined with activities that involve all participants. Exercises encouraged the women to think about creative ways in which they can become ambassadors of reconciliation and peace in their neighborhood.

BENEFICIARY STORY

The unique opportunity to be asked questions, join a discussion, and share thoughts and feelings, created an unexpected effect of relief and freedom not normally afforded to many of the women attending the course. When describing her favorite thing about the course, a

girl from the host community commented:

"When the trainer asked personal questions or something about us, you receive respect with people listening. I felt important." Another woman shared that before the course "there was something that was heavy inside of us that we were wanting to share, after the course we were able to take it out and we became lighter. We learned from them and they learned from us."

OUTLOOK

WRG plans to continue the successful partnership with HOCA in 2018. A follow on project is in discussion with IFA and will take the lessons learnt from Dahuk to Sinjar Mountains, to start reconciliation activities for youth there.

In addition, we are discussing an initiative for university graduates to help new business ideas getting started and bring hope to the next generation in Dahuk. In Parallel, WRG is assessing the option to getting registered in Iraq and establish a country office.

Turkey

Hope and Healing for the Broken



Turkey hosts 3.9 million refugees (3.6 million from Syria), including more than 1.7 million children, – the largest refugee population in the world. About 94% of Syrian refugees in Turkey remain outside of camps in host communities with limited but growing access to public services, including education and health-care. However, many refugees have difficulty accessing basic facilities due to problems registering with local authorities, and language barriers. Education has become a casualty of war as over 40 percent of school-age children from refugee communities are not enrolled in school, with the lowest enrolment among older children. The Turkish government plans to enrol all refugee children into public school by 2020 and WRG Turkey is offering hope and education and integration assistance to help meet this daunting challenge.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

In 2017 WRG supported several pilot projects to evaluate strategies to invest in the educational future of Syrian youth, reduce the risks of a “lost generation,” and ensure they will be equipped to confront future challenges rebuilding their nation or contributing to their communities elsewhere in the world.



WRG also made significant progress toward legal registration despite difficulties posed by current anti-Western sentiment. WRG partnered with AFAD, the Turkish Government’s Disaster and Relief Management Agency, to procure winterized tents as a preliminary step towards registration to operate projects in three Turkish provinces with large refugee populations. In November 2017, WRG hosted the Refugee Highway Partnership Round Table, a training, networking and capacity building event that equips churches and church partners to effectively serve displaced people in Turkey.

BENEFICIARY STORY

Ayaz Yilmaz is a five-year-old student at the Gaziantep Refugee Community Center. Before he came to the Community Center, Ayaz spent his days on the streets and experienced violence inside and outside his home. Traumatized by this violence, Ayaz refused to speak to anyone. Everyone, including his parents, thought he was disabled.



The teachers at the Community Center, however, recognized his trauma symptoms and believed they could help him emerge from his silence.

There are many children like Ayaz at the Center and his success is a great example of the difference that appropriate intervention can make in a child’s life.

Ayaz’s first weeks at the Center were difficult but he has made so much progress! He has learned to use the toilet, eat meals on his own, speak some words, and even form simple sentences. He is able to say “I’m hungry”, “get me some bread”, “I drink water”, “my teacher”, “colors,” etc. There are many children like Ayaz at the Center and his success is a great example of the difference that appropriate intervention can make in a child’s life.



OUTLOOK

In 2018 WRG continues to lobby government ministries and hopes to secure legal registration this year. WRG is also moving forward with plans to partner with the Ministry of Education on a joint project which will increase the likelihood that our registration will be accepted.

In view of the new geographical restrictions imposed by our registration process, WRG has focused primarily on three projects this year – Gaziantep Refugee Community Center (Education & Integration), Kardelen Seeds of Joy (Community Resilience) and Building Leaders 4 Peace (Peacebuilding & Reconciliation).

However, we continue to evaluate new partnership proposals. In Fall 2018, WRG will again host the annual Refugee Highway Partnership Round Table to train, equip and network with both our projects partners and over 100 church leaders, refugee leaders and international practitioners working with Iraqi refugee communities in Turkey.



Syria

The Road to Damascus

The humanitarian situation in Syria in 2017 remained dire. The conflict has caused enormous suffering across the country and has left millions of people without a home and in need of humanitarian assistance. WRG has been partnering with local churches inside Syria to provide basic needs and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities. This year WRG chose to focus on developing 3 existing key partnerships with local churches, giving us the opportunity to walk closely with them and design projects that reflected their capacity, experiences, skills and resources.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

This year we worked with partners in order to provide assistance to vulnerable communities in the following ways:

- Cash Assistance for Internally Displaced People: Many Syrians have been displaced multiple times and cannot afford basic payments for rent or food. This cash assistance provides a short-term support net for displaced families enabling them to make healthy choices moving forwards.



- Medical Cash Assistance: both host communities and displaced individuals require medical care. This project supports those who have medical needs which they can't afford, and assists the most vulnerable in finding adequate healthcare. We also provided community awareness raising talks for those at risk or suffering from diabetes. After focusing on children we then went on to provide medical support to certain families.
- Distribution for large families with multiple young children (including milk and nappies).
- Supporting Widows and Female Single Headed Households: We partner to provide unconditional cash assistance to those women and families who have virtually no support network.

BENEFICIARY STORY

Huda lives as a single mother of 2 sons and 2 daughters in a single 5x7 meter room. All their possessions are in the room with them, piled up against the walls, leaving a tiny area in the middle of the room in which to function and live. One of Huda's sons suffers from epilepsy in addition to mental health issues. He hides under a blanket in the dark room. The visiting team described her as being so nervous she could barely speak a full sentence without tears.

The team comforted her and informed her of the multipurpose cash grant that that she was being offered. Huda responded that her 23-year-old son is the only one working in the whole family, and that she also has health challenges. She described how she wants her daughters to finish their education before setting out into the workforce. She added, "With this amount of money I want to buy medicine for my son. They have become so expensive".

OUTLOOK

In 2017 we started pursuing registration inside Syria in order to become an officially registered NGO. At the time of writing this report in 2018 we now have received this registration! Priorities in 2018 will be establishing a presence inside Syria, continuing to work with partners, serving vulnerable communities and building an on the ground team. One particularly exciting aspect of 2018 will be a rehabilitation project for damaged houses. This will include involving local communities to carry out basic repair work in uninhabitable houses. We hope and pray for peace in Syria and for stability. Should the conflict draw to a close we believe that WRG is in a unique position to assist families and communities and to continue to support the local church.



Germany

Putting Reconciliation into Action in our Neighborhood

The WRG International Office is located in Berlin, in the part of town called Wedding. We are proud to be part of our multinational neighborhood and the various backgrounds of our neighbors, mostly Arab or Turkish, reflects well the portfolio of our target countries. Within walking distance, we can find restaurants that serve dishes from all the countries we work in and regularly friends drop by our office, greeting us in their Arabic or Turkish mother (and/or father) tongue.

In 2017, we were able to continue raising awareness of trauma and psychosocial care with our training for volunteers helping refugees in Germany. Christiane Wutschke held five trainings in Hessen, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen and Sachsen on behalf of WRG.

Future trainings, she will do through her consulting business. She had developed this training in cooperation with German and American Trauma-Specialists, to teach volunteers how to go alongside refugees and have meaningful conversations.



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They need to be able to take care of themselves (understand and deal with vicarious traumatization), to understand PTSD enough to know when and where to refer somebody to professional help, and know how to listen and engage in a helpful way. The training focuses on restoring trust, friendship and self-efficacy, and not on confronting the trauma.

In May, we were able to welcome many guests to Berlin, who came for the Christian Convention "Kirchentag". WRG contributed with a booth at the Abend der Begegnung (Evening of Encounter), the opening event. Those of the 140,000 guests that came by our booth had the opportunity to get coffee – freshly brewed or roasted beans, either way contributing with a donation to our Mokka for Mokka campaign to assist people in Yemen. For this campaign, we printed postcards and cooperated with the local coffee roastery "flying roasters", who produced the little "Mokka for Mokka" coffee packages.

We also presented general information about our projects and collected proverbs and photos of visitors – "Redensart – Lebensart". Later, we used what we collected to pair people with their proverb from different cultures. Results on the internet...

WRG also contributed to a prayer event of the Kirchentag in the Herz Jesu Kirche.





With information from our program countries, WRG invited participants to pray for these countries and bless the people we serve.

In November, students of the Lycée Français de Berlin initiated a day of solidarity at their school, inviting a number of NGOs to participate by providing a booth. WRG was present with a small team and had lots of fun talking about our work while folding origami camels.

These camels were also part of Christmas packages we sent to 35 churches in Germany, inviting them to study about the Middle East in current and biblical times, involving all generations with activities, prayer requests and stories.



In December, special guests came to Berlin, when we held a second summit for WRG Country Representatives and International Staff, together with the team of our International Office in Berlin.

As a group of 22 people, we worked on the organizational framework for Integral Engagement, a visionary document that outlines our vision for all areas of our work.

While our Focus is on our program countries and our core activities are therefore outside of Germany, we will continue to also stay engaged here. We are part of our neighborhood in Berlin, an active member of the “Development and Relief” Community in Germany and an advocate for the people we serve. We are looking forward to being a bridge between Germany and our target countries in 2018.



Supervisory Board Report

Dear Members of the Executive Board and General Assembly,



During the reporting period the Supervisory Board closely observed how the Executive Board conducted the organization’s business in accordance with the advisory and supervisory tasks assigned to it by the law, our Articles of Association and our rules of procedure. We were informed regularly and comprehensively about the economic and financial situation of the organization as well as about projects in all program countries.

During 2017 we saw WRG’s activities expand in Germany and in our program countries. With two new staff in the international office both public relations were intensified and integral engagement was developed further as WRG’s organizational vision. Also in our program countries capacities were significantly increased and new staff recruited. In Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Pakistan, Somaliland and Yemen ongoing projects could be continued and new projects were launched.

The Supervisory Board would like to thank all members of the Executive Board and all staff of World Relief Germany for their commitment and the good cooperation in 2017. We also would like to thank the other members of the General Assembly for their support of the organization and the close cooperation with the Supervisory Board.

Neu-Anspach, December 31, 2017

The Supervisory Board would like to thank all members of the Executive Board and all staff of World Relief Germany for their commitment and the good cooperation in 2017.

For the supervisory board,
Peter Jakobus, Chairman

The Supervisory Board met three times during the financial year 2017. All events and decisions that were of fundamental importance to the organization were discussed thoroughly based on the Executive Board’s reports. Each meeting achieved quorum as outlined in the Articles of Association and the Board was able to decide on all motions after detailed discussion.

These positive developments were possible through an increase in donations and grants. Furthermore, an equity reserve was created to increase the organization’s stability. In consequence, the organization is well equipped to successfully continue projects sustainably even in critical situations.

Financial Report 2017

World Relief Germany is dependent on grants from institutions as well as donations from individuals. The money entrusted to us is managed in a careful and appropriate manner. Everyone who donates to World Relief Germany can be assured that the money reaches vulnerable people and communities and is used effectively.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Assets (in Euro)	12/31/2017	12/31/2016	Liabilities (in Euro)	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
A. Fixed Assets	68,404	63,068	A. Equity	321,559	248,236
I. Intangible assets	9	39	I. Equity of the association	90,000	0
II. Tangible assets	63,395	63,029	II. Revenue reserves	158,236	193,223
			III. Profit for the year	73,323	55,013
B. Current Assets	1,635,027	2,117,056	B. Reserves	21,851	20,604
I. Accounts receivable from grants and other assets	1,377,977	1,576,759	I. Other reserves	21,851	20,604
II. Cash assets, credit with financial institutions	257,050	540,297	C. Accounts payable	1,360,021	1,911,284
			I. Deliveries & services	3,478	1,932
			II. Financial institutions	26,495	0
			III. Grants received	1,237,590	1,883,070
			IV. Other liabilities	92,458	26,282
	1,703,431	2,180,124		1,703,431	2,180,124

NOTES OF THE BALANCE SHEET

World Relief Germany is registered in the association register of the District Court of Bad Homburg under the registration number VR 1896.

The annual financial statements were drawn up on the basis of the German Commercial Code (HGB). Accounting and valuation were carried out according to the principles of orderly bookkeeping and statutory accounting provisions.

The accounts receivable from grants concern granted public and private funds for project work and are due for settlement within one year.

The accounts payable for grants refer to €1,100K in grants for which no funds have yet been received and to €138K in collected but not yet appropriately utilized grant funds.

The other reserves take into account all discernible risks and doubtful obligations. They include €14K for expected costs for the annual audit, €5K for annual leave that has not yet been taken and overtime, and €3K for insurance contributions.

The equity amounts to €332K. The previous year's profit was allocated in full to revenue reserves. In addition, €90K from the revenue reserves were declared equity of the association.

EXPENDITURE 2017

	2017	2016
Project expenditure	2,801,728	2,375,781
• Project implementation	2,399,012	2,084,917
• Project support	401,548	259,112
• Education and public awareness campaigns	1,168	31,752
Advertising and administrative expenditure	346,242	314,272
• Advertising and Public Relations	10,754	10,020
• Administration	335,488	304,252
Total expenditure	3,147,970	2,690,053

NOTES ON EXPENDITURE

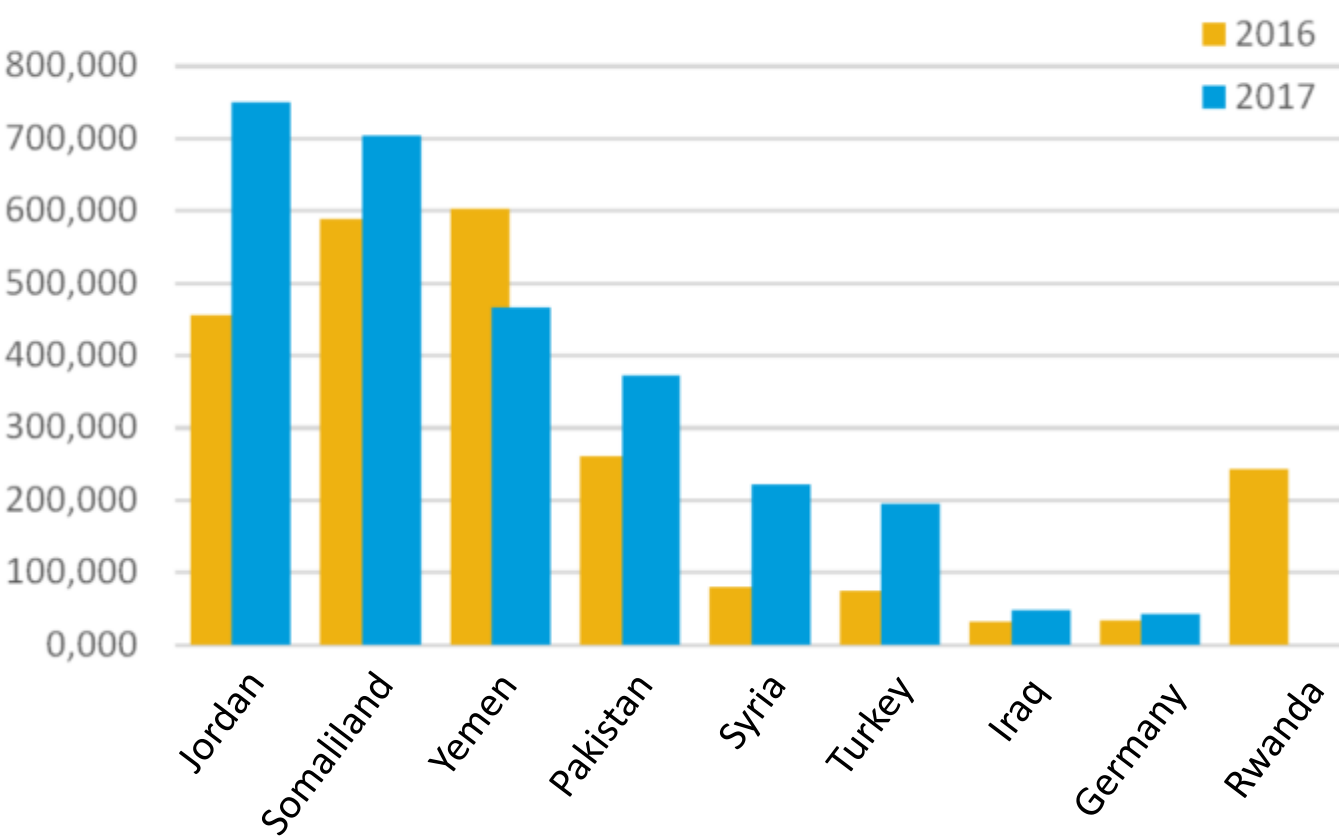
In 2017, total expenditure increased from €2,690K in the previous year to €3,148K (+17%).

The breakdown of costs into project expenditure, advertising and administrative expenditure in the table on the left follows the instructions of the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI).

PROJECT EXPENDITURE

The expenditure for project implementation and support increased by €475K (+19.5 %) amounting to €2,801K. This is mostly due to a further increase in available project funding for Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan, Turkey and the two countries of origin. In 2017, our local partner in Rwanda was able to obtain direct institutional funding, thus WRG does not have any project expenditure in Rwanda any more.

	2017	2016
Jordan	749,596	455,914
Somaliland	704,469	589,308
Yemen	466,133	603,613
Pakistan	373,475	261,386
Syria	222,442	79,623
Turkey	195,784	75,105
Iraq	47,388	32,729
Germany	42,442	34,810
Rwanda (ended in 2016)	0	243,293
Total project expenditure	2,801,728	2,375,781



HUMAN RESOURCES AND SALARIES

In 2017, the association employed an annual average of 7.8 employees in Germany (in 2016: 6.3).

On December 31, 2017 there were 8 employees, 2 staff on marginal part-time contracts and 9 volunteers (mainly supervisory board and general assembly members). The latter did not receive any compensation for their services.

In our project countries by the end of the year we employed 62 staff, thereof 5 volunteers and 7 freelancers.

As of December 31, the annual salary for full-time employees in the International Office as well as for leading staff in the field (expatriates) ranged from €31.8K to €45.8K.

The members of the Executive Board received annual remunerations of up to €38.4K (full-time).

Annual remunerations of local project staff depend on the individual context and custom of the project country and range from an equivalent of €3.6K to €21.0K.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

The expenditure for education, information and public awareness campaigns in 2017 amounted to €1K (in 2016: €32K), as the project position for the implementation of the “Welcoming the Stranger” Campaign on refugees was discontinued.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Forms of fund raising in 2017 included the use of social media such as Facebook and Mailchimp Newsletter, our web presence, the annual report as well as personal letters to our supporters.

There was no cooperation with enterprises or contractors for fundraising and no performance based rewards were given. The expenditure for advertising and public relations amounted to €11K (in 2016: €10K).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE

The administrative expenditure in 2017 amounted to €335K (in 2016: €304K), due to the increase in project volume.

PERCENTAGE OF ADVERTISING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (DZI)

The following table shows the expenditure side of the profit and loss statement in vertical format according to the total cost method and a breakdown into categories in line with the definition of the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI). According to the definition of the DZI, a share of advertising and administrative costs amounting to between 10% and 20% of total expenditure is adequate. For 2017, our share of advertising and administrative cost was within that range and amounted to 11%.

	Project implemen- tation	Project Support	Education and public awareness campaigns	Advertising and Public Relations	Administra- tion	Total 2017	Total 2016
General project related expenditure	-1,755,217	-206,225			-107,627	-2,069,068	-1,814,892
Personnal expenditure	-620,936	-195,323	-428	-7,577	-142,400	-966,664	-778,227
Amortizations	-22,859				-3,198	-26,057	-24,160
Other Operating Expenditure			-740	-3,177	-82,264	-86,181	-72,774
•Travel costs					-1,292	-1,292	-1,280
• Occupancy costs					-9,633	-9,633	-8,964
• Administrative costs				-3,177	-66,282	-69,460	-48,710
• Contributions, insurance, charges			-740		-5,057	-5,796	-5,153
• Disposal of fixed assets							-8,667
Total expenditure	-2,399,012	-401,548	-1,168	-10,754	-335,488	-3,147,970	-2,690,053

REVENUE 2017

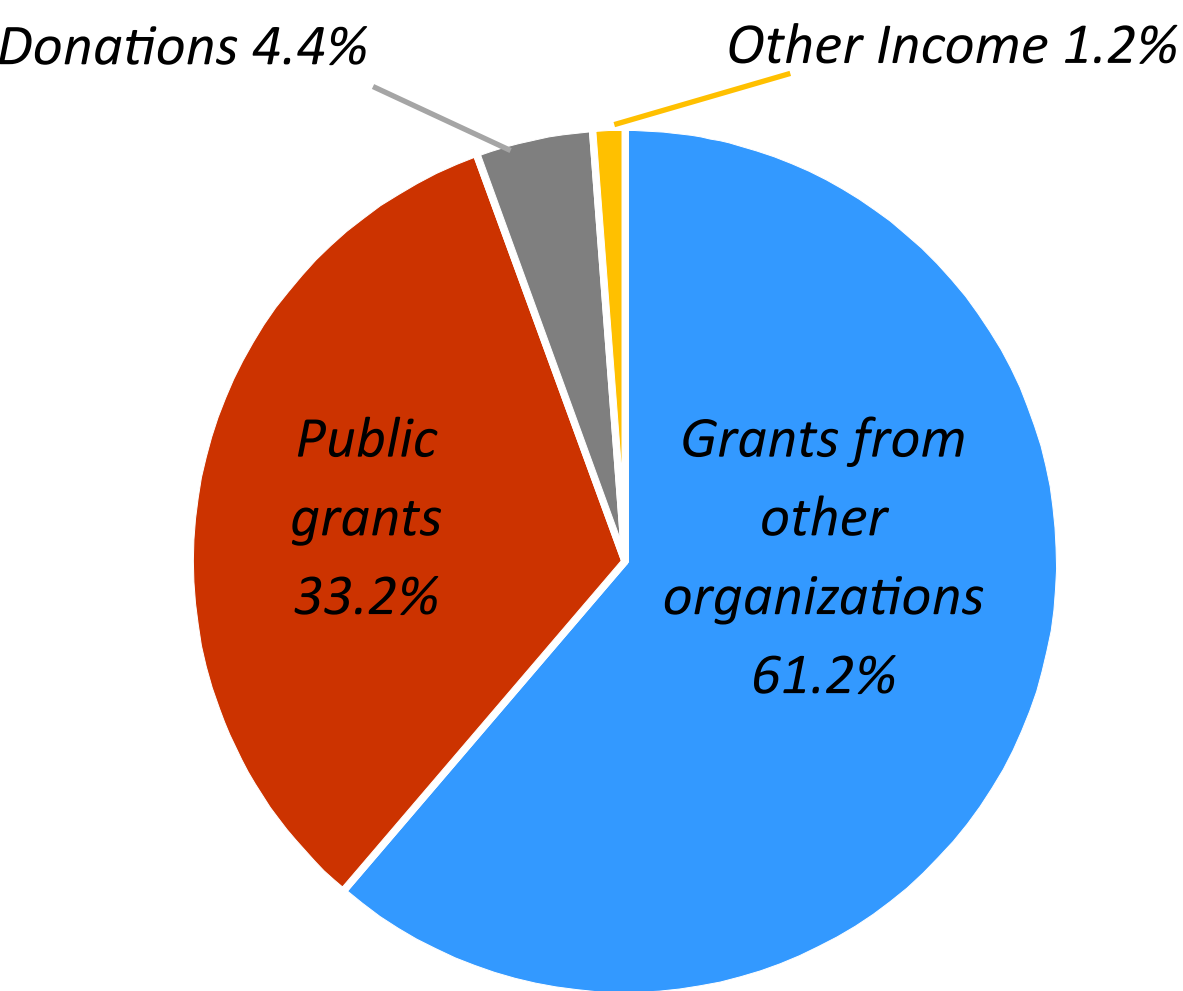
NOTES OF REVENUE

In 2017, WRG received revenues of €3,221K. This corresponds to a total increase of 17.3%.

Donations more than doubled, amounting to €141K. This is mainly due to our supporters' willingness to donate generously in light of the humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen this year.

Grants from private organizations also increased by 27.2%, whereas public grants remained constant.

The decrease in other operating income was mainly caused by less favourable exchange rates.



	2017	in %	2016	in %
Income from grants	3,042,352	94.4%	2,633,571	95.9%
- from public grants	1,069,529	33.2%	1,082,464	39.4%
- from other organizations	1,972,823	61.2%	1,551,107	56.5%
Donations*	140,750	4.4%	56,776	2.1%
Other operating income	37,904	1.2%	54,603	2.0%
Interest revenue	287	0.0%	116	0.0%
Total revenue	3,221,293	100%	2,745,066	100%

* Donations received were recognized as revenue in the year of receipt, contrary to the recommendations of the IDW (RS HFA 21).

ANNUAL RESULT 2017

The profit and loss statement shows a positive annual result of €73K (in 2016: +€55K). With total revenues of €3,221K, a total of 261,000 beneficiaries were served.

€3,221,293

Total Revenue

261,000

Beneficiaries served

This is a shortened version of our annual financial report – the complete annual financial statements are available on our website under <https://www.worldrelief.de/en/about-us/transparency/>

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined the annual financial statements—comprising balance sheet, profit and loss account and notes – including the bookkeeping records of World Relief Deutschland e.V., Neu Anspach, for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2016. Responsibility for bookkeeping records and preparing the annual financial statements lies according to the regulations of the German Commercial Code (*Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB*) with the legal representatives of the Association. Our task is to give our assessment of the annual financial statements including the bookkeeping records on the basis of the audit we carried out.

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements in accordance with § 317 HGB, observing the German principles on the proper conduct of audits of annual financial statements as set down by the Institute of Public Auditors in Germany, Incorporated Association. According to these, the audit must be planned and conducted in such a manner that inaccuracies and transgressions which significantly affect how the asset, financial and profit situation is portrayed in the annual financial statements, observing the principles of orderly bookkeeping, can be ascertained with adequate certainty. When determining the audit procedures, we took into account our knowledge of the business activities of the Association and the Association's economic and legal environment, as well as the expectations regarding possible errors. In the course of the audit, the effectiveness of the accounting-specific internal control system as well as the evidence for the information in bookkeeping records and the annual financial statements were primarily assessed on the basis of random samples. The audit comprised an assessment of the accounting principles used and the key assessments of the legal representatives as well as an evaluation of the overall conclusion of the annual financial statements. We are of the opinion that our audit forms an adequate basis for our assessment.

No objections emerged from our audit.

In our assessment, based on the findings of the audit, the annual financial statements comply with the statutory provisions and, observing the principles of orderly bookkeeping, portray an accurate picture of the true circumstances of the asset, financial and profit situation of World Relief Deutschland e.V., Neu-Anspach.

Darmstadt, February 22, 2018

CURACON GmbH
Auditing Company
Darmstadt office

The Seal of Approval by the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) certifies that funds entrusted to our organization are handled responsibly.



Since 2012, our organization has been certified by the DZI.

This seal is an aid for many donors in choosing in which organization to place confidence. Ultimately, World Relief Germany's cooperative work approach is based on trust and we would like to promote this trust by retaining the award.

World Relief Germany is committed to complying with the following standards of the seal of approval:

- goal-oriented, economical and efficient use of funds
- reliable and audited financial reporting
- clear, true, open and factual advertising and public relations work, that protects the dignity of the beneficiaries
- effective control and supervisory structures, and
- transparency toward the general public.

Compliance with these standards is regularly monitored by the DZI. For this purpose, World Relief Germany provides DZI with all the information required. The DZI also integrates information from other relevant sources into its decision.



INITIATIVE TRANSPARENTE ZIVILGESELLSCHAFT

World Relief Germany, alongside more than 650 other charitable organizations, is a signatory to the initiative for a transparent civil society by Transparency International and thereby commits to disclosing information about our organization to the public in a specified format on our website www.worldrelief.de.

MEMBERSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS



EU-CORD

EU-CORD is a network of inter-denomination European Christian Organisations for Relief and Development inspired by Christian values to accomplish their work.



DEUTSCH-JEMENITISCHE GESELLSCHAFT

The *German Yemeni Society* is an association for promoting international understanding and human relations between Yemen and Germany.



GEMEINSAM GEGEN MENSCHENHANDEL

Together against human trafficking is an open alliance of organizations and initiatives that fight human trafficking in the areas of advocacy, prevention, helping and protecting victims and improving the legal framework.



MICHA-INITIATIVE

The Micha-Initiative is a global campaign encouraging Christians to get involved with global justice and against extreme poverty. They want to hold governments accountable to their commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Until 2030, poverty should be erased globally.



ERLASSJAHR.DE

Jubilee Germany is an alliance in development policy advocating for debt relief for indebted states and striving for a fair and transparent international insolvency framework.



WASH-NETZWERK

The *WASH-Network* is an initiative of German NGOs for the exchange of knowledge and expertise in the sector of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in humanitarian and transition aid and development.

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS



THE CODE OF CONDUCT

World Relief Germany is a signatory of the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, which sets ethical standards for humanitarian work.



THE SPHERE PROJECT

A voluntary initiative to improve the quality of humanitarian assistance and the accountability of humanitarian actors to their constituents, donors and affected populations.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AND PROJECT PARTNERS

Below is a list of the main international program and project partners with whom we cooperated in 2017. World Relief Germany undergoes a rigorous review process to partner with these agencies. A small (f) indicates that the organization has been a funding partner, a small (i) indicates that it has been an implementing partner in 2017.

UN and Public Partners

- AHC - Australian High Commission (f);
- BMZ - German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (f);
- GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (f);
- IFA - Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (with funding from the German Foreign Office) (f);
- UNOCHA - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (f);
- U.S. Department of State, DRL - Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (f);

Private Organisations

- Mission East (i);
- Tearfund Ireland (f);
- Tearfund UK (f);
- World Relief (f);
- William Allen Young Charitable Trust (f);
- ZOA International (f);
- Various local partners NGOs, communities based organizations and churches in our project countries (i)

