



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT





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## Board of Directors

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Dr. Hany E. Saqr

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# Letter from the CEO

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Dear respected LIFE supporter:

As we wrap up 2016, I am happy to report that thanks to the generous support of our donors and partners, many projects were successfully implemented in 23 countries across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and America. Whether an area was hit by natural disasters or war and violence like in Syria, Yemen and Iraq, LIFE staff responded by bringing needed emergency relief and support to affected families. LIFE also provided medical supplies and medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in Africa and hosted two hearing aid mission trips to the Middle East.

With the belief that education is the foundation for promoting development, prosperity and peace, LIFE in collaboration with its partners, distributed books and educational materials to learning institutions ranging from grade schools to universities. We also provided school supplies and backpacks to thousands of students. In the area of community development, LIFE is in the process of building three community centers in Mali where the people can gather for worship and social events. LIFE was also able to dig water wells that will provide a continuous supply of clean water to areas in Africa where water resources are scarce.

Orphan sponsorship is one of our oldest and most precious programs. This initiative was started back in the early 1990s and continues today. As a result of natural calamities and wars, the number of orphans needing support continues to grow. This year, our traditional seasonal projects on Ramadan and Eid Al-Adha were stronger than prior years.

LIFE continues to reach more needy individuals and families throughout the world. We could not have achieved these results without the generosity and continued support of our friends, donors and partners.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff that was instrumental in implementing these projects, some at great risk to their lives. I also thank the LIFE Board of Directors for their contributions and stewardship.

Sincerely

Dr. Hany Saqr

CEO

Dated: 09-28-2017

# About Life

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## **Mission Statement**

**Life for Relief and Development's mission is deeply rooted in the belief that saving lives should be a priority of all mankind. For this reason, Life is dedicated to alleviating human suffering regardless of race, color, religion, or cultural background. In response to poverty, famine, social and economic turmoil, natural disasters, war, and other catastrophes, Life works to provide assistance to people across the globe by offering humanitarian services such as food, water, and temporary shelter as well as healthcare and education.**

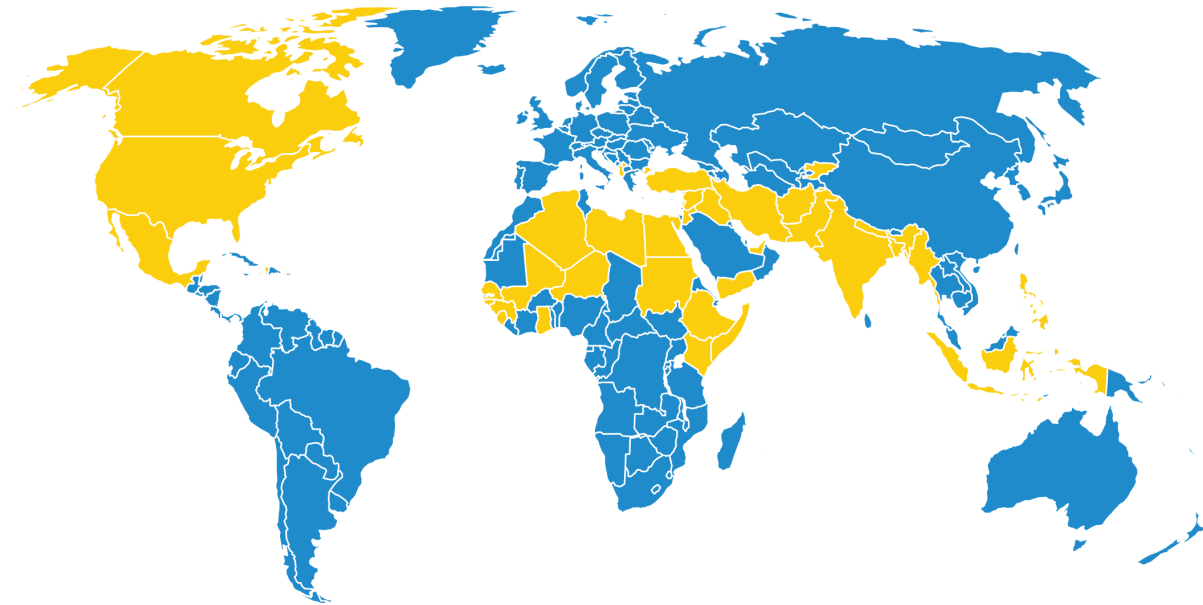
## **Organizational Background**

**Life for Relief and Development is a non-profit humanitarian charity founded in 1992 by concerned American professionals in response to the humanitarian crises that developed in Iraq as a result of the 1991 Gulf War. Due to the great generosity of donors, Life has been able to distribute over \$464 million in humanitarian assistance items around the world, and in the process, kindly touched millions of lives.**





## Program Activities Map



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|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| • AFGHANISTAN | • HAITI   | • MALI      | • SUDAN  |
| • BANGLADESH  | • INDIA   | • MYANMAR   | • SYRIA  |
| • CANADA      | • IRAQ    | • NEPAL     | • TURKEY |
| • EGYPT       | • JORDAN  | • PAKISTAN  | • USA    |
| • ETHIOPIA    | • KENYA   | • PALESTINE | • YEMEN  |
| • GHANA       | • LEBANON | • SOMALIA   |          |

# Emergency Response

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Life provided emergency food, clean water, bedding and blankets, hygiene kits, first aid kits, medicines, medical supplies & equipment for families affected by war and natural disasters.

In 2016, Life provided emergency humanitarian relief and services valued at over \$705,000 to people affected by the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, the drought in Somalia, Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, the conflict in Mosul, Iraq and to aid Syrian refugees and IDP's.

# Health Programs

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Life provided hearing aids to hearing impaired poor, needy and refugees and distributed donated medicines, medical supplies and medical equipment to underserved hospitals and clinics in need.

In 2016, Life provided medicines, medical aid and equipment valued at over \$1.7 million to the hearing impaired, disabled, hospitals, clinics in Iraq, Jordan, Palestine and Somalia.





# Education Programs

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

In 2016, Life provided school bags to students, furniture and educational materials to schools, colleges and universities valued at over \$6.3 million in Ghana, Afghanistan, Somalia, Canada, Iraq, Jordan and Syria and to Native American and non-profit schools and colleges in the USA.

# Community/Human Development

Life builds community centers where community members can gather for social events as well as funds small human development projects in Africa for poor families to enable them to start their own businesses and support their families and provides vegetable seeds to poor farmers.

In Mali, construction on three community centers has begun; Masjid Al Rahman Al Raheem in Kadiolo, Ambiya Mosque in Kemele and Mohammad Rasoolullah Sallallaho Wasalam Mosque in Fana.



# Orphan Sponsorship/Social Programs

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Life's orphan sponsorship program provided food, shelter, education and healthcare to over 4,550 orphans in Haiti, Jordan and Syrians.

Nearly \$875,000 in Orphan Sponsorship and Family Assistance was provided to aid orphans and to distribute assistance that was given to the poor and needy.





# Water/Sanitation Programs

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In 2016, Life donors provided over \$105,000 to fund the construction of 17 water wells in Ghana, Ethiopia, Mali and Somalia.

# Seasonal Projects

Life spent nearly \$538,000 on its seasonal projects in 2016 which helped feed thousands of needy families in many countries throughout the world.

## **Ramadan**

During Ramadan 2016, food baskets were distributed to poor and needy families and individuals. Each basket contained enough food items to meet the needs of a family of 5-7 for one month which eased the financial burden on the family. All items were locally procured in each country to help boost the local economy.

Life distributed food baskets to thousands of needy families and provided Iftar meals and Eid holiday gifts to poor children and orphans in Haiti, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Myanmar, Palestine, Syrian and the USA.

## **Udhiya/Qurbani**

In many countries, families wait in anticipation for Eid to arrive so they can receive fresh meat. Many families are so poor they cannot afford to buy meat at all during the entire year and Eid-ul-Adha is the only time that they have the opportunity to eat meat.

In 2016, Life distributed meat to over 50,000 families in 16 countries.

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# Financials

## LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### ASSETS

##### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	6,543,169	
Prepaid expenses		18,801	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>\$ 6,561,970</b>

##### FIXED ASSETS

Land	\$	57,750	
Building		327,250	
Building Improvements		453,664	838,664
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures		243,077	
Automobile		30,855	
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	\$	1,112,596	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		577,226	
<b>NET FIXED ASSETS</b>			<b>535,370</b>

##### OTHER ASSETS

Employee Advance		3,292	
Security deposits		1,773	
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>			<b>5,065</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$ 7,102,405</b>
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#### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

##### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	-	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>\$ -</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			<b>\$ -</b>
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##### FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$	7,244,376	
Fund Balance - Current		(141,971)	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	\$		<b>7,102,405</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			<b>\$ 7,102,405</b>
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See Accompanying Accountants' Audit Report



**LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**REVENUE**

Direct Public Support - Cash & NonCash	\$	14,231,565	
Sale of Assets		(106,491)	
Interest Income		63	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,125,137</b>	

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Emergency Disaster Relief Expenditures	\$	705,025	
Educational Expenditures		6,348,682	
Health and Safety Expenditures		1,700,726	
Seasonal Program Expenditures		537,897	
Social Program Expenditures		1,240,813	
Water Treatment and Sanitation Expenditures		105,914	
Zakat Program Expenditures		200,573	
Indirect and General Program Expenditures		1,221,533	
Fundraising Expenditures		660,267	
Management and General Expenditures		1,545,678	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,267,108</b>	
<b>Fund Balance - Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(141,971)</b>	
Rounding Differences		-	
<b>Fund Balance - Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(141,971)</b>	

**LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**Cash Flows from operating Activities:**

Net Fund Balance		\$	(141,971)
Add: Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash:			
Depreciation expense	\$	35,942	
Prepaid Expenses		50,550	
Other Assets		9,247	
			<u>95,739</u>

Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$	(46,232)
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Cash flows from investing activities:

Sale of Fixed Assets	259,579	
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>259,579</u>

Cash flows from financing activities:

Security Deposits		
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>-</u>

Net increase in cash equivalents	\$	213,347
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>6,329,822</u>
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	\$	<u><u>6,543,169</u></u>
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# Life Staff

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## Headquarters

<b>CEO:</b>	Khalid Turaani
<b>COO:</b>	Ahmed Ismail
<b>Administrative Assistant:</b>	Alaa Aburahmeh
<b>Accounts Manager:</b>	Amr Mohamed
<b>Accounting Assistant:</b>	Auf Al-Rawi
<b>Grants and Projects Manager:</b>	Vicki Robb
<b>Development Director:</b>	Fawzy Kersha
<b>Community Relations:</b>	Kareem Shaout
<b>Orphans Program Coordinator:</b>	Ali Zaquq
<b>Orphans Program Assistant:</b>	Azhar Alatraqchi
<b>Orphans Program Assistant:</b>	Bushra Ahmed
<b>Database Manager:</b>	Yahya Labanieh
<b>Database Assistant:</b>	Ezreta Nikocecic
<b>IT Assistant:</b>	Marwan Alatraqchi
<b>Media Productions Coordinator:</b>	Muthana Obaida Hussein
<b>Media Director:</b>	Ibrahim Salameh
<b>Office Support Staff:</b>	Mohammed Baban

## Regional Directors

<b>Afghanistan:</b>	Noor Agha
<b>Ghana:</b>	Umar Farouk
<b>Haiti:</b>	Kareem Shaout
<b>Iraq:</b>	Nizar Al-Shiraida
<b>Jordan:</b>	Walid Qanah
<b>Palestine:</b>	Mohammed Basher
<b>Sierra Leone:</b>	Haja Mariama Fofanah
<b>United Arab Emirates:</b>	Mohammed Abokora



### *Thanks to our Supporters*

*We would like to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude for your support and participation in Life's humanitarian mission. Life also expresses its appreciation to its founders who realized the need for helping the indigent and needy across the globe, and thanks the staff and its volunteers along with the donors and partners who together helped save the lives of many, eased their suffering and helped make Life successful in its noble mission.*