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## Board of Directors

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# Letter from the CEO

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Dear Life Donor and Supporter,

I am happy to report to all individuals, groups and organizations that contributed to Life and its mission on our 2015 achievements. Thanks to your generous support, a significant number of projects were implemented in 25 countries spanning Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and America.

Life worked in areas hit by natural disasters such as Nepal and the USA, or struck by war and violent conflicts such as Syria, Yemen and Iraq, Life staff responded swiftly and decisively. We brought badly needed emergency supplies ranging from water and sanitation kits to prevent the spread of disease to food, clothing and blankets to help protect victims of war ravaged regions from the harsh elements. As part of our ongoing mission to support underserved healthcare institutions and communities, Life provided medicines, and medical equipment from Morocco to Kyrgyzstan and from Pakistan to Lebanon and from Ghana to Syria to Sierra Leone.

With the belief that education is the foundation for promoting development, prosperity and peace, Life with its partners distributed books and educational materials to learning institutions ranging from universities to graduate schools and even constructed a school in Ghana.

In the area of community and human development, Life helped build community centers in Africa. We also helped dig wells to provide continuous supply of clean water in Ghana, Somalia, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan. We continued to support our orphanages as well as campaign for orphans' sponsorships. The unfortunate reality is that natural calamities and wars have increased the number of orphans needing support.

Our traditional seasonal projects (Ramadan and Eid-al-Adha) were stronger than prior years and as a result we were able to help many more needy families.

We could not have achieved such results without the generosity and continued support of our friends, donors and partners. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff that was instrumental in implementing these projects, some at great risks of their own lives. I also thank Life Board of Directors for their contributions, wise counsel and stewardship.

We pray for peace and safety for all, and continued success in serving humanity where peace and safety are absent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Khalid Turaani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Khalid Turaani  
President and CEO

# About Life

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## **Our Motto:**

**“And if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind”**

**The Holy Quran (5:32)**

## **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 Arab and Muslim 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 become the largest U.S.-founded Muslim American humanitarian relief and development organization, with an annual budget of over \$51 million. Life has been able to distribute over \$452 million in humanitarian assistance items around the world, and in the process, kindly touched millions of lives.**

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# Program Activities Map

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- AFGHANISTAN
- BANGLADESH
- EGYPT
- ETHIOPIA
- GHANA
- HAITI

- INDIA
- IRAQ
- JORDAN
- KENYA
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LEBANON

- MOROCCO
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- PHILIPPINES

- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN
- SYRIA
- TURKEY
- USA
- YEMEN

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# Emergency Response

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Life provided emergency food, clean water, bedding and blankets, hygiene kits, first aid kits, medicines, medical supplies and equipment, wheelchairs and psychological treatment for children and parents affected by war and natural disasters.

In 2015, Life provided emergency humanitarian relief and services valued at nearly \$830,000 to people affected by the earthquake in Nepal and to aid Syrian refugees and IDP's in Syria, the surrounding countries and in the USA.

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# Health Programs

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Life provided wheelchairs and assistive devices to the handicapped, hearing aids to hearing impaired poor, needy and refugees, distributed donated medicines, medical supplies and medical equipment to underserved hospitals and clinics and sponsored a mobile medical clinic.

In 2015, Life provided medicines, medical aid and equipment valued at over \$36.8 million to hospitals, clinics and the disabled in Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Morocco, Sierra Leone, Ghana and the USA.

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# 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 2015, Life provided school furniture and educational materials valued at nearly \$5.4 million to schools, colleges and universities in Haiti, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Somalia, the Philippines 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 Ghana, two community centers were constructed; Al Rahman center in Wli and Inayat center in Hohoe both in the Volta region and the Zamara Quran learning center was constructed in Doryum Ghana.



# 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 Afghanistan, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Sierra Leone and Syria.

Nearly \$3.2 million in Orphan Sponsorship and Family Assistance was provided to aid orphans and to distribute winter clothing, blankets and heaters that were given to poor and needy families in Gaza, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the USA.



# Water/Sanitation Programs

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Life donors provided over \$114,000 to fund the construction of 50 water wells in Ghana, Afghanistan, Somalia and Kyrgyzstan. Life also installed water holding tanks in homes and small businesses in Palestine.

# Seasonal Projects

Life spent nearly \$1.2 million on its seasonal projects in 2015 which helped feed thousands of needy families in many countries throughout the world.

## **Ramadan**

During Ramadan 2015, 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 Afghanistan, Ghana, Somalia, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine and Sierra Leone.

## **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 2015, Life distributed meat to over 100,000 families in 23 countries.

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# Financials

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**LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,329,822	
Prepaid expenses	83,663	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 6,413,485</b>	

**FIXED ASSETS**

Land	\$ 57,750	
Building	792,586	
Building Improvements	456,304	1,306,640
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	238,314	
Automobile	81,050	
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,606,004</b>	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	659,773	
<b>NET FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>946,231</b>

**OTHER ASSETS**

Employee Advance	13,515	
Prepaid Expenses	69,351	
Security deposits	797	
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>		<b>83,663</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 7,443,379**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

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

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$ -**

**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$ 6,749,552	
Fund Balance - Current	693,827	

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** **\$ 7,443,379**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES** **\$ 7,443,379**

See Accompanying Accountants' Audit Report

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**LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**REVENUE**

Direct Public Support - Cash & NonCash	\$	51,461,299
Gain(Loss) on Investments		24,794
		51,486,093
	\$	<b>51,486,093</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Emergency Disaster Relief Expenditures	\$	829,692
Educational Expenditures		5,383,606
Health and Safety Expenditures		36,825,748
Seasonal Program Expenditures		1,169,780
Social Program Expenditures		3,181,171
Water Treatment and Sanitation Expenditures		114,251
Zakat Program Expenditures		152,076
Indirect and General Program Expenditures		1,041,908
Fundraising Expenditures		611,306
Management and General Expenditures		1,482,728
		50,792,266

**Total Expenditures** **\$ 50,792,266**

**Fund Balance - Unrestricted** **\$ 693,827**

Rounding Differences -

**Fund Balance - Unrestricted** **\$ 693,827**

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# Life Staff

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## Headquarters

<b>CEO:</b>	Khalid Turaani
<b>COO:</b>	Mohammed Alomari
<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>Community Relations Coordinator:</b>	Ayman Aburahma
<b>Community Relations Assistant:</b>	Fawzy Kersha
<b>Community Relations/Projects Assistant:</b>	Kareem Shaout
<b>Orphans Program Coordinator:</b>	Ali Zaquzq
<b>Orphans Program Assistant:</b>	Azhar Alatraqchi
<b>Orphans Program/Database Assistant:</b>	Ezreta Nikocecic
<b>Database Manager:</b>	Yahya Labanieh
<b>IT Assistant:</b>	Marwan Alatraqchi
<b>Media Productions Coordinator:</b>	Muthana Obaida Hussein
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Mohammed Suboh
<b>Media Publications Assistant:</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>	Ayman Aburahma
<b>Iraq:</b>	Nizar Al-Shiraida
<b>Jordan:</b>	Walid Qanah
<b>Palestine:</b>	Mohammed Beshar
<b>Sierra Leone:</b>	Haja Mariama Fofanah
<b>Syria:</b>	Anwar Qasim
<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.*