

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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IMPACT SUMMARY 2015

AAH-I transformed the lives of approximately **1,378,538** people through delivery of development and humanitarian interventions in South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia and Zambia.



752,269 peoples' health needs including those of mothers and children were

met through disease prevention and treatment allowing them to enjoy better and healthier lives.



490,984 refugees and internally displaced people whose livelihoods had been devastated by conflict were provided with necessities to help

them survive, recover and regain control over their lives.



111,621 people from farming households benefited from increased harvests

and better incomes through support in training, seeds, tools and information.



23,664 people were empowered to live peacefully and participate in their own development.

ABOUTUS

We are a regional African-led non-governmental organisation that supports livelihood-challenged communities in East and Southern Africa to sustainably improve their well-being and standard of living.

We work in South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Somalia, and Kenya.

We are passionate about communities and have over 25 years' experience working with them in conflict and post-conflict situations. Our work supports a range of communities that include refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees and host residents around refugee settlements and camps, pastoralists and urban slum dwellers.

Our Vision is improved quality of life for livelihood-challenged communities in Africa.

Our Mission is to support livelihood-challenged communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life.

Our key themes

We deliver support and services in basic services (health, water, sanitation and hygiene, education), food and income security, governance, civil society strengthening and peace-building, humanitarian relief and recovery and research to support thematic priorities.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



I am truly humbled to be writing this inaugural message as AAH-I's incoming Board Chairman. I recall with nostalgia 25 years ago, when I joined the late Drs Christopher Wood and Vivian Erasmus, Dr Vinand Nantulya, Prof Miriam Were and a few others to set up this organisation. My home country, South Sudan, was in the thick of war and people needed help. But we knew that we would have to deliver help in a slightly different way from what was the norm in many organisations. We knew communities had their way of doing things and we did not want to interrupt that system with aid. And that's when AAH-I's enduring philosophy of 'doing things with the community' and not 'doing things for them' was born.

Fast forward to a quarter of a century later; AAH-I has grown in leaps and bounds and its services have spread beyond the once small garrison town of Yei in South Sudan. We are present in Uganda, Somalia, Zambia and Kenya and we will soon be launching our work in Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania and later, into the rest of Africa.

Our organisation is well-known for its humanitarian and development work, specifically at community level. Each year our work impacts over one million people. Our annual budget has continued to grow and now stands at \$25 million. Our funders, partners and other stakeholders have continued to believe in us and to support our mission.

But ours is not to sit on our laurels and bask in our success. Instead, it is to fold our sleeves, because we know our work is cut out for us. The context of development is changing with fewer aid dollars getting to organisations. Increasing humanitarian crises across the globe has meant increased competition for the finite resources available. Leaders of non-profit organisations, ourselves included, have therefore to think of innovative ways of not only fundraising, but also of programming, to create sustainable projects that build greater resilience in communities.

As I conclude, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our stakeholders. You have walked with us as we have served the greatest needs in our communities. My pledge remains to ensure that the cordial relations we have enjoyed will continue to be nurtured as you support us in fulfilling our mandate towards livelihood-challenged communities.

I am truly privileged to have come to the helm of AAH-I at this point in time and I will do all it takes to support our very inspired team here at AAH-I – our Boards, Staff and Management – and in leading this great organisation to do what it does best – serving our communities passionately.

Dr John Tabayi, AAH-I Board Chairman

EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to report on the status of our work for the year 2015 for which we owe much to our stakeholders and supporters. AAH-I, driven by its passion for communities, was on the front lines facilitating the delivery of development and humanitarian interventions in South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Somalia, and Kenya. During the year, we operated 30 projects, and with the support of our donors and partners through which, we ensured that children received life-saving immunisation, farmers reaped bountiful harvests; communities caught in the crossfire of conflict got help; businesses thrived and communities lived at peace with each other.

AAH-I believes that building and sustaining partnerships is key to strengthening its work. During 2015, just to name a few, we got new streams of funding for our Kenya Programme from Bread for the World for an entrepreneurship project in Mara Division and from the UNCHR for livelihoods support to refugees in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County. Additionally, a new partnership with Diakonie brought in funds for a school feeding programme in Cueibet, South Sudan. We are grateful to our partners who have time and again entrusted us with their resources to better the lives of many deserving communities.

As we celebrate our year's successes, I would like to highlight some key challenges that we had to work through. Our organisation was among many that experienced reduced funding for important sectors. Increased emergencies both within and outside of the region had a hand in this as funds got diverted from development work. Donors also

realigned their funding priorities. But this has also opened up other areas and funding arrangements that AAH-I will be looking into in 2016.

Insecurity was a major concern throughout 2015 and AAH-I's operations bore the brunt of upheavals in many locations, especially in Somalia and South Sudan. This made it difficult to deliver critical services to communities. Economies in most countries where we work also took a beating and high levels of inflation affected our operations.

Our work can never be possible without the sacrifices made every day by AAH-I's 800-strong workforce. These men and women have given their all, including leaving their families, to work with communities in hard-to-reach areas. As I pay homage to them, I do so with a heavy heart over the unfortunate loss of one of our staff in Somalia in late 2015 in the line of duty. Such unfortunate events are a stark reminder of the harsh reality of the sometimes insecure environment our organisations continue to operate in. I therefore take this opportunity to salute our staff for putting their lives on the line for AAH-I's cause.

As I conclude, your support and enthusiasm keeps us passionate in fulfilling our mission of supporting livelihood-challenged communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life. Together, we continue to touch and positively impact the lives of these communities.

Dr Caroline Kisia, AAH-I Executive Director



AAH-I is supporting women in Mara, Kenya to turn jewellery-making into profitable businesses



IMPACTING LIVES IN 2015

Making lives healthier

Communities whether in stable or conflict-afflicted environments have the right to enjoy healthier lives through access to healthcare, clean water and education.

AAH-I in 2015 worked with its partners to ensure that 752,269 people including mothers and children got access to health, education, and water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Health projects in South Sudan ensured that 92,944 children's healthcare needs, including vaccination against killer diseases like measles, were met. 10,767 pregnant mothers were given life-saving malaria treatment helping avert deaths of their unborn children. 3,010 women delivered in health facilities under the care of trained health workers.

In Uganda, 84,089 people received healthcare services from a network of 5 health centers. 29,596 children received life-saving polio and measles vaccination. 1,220 mothers delivered in health facilities with assistance of skilled birth attendants. In addition, 44,864 people were provided with safe drinking water.

In Zambia 7,296 people were reached with HIV counselling and testing services as a result of a successful house-to-house campaign. 12,166 people including adolescents were reached with reproductive health messages with 3,573 women receiving family planning services. 2,400 women gave birth in health facilities under the care of skilled health workers. 2,710 people's health needs were met with 211 receiving specialised treatment in higher level hospitals.



Boosting people's livelihoods

AAH-I worked with 111,621 people from farming households supporting them with training, seeds, tools and information which led to increased harvests and raised their incomes.

In Hargeisa, Somaliland, 12,166 people were assisted with business start-up grants and training to establish their enterprises, helping them to boost their household incomes and meet their daily needs. This support was also extended to 91 Yemeni refugees who have escaped the conflict there.

In Kenya, 19,235 beneficiaries who included 300 refugees, were supported to own businesses and agricultural enterprises through access to inputs, training and loans.

In South Sudan, projects seeking to improve food security and raise incomes in communities, benefited 3,956 people and helped put 350 hectares under cultivation. Farmers were provided with improved seeds, training on good farming practices, provided with market information and trained postharvest handling of crops.

In Uganda, 240 refugees were supported to start small businesses in candle and jelly making and baking. 300 farmers received training and inputs to support them in vegetable growing. To support the conservation of the environment, 146,132 tree seedlings were raised and 668 households adopted the use of briquettes for cooking.

In Zambia, 72 refugees were provided with financial grants to establish small enterprises to increase their incomes, allowing them to meet their daily needs.



Delivering critical aid

In 2015, AAH-I's work allowed critical aid to reach 490,984 people affected by conflicts. We worked in refugees' camps and settlements. Our support to logistics and community organisation helped bring necessities like food, water, education, cash transfers, and livelihood training among others, helping communities survive and recover through the emergencies and rebuild their lives.

In Somalia, AAH-I supported the efficient management of a warehouse in Mogadishu where critical Non-Food Items (NFIs) such as sanitation materials, blankets, sleeping mats and household essentials were stored and dispatched to people displaced by disasters and conflict. Through this, we supported the work of partner organisations such as Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, American Rescue Committee, Save Somalia Women and Children, Mercy Corps and the International Organisation for Migration, to respond to the plight of 25,692 households.

In Zambia, we managed three warehouses and mechanical workshops in Lusaka and Maheba and Mayukwayukwa refugee camps in Northern Zambia, and facilitated the storage and dispatch of non-food items (NFIs), medicines, motor vehicle spare parts and fuel in support of over 20,000 beneficiaries.

In South Sudan, AAH-I jointly with other partners and through the support of UNHCR, worked in three most affected states of Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei as well as Western Bahr-el-Ghazal and Lakes States responding to the needs of 407,328 refugees, asylum seekers, and indirectly reached out to over one million internally displaced persons. 265,288 metric tonnes of shelter and household items, medicines and other essentials were delivered to assist those affected by conflicts. 15,439 newly arrived refugees were received and supported with shelter and other essentials.



Educating the future

Support given to early childhood centers and schools in form of learning materials, school meals, fees and training for teachers ensured 8,141 children in Uganda and Zambia got the chance to stay in school and learn. In Zambia, 39 refugees were supported with scholarships to further their college and university education.



Sustaining peaceful lives

In 2015, our work with communities helped forge strategies for peaceful co-existence and development and strengthened structures for service delivery. In South Sudan, through use of various creative media approaches like drama, music, puppetry, art and football tournaments to reach out and educate and transform behaviours. Community-based groups such as Peace Peer Educators, Boma development committees, and information dissemination groups were trained to support dissemination of messages on peace and reconciliation that impacted about 400,000 people in Central and Western Equatoria States.

COUNTRY PROGRAMMES HIGHLIGHTS 2015

South Sudan

In 2015, AAH-I in South Sudan worked with partners and communities to transform the lives of approximately **888,755** people through delivery of 17 projects in health, livelihoods, humanitarian and civil society strengthening and peace building.



Uganda

In 2015, AAH-I in Uganda improved the quality of lives of **355,611** people by supporting their health and livelihoods mainly through the implementation of the multi-sectoral assistance project for refugees and asylum seekers in West Nile (Adjumani) and mid-western (Hoima and Kiryandongo). Key sectors that delivered this support included community services, social protection, education, health, livelihoods, environment and energy, logistics and fleet maintenance, shelter and infrastructure, water and sanitation, and vocational training.

Somalia

In 2015, AAH-I in Somalia assisted **14,034** people whose lives and livelihoods were shattered by conflicts through implementation of four projects operating in Hargeisa, Somaliland, and in the South Central Somalia in Mogadishu and El Wak District of Gedo Region.

Zambia

In 2015, AAH-I's Programme in Zambia provided **100,303** people, both refugees and Zambian communities with necessities like health services, education and legal assistance and protection, HIV/AIDS prevention and other services through activities of the Urban Refugee Project in Lusaka and the Community Prevention Initiative Project (COPI) in Kawambwa District in Northern Zambia.



Kenya

In 2015, AAH-I in Kenya reached **19, 235** people through two new projects that targeted refugees and host communities. The Programme in Kenya is prioritizing the development, promotion and implementation of innovative entrepreneurial livelihoods programmes that fits well in the current local context. The Programme is also leveraging on AAH-I's past experience as well as its strategic partner relations for accelerated growth and development.

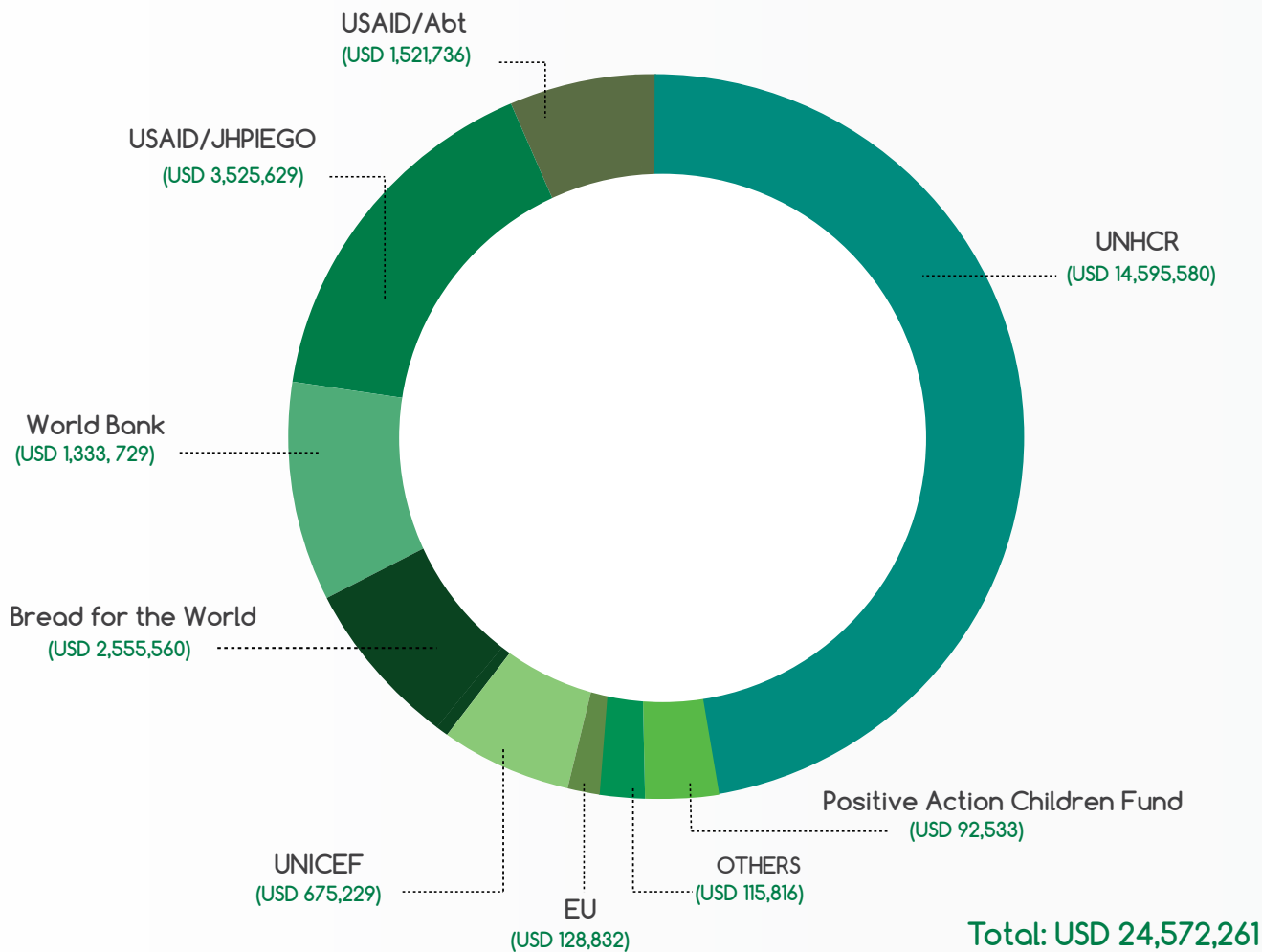
The Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project (KRAP) operating in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya's Turkana County started in February 2015. The project is working to enhance self-reliance for 300 refugees by supporting them to own businesses and agriculture enterprises through access to inputs, training and loans.

The Mara Enterprise and Market development project is supporting communities in Mara Division of Narok County to become self-reliant through enhancing their entrepreneurial skills. The project is particularly working with women involved in jewellery trade, livestock keepers and youth.



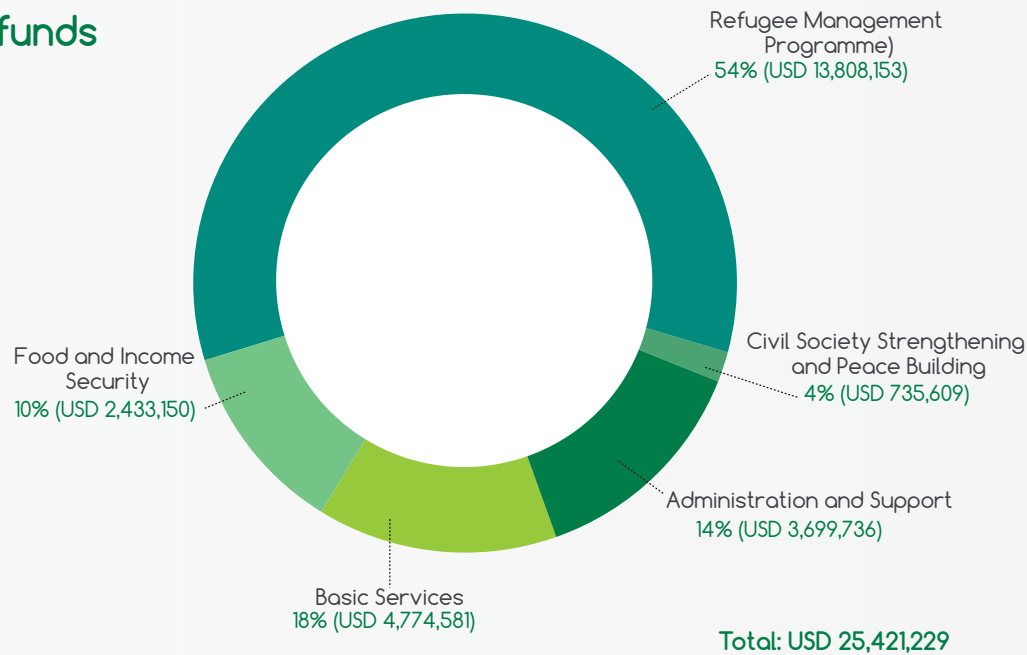
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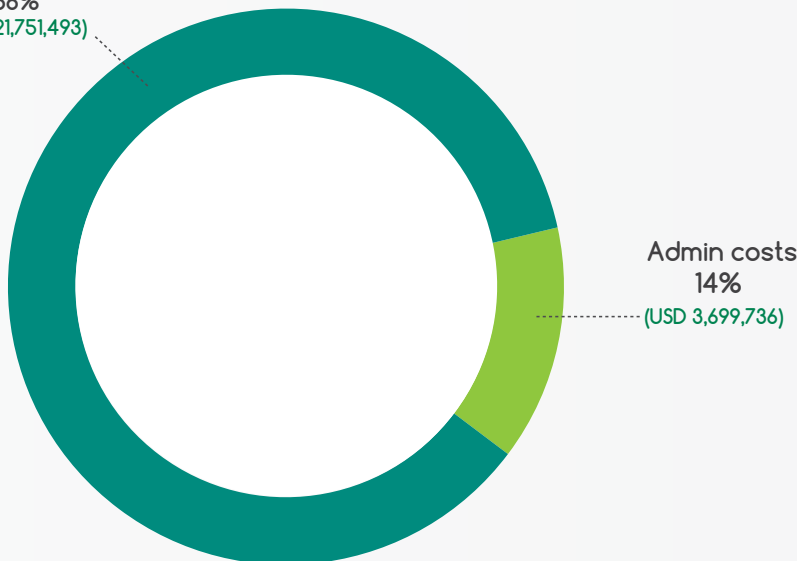


Financials

How we spent funds



Direct programme costs
86%
(USD 21,751,493)



Donors and Partners

We thank you our donors and partners for supporting us in transforming many lives in 2015.

- Abt Associates
- Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED) / Bread for the World (BfdW)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- JHPIEGO
- Positive Action for Children Fund (PACF)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- The World Bank
- The World Food Programme

Afoya

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Asante sana

Natotela

Thank you webale Ashe Oleng

Galatoom Mahadsanid

Shukran Thank you

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