



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR REACH IN 2018

By working in collaboration with communities and other partners, **23,336** refugees and the host community were reached through our programmes in humanitarian logistics, food and income security and financial literacy and inclusion.



45,000

Amount in US dollars disbursed as business start-up capital



298

Livestock keepers trained on improved livestock production methods



330

Farmers provided with farm inputs (seeds, farm tools and equipment) to enhance food production



328

Women and girls trained and successfully graduated with skills in numeracy and literacy for financial inclusion



946

Entrepreneurs received enterprise development assistance



23

Acres of land under crop production in Turkana



12,473

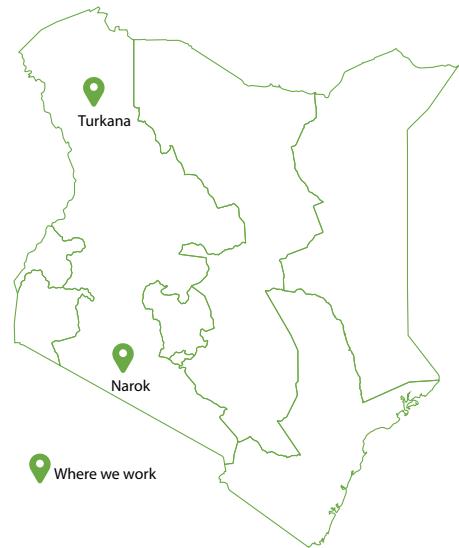
Refugees provided with transport to refugee settlements

About us

AAH Kenya has been in operation since 2005 when we began the *Improving the Standard of Living of Pastoralist Communities in Mara Division project* in Narok County. In 2015 AAH Kenya was appointed by UNHCR as the lead livelihoods implementing partner in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana County.

We use a participatory community-based approach to address development challenges in partnership with Kenyan communities mainly living in low-income urban and rural settings including arid and semi-arid areas and other marginalized groups such as out-of-school youth, girls and women.

AAH Kenya's strategic focus is to develop, promote and implement innovative entrepreneurial and sustainable livelihood programs in partnership with livelihood-challenged communities and groups. Our goal is to bridge the inequality gap by building the capacity of livelihood-challenged communities to engage in market-oriented production, support efficient linkage to markets and enhance access to business development services across the value chains.



Our Vision

Improved quality of life for livelihood-challenged communities in Kenya

Our Mission

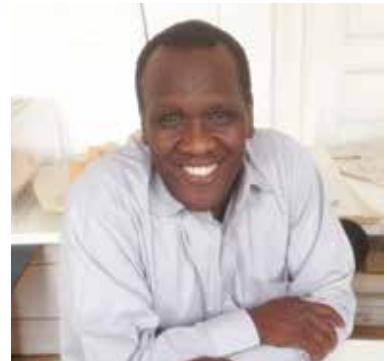
To support livelihood-challenged communities in Kenya to sustainably improve their quality of life.

Our thematic focus

AAH Kenya's work targets both refugees and the host communities in the following sectors:

- Food and income security
- Humanitarian logistics
- Financial literacy and inclusion

Board Chair's Message



Deepening our work with marginalised communities

I feel honoured to be taking over as the new AAH Kenya Board Chair and I welcome you to celebrate with us the accomplishments of our Kenya programme for 2018. Our relentless commitment throughout the past year was for the communities we serve in Turkana and Narok Counties in Kenya, to whom our work is focused on enhancing livelihoods and enriching their quality of life.

Our projects are designed to meet the most pressing needs for refugees and host communities, while at the same time incorporating sustainable approaches for better outcomes. In 2018, we delivered interventions in food and income security, enterprise development and humanitarian logistics that benefited more than 23,000 people.

We hail the continued support of our donors who entrust us with their resources to reach the most vulnerable communities in Kenya. In 2018, our funding base came close to US\$3 million with funding mainly from the UNHCR, the German Development Agency (GIZ), Department for International Development (DFID), Moving Energy Initiative (MEI), US Department of State (Julia Taft), and Bread for the World.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the dedicated staff of AAH Kenya for the amazing work they do each and every day to bring hope to the many individuals that depend on us. Our thanks also go to our partners, the county governments of Mara and Kakuma and all our collaborators for their unwavering support in 2018 and beyond. The AAH Kenya Board and management team have also played their part in making the achievements outlined in this report possible.

Finally, AAH Kenya will be embarking on a new strategic phase 2019-2023 that will focus and deepen our work within Kenya's communities. I take over leadership of this Programme knowing that I can count on your support in the coming years to realize our vision of communities living dignified lives.

Haron Wachira
AAH Kenya Board Chair

Country Programme Manager's Message



Implementing innovative entrepreneurial programs

I am pleased to present the Kenya Country Programme Report for 2018. As a country programme, we strive to put our best foot forward every day to serve the livelihood-challenged communities of Turkana and Narok counties in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Our focus is in promoting and implementing innovative entrepreneurial and sustainable livelihood programmes in partnership with communities.

The past year, 2018, proved to be another eventful year for our program. Most notably, we had two major partners coming on board to support asset financing and promotion of skills and talents for enterprise. During the year the programme hosted several social entrepreneurs and pitched in the Google Impact Challenge and made it to the top twenty.

2018 saw several visits made by AAH-I Board officials to our field projects. The AAH-I programme sub-committee of the Board visited the livelihood improvement project activities in Mara, while the AAH-I Board Chair, Trustee, Executive Director, and the AAH Kenya chairman visited the Kakuma programme. Their insightful observations and recommendations were incorporated into our 2019 programming focus. Additionally, we spearheaded the process of registering Fumbua Africa, which is AAH-I's flagship social enterprise development company that will grow businesses for social impact.

2018 marks the end of our current strategic period. We held several forums to brainstorm on the 2019-2023 strategic direction and our focus will be on livelihoods (food and income security), humanitarian logistics, sexual reproductive health and rights, water, sanitation and hygiene, and advocacy and governance with cross-cutting themes on gender, disability and conflict sensitivity.

In this year's report, we are highlighting many of the activities and accomplishments of AAH Kenya as we continue to advance our vision of innovatively ensuring improved quality of livelihoods for all.

Dr. Githaiga Kamau
AAH-K Country Programme Manager



Supporting enterprise growth

Enterprise development assistance to increase livelihood opportunities

SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



AAH-I works to make communities food and income secure by improving the productivity of small-scale farmers and developing enterprises for women and youth

The work of AAH Kenya in this sector complements SDG 2 of improving food security and income. We are increasing the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets in Turkana and Narok counties.

In 2018, 946 entrepreneurs received enterprise development assistance in the form of mentorship, access to start-up capital and training in business identification, entrepreneurship, book keeping, simple cash book management, budgeting and product costing.

433 entrepreneurs accessed business loans. This includes 17 women groups from Mara (328 women entrepreneurs) who were supported to access business capital worth KES.1.6 million (Approximately US \$16,000) and 105 refugees engaged in businesses in Kakuma who received KES. 2.93 million (US \$ 29,300) worth of loans. Cooperative members in Narok and farmers in Turkana benefited from exposure trips for peer knowledge exchange and learning. As a result, 605 small businesses were successfully established and are still functional one year in. The loan repayment rates in 2018 were 84% in Turkana.

Our youth economic empowerment efforts supported in- and out-of-school youth in five schools in Naikarra Ward in Narok County. 95 out-of-school youth received business training, mentorship, and accessed support capital worth KES. 800,000 (approximately USD \$80,000). Youth in school and 10 patrons (two from each school) received business training, financial training, mentorship and business capital of varying amounts based on their proposals. In Kalobeyei settlement in Turkana, AAH Kenya is implementing a business support services programme, Safe from the Start, for qualified artisans to build sustainable livelihood in handicrafts, fashion and design businesses. We are providing business incubation services, linking women's tailoring groups to markets within and outside the refugee camp, facilitating linkages to finance for business growth and self-sufficiency of at-risk persons and creating a cascade system that ensures skills transfer. The project targets women and girls at risk of sexual and gender-based violence. 100 women artisans were recruited under this project in 2018.

With funding support from Energy 4 Impact (E4I), 36 solar entrepreneurs and secondary users were equipped with skills in group formation and dynamism, savings and credit, business plan development and online marketing.

131 women, 44 youth and 72 livestock keepers (247 people) have reported increased income as a result of our interventions in 2018 in the Mara project.



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IN 2018



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*Ndikuriyo Theodore, a refugee from Burundi, is among the 100 women recruited to benefit
from the **Safe from the Start Project***

Improving food security

Partnerships to improve agricultural productivity

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Global commitments such as ending hunger by 2030 (SDG 2), underpin AAH Kenya's programme design in food and income security. We are working to increase agricultural productivity and income small-scale farmers in Narok and Turkana.

In 2018, in partnership with the Narok County's Government Department of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries and the Turkana County's Ministry of Agriculture, Pastoral Economy and Fisheries, our projects equipped 680 farmers with skills in cooperative management and group dynamics. The modules covered included conflict resolution mechanisms, group formalization process, benefits derived by joining groups, and savings options available for groups.

AAH Kenya supported the establishment of nine farmers' cooperatives - five in Narok (Entarngotua E Leshuta, Mailepu in Naikarra, Rimpa in Olderkesi, Nkolale and Ngoiswash) and four in Turkana (Hong Khong, Kakuma, Pokotom and Kalobeyei).

298 farmers were equipped with improved livestock production methods in Narok. They gained knowledge in fodder production methods, breed improvement, breed

management and marketing, farm mechanization and pest and diseases management. To reinforce learning, we facilitated exposure trips to Mopel farm in Kajiado for 44 of these livestock keepers.

As a result of the trainings and support, farmers from the Maasai community are now keeping new breeds that they did not have traditionally. These breeds include doper (sheep) and Sahiwal (cattle). Others, through their cooperatives, have ventured into bee-keeping as alternative livelihoods. In 2018, one of the farmer cooperatives earned KES. 500,000 (about US \$5,000) from the supply of sheep to the County resilience department.

In Turkana, 330 farmers received training on agribusiness, which covered topics on general business principles, basic record keeping, financial literacy and groups dynamics. These farmers were provided with farm inputs such as seed, fertilizer, digging hoes and pesticides.

We facilitated the formation of 155 farmers groups, representing 1,532 farmers. There was sustained good production through use of shallow wells and expansion of land for vegetable production despite the dry spell. A total of 23 acres of land is now under production. The total vegetable produced in 2018 was 19,867 kg with a market value of KES. 2,022,996.50 (approximately USD \$20,000).



OUR REACH IN
FOOD INCOME
SECURITY
IN 2018



710

Farmers equipped with
skills in agribusiness



298

Livestock keepers trained
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Mohammad Jamal of Nawe Uze farmers' group at his amaranth farm in Kakuma

Serving communities displaced by conflict

Ensuring timely support to refugees living in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement

SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere



Our interventions contribute to eradication of extreme poverty among displaced populations

AAH Kenya's work in supporting logistics for humanitarian interventions for refugees started in 2015 in Turkana County where it's been a key partner for UNHCR. This involves coordinating all activities of the supply chain and logistics, including managing the warehouses, vehicle workshops and fleet and fuel management.

Our work involves logistics support for transporting refugees from Nadapal border point to the Kakuma and Kalobeyei reception centres for resettlement in the Camp. At the reception centres, we profile the skills, talents and competences the refugees possess for further linkage to the available services within the Camp.

In 2018, we profiled 2,650 refugees and transported 10,715 (4,828 adults and 5,887 children) to Reception Centres. The transport process pays special attention to vulnerable cases of the sick, unaccompanied minors, lactating mothers, expectant mothers, the elderly, people living with disability, including the blind, deaf and mentally challenged.

We distributed 1,187,513 units of core relief items and non-food items. These included items such as soap, underpants, mosquito nets, blankets, plumpy nuts, sanitary pads, jerricans, solar lamps, solar street lights, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, mats and buckets.

Through 1,407 job cards, AAH Kenya maintained trucks/buses, light vehicles and generators for UNHCR and its partners. The project issued 1,399,136 litres of fuel for the Kakuma refugee operations.

Our projects also include ensuring universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for refugees and the host community. In 2018 we trucked 28,830,000 litres of water to refugee households and to the host community.



Providing access to safe drinking water for refugees at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana

OUR REACH IN HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS IN 2018



12,473

Refugees transported to refugee settlements



1,407

Trucks/buses, light vehicles and generators maintained for UNHCR and its partners



7

Rub halls maintained for storage and distribution of core relief items

Transforming lives through functional skills

Empowering women and girls for life

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



AAH-I works in communities to increase the proportion of youth and adults, both men and women, achieving literacy and numeracy

In September 2018, a group of 328 women adult learners graduated during the World Literacy Day with numeracy and literacy skills. For them, it is not a matter of having some fancy credentials, but a life line for themselves and their families. Ranging from 14 to 64 years in age, these women from Mara, Narok County face cultural hurdles imposed on them by their culture including being married off at an early age and lack of access to education.

The women economic empowerment programme that started in 2017 under AAH Kenya's Mara Community Livelihood Improvement Project was aimed at providing functional skills that women and girls would use for decision making to improve their income to uplift their living status. Classes, known as 'circles' were run using the REFLECT methodology, which gives people spaces to discuss their life issues using a range of participatory tools and processes.

In 2018, a mid-term evaluation of the project shows the positive effects the REFLECT circles meetings are having on the more than 400 women who enrolled for the classes since their launch. Majority of the women can now write their names, denoting a 'sense of identity', have learnt simple ways of tracking their goods from one point to another, can keep business records and some have opened bank accounts.

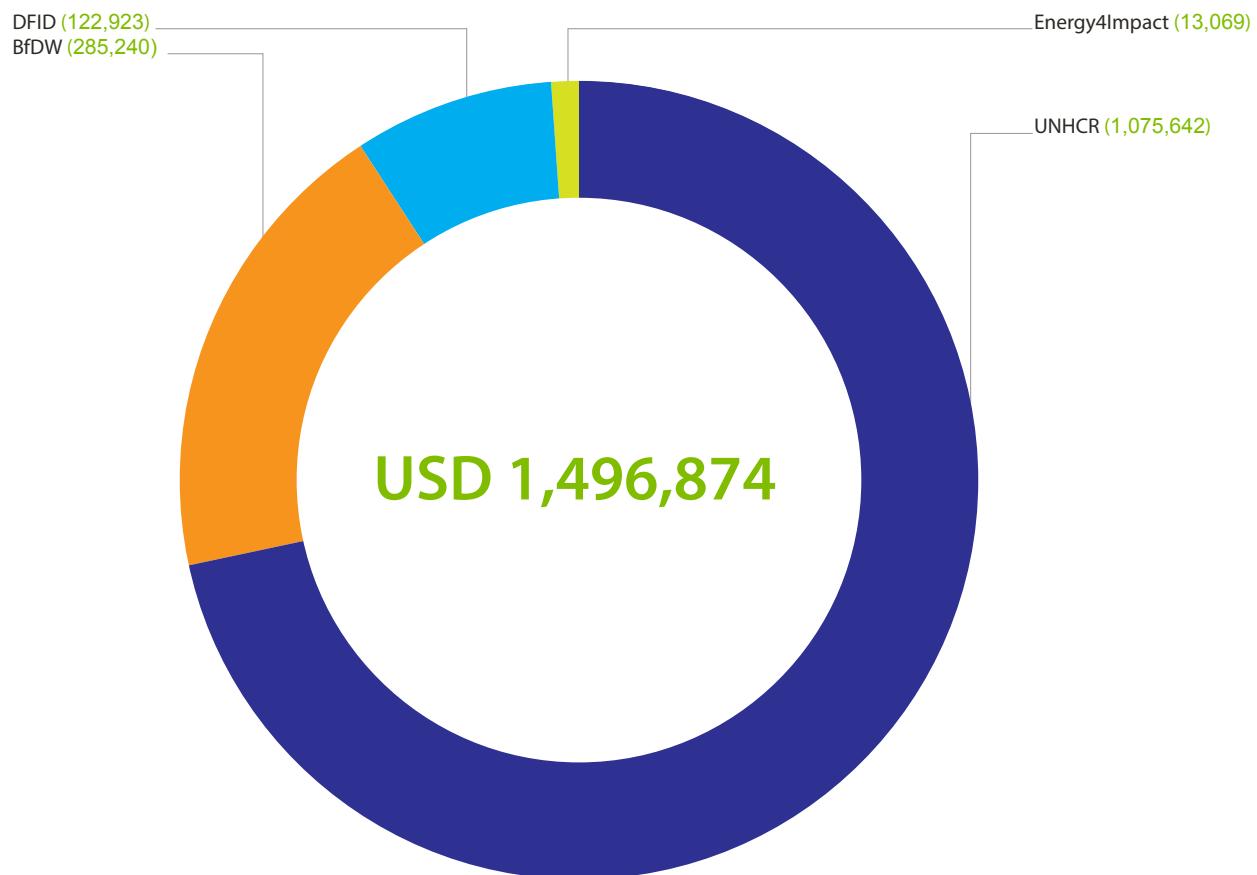
A key outcome of this initiative for AAH Kenya was to ensure that Mara women were able to use their learnt skills to run businesses to improve their incomes. This has happened and the project has gone ahead to support different types of women-led enterprises with grants to grow their business. Some of the REFLECT circles alumni were amongst the 328 women that received business grants worth KES.1.6 million (US \$16,000) in 2018. In addition, the adult learner approach provides the women with peer to peer mentorship and exposure visits to other established business women in their community which is helping provide practical lessons to support them.



Training women in functional literacy and numeracy skills through the REFLECT methodology in Mara

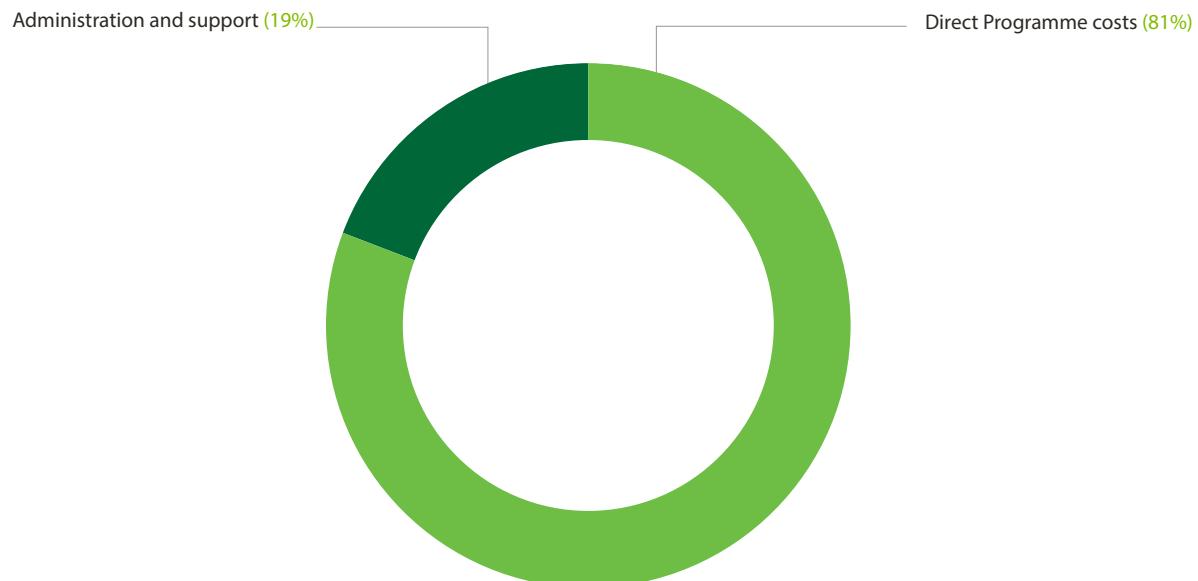
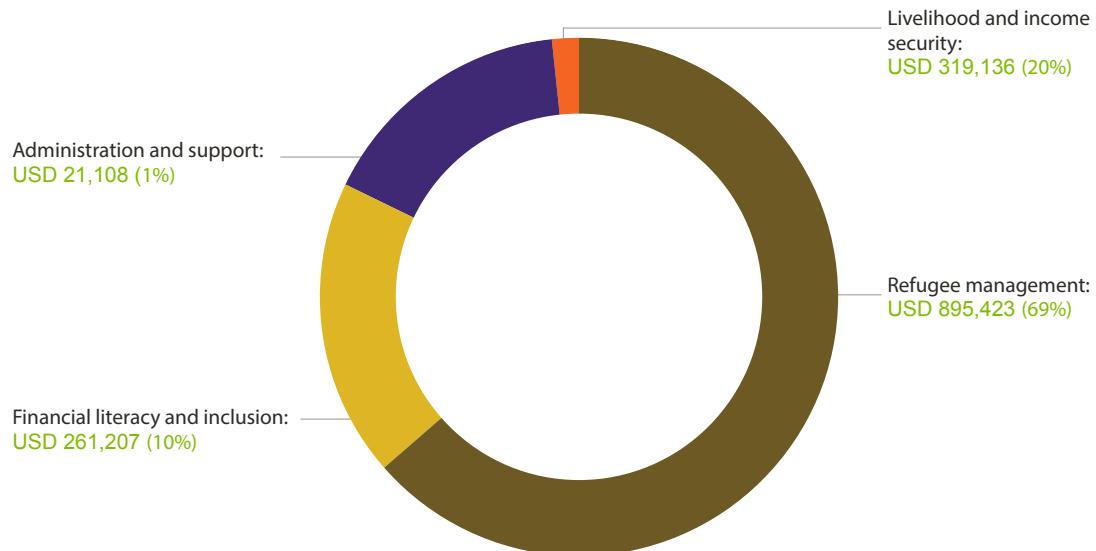
FINANCIALS

Source of Funds (USD)



FINANCIALS

How We Spent Funds



DONORS AND PARTNERS 2018



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