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Letter from the CEO

Dear respected LIFE supporter:

Thanks to the generous support of our donors and partners, in 2017 Life successfully implemented several projects in 27 countries across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and America. Whether an area was hit by natural disasters like Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the US or Maria in Puerto Rico or war and violence as in Syria, Yemen, Iraq and the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh 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 and hosted 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 completed construction on three centers and LIFE dug water wells that provide a continuous supply of clean water to areas in several countries 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hany Saqr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Hany Saqr
CEO

About Life

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 \$470 million in humanitarian assistance items around the world, and in the process, kindly touched millions of lives.

Program Activities Map



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

- INDIA
- IRAQ
- JORDAN
- KENYA
- LEBANON
- MEXICO
- MALI

- MYANMAR
- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- SIERRA LEONE
- SENEGAL
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN

- SYRIA
- TURKEY
- UGANDA
- UKRAINE
- USA
- YEMEN

Emergency Response

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 2017, Life provided emergency humanitarian relief and services valued at nearly \$783,000 to people affected by the drought in Kenya, Sudan and Somalia, the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh, the landslides in Sierra Leone, the conflict in Mosul Iraq and hurricanes Harvey in Texas, Irma in Florida and Maria in Puerto Rico.

Health Programs

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 2017, Life provided medicines, medical aid and equipment valued at over \$431,000 to the hearing impaired, disabled, hospitals and clinics in Jordan, Palestine, Pakistan and the Ukraine.

Education Programs

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 2017, Life provided school bags to students, furniture and educational materials to schools, colleges and universities valued at over \$2.5 million in Canada, Mali, 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.

Life implemented small human development projects in Uganda and Ghana and provided Drug Awareness training for communities in the USA.

Orphan Sponsorship/Social Programs

Life's orphan sponsorship program provided food, shelter, education and healthcare to over 4,500 orphans in Afghanistan, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan and Syria.

Over \$1.35 million in Orphan Sponsorship and Family Assistance given to aid orphans and to distribute financial and in-kind assistance in the USA for refugees and the poor and needy.

Water/Sanitation Programs

In 2017, Life donors provided over \$135,000 to fund the construction of water wells in Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Somalia and Bangladesh.

Seasonal Projects

Life spent over \$732,000 on its seasonal projects in 2017, which helped feed thousands of needy families in many countries throughout the world.

Ramadan

During Ramadan 2017, Life distributed food baskets to over 800,000 poor and needy individuals. Each basket contained enough food items to meet the needs of a family of 5-7 for one month easing the financial burden on the family. All items were procured locally 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, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Palestine, Sierra Leone, Syria, Yemen 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 2017, Life distributed fresh meat packages to over 601,000 individuals in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, the USA, the West Bank and Gaza .

Financials

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,145,655	
Prepaid expenses	96,714	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$ 7,242,369</u>	

FIXED ASSETS

Land	\$ 57,750	
Building	327,250	
Building Improvements	456,304	841,304
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	240,437	
Automobile	40,855	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,122,596</u>	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	608,473	
NET FIXED ASSETS		514,123

OTHER ASSETS

Employee Advance	11,300	
Security deposits	1,710	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		13,010

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 7,769,502</u>	
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ -

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance - Unrestricted	\$ 7,131,717	
Fund Balance - Current	637,785	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 7,769,502</u>	

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 7,769,502</u>	
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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, 2017

REVENUE

Direct Public Support - Cash & Non-Cash	\$	10,702,940
Interest Income		3,449
		\$ 10,706,389

TOTAL REVENUE

OPERATING EXPENSES

Emergency Disaster Relief Expenditures	\$	782,966
Educational Expenditures		2,560,759
Health and Safety Expenditures		431,423
Seasonal Program Expenditures		732,068
Social Program Expenditures		1,351,851
Water Treatment and Sanitation Expenditures		135,300
Zakat Program Expenditures		124,460
Indirect and General Program Expenditures		2,056,477
Human Development Program		28,000
Fundraising Expenditures		777,376
Management and General Expenditures		1,087,924

Total Expenditures **\$ 10,068,604**

Fund Balance - Unrestricted **\$ 637,785**

Rounding Differences

Fund Balance - Unrestricted **\$ 637,785**

LIFE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Cash Flows from operating Activities:

Net Fund Balance	\$	637,785
Add: Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash:		
Depreciation expense	\$	35,942
Prepaid Expenses		50,550
Other Assets		9,247
		95,739
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$	733,524
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sale of Fixed Assets		259,579
Net cash used in investing activities		259,579
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Security Deposits		-
Net cash provided by financing activities		-
Net increase in cash equivalents	\$	993,103
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		6,329,822
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	\$	7,322,925

Life Staff

Headquarters

CEO:	Dr. Hany Saqr
Head of International Operation/HR Manager:	Ahmed Ismail
Administrative Assistant:	Sarah Elsayed
Administrative Assistant:	Alaa Aburahmeh
Accounts Manager:	Amr Mohamed
Accounting Assistant:	Auf Al-Rawi
Grants and Projects Manager:	Vicki Robb
Director Business Development:	Fawzy Kersha
Database Assistant:	Abdel-Kareem Shaout
Orphans Program Coordinator:	Ali Zaquq
Orphans Program Assistant:	Azhar Alatraqchi
Database Coordinator:	Yahya Labanieh
Database Assistant:	Ezreta Nikocecic
IT Assistant:	Marwan Alatraqchi
Media Productions Coordinator:	Muthana Obaida Hussein
Media Publisher Assistant:	Ibrahim Salameh
Community Liaison:	Muthanna Al-Hanooti
Facility Coordinator:	Mohammed Baban
Speaker:	Abdul-Rahim Al-Ansari
Regional Director Fundraising/Speaker:	Faisal Hammouda
Regional Manager:	Nael Hasen

Regional Directors

Afghanistan:	Noor Agha
Ghana:	Umar Farouk
Haiti:	Ali Fahid Hussain
Iraq:	Nizar Al-Shiraida
Jordan:	Walid Qanah
Palestine:	Mohammed Beshar
Sierra Leone:	Haja Mariama Fofanah
United Arab Emirates:	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.