



Activity Report

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Thanks to the support of its generous donors, the Foundation has provided significant assistance to more than 48,000 people.

EDITORIAL

Dear friends, dear friends of the Foundation, Bring joy, smile again and ease the suffering of the most poor, here and elsewhere. These are the objectives pursued by our Foundation. Its organs and staff have redoubled their efforts throughout the year to lead effective solidarity projects.

These projects were mainly carried out in Gaza where, after 11 years of blockade, economic and social conditions have deteriorated and reached an unprecedented level. To this day, the situation continues to worsen with a direct negative impact on the various services and programs, without any hope to remedy the situation.

The population is left abandoned and locked in an enclave at the edge of implosion. Fears crystallize and reflexes harden leading to ever deeper and more intense suffering. For this, we must continue our efforts towards this population of Gaza and all those who suffer elsewhere.

2017 has been busy and 2018 will be even more so, with new initiatives and new projects to be alongside these populations. Reading this report will give you a brief but accurate picture of what has been accomplished and the means used.

On this occasion, I address on my behalf and on behalf of all members of the Board of Trustees, a big thank you to our generous donors. Thanks to you, we will be able to continue our efforts to address new challenges against misery, hunger, and exclusion.

I thank you for your generosity, your trust and your loyalty.

*Good reading,
Mahmoud Baroud, president*

MISSION



The Humanitarian Relief Foundation, a non-profit organization, has been founded in 2009. It is governed by Articles 80 et seq. of Swiss Civil Code.

The Humanitarian Relief Foundation wants to be a solidarity link between, on the one hand, the suffering people and, on the other hand, men and women who love justice and sensitive to human distress and who wish to take concrete action to mitigate, if not to eradicate the suffering of the poor.

The Humanitarian Relief Foundation bases its action on values and methods essentially aiming at the enhancement and development of the human being by distress situation.

Our goals are:

1) Assistance to the poor, sick, disabled, orphans and students in particular, in the occupied Palestinian territories.

2) The establishment and management of medical and educational centers and the support of projects for environmental protection and sustainable development.

3) The accomplishment and encouragement of voluntary work in relation to this goal.

Our humanitarian projects, which cover different areas, are studied, verified and conducted in close collaboration with our partners in the field.



INTRODUCTION

The year 2017 was characterized by a very sustained activity. In addition to permanent projects and the continuation of projects started in 2016, new initiatives have been launched, such as the Hearing Appliances project.

In recent years, the focus has been on communication as a key area for the development and growth of the Foundation.

The Foundation's strategy and means of communication have thus been improved and diversified thanks to the use of social networks.

The website has also been completely changed both in terms of the look and its features, the most important of which are payment and sponsorship online.

The permanent actions that are carried out by the Humanitarian Relief Foundation are as follows:

- Sponsorship of orphans, needy families and people suffering from handicap
- Distribution of warm clothes and blankets for the winter
- Distribution of school bags and clothing to schoolchildren
- Aid distribution to students from poor families
- Food aid during Ramadan
- Alms of the end of Ramadan (Zakat Al Fitr)
- Legal Alms (Zakat Al Maal)
- Food aid during the Feast of Sacrifice
- Emergency help in case of serious events

1. SPONSORSHIP

The main activity of the Foundation is the orphans sponsorship program, poor families and people with disabilities in Palestine. To revitalize this activity, the Foundation's staff was strengthened by the creation of a new position dedicated to this program and the recruitment of a part-time staff member.

The sponsorship program generates on average 500'000 CHF per year, donated quarterly in the form of financial assistance directly to families on the



spot. This aid enables beneficiaries to live with dignity by covering their material needs in all areas particularly in schooling.

At the end of 2017, the sum distributed was CHF 505'282.

The Foundation plans to launch an awareness campaign to strengthen the program and increase the number of sponsored files.

Sponsorship of orphans

623 orphans sponsored in 2017.

The sponsorship section for orphans has been running at a steady pace in 2017.

51 new orphan cases were supported by donors either as part of a renewal commitment or a first registration.

Sponsoring families

9 families are sponsored.

The number of sponsored families remains low and has hardly changed in recent years for a variety of reasons, namely limited public interest and lack of files sent by partners.

As a result, the Foundation plans to stop this part of the program and to replace it by a project to finance a microproject for the benefit of these families in order to encourage their financial independence.

Sponsoring people with disabilities

13 people with disabilities are registered with the Foundation.

The sponsors of this section are very generous and pay regularly their gift. However, this section lacks dynamism and is not sufficiently and effectively presented to the public.

The Foundation is studying the issue to improve or remove it if necessary. In case of recasting, the files

would either be part of the orphans section in the case of a minor, or registered under a general project for the benefit of disabled people (arrangements for the elderly to facilitate their daily life, provision of medical equipment and accessories to allow them greater autonomy and facilitate their socioprofessional insertion).



Two such projects were completed in 2017: adaptation of houses and provision of auxiliary equipment. They received a favorable echo among donors: ***CHF 22'828 have been distributed.***

2. FOOD AID



○ *Food aid during the month of Ramadan*

The month of Ramadan is the best occasion for the majority of the donors of the Foundation to support the poor by offering them meals, parcels food and various donations (eg children's gifts on the occasion of ugly).

The donations collected during the month of Ramadan 2017 made it possible to transfer the sum of **CHF 61'955**, distributed as follows:

Food parcels	CHF 13'826
Ramadan meal (Iftar)	CHF 14'704
End of Ramadan Gifts	CHF 2'183
Ramadan End Alms	CHF 31'242
Total project	CHF 61'955



○ *Food aid during the Feast of Sacrifice*

The solidarity campaign that was carried out on the occasion of the Eid Al Adha festival (Feast of Sacrifice) in 2017 raised the amount of **CHF 18,613**. These funds have allowed the sacrifice of 10 calves

that have been distributed as packages meat to needy families. More than **2326 families** have had the opportunity to enjoy, with dignity, the joys and benefits of this special day.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF WARM CLOTHES AND COVERINGS

Gaza's poor people suffer a lot from the cold during difficult winters, especially since the supply of electricity is very limited because of the blockade. The Winter project made it possible to transfer the sum of **CHF 6'620** to meet the needs of this population. This aid was distributed in the form of blankets and warm coats for **246 children**.



4. HELP IN THE FIELD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

Living conditions in schools and tutoring are vital in every educational system. However, the Palestinian education system is very limited and suffers from many gaps. Also, the Foundation carries out various projects to support the schoolchildren and students in their schooling to offer them a better future and facilitate their career path.

• ***Project "Schoolbag and school clothing" : budget CHF 5'530***

The project involves handing out school bags, school supplies and an apron to the most disadvantaged Palestinian children. This year, the Foundation was able to come in to help **300 students** in Gaza.



- ***Playground: budget CHF 2'746***

Realization of a playground in a nursery in Khan-Younes to allow children, who suffer from a lack of means of distraction and entertainment, having fun during recess.



- ***Drinking water tanks in two schools: budget CHF 2'667***

Installation of two drinking water tanks in two schools in Gaza to facilitate to the schoolchildren access to healthy water during school hours.
The number of beneficiaries: **940 students**



- ***Support for poor students: budget CHF 18'190***

The goal of the Poor Student Support Project was to pay the debts of students who could not finance their university studies.

Through this project, the Foundation has helped 51 students in Gaza and the West Bank to pay their university fees and recover their degrees blocked for failure to pay.

It has also made it possible to alleviate the debts of the students towards the university authorities which agreed to reduce, at the request of the Foundation, 20% of the university fees for each student.



5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1- "Alternative Energy for Gaza" Project: 2nd phase

The continuing blockade gives rise to serious shortages, particularly in terms of electricity (four hours, on average, of electricity per day in Gaza). This has a serious impact on the daily lives of Gazans. To deal with this situation and help the poorest people, the Foundation has conducted and executed the project Kit Led lamps.

Thanks to this project, LED lamps have been installed in the homes of **200 families** among the poorest to facilitate their daily lives and reduce accidents related to the use of candles. A circuit of Led lamps consuming little electricity and powered by a battery during the power outage hours has been installed in each home. Project amount: **CHF 12'493**



2- Installation of solar panels in a hospital

This project, launched in 2015, suffered a delay due to the technical study and the choice of an adequate site. The choice was focused on the solar panel equipment of the clinic Jameela Al Ashi in Gaza.

Its actual achievement was in 2017 with the sum of **CHF 23,211**.

Number of beneficiaries per year is **11,533**.



3- Project for the development of women in rural areas: 2nd phase

The first phase of this project was implemented in 2014. The second phase was achieved this year with the financing of a microproject for breeding rabbits for women living in rural areas in search of financial independence in this period

of increased financial crisis in Gaza. **The funds for this project (CHF 20,634) have allowed to support 47 women**

to launch their microproject for raising rabbits, the latter received 2 cages with 1 male and 5 females, 200 kg of food and a water reservoir.



6. AID FOR DISABLED PROJECT (2nd phase)



In order to improve the day-to-day life of children with disabilities, the Foundation has carried out a home improvement project. These developments made it easier for them to access their homes, toilets and washrooms.

This project allowed, in its 2nd phase, to adapt and develop **27 houses thanks to CHF 22'828 collected.**

7. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

1- Syria:

In the face of the disastrous situation of the Syrian people in exile, the Foundation launched various actions to help Syrians in refugee camps in Turkey.

A representative of the Foundation went directly to meet with beneficiaries and provide them with the aid collected.

Food parcels have been distributed in refugee camps in Gaziantep (Turkey) near the Syrian border for a total of **CHF 11'935**.



2- Precariousness in Switzerland:

In order to combat precariousness in Switzerland, the Foundation launched the "Poverty in Swiss". This punctual action allowed to give a batch of products food and hygiene at the Par tage - Geneva Foundation to support it in its mission to people in precarious situations in the city of Geneva.



8. EVENTS AND ACTIONS

To publicize its projects to the general public and to increase its resources, the Foundation conducted various events. It has :

- Organized a humanitarian solidarity day in Geneva on March 26, 2017 to finance the project "Safe Light for Gaza": provision of an installation using LED lamps for households heavily impacted by power cuts in Gaza.
- Launched a fundraising campaign to help Rohingya refugees: **CHF 10'355** have been collected to this effect in 2017.
- Organized a charity dinner in Neuchâtel to finance a project that aims to provide hearing aids to hearing impaired children in Palestine.
- Pursued the project "Piggy bank of solidarity" by the distribution of piggy banks in several schools to make children aware of notions of sharing and solidarity with the poorest. The amounts collected will

be used to offer eye-glasses to Palestinian schoolchildren.

- Organized after-work meetings to promote exchange spaces and meeting in a professional setting in order to make the Foundation known and to expand its network.

- Sent piggy banks to donors and dropped others at merchants in several cities in Switzerland and neighboring France (Geneva, Neuchâtel ...).



- Participated in local events organized by other institutions (holding of information stands and collection of donations)
- Holding sales stands in the markets of Geneva and Neuchâtel.
- Participated in the organization of solidarity races for young Swiss for collecting donations and increasing resources.



9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING AID

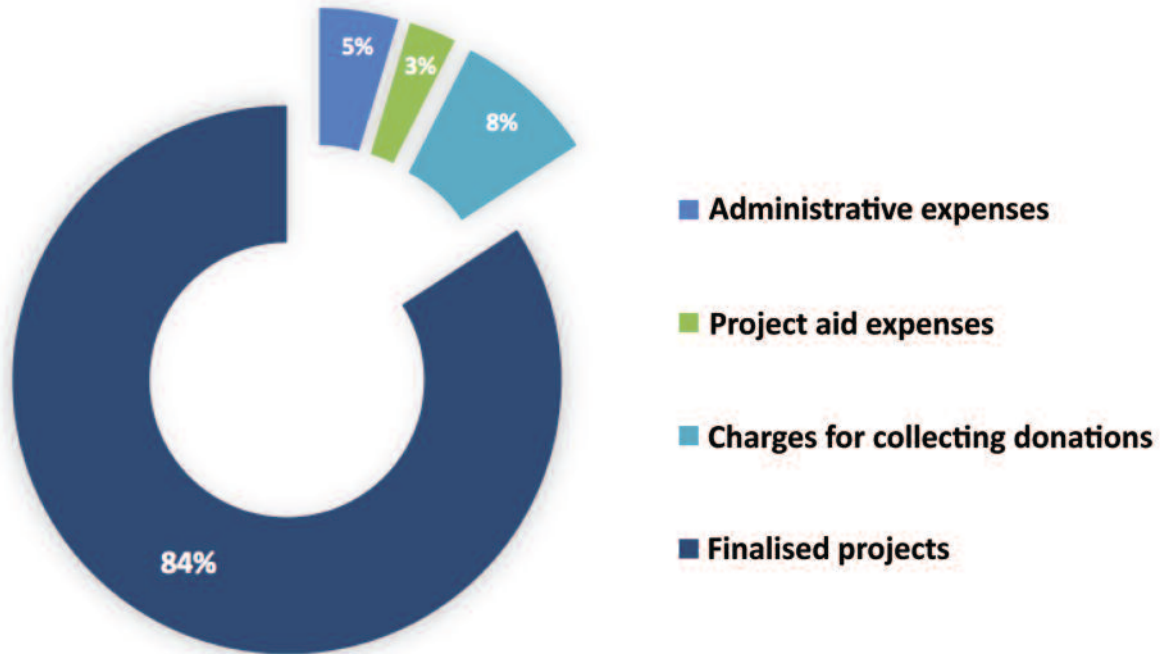
1- Procedures for obtaining ZEW0 certification: The file is in progress preparation and must be ready to be submitted after the presentation of the accounts according to RPC 21 on the financial year 2016 and 2017.

2- Recruitment of a part-time staff member responsible for managing the sponsorship file.

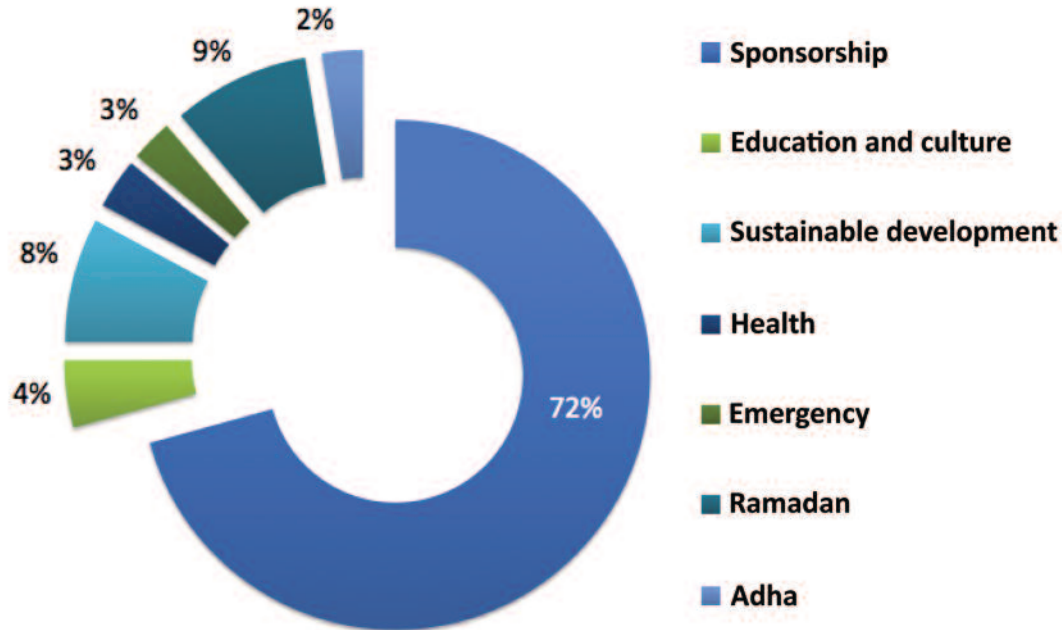
3- The Foundation has allowed two young college girls to benefit from training to perform various administrative tasks.

4- The Foundation has enabled a volunteer to work on FileMaker software and become familiar with the management of the orphan database.

USE OF DONATIONS ERCOLTED in 2017



PARTITION OF DISTRIBUTED GIFTS in 2017



OUTLOOK 2018

For the year 2018, in addition to permanent projects, the Foundation provides for:

1. Launching fundraising campaigns to improve physical and mental health of Palestinian children.
2. Executing a project to build a new water desalination unit financed by the collections made by the Neuchâtel Group.
3. Continuing the fundraising campaign for the hearing aid project for hearing impaired children.
4. Realizing the SOS Rohingyas project with refugees in Bangladesh.
5. Organizing solidarity days in other cantons.
6. Organizing charity dinners to make the Foundation known and reach new donors.
7. Exploring new fundraising leads to cover management fees.
8. presenting the file to obtain ZEWO certification.
9. Strengthening its participation in the various local activities organized by different public or private bodies to make themselves known locally and have more visibility.

THANKS

The year 2017 has once again kept its promises and thousands of people have benefited from the activities of the Foundation and find a little of dignity, warmth and smile.

On this occasion, I sincerely thank, on behalf of all the members of the Foundation, our donors for their generosity and their constantly renewed trust. I wish more specifically to say a big thank-you to our god-mothers and sponsors for their loyalty and their unwavering commitment to orphans and the most disadvantaged.

I also want, through this report, to thank the associations partners for their support and effectiveness as well as the volunteers who, through their dedication and determination, have made our actions achievements.

It is thanks to all these supports and the quality of work of all our collaborators that the Humanitarian Relief Foundation was able to carry out its various projects and contribute to alleviating the suffering of many people here and elsewhere.

Geneva, June 10, 2018

Mahmoud BAROUD, president

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF FSH

Foundation Council

It is the supreme organ of the Foundation. It ensures the smooth running of the Foundation, vote the budget, adopt the accounts, appoint the auditors and elects the management committee.

Council members:

- 1- Baroud Mahmoud, President
- 2- Rhouma Ezzedine, vice President
- 3- Yaakoubi Faiçal, Treasurer
- 4- Bouchiba Bechir
- 5- Baslan Qurashi
- 6- Boumaza Mohammed
- 7- Bendriss Abdallah
- 8- Chebbi Moncef
- 9- Fayala Kamel
- 10- Mestour Abdelouahab
- 11- M'ghirbi Imed

Executive Committee

It is appointed by the Board of the Foundation for a period of 5 years. The committee executes the decisions of the board, represents the Foundation authorities and third parties and draws up the annual balance sheet and Activity Report.

Les membres du comité:

- 1- Baroud Mahmoud, President
- 2- Rhouma Ezzedine, vice President
- 3- Yaakoubi Faiçal, Treasurer
- 4- Bouchiba Bechir
- 5- Baslan Qurashi
- 6- Boumaza Mohammed

External Audit Body

It is responsible for verifying each year the accounts of the Foundation and send to the council a detailed report.

It must also ensure compliance with the statutory provisions and the purpose of the Foundation.

Auditors 2017:

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Lausanne

Our annual accounts, prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 and revised by the **FIDUCIAIRE FAVRE REVISION SA**, are available at our offices or can be consulted on the site: www.secourshumanitaire.ch



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