



Annual Report 2012/2013

Rebuild and Relief International NGO gGmbH



"Rebuild and Relief International NGO was founded as a Non-profit and Non-governmental organization in 2013. The first country program called RIRP (Rebuild Iraq Reconstruction Program) started already in 2004 and since then we provide humanitarian assistance and help the Iraqi people to help themselves, in order to rebuild their country."

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The pictures show our Family Manager Hadeel with Noor, one of our beneficiaries. They were taken after construction works of returnee shelters in the center.

Editorial Note

Dear Sir and Madam,

15. December 2013

Following the end of war in 2011, the people of Iraq are still suffering from continuing outbreaks of violence and often fear for their life. As a result of this violence, many families leave their homes and all their possessions to save their own life and the lives of their children. In 2012 and 2013 approximately 1.5 million people are living as returnees, refugees or Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) without a permanent home, chronic shortage of food and non-food-items and difficult access to work opportunities.

In December 2013 the situation worsened when violence broke out in the Al-Anbar region, since then, tens of thousands of families have fled their homes in Anbar governorate, when clashes between militant groups and Iraqi security forces destabilized the area. "The people of Anbar have suffered from terrorism and violence for too long. All efforts must be made to ensure that fighting ends, people return to their homes, and reconstruction can begin. **It is vital that those affected by the fighting are able to receive humanitarian support**", Mr. Mladenov, Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, said regarding the situation.

Our projects concentrated on constructing homes for the people of concern, assisted in the organization of existing refugee camps and helped in improving the access to drinking water through construction of water wells and water treatment plants. Regarding the current development of the situation in 2014 we will be facing even greater numbers of vulnerable persons and we will intensify our efforts in targeting their needs.

In this report we want to inform you about **Rebuild and Relief International**, about our projects and disclose our financial reports, such as the source and application of funds.

For more information please visit our website: www.rri-ngo.org.

Yours sincerely

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Projects 2012/2013

| No. | Project Title | Year | Budget (in USD) | Agree- ment |
|-----|--|------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Construction of 455 new shelter units for returnees in Baghdad | 2013 | \$ 4.293.638,00 | 240 |
| 2 | Construction of 100 new shelter units, 10 water projects (wells and reverse osmosis system) and assistance to 8 IDP settlements in the Central Region | 2013 | \$ 2.388.099,00 | 241 |
| 3 | Construction of 100 new shelter units, assistance to 3 IDP settlements; Construction of 22 water projects; Construction of 220 land allocation shelters in Baghdad; Construction of 200 land allocation shelters in Diyala | 2012 | \$ 6.711.097,00 | 211 |
| 4 | Construction of 550 new shelter units and 5 water projects for returnees in Baghdad | 2012 | \$ 5.175.107,37 | 219 |

As the chart shows, RRI realised four main projects in 2012 and 2013. We constructed over 1500 shelter units for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons and we built over 30 wells/reverse osmosis systems to enable access to fresh water for drinking and sanitary facilities.

Due to continuous outbreaks of violence, Iraq has been facing many years of humanitarian crisis. The number of refugees and people of concern totalled 1.656.710 individuals in 2012, however, in 2013 the number decreased to 1.450.570 persons but in 2014 the number once again rose to a total of 2.123.340 individuals (Source: UNHCR, IOM Iraq).

Shelter and water remain as the top priority needs of the refugees and returnees, next to work opportunities, non-food items, food and provision of health measures.

The overall objective of our work was to contribute to the humanitarian needs of the people of concern within Iraq and to assist in improving their quality of life. On the one hand we focused on durable housing solutions for returnees within their places of origin and on the other we improved the living conditions for refugees and IDPs through shelter repairs, improving the supply of drinking water and sanitary conditions (wells and reverse osmosis systems) as well as garbage collection and land levelling to improve the hygiene situation, thereby, we focused on critical areas that would benefit the most from these systems. The purpose of these projects was to help develop sustainable solutions by improving the living conditions of the affected population and to target the immediate needs of each IDP camp and all projects were implemented in accordance with UN guidelines. Local councils and governmental entities work in close collaboration with RRI to assure that there will be no conflict regarding the ownership of the land or shelters and in providing the legal support for the rehabilitation.



Success Stories

Najla fights for independence and the right to be a mother

Najla, a 35 year old mother, looks back on a life full of injustice, struggle and abuse.

The momentous and enduring trouble started for Najla when she was 14 years old and got married to her cousin in order to settle a family dispute concerning a piece of land. The marriage, that she never desired, changed her life forever, as from that moment on she shared the fate of many women, who became victims of family/tribal settlement issues.

Immediately after the enforced marriage, Najla was beaten and humiliated by her husband and his family and after seven days of this alliance she was thrown out of the family home to fend for herself and the husband reclaimed the land that was the reason behind the marriage.

Najla had no option but to return to her own family where the abuse continued, she was beaten by her father and brothers for in their mind she had brought dishonor on the family for being evicted from the marital home by her husband. During this stressful period of time Najla also discovered that she was expecting a child and tried in vain to return to her husband. This was based on her fear of further scandal concerning her pregnancy and the disgrace she would bring on her family, and not the desire to reunite with her husband.



Najla with her son in her new home

The husband claimed the child wasn't his and accused Najla of being unfaithful, but Najla persisted and after taking legal action and a DNA test being performed, the child was proved to be her husband's son and so she returned to his home, not as a wife but as the mother of their child and a maid forced to work for long hours every day.

Despite continuous abuse and humiliation, she remained in the family home and eventually she discovered that a second child was on the way, this news brought about her being thrown out of the house again by her husband and Najla begging her family to allow her to stay with them.

Following 8 months of living with her family, her husband appeared at her house and forcibly took the two children away from her, she pleaded and begged but no help was offered or

given. With the assistance of her uncle, Najla once again went to court and demanded that her children be returned to their rightful place and that a divorce be granted. The husband accused her of being insane and not being able to take care of his children correctly, however, after 7 court hearings and being able to prove that the husband's allegations were untrue, Najla triumphed by winning her case and being granted full custody of the children.

However, Najla's suffering didn't end there, the abuse and humiliation in her family's home still continued and Najla tried every option and all resources to ask for help for herself and her children. Every day Najla visited the local council and it was here that Najla learned about RIRP, and that our organization was planning to build shelters for those in need. She delivered the required application documents to the council with her hopes rising that her agony would come to an end.

Today Najla is living with her two children in the shelter constructed by RIRP. Finally she could leave some of the sadness and desperation behind her. What had happened to her cannot be undone but having her own home, living independently from her family, having her children by her side makes Najla thankful and happy for the help and assistance that she received. RIRP is tremendously pleased and proud of being able to help Najla and bring happiness and hope to a person so desperately in need.

Sorrow - an emotion that children should never have

During a recent project in Al-Suwaira (Kut Governorate), RIRP witnessed a particular moving



and sorrowful event, that was hard to fathom how this could occur in today's society. A family of nine children between the ages of 4 to 13 years old was living alone in a temporary shelter on the verge of collapse.

Their father has been killed by a criminal gang and their mother had left the children to fend for themselves following the murder of her husband, and she had moved back in with her parents in Al Madaan area.

Having been left to their own devices

A family without parents

following the departure of their mother, the children were being forced to live in horrible conditions and with the threat of eviction hanging over their heads. The eldest brother was employed at a farm close to the village, in order to provide for his younger siblings and the meagre daily wages were never sufficient for their basic needs and requirements. The standard of living was horrific and the circumstances that the children had to

endure, prevented them from continuing their education as food, warmth and permanent shelter took priority. The family was entirely dependent on the kind nature of neighbors who occasionally donated used clothes, firewood and the leftover food from their own table.

Witnessing the poor fate of these children, RIRP was in the fortunate position to provide them with a new and secure shelter without threat of eviction. RIRP was so thankful that we could help solve one big problem for the family.

Kareema and Noor

It is of great importance to us to share with you the story of Kareema and her 12 year old daughter Noor, that it was our pleasure to meet during our construction work in Al Rasheed. When we first met Kareema and Noor, they were living under incredibly poor conditions, their home seemed like it could break apart at any moment due to numerous and massive cracks in the walls. Mother and daughter were living in constant fear that the roof would collapse and bury them underneath.

Another unfortunate stroke of fate was the recent death of their beloved husband and father. This huge loss not only caused emotional turmoil and distress but also led to further worries concerning social and financial troubles that they would have to fight through alone.



Noor is very happy about her Birthday Cake

During our encounter with Kareema and her daughter we also learned that Noor suffers from mental and physical disabilities, she is unable to walk on her feet and has to rely on crawling around on all fours. Hadeel, our female engineer, spent a great deal of her free time talking to Kareema and Noor and a beautiful friendship blossomed, Hadeel found out that Noor had never experienced a

birthday party and took it upon herself to arrange gifts and a cake

for her upcoming birthday. Noor was so overwhelmed by the occasion, the simple gifts and birthday cake with her name inscribed made her birthday all the more memorable.

Today Kareema and Noor are living in a RIRP shelter. They no longer have to worry about a safe home in which to live in. We are extremely proud of being able to bring a little help to this family and having found a gorgeous, cheerful young girl as our friend.

Financial Report

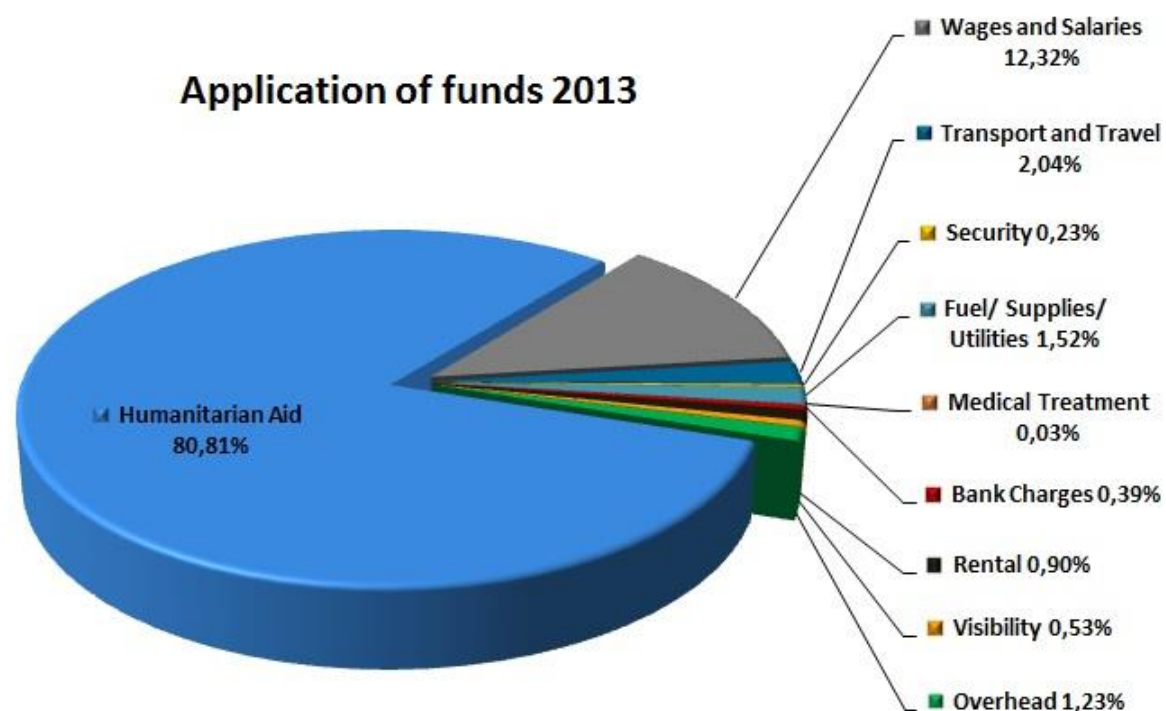
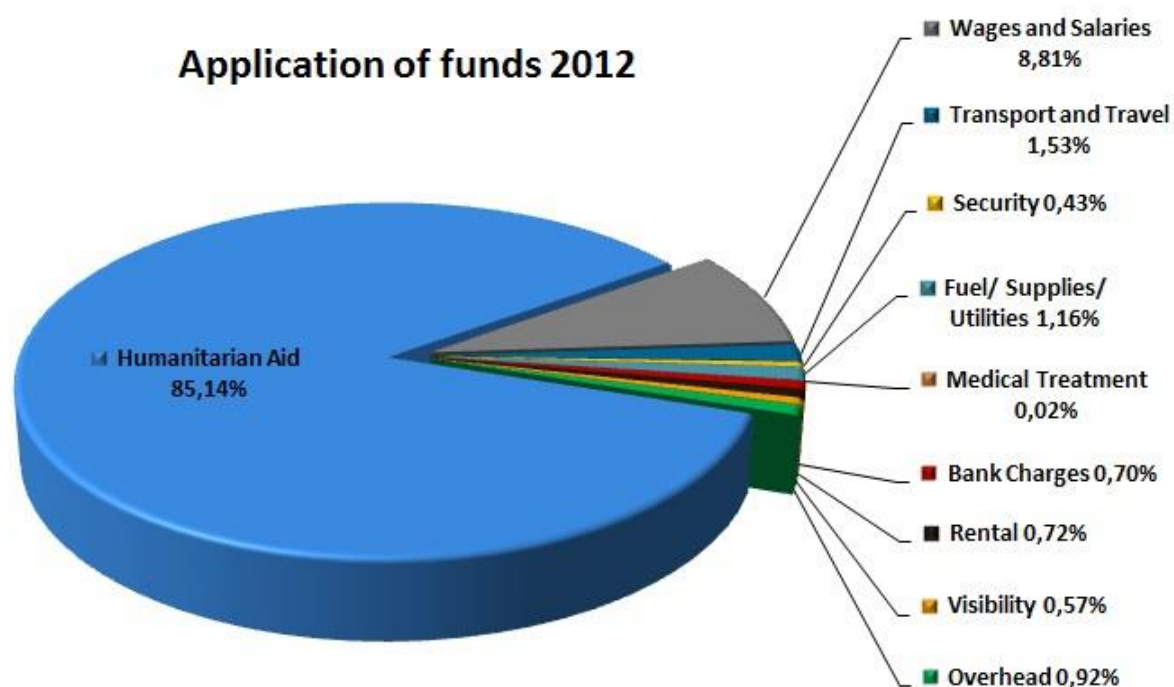
In 2012, RRI NGO received a total of 11,886,204.40 US Dollars (equates to 9,696,053.95 €) funding from UNHCR for humanitarian aid projects. Hence, we realised in the governorate of Baghdad the construction of over 850 new shelters, assistance to 3 IDP settlements and the implementation of 27 water-projects and built another 200 shelters in Diyala governorate.

For 2013, RRI NGO received a total of 6,681,737.00 US Dollars funding from UNHCR for the construction of over 500 shelter units, 10 water projects and assistance to 8 IDP settlements in Baghdad and central Iraq.

The charts show in detail how the funds were used and illustrate that in 2012 over 85% and in 2013 over 80% of the funds were spent directly on humanitarian aid, as described above. Less than 15% in 2012 and 20% in 2013 of the money was used to run the organisation, which also includes payment of salaries, lease payment for office premises and security measures. The money allocated in the overhead cash register serves as a reserve fund for emergency actions and covers the NGO's operational management procedures.



Application of funds 2012 / 2013



Excerpt of financial report 2012

AKTIVA

| Konto | Bezeichnung | EUR | Geschäftsjahr EUR |
|-------|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| | gGmbH- Ausstattung | | |
| 420 | Maschinelle Anlagen | 20.942,95 | |
| 425 | Geschäftsausstattung | 5.237,73 | |
| 440 | Büroeinrichtung | 3.775,96 | |
| 485 | Geringwertige WG Sammelposten | 5.952,00 | 35.908,64 |
| | Kasse | | |
| 1000 | Kasse | 63.203,61 | |
| 1001 | Hauptkasse | 683,44 | 63.887,05 |
| | Bankguthaben | | |
| 1200 | North Bank (US\$ Dollar) | 2.160.914,58 | |
| 1202 | Hypo Vereinsbank 17207776 | 7.777,08 | |
| 1204 | Hypo Vereinsbank (US\$ Dollar) | 34.792,61 | 2.203.484,27 |
| | Forderungen | | |
| 1400 | Forderungen UN Projektabrechnung | | 1.369.850,48 |
| | Rechnungsabgrenzungsposten aktiv | | |
| 700 | Rechnungsabgrenzungsposten aktiv | | 0 |
| | SUMME AKTIVA | | 3.673.130,44 € |

PASSIVA

| Konto | Bezeichnung | EUR | Geschäftsjahr EUR |
|-------|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| | ausstehende Einlage, nicht eingefordert | | |
| 880 | Gekennzeichnetes Kapital | 25.000,00 | |
| 881 | ausstehende Einlage nicht eingefordert | 12.500,00- | 12.500 |
| | Rückstellungen | | |
| 1750 | Rückstellungen | | 3.000,00 |
| | Kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten | | |
| 1600 | Kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten | 3.549.672,53 | |
| 1601 | Sonstige Verbindlichkeiten | 0 | 3.549.672,53 |
| | Sonstige Verbindlichkeiten | | |
| 1360 | Verrechnungskonto UN-Gelder | 105.487,17 | |
| 1830 | Verbindl. aus betr. Steuern und Abgaben | 2.470,74 | 107.957,91 |
| | SUMME PASSIVA | | 3.673.130,44 € |

The financial report can be accessed at www.bundesanzeiger.de .

About RRI

Our Mission is to Protect, Accompany, Advocate and Serve for the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people in Iraq and Syria.

Rebuild and Relief International NGO (RRI) commenced activities in early 2004 under the designation Rebuild Iraq Recruitment Program (RIRP) in Baghdad, Iraq. Since this date RIRP has provided humanitarian assistance and support for those Iraqis in need and utilized RIRP's core values and committed methodology to achieve our objectives.

RRI shall promote and protect the rights of all Iraqi and Syrian people, regardless of their race, religion, nationality or political convictions. This will be achieved by acting as an independent and courageous spokesman for their rights nationally and internationally, by providing humanitarian assistance in emergency situations, and by strengthening the capacity of the UN organizations to offer and coordinate international aid and protection. RRI shall in all ways seek to provide viable, durable solutions with regard to both its spokesman activities and its emergency relief efforts.

RRI's operating ethos is based on the principles of loyalty, credibility, thoroughness and accuracy.

The team has significant knowledge and experience gained from operating in diverse and challenging situations in Iraq. This experience is the core platform on which successful project delivery is built.

RRI is confident of project delivery based on:

- Our extensive experience gained during successful completion of reconstruction, multiple human resources and training projects throughout Iraq
- RRI being a German organization, with senior management based in Baghdad, able to make executive decisions rapidly and put them into effect without the need to consult a higher office
- Our strong German independent position that allows us to invest in the right people to provide an excellent service
- RIRP being a specialized provider of highly qualified local Iraqi staff
- RIRP providing Iraq wide Evaluation and Monitoring projects with a mixture of high level International and Iraqi staff

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