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SAVING LIVES AND SUSTAINING LIVELIHOODS

About Relief International:

Since 1990, Relief International (RI) has provided emergency relief response and development services that empower beneficiaries globally. RI's six main program areas include: emergency response, health and nutrition, education and capacity building, livelihoods and food security, shelter and infrastructure, and civil society and protection. RI employs innovative approaches to bridging the gap from relief to development to ensure a deep and lasting impact in reducing human suffering globally.

Our Mission:

RI is solely dedicated to reducing human suffering and is non-political and non-sectarian in its mission. At Relief International we:

- **Serve** the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters and civil conflicts, and the poor - with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases
- **Provide** holistic, multi-sectoral, sustainable and pro-poor programs that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grassroots level
- **Empower** communities by building capacity and by maximizing local resources in both program design and implementation
- **Promote** self-reliance, peaceful coexistence and reintegration of marginalized communities
- **Protect** lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma where present
- **Uphold** the highest professional norms in program delivery, including accountability to beneficiaries and donors alike



Dear Friends,

2006 marked Relief International – Schools Online (RI-SOL) 16th year on the front line in the struggle to save lives and rebuild livelihoods. Over the years, I have witnessed RI-SOL's transformation from a small organization operating only in a handful of countries, to one that operates on a global level, with a physical presence in sixteen countries. The expert staff bring comprehensive, multi-sectoral, cross-cultural programming to areas and populations affected by the most lethal natural disasters and civil conflicts.

Sixteen years on, RI-SOL's philosophy, strategy and approach have proved successful. There are a few key explanations for this, which I am pleased to share with you.

RI-SOL understands how to work in difficult environments. From Afghanistan to Iraq to Sri Lanka, RI-SOL knows how to operate in challenging contexts. By forming community partnerships to drive the transfer of knowledge and foster local decision-making, RI-SOL builds local capacity to deliver quality programs in the long-term.

RI-SOL focuses on the needs of the most vulnerable. Across all programming, RI-SOL serves people who typically have not received due attention, especially women and children. RI-SOL's education initiatives demand a minimum of 50% female participation. In Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Palestinian Territories and elsewhere, RI-SOL courses provide women and other marginalized groups with a basic understanding of their fundamental rights, thus unraveling the cycle of gender discrimination. RI's gender balance mandate is applicable across sectors, from education to healthcare and civil society initiatives.

RI is comprehensive. We understand that the problems in this world do not exist in a vacuum. In the middle of a complex emergency, water, food, shelter and health care provisions are key. However, practical experience has shown that families affected by crisis place a very high premium on retaining their future sources of income. They will sacrifice today's water, food and shelter to preserve their ability to provide these things for themselves tomorrow. In Darfur, for example, by coupling emergency relief with health care and livelihoods development, RI meets the immediate needs created by the conflict and prepares the people of Darfur for recovery and peace.

RI's innovative philosophy and approach is accessible, adaptable and efficient, even under the most challenging circumstances. However, none of our work is possible without the continued support of our donors. Your generosity helps people all over the world – regardless of race or nationality – receive the services and opportunities they so desperately need, and I join my fellow Board Members in heartfelt gratitude for your support.

Most sincerely,

Kamran Elahian
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

At Relief International – Schools Online (RI-SOL), we envision a world where hunger and poverty have been overcome and all people have the food, shelter, health care and the education that meet their basic needs. We envision a world where social and economic justice exists in practice and where people live in dignity and security, regardless of race, religion or creed. We envision a world where there is respect for each individual being, as well as an appreciation for the diversity among us.

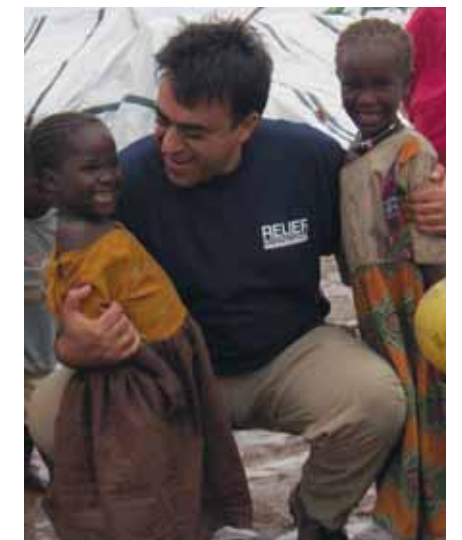
At RI-SOL, we continually strive to put our vision into action and fulfill our mission. We bring passion, hope and perseverance to our work. We are committed to assisting those who suffer from war, hunger, disaster and poverty. We aspire to empower men, women and children with life-saving emergency assistance, as well as provide the necessary tools and skills required to overcome hardships, enabling beneficiaries to reach their potential and end the vicious cycle of poverty.

2006 was a challenging year for many communities around the world. The May 2006 Java earthquake in Indonesia took the lives of nearly 6,000 people, injured an estimated 30,000 and rendered 1.5 million people homeless. RI-SOL was able to provide immediate emergency assistance to survivors by distributing 215 metric tons of food, water and aid and providing mobile medical clinics to serve the victims. An innovative Shelter Emergency Loan Fund was launched to aid the thousands of families who lost their homes. 600 emergency school tents were erected by RI-SOL, allowing students to complete their courses and national exams on time.

No fewer than 200,000 lives have been lost and an estimated 2.3 million people have been displaced in Darfur, Sudan which is described as the "world's worst humanitarian crisis." In addition to distributing basic supplies meeting emergency commodity needs, RI-SOL successfully established programs that improve the well-being of women and children. From constructing fuel-efficient stoves, to combating the risk of violence women face while collecting firewood, to safe pre-natal and post-natal care, to providing micro-credit loans for the displaced in refugee camps. These are but a few examples of Relief International's commitment to saving lives and rebuilding livelihoods. With your support, we are one step closer to achieving our shared vision every day.

Sincerely,

Farshad Rastegar, PhD
President & CEO

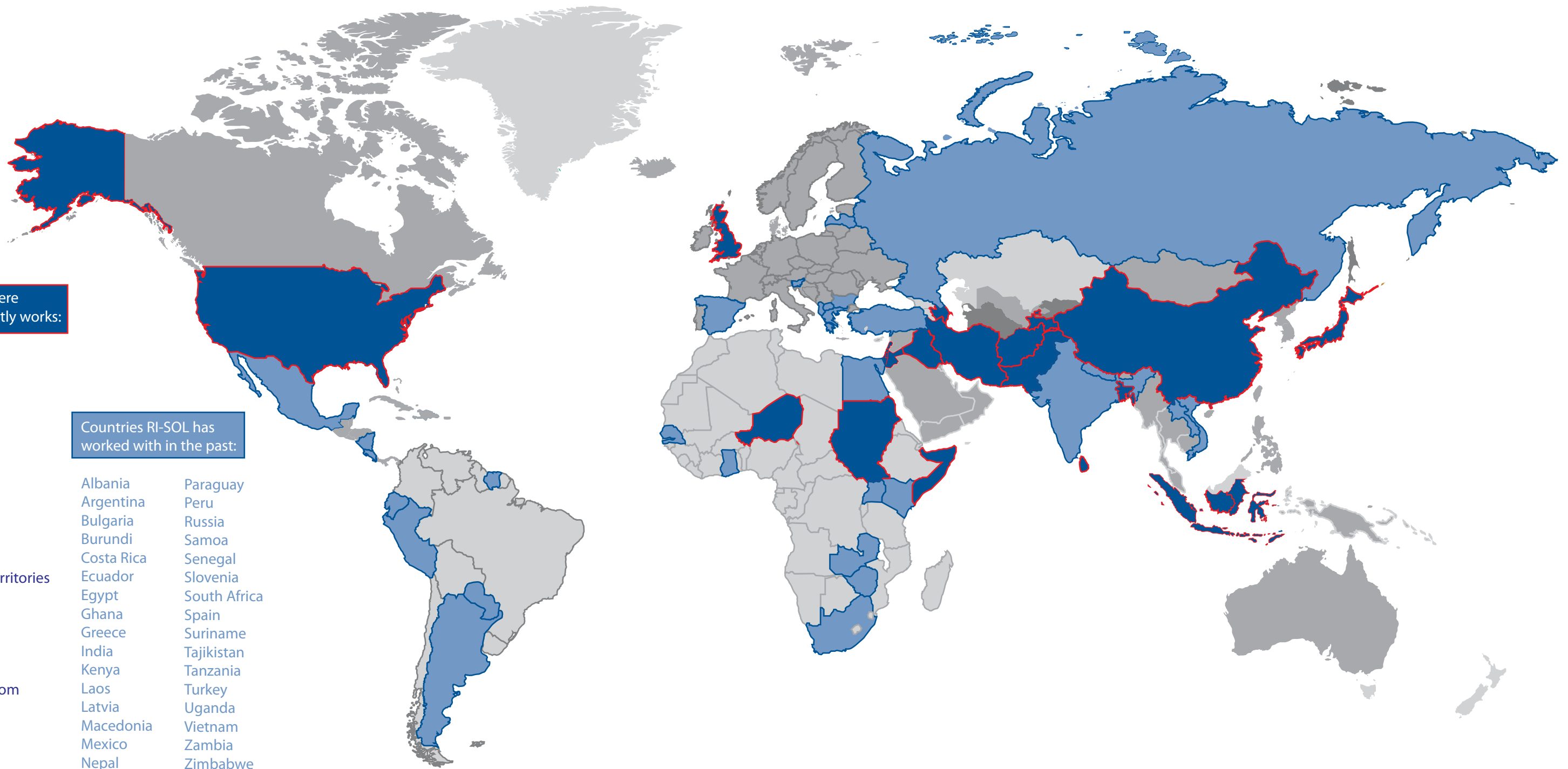


Countries where RI-SOL currently works:

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- China
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Japan
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Niger
- Pakistan
- Palestinian Territories
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Tajikistan
- United States
- United Kingdom

Countries RI-SOL has worked with in the past:

- Albania
- Argentina
- Bulgaria
- Burundi
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Greece
- India
- Kenya
- Laos
- Latvia
- Macedonia
- Mexico
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Russia
- Samoa
- Senegal
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Suriname
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe





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RELIEF INTERNATIONAL IS PROUD OF OUR ability to respond quickly and comprehensively to the needs of victims of natural disasters and human conflicts. RI's Rapid Emergency Deployment (RED) Team is a mobile, rapid response unit capable of providing immediate aid in emergency situations. RI has provided vital emergency relief in many crises, often being the first agency to provide high-impact development emergency programming to communities in need.

Immediate emergency response is just the beginning. RI's work bridges the gap between emergency relief and long-term sustainable development. Although emergencies have a notably negative impact on people's lives, RI utilizes this period of societal disruption as time for the positive social change and to eradicate poverty.

PAKISTAN - After a powerful 7.6 earthquake rocked northern Pakistan, RI responded immediately and since has turned its emergency relief efforts towards the regions long-term recovery. These efforts include the rebuilding of schools; the continuation of a women's livestock micro-credit program that provides female-headed households with the means of financial support; the distribution of winter commodities for thousands of people still living in camps; and, providing ongoing medical services for those without access to treatment. As the situation continues to evolve, RI is committed to addressing both the short and long-term needs of the hundreds of thousands of people affected by the quake.



Photo by Chip Duncan

By the Numbers:

- **180,000** survivors received emergency relief supplies
- **3,300** tons of food distributed to **180,000** beneficiaries
- **40,000** survivors treated for quake injuries and ailments
- **2,500** survivors provided with shelter and shelter materials



In February 2006, Academy Award-winning actor Sir Ben Kingsley traveled to Pakistan where, for six days he toured earthquake-affected regions to help focus international attention on, and to ensure continued support of, victims of the disastrous earthquake.



Sir Ben Kingsley during his visit to Pakistan

LEBANON - Escalating violence in the Middle East caused an estimated 500,000 South Lebanese citizens to flee their homes during the summer of 2006. Lebanon suffered widespread damage and destruction to homes and communities. RI immediately deployed a RED Team to provide urgently needed food, water and sanitation supplies to the displaced. Bridging the gap between emergency response and long-term development, RI staff have worked in conjunction with the local communities to redevelop infrastructure, restore water and power distribution, and reestablish economic stability through micro-credit programs.

By the Numbers:

- **3 million** liters of water distributed to families daily
- **4,814** families from **18** villages provided with **10** large electrical generators, **1** underground pump station and **59** well water pumps
- Micro-credit loans distributed to small business owners (100% return rate)



INDONESIA, May 27, 2006 - A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Java killing nearly 6,000 people and injuring more than 30,000. Entire villages were leveled leaving an estimated 1.5 million people homeless. RI deployed emergency relief and assessment teams to the affected region immediately where in addition to setting up mobile medical clinics and the provisions of essential emergency items. The RED team immediately distributed 215 metric tons of food to more than 2,507 households and shipped 10 water purifying machines to Java.



TO MEET THE CRITICAL HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF DISASTER AND CONFLICT-affected populations, Relief International operates permanent and mobile health clinics. These clinics deliver the highest quality services covering primary health, child health, safe motherhood care, sexual and reproductive health, treatment for victims of sexual and gender-based violence, and HIV/AIDS Education. RI's nutrition interventions: including food distributions, school feeding programs, agricultural programs and therapeutic feeding for malnourished children, combat the effects of poverty and conflict on the health and well-being of distressed communities globally.

DARFUR- RI focuses its health and nutrition service support to very remote and conflict-affected communities, successfully building a healthcare network that has systems for the delivery of essential medicines and supplies. The network both services people and provides training for local health professionals – doctors, midwives, pharmacists, nutrition monitors and community health workers. Through these services, RI is providing the people of Darfur with the knowledge and infrastructure needed to ensure the right to health, particularly for women of childbearing age and children under five. RI's health and nutrition interventions focus on building the expertise of local health professionals and the rehabilitation of local health facilities so that long-lasting quality care is achieved.

By the Numbers:

- **5** village health facilities rehabilitated
- **83,072** medical consultations held for beneficiaries
- **7,455** children vaccinated against life-threatening diseases, such as measles and polio
- **8,088** women provided with prenatal care and **590** women assisted with safe deliveries
- **6** therapeutic feeding centers supported with rations, monitoring and other pertinent services that combat malnutrition



MEDICAL CLINIC CARES FOR THOUSANDS

August 2006 - With the imminent closure of health facilities in Zam Zam Camp, the second largest camp for displaced persons in North Darfur, RI constructed a primary healthcare facility to ensure the continuation of basic medical services needed by an estimated 35,000 internally displaced people. Without RI's action, it was reported that there would have been a gap in medical services for 1250-1600 patients per week.

The opening of the clinic in August was timely as violence southward drove 6,000 newly displaced persons into Zam Zam, which now holds more than 46,000. In its first quarter, the clinic caseload averaged 1,288 per week (15,467 during the first quarter.)

The success of RI's village-based primary care program in Darfur has been heralded by both UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund as a model primary healthcare approach.

TALES OF TRIUMPH

HEALTH AND NUTRITION




SCHOOLS ONLINE

RELIEF INTERNATIONAL'S EDUCATION DIVISION - SCHOOLS ONLINE (RI-SOL) ensures that young people of all backgrounds are empowered to achieve their full potential. Leveraging the power of the internet and utilizing innovative teaching methodologies, RI-SOL trains teachers, helps develop youth leadership and promotes international understanding and social justice. This multifaceted approach gives RI-SOL the flexibility to tailor each education program for cultural appropriateness and to meet the specific needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations.

RI's education programs benefit thousands of people in Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Tajikistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

BANGLADESH – Nowhere is RI-SOL more active in the area of education than in Bangladesh. RI-SOL's network of 27 Internet Learning Centers provide access to a world of information and new possibilities. Bangladeshi students are creating and updating www.Connect-Bangladesh.org, a website devoted to RI's education programs in Bangladesh.

PAKISTAN, December 2006 – Immediately following the earthquake, RI's emergency medical response team was boosted by teams of volunteer physicians including several from Kaiser Permanente from across the US. With a generous grant from Kaiser Permanente, the teams set up multiple clinics to treat the injured in the country's hard hit Northwest Frontier Province. In the post-emergency phase, RI kept the clinics open until the end of 2006 serving displaced families in Dharyal Camp and Malik Pur. The teams treated an average of 600 patients weekly over the course of the year, while also starting a broader health and nutrition program.

The Community Health and Nutrition Program increases child and maternal survival by improving nutritional status and access to quality health services. In the primary phase of program implementation, community health workers are trained to focus on children under five, as well as pregnant and lactating women. Following screening and diagnosis, RI offers feeding supplements and nutritional advice to help people recover from malnutrition.



"We learned so much from the community service project. These projects gave us the idea of how to work cooperatively and from the work we did, we learned a lot about the needs of others."

Safi, a Bangladeshi exchange student to the US

"I understand myself more than ever and I have started knowing what I should do with my life. This trip changed the way I used to look at other people's opinion. It has made me more tolerant and understanding. In fact, it has changed my vision."

Shucheta, a Bangladeshi exchange student to the US



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- RI reached **40,000** beneficiaries in five earthquake affected union councils
- Distributed **20** metric tons of UNIMIX (feeding supplement) to patients
- Trained more than **20** healthcare professionals and 50 community health workers, with each worker serving approximately **500-800** beneficiaries
- Established five Supplemental Feeding Centers
- Reduced infant mortality rate through treatment and education

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- **16** students from the United States and Bangladesh took part in an exchange program based on conflict resolution and community service
- Through RI's online collaborative projects, students from more than **100** schools in five countries discussed issues such as global citizenship and climate change
- **50** youth from Jordan, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan visited the United States for training on free speech and democracy
- **30** teachers from India and Bangladesh were trained in English as a Foreign Language





Rebuilding Al-Kasim School in Iraq



IRAQ – One way RI-SOL provides access to education is through the rehabilitation of existing schools and the design and construction of new schools. Each new school is the product of intense collaboration between RI-SOL and community leaders, resulting in an educational facility tailored to the needs of the specific students in each community. Since 2003, RI has constructed and rehabilitated 125 schools in the governorates of Missan and Basrah benefiting nearly 50,000 students.



DOWNLOADING COMPUTER SKILLS, UPLOADING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Paktina Barakzay, a resident of Kabul, Afghanistan and Khadiza Akter, a resident of Bangladesh's Comilla District, both participate in the Global Citizenship and Youth Philanthropy program (GCYP). The program is currently active in several countries including: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Jordan, Sri Lanka, the Palestinian Territories, Tajikistan, and the United States.

The program fosters lasting connections and meaningful relationships between high-school youth in the United States and Muslim countries across Asia and the Middle East, breaking down negative stereotypes and building bridges of tolerance and mutual understanding across political boundaries. GCYP achieves its goals through the innovative integration of information and communication technology (ICT) into education and the classroom, and by empowering youth to develop civic projects with their international counterparts.

In Afghanistan, Paktina brings her younger sister to one of RI-Sol's Internet Learning Centers and encourages her peers to participate, so that they too may benefit from the unique educational opportunity that she has received. *"In the past, we could only wish we might be able to learn how to use computers and speak English to improve our economic conditions,"* she says. *"The many new developments in the world require access to a computer; if you want a good and modern life, you should try to learn how to use the computer at a center like the Internet Learning Center."*

Khadiza has used her skills to develop a PowerPoint presentation on the factors families should consider before a girl is married early in life. She used Google to do her research and then delivered a presentation to her fellow students and other residents of her village. At the end of 2006, Khadiza was selected to take part in an exchange trip to the United States in the summer of 2007, to see how other students around the world are using computers and the Internet to enhance their educations. She says that RI-SOL's Internet Learning Center changed her life and taught her to dream about a better life for herself and her family.

HAVING FOOD, SHELTER AND THE MEANS

to care for one's family is fundamental for survival and basic human dignity. Relief International enables people to provide for themselves through training and by increasing their access to resources in order to lead healthy, productive lives. In communities ravaged by disasters or civil conflict, RI works quickly to restore livelihoods and establish food security, particularly for the most vulnerable. Particularly in wartime or the aftermath of disaster, livelihoods projects can bridge the gap between despair and well-being, using proven tools such as micro-credit, business courses and community education. In many societies, women are the sole providers, but they are also highly susceptible to poverty and marginalization. Thus RI designs many livelihoods projects to specifically further the self-sufficiency and status of women.



SRI LANKA – In addition to killing more than 30,000 people and rendering thousands more homeless, the 2004 tsunami destroyed many Sri Lankans' ability to provide for their families. To address this urgent problem, RI developed the Rural Microfinance Project.

Through the Rural Microfinance Development Project, local beneficiaries are given access to the small loans and training they need in order to collaborate with partners in their community and initiate projects and businesses that result in self-sustainability, communal and individual empowerment, and economic relief.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- An initial **\$25,000** micro-credit loan fund established by RI and expected to increase to **\$200,000**
- **105** families have benefited to-date from average loans of **\$280** each (**77%** of the beneficiaries have been women)
- **20** women left widowed by the tsunami now gain regular income through operating a bakery supported by Panera Bread
- **61** community based microfinance organizations formed through the Rural Microfinance Development Project
- **1,650** individuals received training on micro loans in Ampara's Thirukovil and Pottuvil divisions in the Eastern Province
- **1,712** borrowers averaging from **\$30-\$500** per loan, benefiting from an additional **\$130,000** provided by USAID/Nathan Associates as a loan fund





BREADWINNER BAKES BREAD IN WAKE OF TSUNAMI

Mrs. T. Yogeswary was one of a reported 100,000 people who lost the means to their livelihood in the wake of December 2004's tsunami in Sri Lanka. She and the rest of her family from the village of Vinayagapuram were left destitute and helpless. The tsunami took her husband, daughter and sister, and left her devastated and without a means of survival. "With the breadwinner of the family lost," she said, "we were wondering how we could start up a new life again."

At age 33, Mrs. Yogeswary found a way to be the breadwinner of her family - by baking bread.

She joined a RI project in conjunction with Panera Bakery, that provides women in the community with job training in the bakery trade, along with the necessary equipment and materials to get a bakery business up and running. Today, the bakery is in full swing. The women are in a position to train more women, provide more employment and extend income to others in need. They are hoping for a second bakery to open in 2007.

"It was Relief International who came to our rescue and lent us a helping hand. My joy grew boundless for their timely intervention." — Mrs. T. Yogeswary



DARFUR – RI's Darfur livelihoods and food security interventions go well beyond hand-outs to build individual and community resilience. With education as the key, entrepreneurs, farmers and animal healthcare providers are empowered with knowledge and resources that can move them from subsistence to stability. RI's programs emphasize rehabilitation, and in many cases the establishment of local resources, animal clinics, agricultural demonstration plots and small enterprise centers – resources that give families the wherewithal to better rebound from the effects of droug hand conflict.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- RI provided micro-credit loans to **14** cooperative businesses of approximately **\$3,000** each. Businesses supported ranged from handicrafts, growing/selling vegetables and blacksmiths, to small shops, restaurants and groceries.
- **54%** of loan recipients were women (272 out of 503) and the loan recovery rate was **100%**.
- RI constructed of five animal treatment centers where a total of **72,776** animals received vaccinations and curative care, including donkeys, sheep, goats, horses, camel and chickens.
- **11** community animal health workers and **4** veterinary staff have been trained to deliver primary health services and manage each center.
- **10** demonstration plots have been established which are easily accessible by remote villages and exhibit irrigation, pest reduction and other farming techniques.



TALES OF TRIUMPH

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM KEY TO WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

DARFUR, August 2006 – RI's food security team launched an innovative Agricultural Extensionist (AE's) program, a pilot team of 30 farmers, 50% of whom are women nominated by their peers and trained on improving organic farming techniques. Fanning out to work as resources in their home villages, AE's focus on water management, planting and harvest methods, and seed quality and storage techniques. The result is increased crop yield and farmland sustainability. Implemented in 14 rural villages, the program has been heralded as a success and noted as the first of its kind by closely associated government ministries.

The critical inclusion of women in the Agricultural Extensionist program has been a banner women's development strategy. In Darfur, women are responsible for nearly all farming tasks. As Agricultural Extensionists, women farmers are elevated to professionals who are benefiting from increased respect and position in their communities as a result of their technical training and outreach efforts.

"It has changed how we farm. The quantity of feed I used to plant has completely changed. Now I know differences between type and quality. This is very important for me."

— Fatima is a 26-year-old beneficiary in North Darfur

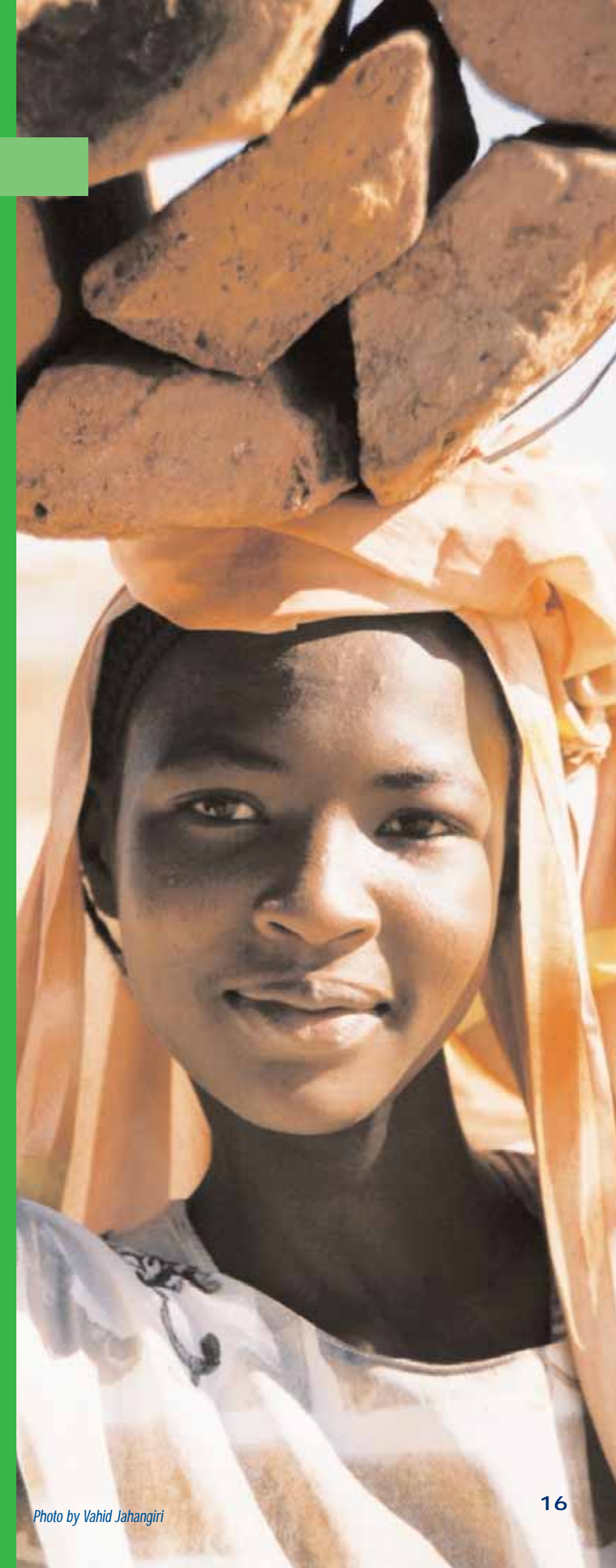
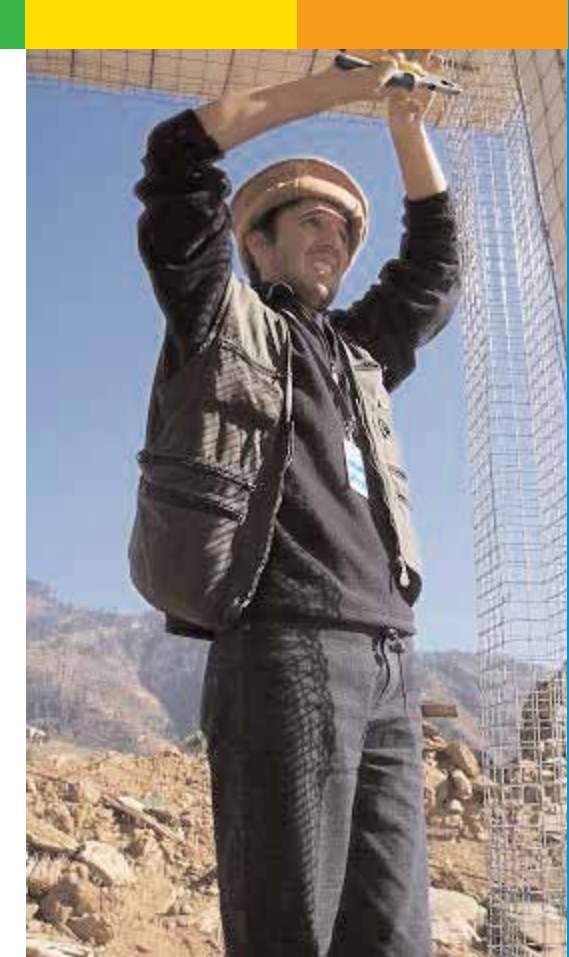


Photo by Vahid Jahangiri



WHILE DISASTERS HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT on people's lives, they can also serve as an opportunity to rebuild damaged or sub-standard structures. From schools and clinics, to roads, canals and family homes, a disaster can destroy the basic building blocks of a village. RI's programs build back better - enabling families to get back on their feet, back to work, back to school and back to a sense of normalcy, with hope for a better future.

INDONESIA, May 2006 - More than 1.5 million men, women and children were left homeless by the devastating Java earthquake. As emergency efforts transitioned from relief to recovery, RI launched an innovative Shelter Emergency Loan Fund (SELF) allowing victims a chance to rebuild their homes and livelihoods. In providing access to low interest loans and financial advice previously unavailable to marginalized populations, the program supported the economic self-sufficiency of individuals, as well as the infrastructure of community-based microfinance organizations.

Today, Yogyakarta residents are utilizing RI's SELF program to rebuild their homes and workshops quickly and effectively, without having to wait for, or grow dependent on, external aid or handouts.

By the Numbers:

- 36 villages and 3 districts take part in the SELF Program
- Of the 60 beneficiaries, 58% are female
- 44 new homes have been rebuilt

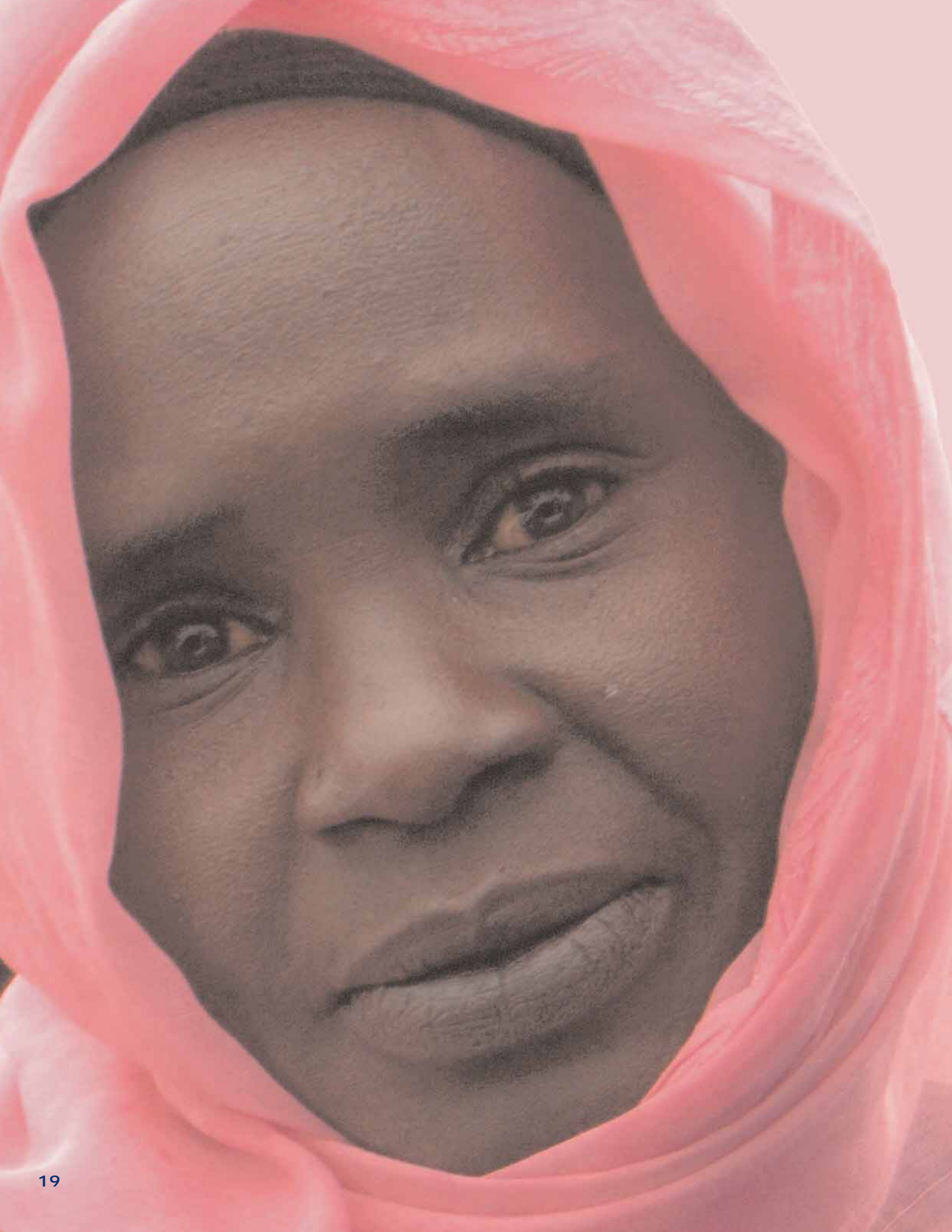


PAKISTAN - In the aftermath of the October 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, RI was there to rebuild permanent shelter using safe, weather-resistant, building materials following seismic guidelines.

By the Numbers:

- More than 2,500 quake survivors have been provided with shelter and building materials
- In Hilkot and Bhorgarmang, where 98% of families lost their homes, 200 homes have been constructed
- 2 schools were re-constructed in the Kaghan Valley that feature 8 classrooms, including a library/laboratory, that accommodates 300 students each





RELIEF INTERNATIONAL WORKS WITH LOCAL civil society organizations around the world building their capacity for positive social and economic transformation, peace building and conflict resolution, all while creating safe, inclusive environments for community development and government participation.

RI trains community leaders in nonviolent conflict resolution and promotes greater understanding across cultures, more representative governments, freer media and increased human rights for women, children and other vulnerable members of society.

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES –

Since the 2005 inception of the Gandhi Project, more than 70,000 Palestinians have been reached in an effort that uses cinema as a tool to raise questions about nonviolence and peace building. Through this program, communities across Palestine have worked together to develop sustainable social and economic solutions to challenges faced by the ongoing conflict.

In August 2006, 140 Palestinian farmers gathered in Ramallah to take part in the “Farmers for the Land Conference,” an extension of the Gandhi Project. Farmers discussed strategies for coping with their challenges, and for many, it was their first opportunity to address their concerns in a public forum. Farmers shared suggestions for managing limited resources, improving the competitiveness of produce, rehabilitation of the land and becoming more organized and self-reliant.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- 17 Youth Social Entrepreneurship Clubs have been created that provide youth with a platform for dialogue on community issues and encourages the promotion of local community empowerment
- A business center for female entrepreneurs has been developed to provide women access to training on small business development and entrepreneurship, vocational skills and networking





PROJECT GHANDI'S POSITIVE FORCE IN PALESTINE

Mona, a mother of three, was among the many women who participated in the Farmers for the Land Conference. She was forced to become a farmer, due to the ongoing conflict, as her only means of survival. Though her farming has been disrupted by a security wall, she continues to maintain her farm and uses farming as a peaceful solution to coping with the conflict. Mona shared her experiences at the "Farmers for the Land Conference" and has been an inspiring example of strength and dignity. "My way of peaceful resistance is to keep working on my land and selling the produce in the market. I will resist peacefully until the end," she said.

Aisha Ameen is an 18 year-old woman living in Marda, a small Palestinian village in the North of the West Bank, in the heart of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Through RI-SOL's Gandhi Project, Aisha connected the problems faced by her village with the themes presented in the film, and realized the importance of taking a proactive role and using her skills to benefit her community. Aisha, along with a group of girls, took what they learned from the Gandhi Project and established the Marda Youth Social Entrepreneurship Club. Despite the daily challenges that Aisha faces growing up in Palestine, she has initiated positive change through the promotion of nonviolence, peace building and community empowerment.

"Seeing Gandhi fasting to stop the internal fighting in India has opened my eyes to the social responsibilities we, young people, should carry. Through the Gandhi Project, I am not only now thinking of ways that could help me help my father and family, but also to help other families and the entire village. No other program I could think of has provided young people, like me, with the opportunity to express their feelings and realize their potentials that Gandhi Project has provided us with."

— Aisha



DARFUR – RI's protection activities are woven throughout every intervention, cross-cutting livelihoods, food security, emergency relief and health/nutrition. Women are the primary victims of sexual and gender based violence and because women and girls disproportionately suffer from poverty and violence, RI's protection activities are uniquely designed to empower them with tools and support that increase their opportunities, status, health and welfare.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

- RI established **17** community training centers that serve as dynamic sites where local leaders and residents come together and discuss relevant protection topics, such as sexual and gender-based violence, pre-natal and post-natal healthcare and malnutrition
- **13,968** women each month are cared for in the Safe Motherhood program which not only educates, but provides medical care for women, for healthier pregnancies, deliveries and mother-baby well-being

RELIEF INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Grants and contributions	\$13,514,682
Government contracts	3,586,423
Contributed food and relief commodities	2,160,148
Investment income (loss)	41,238
Other revenue	6,839
Net assets released from donor restrictions	-
Total support and revenue	19,309,330

EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Community Development, Shelter and Refugee Resettlement	9,612,278
Education: Schools, Libraries and ICT in ED	1,411,339
Women's Development	2,213,566
Emergency Response	534,201
Health, Household Food and Economic Security	331,497
Total program services	14,102,881
Supporting Services:	
General and Administrative	1,978,747
Fundraising	52,324
Total supporting services	2,031,071
Total expenses	16,133,952

Changes in net assets before other items 3,175,378

OTHER ITEMS

Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(82,016)
Reclassification of loan liability	-
Funds returned to donor	-

Changes in net assets 3,093,362

Net assets at beginning of year 9,610,726

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR 12,704,088

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,710,126
Investments	126,590
Loans receivable, net of allowance of \$138,035 in 2006	395,700
Loan to Relief International-UK	129,100
Pledges receivable	-
Grants receivable	10,675,605
Other receivables	9,445
Prepaid expenses and other assets	69,419

Total current assets 13,115,985

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and fixtures	2,084
Office equipment	20,132
Computer equipment	52,149
Vehicles	215,242

Less: Accumulated depreciation 289,607
(207,157)

Net property and equipment 82,450

OTHER ASSETS

Deposits	8,461
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TOTAL ASSETS 13,206,896

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	452,808
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Loans payable	50,000
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Total liabilities 502,808

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	493,579
Temporarily restricted	12,210,509

Total net assets 12,704,088

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS 13,206,896

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