



21 Years of Service

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2011 Annual Report



Executive Summary

Mission

Relief International is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation, development assistance, and program services to vulnerable communities worldwide. Relief International is solely dedicated to reducing human suffering and is non-political and non-sectarian in its mission. Relief International's mission is to:

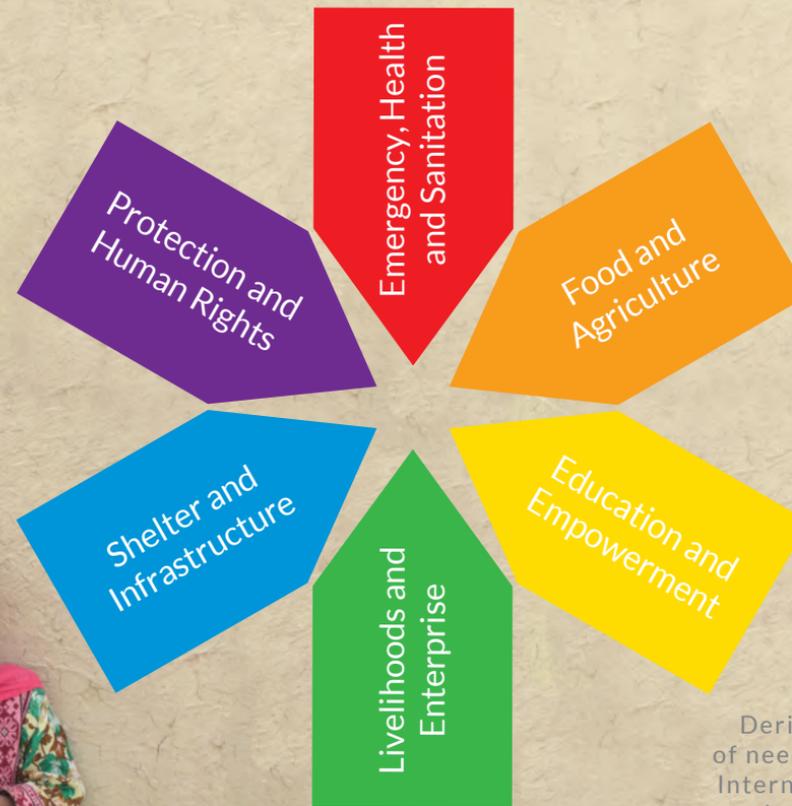
- *Serve* the needs of the most vulnerable and reduce human suffering globally without discrimination.
- *Empower* communities through capacity building and economic development.
- *Protect* lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma.

Our Approach

- *Bridge* emergency relief and development through appropriate, innovative, community based and sustainable approaches.
- *Promote* economic self reliance, peaceful coexistence by maximizing job creation, use of local human and natural resources, and enhancing civic responsibility and action.
- *Partner* with beneficiaries and donors alike to uphold the highest professional norms in serving those in need with dignity and respect.

- The Board and Staff of RI

Our Six Sectors



Derived from Maslow's hierarchy of needs and the Star of Life, Relief International's logo represents the organization's multi-sector approach to humanitarian aid.

Where We Work

Today, Relief International is at work in over 25 countries worldwide, providing assistance to some of the world's most remote and challenging communities.

While we have multiple projects in each of the countries that we serve, a few of these are highlighted in this annual report.

The teams at our US and UK headquarters offices work in conjunction with each international field office to support our programs in the following countries:



A young child is shown in a close-up, wearing a bright yellow protective garment. The child's face is partially visible, looking downwards with a somber expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Emergency, Health and Sanitation

Somalia: Famine Response

As the worst famine to hit the Horn of Africa in over 60 years, millions are at risk and in need of humanitarian assistance. Of those, up to 90 percent are women and children. In some regions, global acute malnutrition among children is at 50 percent. The rate at which children are dying is five times greater than what is defined as a nutritional emergency.

In this harsh landscape, Relief International, which has had a presence in Somalia since 2007, is one of the few and first organizations on the ground reaching families in need. “Now that Somalia’s need has reached critical levels, RI’s teams of relief workers are already in place, with the capacity to scale up efforts and respond to the demands of the first famine of this generation,” says Dr. Farshad Rastegar, Relief International’s Founder. “Since the beginning of this crisis, many aid agencies have been both denied entry to and expelled from Somalia. RI’s presence is now more pertinent than ever.”

RI’s programs provide critical early screenings for malnutrition, nutrition and care practice education for mothers, and access to safe water through the rehabilitation of water points and distribution systems. In addition, we train community health workers and offer healthcare access to women and children. RI’s work in Somalia is designed to be sustainable and range from emergency response to long-term development efforts.

Thank you to our generous donors whose support made this program possible.



“I do this work because I believe in the oneness of the world. The world is so interdependent that if you aren’t actively part of the solution, your inactivity is part of the problem. Humanitarian work is the epitome of empathy that goes beyond the smaller circles of ethnicity, religion, nationality... to a much larger and global one: humanity.”

*– Dania Gharaibeh
Relief International Staff Member*

Food and Agriculture

Myanmar: Sustainable Food Security

In May 2008, Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar and devastated the Ayeyarwady Delta region, a major rice and fish producing area in Myanmar. Cyclone Nargis affected the lives of 2.4 million people. With the loss of agricultural and fishing equipment, many villagers had to rely on casual labor as their primary source of income.

Relief International has retained a strong presence in Myanmar since the devastation of Cyclone Nargis with projects focused upon rebuilding agricultural livelihoods, access to food and strengthening healthcare. In 2011, RI's Sustainable Food Security program aims to revive agriculture, fishery, and livestock production, as well as diversify income generating activities. Providing health and nutrition services (to prevent food-related illnesses) is another component in our program. Our team is working with the Ministry of Health staff to improve the provision of core health services and organize educational outreach to increase knowledge and awareness of nutrition and sanitation practices in local communities.

Through this project, local communities benefit from increased access and availability of food and acquire sustainable livelihood opportunities.



“After Cyclone Nargis, I removed my children from school and started to borrow money to survive and pay medical expenses. Every day my debts became bigger. When I received rice seeds, fertilizer and training, I went back to rice cultivation and produced much more than before. This saved my family's life.”

– Tin Tun, RI Beneficiary and Farmer
Kan Chaung Su Village in Pyapon Township

Education and Empowerment

Afghanistan: Education and Empowerment

The people of Afghanistan have lived in a state of conflict and instability for three decades in which violence and intimidation were routinely used to deny them their rights. Girls and women were barred from attending school. In this setting, the education system floundered, with society-wide repercussions that continue to be felt today.

Since 2001, Relief International has been working in Afghanistan. As of 2011, we are supporting women with basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, as well as provide vital information on health, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation which will benefit the overall well being of families. With one of the lowest literacy rates in the world, particularly among women, many people in Afghanistan lack access to essential information. Literacy courses empower women to actively participate in the social sphere, providing opportunities for them to gather together, share experiences and build self-confidence and esteem.

In addition, we are supporting the establishment of community managed projects such as village savings boxes which provide loans to lift people out of poverty. We are also assisting communities to co-manage large scale development activities that bring much needed services such as water and electricity to their villages.

Through this project, communities are strengthened for the long-term. Villages are empowered to take ownership and further develop their country.

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“We are now empowered; we can raise our voice and ask for our rights. In the past I thought the Government was for giving orders, for ruling over us. Now I understand that they are there to serve us.”

– Female community member in Kang District



Livelihoods and Enterprise



Haiti: Promoting Women's Small Business Development

The 2010 Haiti earthquake had an undeniably devastating effect upon Haitian women in particular. As a result of the quake, many orphans and young, single mothers live in poverty continuing to struggle to sustain livelihoods for themselves and their families.

In order to help women reconstruct their lives after the earthquake, Relief International established a small business development program through which vulnerable women and girls could access aid, education and support. Participants received vocational training with classes in subjects such as cooking, baking, artisanship, clothes making, and cosmetology in addition to courses in business skills and financial literacy. The entire program was led and implemented by women, including the course instructors, to ensure it was adapted to the needs and interests of Haitian women. In addition, women received messages about sexual and domestic violence prevention, training in women's rights, referrals for reproductive healthcare, and services in pursuing justice.

Through this project, Haitian women were empowered and given the opportunity, skills, and resources to improve their incomes and livelihoods.

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Haitian participants in RI's Small Business Development program at graduation. Now, after completing their courses of study, these women are empowered with new vocational skills. They are ready to embark upon new careers so they can create a better future for themselves and their families.

Port-au-Prince

Shelter and Infrastructure

Pakistan: Rebuilding Homes for Flood Affected Families

The floods that began in July 2010 due to heavy monsoon rains devastated homes, infrastructure and whole livelihoods. Nearly 20 million people have been affected by the severe flooding. In response to this emergency, Relief International provided clean water, food, shelter, hygiene kits, emergency medical supplies and health services to families in the Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK), Baluchistan and Punjab provinces.

In 2011, we continue to have a strong presence in Pakistan. Our team has rebuilt families' homes and villages devastated by the floods with a large focus on local community participation. By engaging closely with the members of the communities, families are empowered to take ownership of the proper care and maintenance of their homes and infrastructures. Projects also provide immediate sources of income through construction training for local members of the community. These laborers acquire skills and become capable of constructing houses which are appropriate, economical and durable.

To date, families in the Charsadda, Nowshera and Di Khan districts in KPK have received homes complete with kitchens, toilets and septic tanks. More importantly, these families have a safe and secure living space and a sense of dignity.

Supported by  **UNHCR**
The UN Refugee Agency



Millions of homes were damaged or destroyed due to the 2010 floods. RI works with local communities to rebuild homes for the flood-affected families.

- RI staff and members of the community in discussion during an assesment of flood-affected regions
Baluchistan Province

Protection and Human Rights

Bangladesh: Combating Violence Against Women

Millions of women and children in Bangladesh are often subjected to various forms of violence which can deter them from contributing towards the development of the country. This problem is deeply rooted in societal norms influenced by a patriarchal culture. Many women feel they have no outlet to voice their concerns and rights. Local leaders and officials, who influence the enforcement of laws and policies, also lack an understanding and sensitivity towards these issues.

To combat these challenges at the grassroots level, Relief International has partnered with communities in the southwestern districts of Jessore and Satkhira, Bangladesh. We are organizing local women's action groups; training local officials and religious leaders on gender issues and the importance of upholding women's rights; equipping local journalists with skills to report on violence and connecting them with the main stream media; and training teachers and youth on gender issues.

The specific objective of this program is to strengthen the capacity of the communities, local leaderships, civil society, media professionals, educators and youth as active advocates to raise awareness about and to eliminate violence against women.



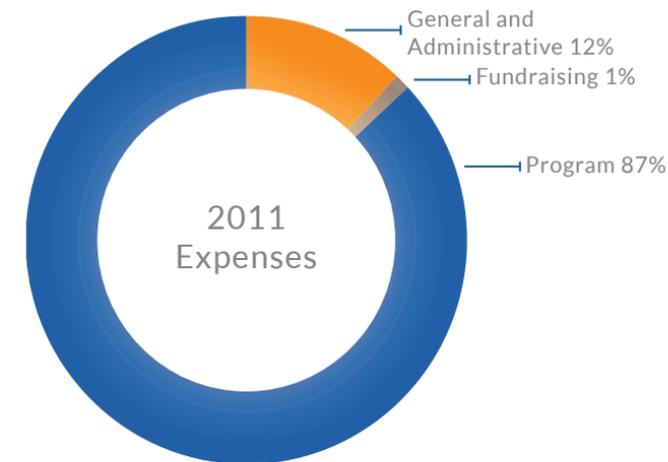
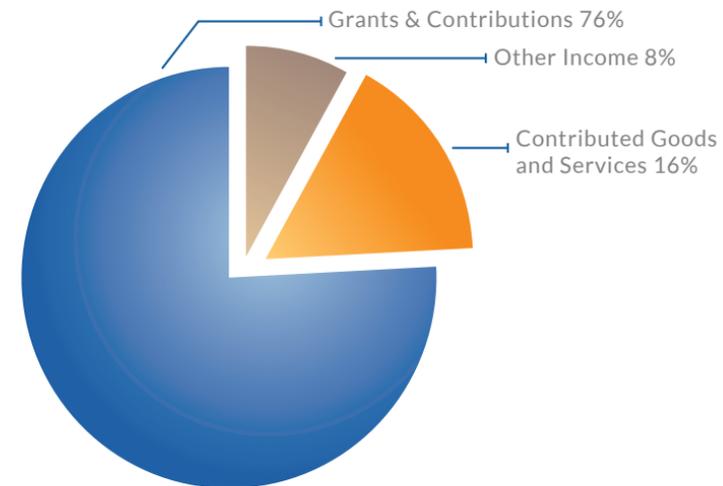
“RI understands that the media can serve as an effective tool to promote any important message or cause in the rural communities of Bangladesh, and thus organizes capacity building trainings for journalists in Jessore and Satkhira to inform them about the importance of upholding women's rights through use of media.”

– RI District Program Coordinator

Financial Statements (USA)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010		
	2011 TOTAL (\$)	2010 TOTAL (\$)
CURRENT YEAR OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
REVENUES		
Grants and contributions	25,775,214	25,878,853
Contributed goods and services	2,545,943	10,235,181
Other Income	5,474,015	2,597,756
Total support and revenue	33,795,172	38,711,790
EXPENSES		
Program	28,782,269	26,620,029
Fundraising	161,830	98,999
General and administrative	4,089,252	3,765,763
Total expenses	33,033,351	30,484,791
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	622,887	8,230,257
Net assets beginning of the year	39,551,451	31,321,194
Net assets end of the year	40,174,338	39,551,451

2011 Revenue

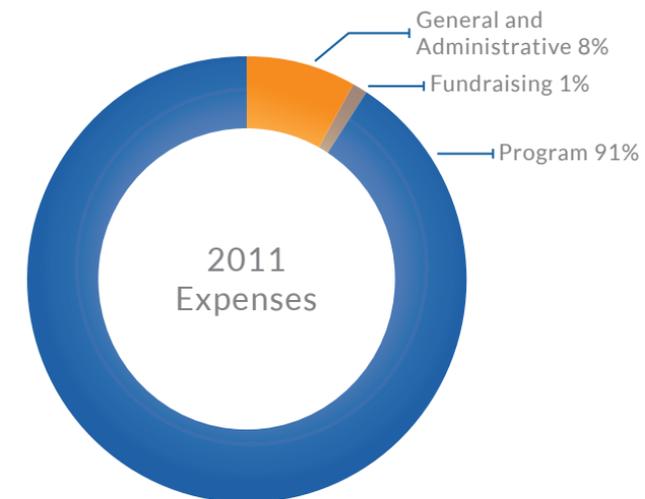
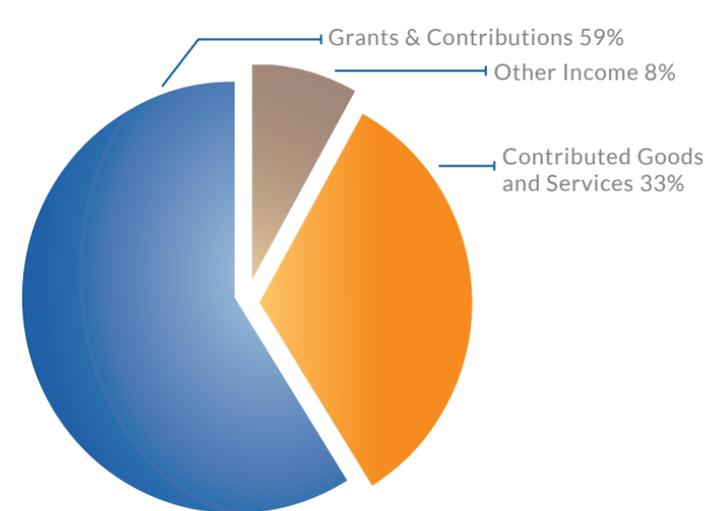


87 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY HELPS THOSE IN NEED

Financial Statements (UK)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS		
Voluntary Income		
Donations	1,220	
Donated commodities	5,259,463	70,880
Investment Income	209	418
Incoming resources from charitable activities	10,452,614	7,351,501
Total incoming resources	15,713,506	7,422,799
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds	525	1,112
Charitable activities	15,819,249	7,405,796
Governance	22,200	21,700
Total expenses	15,841,974	7,428,608
Net (outgoing resources) for the year	(128,468)	(5,809)
Net (expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds	(128,468)	(5,809)
Fund balances at the beginning of the year	204,056	209,865
Fund balances at the end of the year	75,588	204,056

2011 Revenue



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Japan



Pakistan



Myanmar



South Sudan

Relief International's work would not be possible without the invaluable support of our donors.

We **thank you** on behalf of the millions of people whose lives are more productive and secure because of your generosity.

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