



ANNUAL REPORT

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HRIF
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FOREWORD

ESTHER VEENSTRA

FORE WORD

Last year was my first as CEO of HRIF. I have done this with great pleasure and I'm looking back on a fantastic year with new highlights and experiences. Last year I was able to visit projects in Moldova and Ukraine. This was the first time that I've seen such horrible conditions. How the people have to live there is almost inhuman and unthinkable. I can admit that I left there as a different person and even more motivated to find goods and donors to help those people who need us the most.

We are all looking forward to 2020. What will this year bring us? Which challenges will we face? Are we operating in new countries? Will there be more volunteers? I'm curious to know..

We want to do so much more the coming year. We will continue to send trucks with humanitarian aid to East-Europe and the Middle-East. The situation there is still very worrying.

I would love to thank everyone who helped us the past year!! The volunteers who sort out the clothing, repack it and make it ready for shipment, The donors who helps us financially, the donors who helps us with humanitarian goods and ofcourse all the people who spread the word of HRIF activities! Thanks to you we can continue to do this work.

- Esther Veenstra

ABOUT US

HRIF

In 1997 HRIF was founded to help those in need. The focus of HRIF is on helping the most vulnerable people and groups in emergency situations all over the world. HRIF helps by sending aid, including clothing and food. We collect and sort goods in our warehouse in Weesp, the Netherlands. Once the goods are combined, we arrange transport to our local partners on the ground, who then distribute the aid.

We collect donated goods and aid from companies and organisations. Together with our local partners on the ground we assess the needs of the communities we support and distribute the required goods efficiently. Our local partners always have good knowledge of where help is most needed and have the right expertise for the distributions so that they are fair and safe. HRIF is always sensitive to local customs and authorities regarding import rules and importation regulations. This method of working allows us to offer targeted and rapid large-scale help.

The people who receive our help are vulnerable people and groups including children, women and the elderly in countries such as Ukraine, Romania,

Israel, Iraq, Kurdistan and Moldova. HRIF focuses on sending clothes, shoes, blankets, food, medical equipment, medicines and (hospital) beds.

When we receive a large donation of toys we will send it to warzones and refugee camps. At first glance, it may seem that toys aren't a necessity of life but for children it is important to be able to play. However being able to play is of vital importance for children. By playing, children begin to process the things they experienced, they learn to socialise and to communicate. Every child has the right to play. That is why we believe it so important to send toys to children who don't have any.

The impact of sending and distributing aid in emergency situations and ongoing projects is incredible. Time and again people say that this is a sign of hope in an otherwise hopeless situation.

Both our office and warehouse are located in Weesp just outside of Amsterdam. We work here with a small team of employees and volunteers.

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ABOUT US

BOARD



Max Veenstra

Chairman



David Lazowski

Secretary/Treasurer



Johan Schreuders

Board member

MISSION & VISION

HRIF

MISSION

HRIF collects goods to deliver and distribute this to people in need all around the world. For example, we deliver aid to refugees in Iraq, the internally displaced people in Ukraine, The Romani in Romania and the elderly people in Moldova.

VISION

Our vision is to help people worldwide. Especially the most vulnerable groups who live in warzones, refugee camps and aread struck by natural disaster.



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DARYA, KISHINEV

Darya (picture left) is born in Beltsy, Moldova. She lives here together with her mother Olga. Darya's dad worked abroad and because he earned enough he could buy a house in Lopovanka village three years ago.

Unfortunately Darya's parents are divorced and her dad permanently moved to Romania. He doesn't help Darya and her mother financially. The house where they live in is very old and not long ago they had to walk a long way to get water from the well. In the winter it's even more difficult when they can only get dirty water.

Olga, Darya's mother has a primary school degree and didn't finish high school. She is a specialised hairdresser but can't get a job in town.

There's no school in town, therefore Darya has to go to Beltsy. She just finished her first year of school. She is social, curious and sweet girl. She loves to sing, listen to music and fairytales.

They have some health conditions: Olga suffers from intracranial tension and Darya from chronic sinusitis.

The family is in constant financial difficulties. They do not have stable income. They mainly get it from selling fruits that grow in their garden.

HRIF helps Darya and her mother by financial donations and donation in goods (clothing, health products, cleaning products and charcoal)

VISIT TO MOLDOVA

Last year Max and Esther went to Moldova to observe the situation there. We desire to visit our projects regularly to see if everything is received well and to see if there are any problems with transport or distribution, but most important to see if the goods that we send are there biggest need.

The visit to Moldova was very special, but also very sad. Many people underestimate or don't even know the situation in Moldova. People live there under bad conditions. If you are so lucky to get a full time job you will earn around €350 euros, when you have a government benefit you will receive €100 and the pension is €90 a month. The winters in Moldova are extremely cold, when you want to have it comfortable warm you can expect a gas/electric bill of €85 euros. As you can see the proportions don't add up. Because of this many people without jobs and elderly people don't use heat and freeze. Therefor more than half of the population works abroad mostly mothers with kids are left behind alone.

During our visit we promised to send at least one truck a month to our projects in Kishinev and Balti.



STATISTICS

2019



724.292 KILO

weight of incoming goods



84 FREIGHTS

sent abroad



2936 PALLETS

pallets received



€ 74.710

value per freight



€ 6.275.644

value of incoming goods



2.076 HOURS

volunteer hours







STATISTICS

2019

84 FREIGHTS

Iraq	         24x
Romania	       17x
Middle-East	     13x
Moldova	    10x
Bulgaria	   9x
Ukraine	   8x
Greece	 1x
Bahamas	 1x
Poland	 1x



WHAT DO WE DO IN ROMANIA?

1 We support **elderly** (60+) who live in Cluj or Salaj. They are living in very poor conditions and don't receive any support from familie or other caregivers. These elderly have a income that's not enough to cover their basic needs. (some of them don't even have an income). HRIF helps them with the 'adopt a granny project', goods and financial aid.

2 We assist **inmates** from partner penitentiaries who are willing to reinstate, to contact their families (in case they have one) and to reintegrate into society after being released. HRIF helps them with financial aid and needed goods such as food and medical items.

3 There are different programmes for **children** in Gherla. They organise summer camps, christmas activities and creative activities. HRIF send toys (with christmas wrapped), backpacks and other goods that are needed to help with supporting the children in Gherla.

4 We support **families** in difficult situations most of them live in Gherla and nearby villages. Many families live in fragile conditions and do not have the funds to cover their basic needs. HRIF has helped them with furniture, food, clothing and vitamins.

THE IMPACT WE MAKE

"You don't even imagine how much good you do to me every month. All my life I used to help others and I never thought I would ever be in the situation to need help. But, honestly if it wasn't for the help you gave me I would have died of hunger and loneliness."

"Oh, thank you for bringing us the goods I needed because we had nothing to eat this month. You do such a good thing to me, a poor old woman alone. Thank you with all my heart for the new windows and doors. I don't know what I have done with all the cold coming into my house. "

OBJECTIVES FOR 2020

HRIF

1

We want to increase the value of goods in the trucks with 10%

2

We want to focus more on CSR activities. Up till now we receive volunteers from big companies on a regular basis to do voluntary work. Next year we want to double this.

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This year we hope to find at least 10 new donors of medicines, clothing and/or food.

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We hope to make more impact in 2020. We want to make sure the biggest needs from our projects will be filled.

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1

We have a new board member! Thank you Johan and welcome to our team.

2

We had amazing voluntary activities last year with different companies, organisations and churches

3

Last year the quality of goods we received was super high and super useful. We are so thankful for these amazing donations.

4

In April 2019 we moved our office adress to our warehouse adress which makes it so much easier to do our work.

5

And of course we are super happy with all the support our donors (financially and goods) gave us last year and everyone who has spoken of us and shared the love!

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