

ANNUAL REPORT 2020





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FOREWORD

MAX VEENSTRA

FOREWORD

Due to Covid-19, the year 2020 will not be forgotten for a long time. The HRIF team was looking forward to a year in which we wanted reach our objectives and bring hope to many people in distress.

Despite to lockdowns, mouthmasks, distance rules we have been able to continue our daily activities in the warehouse. Our staff was handling many goods with the help of very limited number of volunteers.

HRIF was used to have an average of 50 volunteers per week, thanks to many companies who used HRIF in their CSR programs. Hopefully the CSR support from companies will be picked up when Covid-19 is over.

Even though it was not possible to load trucks for several months, HRIF send

almost same number of loads to our project partners.

At the 7th May 2020 our succesful project Clothing4u became an independent NGO. Nowadays the these 2 organisations work closely together each with their own mission. HRIF CEO Esther left her position and became CEO and visionair of Clothing4U.

HRIF was able to continue with their activities, thanks all our friends for their involvement in gift in kind donations, volunteer hours, encouragement, prayers and financial support.

Herewith we promise that in 2021 many people can rely HRIF relief and hope.

- Max 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.





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.





LIFE CENTER IS DEEPLY HURT, HOWEVER, STILL GIVING LIFE AWAY!

August 4 Explosion and Disaster response.

The power of the August 4th explosion at the Beirut port was massive. This catastrophic event will go down in history as one of the largest non-nuclear explosions on record. And certainly, the largest in a densely populated area. The 2700 tons of ammonium nitrate is calculated to be the equivalent of 1,000 to 1,500 tons of TNT. It is hard to even describe an equivalent event because there is no event in our lifetime to compare this to.

In addition to thousands of casualties between injuries, death, and those still missing, at least 300 thousand around us are left without a home. The “Life Center,” our Church and mutual Faith NGO base, was affected heavily by the blast. People of our community are left without help in every aspect of their lives, especially those who lost their apartments, business, their source of income, and those who come to our church already seeking food relief, hot meal, baby milk, rent support, and all kind of support such as medical care (medicine or seeing a medical professional etc.) A very bad situation has all the sudden become worse than our wildest nightmares.

The economic crisis in Lebanon was tough but now after the catastrophe, I can't find no words to describe the need at all levels you can imagine. The economic crisis was all over the news since the October 17, 2019 revolution. Lebanon went from being second to Venezuela to now being in the worst economic situation in the entire world.

Over 45% of people were below the poverty line before this event with the same number struggling with food insecurity. Economists said, pre-explosion, that Lebanon has entered the starvation era. Now, Lebanon lost 85% of their stored grain along with the silos. The port where 60% of all goods flow through has been blown away. Now more than ever our church members, visitors and neighborhood cannot survive without our daily support. They come to the Life Center as a last chance for survival.

PROJECT

BEIRUT, LEBANON

HRIF RESPONDS

HRIF supports by funding:

- 1- Food parcels
- 2- Hot meals
- 3- Sandwiches
- 4- House Rental Support
- 5- Oxygen tanks (due COVID-19)

You can still help by donating for our Lebanon project. (see last page for bank details).



STATISTICS

2020



584.639 KILO

weight of incoming goods



82 FREIGHTS

sent abroad



2579 PALLETS

pallets received



€ 65.810

value per freight



€ 5.396.493

value of incoming goods





STATISTICS

2020

82 FREIGHTS

Romania        33x

Middle-East       20x

Bulgaria     10x

Moldova    8x

Greece    5x

Ukraine    4x

Mongolia  1x

Poland  1x



PROJECT

The Netherlands

PROJECT

NETHERLANDS

WHAT DO WE DO IN THE NETHERLANDS?

We support **2 projects** in the Netherlands.

1 Stichting Clothing4u is an organisation that provides clothing parcels with new clothing to people in the Netherlands who live below the poverty line. Clothing4u started as a project of HRIF, but is now a separate foundation. Even though it's not a part of HRIF anymore we still work very closely together and support Clothing4u monthly.

The main focus of clothing4u is to raise clothing that is over produced, have little defects, excess stock and out of fashion. Clothing4u clothing parcels contains; a jacket, shoes, sweaters, shirts, socks, underwear, pants and many more.

Last year Clothing4u made 3109 parcels.

2 Over the last years HRIF hardly did not receive food donations but this changed in 2020

Food4u is a new initiative of HRIF and has focus to support food distribution projects, like foodbanks, churches, soup-kitchens in the Netherlands.

During the year 2020, HRIF received over 700 pallets with food products which were sent to abroad and local.

Due to growing number of food donations, we have rented an additional warehouse for local distribution.

Handling of food with short expiry need a different logistic approach, especially fresh food which have to be kept cool or deepfreeze storage.

For this we use facilities close to our warehouses.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2021

HRIF

1

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

2

We want to focus more on our project in the Netherlands and provide more food to needy people in the area.

3

The coming year we want to focus more on emergency relief.

4

We hope to make more impact in 2021. We want to make sure the biggest needs from our projects will be filled.



OBJECTIVES



HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020

1

Clothing4u initiative matured and separated from HRIF into independent charity

2

Pallets of foods received grow from only a few to approx. 700 pallets

3

We received amazing goods from our donors!

4

In spite Covid19 had large effect on number of volunteers, HRIF was able to send many loads to the projects

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