



2012 Annual Report CHAD RELIEF FOUNDATION

Missions to Chad

CRF personnel visited Chad in March & April 2012, our eighth mission. Catherine Swysen and Bill Felstiner went to N'Djamena, Haraze and Goré where they consulted with officials of the Chadian government, UNHCR, CSSI (Centre de Support en Santé), MSF (Switzerland), World Vision, ACRA, the Girl Guides and refugees in four camps. Detailed information about the trip and these meetings is available at <http://www.chadrelief.org/pdfs/briefingpaper8.pdf>

Projects Funded in 2012



Four projects were funded in 2012. Responding to what we were told was the UNHCR's highest priority, \$45,000 was allocated to ACRA, an Italian NGO, to improve the quality of teaching and the conditions of learning in the Moyo refugee camp and the surrounding villages. The project had four parts: a public relations campaign to persuade refugee parents to send their children (particularly girls) to school and to keep them there, the purchase and distribution of school materials and texts for the 2,030 children enrolled in these schools in 2012-13, a teacher training effort designed to replace formal learning by rote methods with interactive teaching techniques that support more creative and analytic thinking and, finally, a forum to discuss systemic weaknesses in primary education in the area.

Vitamin Angels of Santa Barbara provided CRF with (a) 11,880 doses of multivitamins (including iron & folic acid) for pregnant and lactating women that were sent to Chad in August 2012 and (b) with 34,000 doses of Vitamin A for children 5 and under living in the five UNHCR camps outside of Goré and Maro. Twelve thousand additional doses of iron and folic acid were purchased by CRF and shipped to Goré via N'Djamena in November 2012.



Every year since CRF began operations in 2007 disabled refugees arrive in the camps from the CAR. CRF tries to outfit these refugees with wheelchair/tricycles and to maintain and repair those provided in previous years. In 2012 fifteen new wheelchair/tricycles were purchased and fifty-one were repaired. In addition, an inventory of spare parts for maintenance was situated in five UNHCR camps.

Finally, doors, windows, desks and latrines in the Beureuh school (equidistant to Amboko and Gondje camps) which CRF had built in conjunction with UNICEF were repaired and an agreement forged with the Parents Association to maintain the school facilities.

Other Highlights



Santa Barbara is the home base for several important non-profit organizations in the health field that operate worldwide. In particular, Vitamin Angels and Direct Relief International are more than willing to provide vitamins, multi-nutrients, medicines and medical equipment to refugees and others in Chad, but they do not have the requisite local contacts or distribution networks. CRF has both. The result is an efficient partnership – Vitamin Angels and DRI provide the materials and pay the international airfreight charges – CRF through its Chadian partner CSSI estimates needs, arranges clearance through customs, and provides local transportation and distribution. CRF has also formed a partnership with Unite To Light, a Santa Barbara based non-profit that manufactures and distributes small, efficient solar lamps. In November 2012 the population of Belom camp outside of Maro suddenly increased from 6,000 to 19,000 when Yarougou, a neighboring camp was flooded. UNHCR asked for solar lights for disabled and aged refugees who were besieged by snakes and insects at night. Within days Unite to Light had shipped 300 lamps to N'Djamena from its factory in China. CRF paid the transportation costs and 25 days after the initial call was made the lamps were in use in the camp.

Income & Expense Statements for the Years 2011 and 2012

Income	2011	2012
Donations		
Undesignated	\$90,655	\$65,555
Designated	0	27,400*
Total income	90,655	92,471
Expenses		
Bank fees	1,600	2,260
Field staff	11,000	2,600**
Filing fees	45	75
Total expenses	12,645	4,935
Project costs		
Solar power	67,260	
Haraze recreation	6,850	
Tricycles	6,885	11,800
Football equipment	2,265	
Haraze education		45,000
Medicines		11,624***
Vitamin A distribution		2,600
Beureuh school repairs		1,804
Total projects	83,260	60,668
Addition to cash reserves	(5,249)	26,868

* Education of girls, \$3,700; Haraze schools, \$22,350; solar power, \$1,350.

** CSSI did not assess CRF for Ali's salary until 2013. The \$2,600 are his travel expenses.

***Fedex charges (\$4,169) to transport medicines to Chad were considered a project cost rather than an expense.