



Community Health Workers
celebrating their time at SWAN's
training centre in Burma

Annual Impact Report 2019



Humanitarian
Aid Relief Trust

Our Vision

Local partners enabled to realise their vision of health, education, peace, justice and freedom for their communities.

Our Mission

HART is a charitable organisation committed to serving people in need, especially those who are or who have been suffering from oppression and persecution. Our twofold remit combines aid and advocacy; providing resources for humanitarian aid and serving as advocates for those with whom we work, who often are neglected by international media and unable to communicate with the wider world.

Our Approach

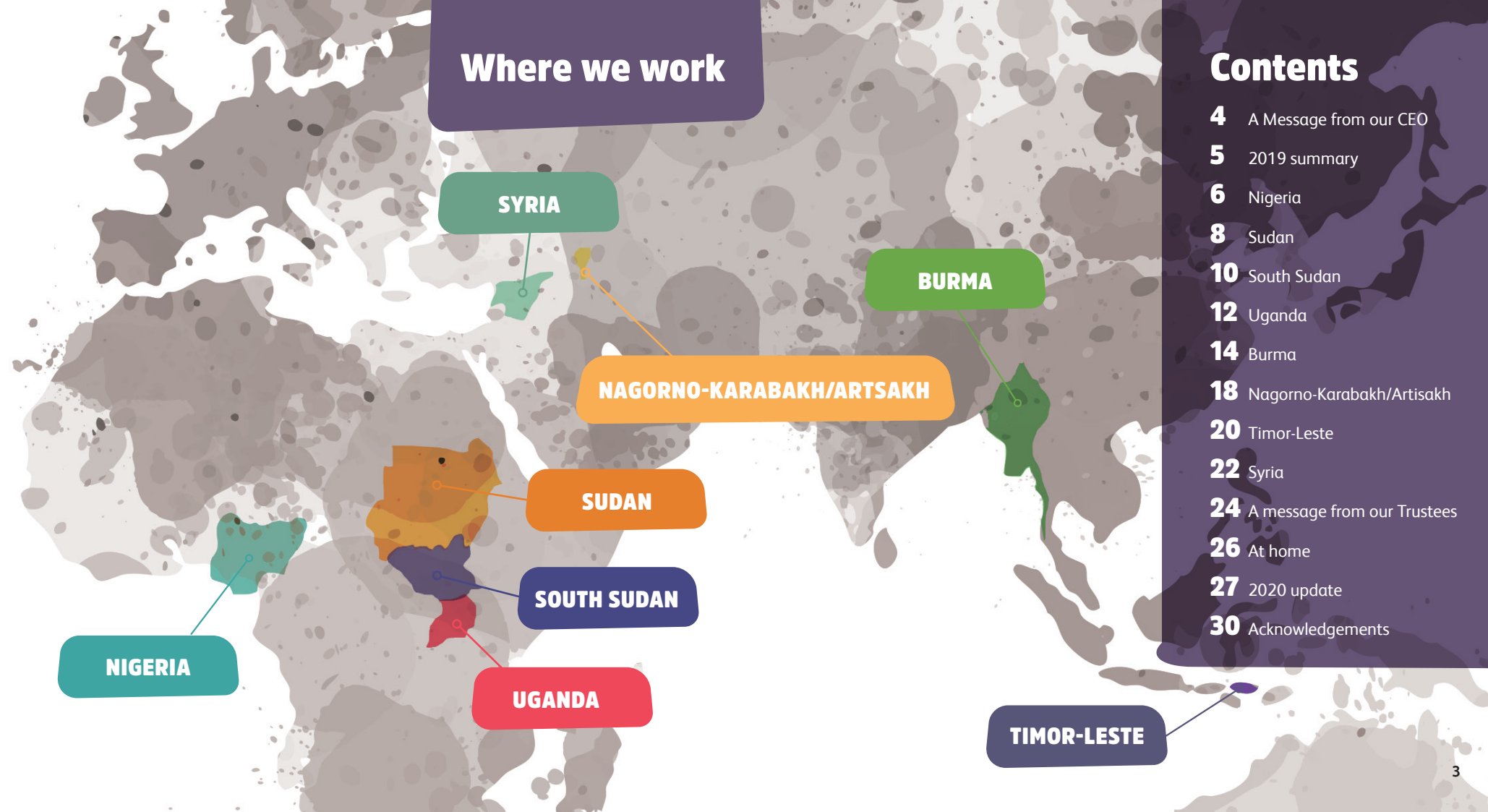
HART works with communities to establish aid programmes in active conflict zones, post-conflict areas still devastated by war and areas where people are marginalised, oppressed and exploited. We maintain a distinctive objective to partner with people who are often trapped behind closed borders. HART relies on first-hand evidence of human rights violations. HART therefore visits such areas, both to monitor projects and the use of donors' funds, and to gather evidence.

Abbreviations

IDP Internally Displaced Person
CHW Community Health Worker
TBA Traditional Birth Attendant

AEW Agricultural Extension Worker
UN United Nations
NGO Non-governmental Organisation

Where we work



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A Message from our CEO

2019 has seen many examples of inspirational achievements by our HART partners.

First, a very exciting programme bringing together Vardan Tadevosyan from the historically Armenian land of Artsakh, 'Dr. Sasa' from the remote hill tribes of Burma's Chin State and the Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN) in Burma's Shan State. The issue bringing our HART partners together is the deeply disturbing lack of care for people with disabilities in Burma, leaving them in dire situations. HART established the 'CHARM' Project (Community, Hope and Rehabilitation for Myanmar), enabling Vardan to give disability rehabilitation training to health workers from remote villages in Shan and Chin States. A preliminary teaching programme was provided by Vardan in March 2019 in Shan State. Using Dr. Sasa's training model, the CHARM Project will enable Vardan to visit and train health workers in

their remote locations, who will then go on to teach others. The programme could be the beginning of a transformation of the lives of many people living with disabilities in Burma.

Secondly, we were thrilled to support long-time partner Archbishop Moses Deng Bol with emergency funding generously provided by **Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission (OADC)** to assist with essential measures to stop the dire effects of flooding. We were also privileged to secure another emergency grant from **Guernsey OADC** which allowed us to send funds for emergency relief for the victims of Islamist Fulani terrorist attacks in Nigeria's Central Belt where thousands of Christians have been slaughtered and many more have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.



Caroline (Baroness) Cox, HART Founder and CEO

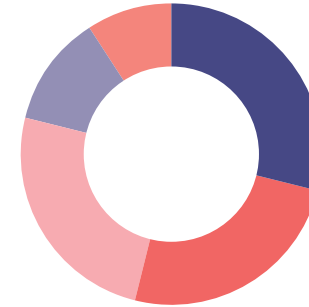
Also, we continue to fulfil HART's mandate of advocacy through our annual visits to valiant partners. As Archbishop Ben Kwashi of the Diocese of Jos in Nigeria said:

"We have become partners with HART in practical ways because you not only come to see the evidence of our troubles, pray with us, cry with us and encourage us but you also stand and speak the truth about our sufferings. You have become our voice and witness to the truth of our lives."

We thank everyone who supports HART and makes these transformational programmes possible.

In 2019, thanks to your support

HART distributed £323,684 to 12 in-country partners



29% Tackling Malnutrition

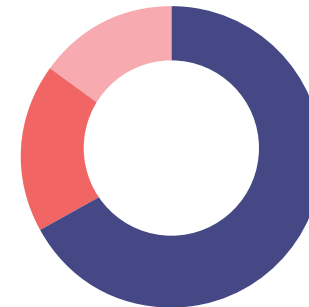
25% Emergency Relief

25% Education, Peace and Reconciliation

12% Disability Rehabilitation

9% Healthcare

For every £1 given



67p sent as aid directly to our partners

18p was used for HART's core costs and advocacy purposes to highlight the plight faced by our partners

15p was spent on ensuring good governance and fundraising initiatives

"Words cannot fully express our gratitude to you and your team for your love and hard work on our behalf and to Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission for their generosity. You have always given us the ability to respond to the needs of our people on time, for which we are mostly grateful."

***Archbishop of Wau,
Moses Deng Bol***

Nigeria

Overview

Locked into a destructive cycle of terrorism, poverty, violence and instability, the humanitarian situation in northern Nigeria continued to deteriorate throughout 2019. With groups such as Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and ISIS all operating in the northern and central states, citizens are often religiously and/or ideologically targeted and face horrific abuses such as slaughter, torture, sexual violence and the destruction of homes, livelihoods and Churches. Land disputes are commonplace as a result of shrinking

land availability, climate change, powerful economic interests and religious and ideological factors.

In 2019 alone, more than 1,000 Christians are estimated to have been killed by Islamist Fulani herdsmen, adding to the 6,000+ deaths since 2015. This has left more than 2 million Nigerians internally displaced and over half a million displaced within neighbouring Cameroon, Chad and Niger.

Baroness Cox and Rev. David Thomas drop in on a lesson at Gloria Kwashi's school and clinic for orphans in Jos. Gloria wakes up at 4:30am every day to provide lunch for all 400 children, most of whom will only eat one meal a day.



PARTNER

MAI ADIKO PEACE & RECONCILIATION PROJECT

In 2019, **The Jerusalem Trust** donated £3,000 towards female and youth religious reconciliation projects between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria. By focusing on youth involvement, the project is reducing the likelihood of radicalisation by extremist groups and in turn, reducing community tensions. HART partner, Canon Hassan John reports that Christians and Muslims are socialising in each other's communities more frequently, sharing food and launching collaborative business initiatives. HART funds were used to help project beneficiaries to pay for tuition in tailoring, knitting and building. Several women who had lost their husbands to the conflict received support to establish their own businesses such as selling cold drinks or handmade clothes.

During our visit in November 2019, HART donated £1,300 to cover the costs of a conference for pastors and community leaders from Boko Haram ravaged areas, who were meeting to share ideas on how to protect their people and rebuild their communities.

“The youths – who have been easy targets and vulnerable to radicalisation by both Boko Haram and Islamic Fulani militia – are now happily engaged in creative skill development training. They form sports teams made up with both Christians and Muslims which has brought a sense of unity, friendship and co-dependence.”

Reverend Canon Hassan John, coordinator of the Mai Adiko Peace & Reconciliation Project



Baroness Cox, Rev. David Thomas and HART partners, Bishop Jacob Kwashi and Rev. Canon Hassan John meet a family in the ruins of their home that was destroyed in a raid by Islamist Fulani militants in Zangam village.

PARTNER

BARI SCHOOL AND CLINIC (KANO STATE) AND NINGI SCHOOL (BAUCHI STATE)

In Bari and Ningi, two schools supported by HART continued to function throughout 2019 despite the ongoing violence. Bari School was able to educate 150 girls and 100 boys with 15 teachers. Ningi School, founded and funded by the Church, maintained 400+ pupils of equal proportion from Muslim and Christian villages.

In 2019, HART secured donations from the **Guernsey OADC** and **The Jerusalem Trust** to fund fence and classroom construction at Bari and Ningi Schools, as well as to assist with the salaries of teachers and nurses. These crucial funds enabled teachers to make their schools safer, in light of the ongoing threat against Western education posed by Boko Haram and Islamist Fulani Herdsmen. As a result, parents are encouraged to continue sending their children to school.

Impact

(Mai Adiko Peace & Reconciliation Project)



25
women and young men
received skill training



8
people received educational or
income-generating support

Sudan



HART helped undergraduate student, Kamalail Koldi Arne, to graduate from University with First Class honours

PARTNER

NEW SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NSCC)

In 2019, HART donated £3,675 to enable two undergraduate university students from the historically oppressed “Two Areas” of Sudan to complete their final year of studies. Firstly, Andrus Solomon Yona from the Blue Nile region completed his Education Degree in Uganda. Upon graduation, Andrus returned home to Blue Nile to work as a Project Officer for the New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC).

Secondly, Kamalail Koldi Arne, also studying in Uganda, graduated with a First-Class Business Administration degree and has since returned home to the Nuba Mountains to assist his community. Kamalail is currently teaching in a secondary school whilst also helping a community-based organisation to establish a proper accounting system.

Overview

On April 11th 2019, following five months of protests calling for the fall of Sudan’s 30-year ruler and his regime, President Omar al-Bashir was successfully removed from power. Initially a Transitional Military Council (TMC) was put in his place, causing concerns that the brutal regime still held power, until military and civilian leaders signed a power-sharing deal in August 2019 which secured a 39-month transition to democracy. However, despite the TMC releasing political

prisoners across the country and arresting several high-ranking officials within al-Bashir’s former ruling party, many fear that elite politicians remain in power behind the scenes. Yet, since the fall of the regime, aid workers have gained access to the Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile to provide urgently needed relief. For the first time in decades, the World Food Programme delivered aid to the Blue Nile region in December 2019, but a lack of food, education and medical care remains severe.



Baroness Cox shaking hands with Commissioner David Isiah of the Nuba Mountains, next to Governor Anur Shallah and HART partner, Benjamin Barnaba (NSCC)

“Our people have suffered so long. Hunger, sickness, war. Since 1994 there has been no vaccination for children. The Nuba people are in need of humanitarian assistance but the Government is prohibiting all efforts.”

Commissioner David Isiah of the Nuba Mountains, February 2019

South Sudan

Overview

In 2019, after 6 years of civil war, over 7 million people in the world's youngest country were in need of humanitarian assistance. Already battling with an extended dry season, acute food shortages and displacement, the citizens of South Sudan were hit with devastating floods throughout the summer. Wreaking havoc across the central and northern states, vast areas of farmland were submerged underwater, causing subsistence farming communities to lose their livelihoods. In the political arena, whilst the formation of a transitional government of national unity was twice delayed in 2019, fighting between the two main warring parties saw a sharp decline following the signing of a peace agreement in September 2018.

PARTNER

DIOCESE OF WAU

In January 2019, HART secured £39,000 from the **Guernsey OADC** to construct three new classrooms and repair the roofs of three existing classrooms at Nyieth School in Gogrial State. Due to renewed violence and under-funding for education, the lack of infrastructure at Nyieth School had resulted in many lessons being taught outside underneath trees, only possible during the dry seasons. The newly renovated classrooms will enhance the education of 670 students and provide some secondary education to adults who lost this opportunity during the war.

Following the devastating floods that swept the region in Summer 2019, HART secured a further £35,000 from **Guernsey OADC** to provide food, blankets, soap, mosquito nets and plastic sheets to some of the worst-affected communities in Gogrial State. This support was crucial as thousands of subsistence farming families lost their livelihoods when the heavy rains submerged their crops.

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5.3
tonnes (t)



of food aid (grain, flour, beans) delivered

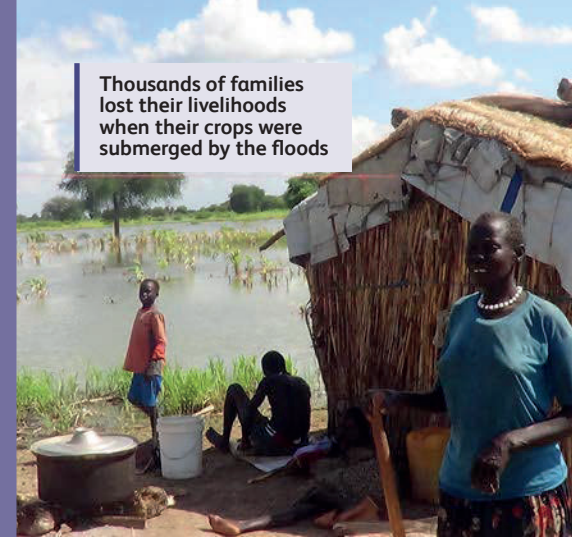
Non-Food Items (soap, blankets, plastic sheets, mosquito nets) delivered

2,460



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Archbishop of Wau, Moses Deng Bol



Thousands of families lost their livelihoods when their crops were submerged by the floods

PARTNER

CHRISTIAN ACTION RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (CARD)

In November 2019, HART donated £2,775 towards the provision of Female Dignity Kits for displaced women living in Hai Masna camp in Wau. By collaborating with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and UNICEF, CARD was able to provide 1,200 women with a kit containing menstrual hygiene products, underwear, soap and a jerrycan for storing water.



New classrooms under construction at Nyieth School, Gogrial State

PARTNER

DIOCESE OF ABYEI

In September 2019, HART launched a new partnership with the Diocese of Abyei, reigniting a relationship that Baroness Cox formed with the people of Abyei during the 2008-2011 War. After the Abyei region was badly affected by the floods, HART donated £3,500 in emergency funding to help 500 vulnerable members of the Diocese to survive.

Impact
(CARD)

1,200



women received menstrual products, underwear, soap and water

Impact
(Diocese of Abyei)

1t



of food aid (flour, sugar, lentils) delivered

mosquito nets provided



250

50

plastic sheets for home repairment provided

Uganda

Overview

Uganda's progress in reducing poverty over the last 15 years is an African success story. Households in agriculture (76 % of the population) account for the majority of poverty reduction, with good weather and favourable prices seen as the driving factors in the success. However, several non-monetary dimensions of poverty remain stagnant in their progress. 1.4 million people in Uganda live with HIV and of those who are children, only 66 % have access to antiretroviral treatment. Women and young women in particular are disproportionately affected. HIV prevalence is almost four times higher among young women (15-25) than young men of the same age. Factors contributing to this gender disparity include gender-based sexual violence, a lack of access to education, health services and information.



Students and Staff at PAORINHER School

PARTNER

PAORINHER

In June 2019, HART completed its funding of PAORINHER following 12 years of collaboration since helping to establish the Centre in 2007. Since the Patongo Orphans Infants' Health Rehabilitation Centre (PAORINHER) launched in 2007, the number of HIV+ children receiving health care grew from 33 to 600, the number of children receiving high-quality education at the on-site primary school increased from 33 to 700 and more than 320 families received agricultural training and/or nutritional support. In recent years, the Centre's work has been able to expand into rural areas as a result of two years of funding from the **Aall Foundation**. This work focused on the training and ongoing support of Village Health Teams who are pro-active in identifying and reaching out to families living with HIV.

HART continued to support financially PAORINHER until the end of 2019 to enable the Centre to continue some

"The combined poultry and agriculture programme has been a big step in the right direction to combat the poor health of the population badly affected by poverty, as no amount of medicine can save these vulnerable HIV+ children without proper diet and nutrition. PAORINHER is now leading the way through HART and the Aall Foundation to provide a long-term solution for these neglected children. We are very grateful to our donors and friends who enable us to rebuild the lives of the people of Northern Uganda through the children who are the future of tomorrow."

Raymond Okot, Chair of PAORINHER Centre

of their vital programmes such as providing food and clothes to the orphans, securing land for cultivation, agricultural initiatives and paying key staff salaries. Due to its immense potential to bring positive change, HART remains committed to securing further financial support for PAORINHER to enable it to continue and expand its crucial outreach services to rural areas through the Village Health Teams.



PAORINHER's Social Coordinator, Harriet and Nurse Juliet attend the medical room

Impact



key staff salaries paid

490+

children in 7 Sub-Counties received visits from Village Health Teams



children received a supply of Septrin (an antibiotic used to combat bacterial infections associated with HIV)

100+

children at PAORINHER received food, accommodation, medical care, counselling and education

1

farm rented for 2 years

Burma

CHW, Nang Mwe Khao
moments after safely
delivering a baby

Overview

Fighting between the Burmese Army and ethnic armed groups intensified in 2019 leading to an increase in displaced civilians, particularly in Rakhine, Chin, Kachin and Northern Shan States. In August, a UN report declared that sexual violence carried out by security forces against the Muslim Rohingya minority in Rakhine State was widespread and severe and demonstrated intent to commit genocide, warranting prosecution for war crimes. In December, following Gambia's filing of a suit against Burma for its role in the Rohingya genocide case, de facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi defended her government against accusations of genocide at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. However, Aung San Suu Kyi did not deny that 392 villages in Rakhine state were destroyed in the process of the military clearance operations, nor did she comment on the widespread allegations of organised sexual violence and rape against the ethnic group.

“The WWP is vitally important because in Shan state health facilities are so poor. There is no health education in schools, no clinics or hospitals, and many people live far away from towns. If SWAN did not provide healthcare, these people would not have any access as they live in remote rural areas and have no money. The Community Health Workers (CHWs) are good role models. They show women how to take care of their children, they are like midwives and care for pregnant women as well as provide basic healthcare.”

Ponpun, SWAN Education Programme Officer

PARTNER

SHAN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK (SWAN)

In 2019, SWAN celebrated its 20th Anniversary. Originally established to provide quality care for Shan people arriving as refugees at the Thai border following on-going persecution by the Burmese military, SWAN continues to provide quality education, healthcare and wellbeing support to Shan women and children. In 2019, HART secured a grant from the **Aall Foundation** for SWAN's Women's Wellbeing Programme (WWP), for which HART is the sole funder. The Programme provides vital reproductive health awareness sessions to women in remote communities, teaching them about family planning, personal hygiene and child health. Additionally, the Programme holds school health awareness sessions for young students, provides prenatal and antenatal care to pregnant women and mothers, helps women to deliver babies in remote villages and provides contraception.

CHW, Lao Nguen
weighs a young child
to assess his growth

Impact

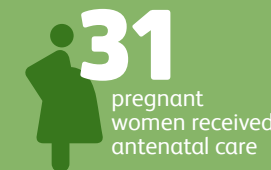


villagers attended reproductive health and disease prevention sessions



students attended school health education sessions + received teeth cleaning kits

Within 29 villages:



“The teacher training helped me to change my teaching style. It is good to have very experienced teachers joining us as we can ask questions like how to deal with big classes or students who don’t want to work or how to deal with a lack of materials or textbooks. I have 40 students in my classroom so I need help to deal with this.”

Sai Lao Han, Grade 7-9 English Teacher

PARTNER

LOI TAI LENG SCHOOL

Since 2018, HART has supported a school for displaced children in Loi Tai Leng, a displacement camp in Shan State along the Burma-Thai border. Since international aid was cut and redirected to the Rohingya in 2017, Loi Tai Leng School has actively sought to achieve self-sustainability in order to reduce dependency on foreign assistance.

In January 2019, HART donated £10,000 to build a dam to enhance agricultural sustainability and increase access to water for students and staff. The funds also facilitated a teacher training programme for 150 teachers from 6 displacement camps. The month-long programme was the first opportunity staff had ever had to connect with a teacher network and share knowledge and resources. Additionally, HART donated £9,036 towards a sustainable agriculture project which included planting 1,000 trees and building a small pig farm to help diversify the diet of students and teachers.

Director of Education for Shan State, Larn Tai stands with HART Trustee, Jo Russell and Loi Tai Leng School Finance Officer, Ester at the new dam site



New cabbage plants sprout next to the Agricultural Learning Centre (under construction) at Loi Tai Leng School



Teachers from six IDP camps come together to learn and share resources



PROJECT

CHARM (COMMUNITY, HOPE AND REHABILITATION IN MYANMAR)

In April 2019, HART launched a new project which networked various partners, including Vardan Tadevosyan (from Nagorno-Karabakh) as well as SWAN and Health and Hope. The project was established to raise awareness of those living with disabilities in Burma, a demographic significantly under-reported in national statistics. Seeking to change community attitudes and stigma towards the value and abilities of disabled persons, the project hopes to disseminate local knowledge about the possibilities of independence and societal contribution possible for disabled persons if they receive the correct treatment and education. Working with existing in-country programmes established by the Burmese Government, as well as UK colleagues, HART identified that whilst there are some existing funding and policies for such care in Burma’s cities, there is a large gap for HART and its partners to fill with a well-trained network of medical workers working at grassroots level in rural communities. If successful, we hope to extend the project to HART partners in Chin, Karenni/ Karen and Kachin states.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH/ARTSAKH



Young patients during their hydrotherapy sessions at the Centre

“Thank you to all staff at this Centre. Before Valentine (my son) visits, his muscles are very stiff. He always leaves happier and more relaxed after his month at the Centre.”

Valentina, mother of 8 year old Valentine, who suffers from cerebral palsy

Overview

Nagorno-Karabakh's existence under a fragile ceasefire with Azerbaijan continued throughout 2019. The political situation remained tense and the status quo of “no war, no peace” has left the area economically and politically isolated. Ongoing military exercises along the border by the Azerbaijani army continue to extinguish hopes for peace. On 15th August 2019, the same day Armenian President Nikol Pashinyan visited the region, the ceasefire was broken by the Azerbaijani army. The incident occurred just nine days after President Pashinyan had called for unification between Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.



8 year old Valentine with his mum, Valentina and baby sister, Emily

PARTNER

THE LADY COX REHABILITATION CENTRE

Throughout 2019, HART continued to support 25 % of the Centre's running costs. HART's support is crucial as it provides the only available funding to cover additional staff costs and to take patients on day trips and summer/winter camps. These outings are a critical feature of the Centre's

effort to integrate patients into society, develop patients' social skills and enhance their confidence and subsequent independence. Additionally, the occupational therapies offered at the Centre, such as painting and cooking, are only possible through HART funding. In June 2019, the HART team travelled to Stepanakert to meet with patients and their families to learn how the Centre is helping them.



Patients undertaking physiotherapy sessions

Impact

31,882 
total 2019 treatments

1,381 
total 2019 patients

13,629 
physical therapy sessions

2,360 
home visits

3,406 
speech therapy sessions

3,294 
psychology sessions

2,793 
hydrotherapy sessions

Timor-Leste

Overview

Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of malnutrition in the world. In 2019, it was estimated that almost every other person lives below the poverty line and 40 % of the population is illiterate. Whilst only 11 % of the country's landmass is used for agriculture due to its mountainous terrain, 70 % of its population depend on subsistence farming. As a result, many households experience annual food shortages due to poor agricultural productivity, insufficient water management and climate variability. With a subsequent dependence on food imports, the nutrition of Timor-Leste's citizens is heavily influenced by global market fluctuations, leaving poorer households more vulnerable. A complex mix of food insecurity, poor sanitation, prevalent cultural food taboos and poor health education has resulted in Timor-Leste possessing the third highest ratio in the world of stunted children under the age of 4.

Staff demonstrate how to fill bottles with Moringa oil in order to sell at local markets



PARTNER HIAM HEALTH

HART has worked with HIAM Health since 2004 by supporting their programmes to combat child malnutrition and the associated physical and mental effects on development. In 2019, HART donated £87,000 to HIAM Health as the final instalment of a 6-year grant secured from the **Isle of Man International Development Committee (IOM)**.

Throughout the year, HIAM Health continued to expand their community farms in order to teach water management and varied cultivation methods to a growing number of communities adversely affected by climate change. The reality is that significant funding is required in 2020-2022 to repair the damage caused to community gardens and to expand climate adaptation training, both essential parts of HIAM Health's work, which the **IOM** has generously supported over the past six years.

2019 saw further expansion of HIAM Health's Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture (NSA) initiative, in which the planting, cultivation and processing of the Moringa plant features strongly. Since 2016, HIAM Health has worked towards developing a Moringa market in Timor-Leste that will reduce child malnutrition as well as enable small-holder farmers to generate an income through expanding their subsistence gardens into small-scale commercial operations. In October, HIAM Health was invited by national media to talk about the benefits of Moringa on radio and television.



February 2019



October 2019

The effects of climate change on Martinha's commercial Moringa garden

Impact of Climate Change

One of the greatest challenges to HIAM Health in 2019 was learning how to mitigate the effects of climate change on water supply and average temperatures. As the dry season arrived early and the rainy season came two months late, farmers struggled to keep their crops alive as they endured drought conditions

for six months. As farmers struggled to adapt to the unpredictability of farming seasons, they lost their ability to plan ahead which is a crucial tool to ensure food security. The harsh weather severely limited the capacity of many farmers to continue cultivating their Moringa gardens and as a result many gardens were destroyed, some merely by domestic animals desperate for water.

"HART and IOM have been instrumental in the on-going capacity building of HIAM staff, helping to drive major projects in Moringa promotion and development. No other NGO in East-Timor has been able to develop a deep understanding of the value of Moringa and how to maximise its many micronutrients in its varied forms – fresh, dried and powdered."

HIAM Health Financial Advisor, Jill Hillary

Impact



133

Moringa gardens launched

community-wide survey conducted to identify priorities for garden re-establishment



7

staff members received training in Moringa processing

small female-led commercial Moringa plant operations established



1

refrigerated van purchased to transport crops to local markets

training garden equipped with new farming tools and compost bins

1



Syria

Overview

In 2019, the sanctions that have been placed on Syria by the EU (including the UK) and USA continued to cause dire humanitarian consequences for the citizens in Government controlled areas who are seeking to rebuild their lives. The politically motivated intention to cause the downfall of the Syrian Government by prohibiting any foreign political engagement or investment in these areas has failed and it is the citizens who suffer from the resulting lack of investment in basic services and infrastructure. HART's Syrian partner organisation in Maaloula has experienced this hardship first-hand. Since the establishment of our partnership with EPDC in 2018, we have struggled to send funds to our partner community either at all or at the appropriate time. Given the legacy of the conflict that has ripped apart a country and its people for more than 9 years, leaving 6.2 million people internally displaced and over 13 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, it is shameful that the people of Syria must continue to face suffering inflicted by economic sanctions.

“[Our inability to receive HART funds] is a very clear example of the disaster negative effects of the sanctions on Syria. As a Syrian, I appreciate and respect all efforts HART has made and those by the honorable people in England. At a time when foreign countries can transfer millions of dollars to military groups in the occupied areas of Syria, we cannot receive urgent funds to save lives and boost the resilience of civilians. This is the real tragedy.”

Shadi Sarweh, Executive Director of EPDC



A woman receives blankets for her family to use through the harsh winter

PARTNER

ST. EPHREM PATRIARCHAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EPDC)

International sanctions on Syria continued throughout 2019. HART continued to question the efficacy of these sanctions, analysing the extent to which they cause suffering mostly amongst the poor and vulnerable. Due to persistent difficulties regarding the international transfer of funds, HART has repeatedly failed to send funds (such as those raised through the 2019 'Winterization' appeal) through the bank. This is despite the fact that our partner has passed all rigorous checks imposed by the bank.

Despite this failure caused by the crude weapon of international sanctions, HART is pleased to say that our partner, EPDC, responded magnificently. In light of the funds raised by HART's dedicated supporters for the provision of 'Winterization' kits (including food hampers and blankets), EPDC proceeded



Residents of Maaloula register to receive blankets and food hampers

to distribute blankets to many families with vulnerable members such as children, the elderly and sick. Based on the commitment of HART funds, EPDC courageously placed themselves in short-term debt.

In 2020, HART has continued our mission to send funds successfully through the

international transfer system. HART's advocacy continues to campaign against the damage being done to aid work by international sanctions and to question whether they are driven not by concern for the people of Syria but to advance foreign policy agendas of the UK and other countries.

A message from our Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to report another successful year of supporting resilient partners in many countries.

During HART's visit to Burma in March 2019, the team heard how the displaced Shan people at Loi Tai Leng School were suffering from a lack of food and running water, insufficient electricity and non-existent teacher training. Upon returning to the UK, HART facilitated a water and power project to pump water into the dormitories, power lights and computers and enable irrigation for the new pig and vegetable farms, also supported by HART. Additionally, HART funded the first teacher-training programme at Loi Tai Leng School which brought together 150 teachers from six neighbouring Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps. It was the first time that the teachers had the opportunity to share advice and resources.



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2019 also saw the launch of a new partnership with the Diocese of Abyei, a historically disputed and oppressed region located along the border of Sudan and South Sudan. Following the devastating floods that wreaked havoc across the country, and Abyei in particular, HART provided vital emergency assistance and pledged to support educational initiatives in the region in 2020.

Finally, we wish to extend a huge thank you to our long-time supporter, **Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission (OADC)** for their generosity in awarding two emergency grants to HART's partners in 2019. In September, Guernsey OADC donated emergency funds to support some of the worst flood-affected communities in South Sudan. Following this, Guernsey OADC donated emergency funding to our partner in Nigeria, the Diocese of Jos to aid displaced civilians fleeing Islamist Fulani herdsman violence in their villages.

Thank you to everyone who supported HART in 2019.



Dr. SaSa shares his inspirational story at Bethel Church in Redding, California

Report from HART USA

HART USA was officially launched in February 2019 as a project of Leaders in Transformation (LIT), a registered 501(c)3 charity organisation in the US. HART USA seeks to assist as a fundraising vehicle to support the work of Baroness Caroline Cox and the incredible HART partners around the world.

In September 2019, LIT organised an American trip for Baroness Cox and Dr. SaSa from Burma. The main purpose of the visit to Chicago and California was to increase the exposure within various US audiences to the work that HART and its partners are doing around the world on the frontiers of faith and freedom. Secondary purposes were to build relationships with key interested parties and to raise funds for HART. A third objective was to profile Baroness Cox and Dr. SaSa as leaders who are transforming nations with the aim of inspiring a younger generation to believe that they too can change the world. There was very positive feedback at every event with many invitations to return in the new year.

By Pippa Gerhard, Executive Director of HART USA

HART Australasia

As Chairman of HART Australasia, I am pleased to report on the following activities of our Board during 2019:

In 2019, we became aware of the need for Solar Power Kits for community health centres established by Health & Hope in Chin State, Burma. After making arrangements for these units to be sourced by Dr. SaSa, HART Australasia funded the purchase of many Solar Power Kits. Moreover, Angus Skeoch initiated discussions with us about a new project in Milne Bay Province in Papua New Guinea, called "Restore". Supported by the PNG Government and the Church leaders in the Province, the project aims to provide effective medical care and education for remote communities. The first part of the work has been the restoration of a ten-bedroom guesthouse in Alotau as the Centre for training and transportation of equipment and supplies to villages only accessible by water. We hope to be able to carry out a substantial fundraising effort for Restore once the capital needs for the project are identified.

By Rev. Roger Chilton, Chairman of HART AUSTRALASIA LTD

At home

2019 Advocacy Summary

Baroness Cox continued to speak up for persecuted communities in 2019, sharing stories and testimonies in the House of Lords that she collected on HART visits. Lending her voice to others, she advocated on behalf of the people of Sudan, Nigeria, Syria and Armenia throughout 2019. For example, she voiced her support for the peaceful protestors in Sudan who called for the fall of former President Omar al-Bashir. After the oppressive 30-year rule regime fell, she wrote an open letter to the Sudanese people congratulating them on their first step to democracy. Next, she fought for the removal of economic sanctions on Syria, citing testimonies which highlighted how sanctions only ever affect the people on the ground, not the Government. In addition, she questioned the impact of international trade deals on the regulation of global human rights, as well as the British Government's failure to recognise religious persecution in Nigeria.

HART INITIATIVES

HART Prize for Human Rights

Our annual HART Prize for Human Rights competition aims to raise awareness amongst young people of global conflict, human rights violations and poverty. Anyone between the ages of 11-25 is encouraged to enter an essay or creative piece which critically examines a human rights abuse occurring in any of the countries where HART operates.

In 2019, we received 222 entries ranging from essays, original songs and poems to canvas paintings and sculptures. Each year we are amazed to see the passion, thoughtfulness and creativity of the entrants. A big thank you to all those who entered and also to those who attended the prize-giving and exhibition ceremony in March.

2020 update

We wish to give a brief update on some significant developments from the start of 2020.

In January, the HART team travelled to Sudan and South Sudan to visit our partners and their communities. Upon visiting Abyei, a historically oppressed and unrecognised region along the Sudan-South Sudan border, we witnessed the aftermath of a massacre. Nomadic Misseryia Arab herders from Sudan attacked the Dinka village of Kolom in Abyei, killing 32 men, women and children and abducting 15 children into slavery. We had the harrowing experience of witnessing burnt bodies in burning homes. All we could do there was to weep and pray with the people. The day we returned to the UK, Baroness Cox was able to speak about the massacre in the House of Lords. The local Bishop, Bishop Michael, sent a heartfelt message of appreciation in which he expressed how much the local people valued our presence in their anguish, Rev. David Thomas' prayers and the knowledge that their tragedy had been described in British Parliament.

In more positive news, HART was grateful to receive a grant from the **Aall Foundation** in March to fund teacher salaries and classroom construction in Blue Nile, Sudan. Following more than 60 years of oppression, education is consistently the top priority for the citizens of Blue Nile and this project will make a big impact on the quality and availability of primary education.

With the arrival of COVID-19, the HART team has been working at home since March. During this time, we have supported a water-selling initiative in South Sudan established by our partner, the Diocese of Wau, to provide clean water for rural communities during lockdown. Additionally, we have provided funds for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to our partner SWAN in Burma for their staff to use as they continue to provide life-saving maternal healthcare in remote communities. Whilst we have mostly continued to support our partners on-going projects, we are anticipating a rise in COVID-19 related requests for support towards the end of 2020 and into the new year.

HUMANITARIAN AID RELIEF TRUST

Statement of financial activities

(including Income and Expenditure statement) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

INCOME	2019	2018
Donations and legacies	556,892	782,551
Other trading activities	258	2,210
Investments	440	187
Total income	557,590	784,948
EXPENDITURE	2019	2018
Raising funds	100,349	75,782
Charitable activities:		
Aid	466,470	412,582
Advocacy	124,972	116,699
Total expenditure	691,791	605,063
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	134,201	179,885

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

FIXED ASSETS	2019	2018
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,593	2,031
CURRENT ASSETS	2019	2018
Stock	4,293	4,293
Debtors	51,068	31,145
Cash at bank and in hand	191,590	328,121
	241,951	363,559
Creditors: amounts falling due to within one year	(31,999)	(14,844)
Net current assets	214,952	348,715
Total assets less total liabilities	216,545	350,746
FUNDS	2019	2018
Unrestricted funds	128,971	203,345
Restricted funds	87,574	147,401
Total funds carried forward	216,545	350,746

The summary accounts set out on these pages may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust. For further information, the full accounts, the unqualified report of the independent auditors and the Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2019 should be consulted.

Copies of these, which will be delivered to the Charities Commission and Registrar of Companies, can be requested by emailing office@hart-uk.org

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Our work would not be possible without the help of our donors. From the HART team and our overseas partner communities, we say a huge thank you to all who support us.

Young patients from
The Lady Cox Disability
Rehabilitation Centre relax
on Lake Sevan, Armenia



Baroness Cox and HART partner, Archbishop of Wau, Moses Deng Bol are greeted by the community on their way to meet with students from Nyieth School, South Sudan



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