



**Annual Report on World Humanitarian
Summit Commitments - Sheikh Thani Bin Abdullah
Foundation for Humanitarian Services (RAF Foundation)
2016**



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Sheikh Thani Bin Abdullah Foundation
for Humanitarian Services (RAF
Foundation)

Organisational Type

Foundation

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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Foundation (also known as RAF Foundation) commits to strengthen health systems in fragile and post-war contexts through the launching of the "Save A Life Initiative" (SALI) to build capacity of selected national medical NGOs in fragile contexts based on the innovative public-NGO partnerships approach, helping these agencies of recovery to deliver quality services to the population, while conducting applied research for a better understanding of the root causes of locally prevalent and preventable illnesses with effective and sustainable approaches utilizing complex programming tools and systems thinking methodologies in the fields of public health and emergency medical relief.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

Core Commitments

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Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

The main objective of the SALI initiative is to strengthen health systems in post conflict settings by giving local medical NGOs the tools to comprehensively analyse medical needs, attempt to understand root causes through research, increase the quality of delivered health services to populations to attract national and international partners and donors while coaching the NGO key leadership to approach health problems with financial sustainability in mind, using partnerships and cooperation with the public sector and local and international stakeholders to ensure continuous financing. The vision is to transition away from humanitarian treatments towards sustainable healthcare.

Achievements at a glance

- first year of the SALI pilot programme in Sudan:
- * inception of the SALI unit in Sudan
- * started 2 mobile clinic projects with SALI KPIs in Khartoum (4723 beneficiaries) and Kassala (6842 beneficiaries)
- * in the process of establishing 2 dialysis centres
- * nutrition project in West Darfur (17869 beneficiaries)
- the international SALI conference with the participation of 130 individuals, NGOs, universities and international agencies was conducted in Doha, Qatar on December 1st 2016

How is your organization assessing progress

The pilot phase is still ongoing and reveals the need to stay flexible to changes in regulations in different contexts incl. in terms of governance.

Challenges faced in implementation

- changes in charity regulations
- currency transfer limitations
- extremely volatile context in Syria and the targeting of health facilities in Syria that makes it difficult to plan for SALI in Syria

Next step to advance implementation in 2017



- continue the pilot implementation in Sudan, re-assess current model and adapt to increase efficiency of implementation
- consider SALI for Syria

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems , what would it be

With the current financing challenges and the increasing humanitarian burden, more coordination between good-willed actors is needed to optimise complementarity and convergence in planning and implementation phases with government and other national and international stakeholders. Reinforcing existing systems appears to be the only alternative that can be financed.



5A Invest in local capacities

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Achievements at a glance

- * 25 key staff from 2 medical NGOs have been trained for 3 months in the SALI toolkit (covering project management, partnership, systems thinking, proposal writing)
- * part of the staff was hired to be part of the SALI unit in Sudan that is overseeing all SALI activities in the country
- * the other trained key staff are working with their NGOs in SALI projects

How is your organization assessing progress

- * 3 one-month workshops were conducted. Another 2 are planned

Challenges faced in implementation

- * complex project management techniques have not been applied broadly in post-conflict humanitarian contexts.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

- the Taqaddum workshops 4 and 5 should be conducted with the same key staff to complete the training programme
- materialise the partnership with an international foundation to have medical staff trained by them being directed towards SALI projects to deliver health services

5C Invest in stability

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<p>The Sheikh Thani bin Abdullah Foundation (also known as RAF Foundation) commits to launch and to contribute 1 Bn Qatari Riyals (the equivalent of over US\$ 270 million) to the Salwa (the Arabic word for solace) Initiative to fight hunger, from now until 2020. The initiative will target 36 countries in Africa and Asia with particularly vulnerable food security indices aiming at serving 20 million beneficiaries with food and to encourage and develop innovative approaches and solutions to fight hunger in collaboration with global specialized institutions and multilateral organizations, regional and national actors, philanthropic foundations and civil society actors, research institutes and universities, and the private sector. Agriculture land reclamation, specialized institutes, innovation awards for best practices and for best ideas in food security are just few examples of projects that will be hosted under the umbrella of the Salwa Initiative.</p>	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Monitoring the situational reports about food poverty, malnutrition and the increasing humanitarian and development need and burden on all actors in the last years, the RAF Foundation is aiming at alleviating acute needs while working with partners to accelerate the inception and implementation of innovations / ideas related to food security and nutrition to reach a significant impact in SDG 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) and become an effective contributor towards ending hunger.

Achievements at a glance

- Innovative initiative "Food and Light" consists of motivating economically vulnerable families of out-of-school children to bring children back to school. The RAF Foundation covers food needs and schooling costs of the children. This year, over 45.000 children were successfully covered on a monthly basis in 11 countries for a cost of approx. USD 8.3 Million.
- 198 agricultural empowerment projects targeting small farmers in 18 countries. Expenditure of approx. USD 9 Million. Projects focus on agricultural land rehabilitation, provision of tools, seeds, fertilisers.
- Initiative "Qatar Waters" - 717 projects of new water supply (boreholes, water wells, purification) close to small farmers and producers to facilitate their work and decrease the level of population movements in search of water.
- Initiative "Like Rain" food distribution in 28 countries facing emergency situations or acute nutritional needs to fight hunger and avoid malnutrition. Expenditure of approx. USD 14,8 Million.

How is your organization assessing progress

Each project has a set of KPIs that are being monitored during and after implementation.

Challenges faced in implementation

Finding the really transformative innovations with high impact and implementing these.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

The continuation and expansion of the initiatives mentioned above is planned for 2017.

Besides, a number of strategic partnerships with multilateral organisations are planned to increase the reach and the positive impact of these initiatives.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Invest in stability , what would it be

Understanding the underlying causes of conflicts linked to access to food and water of local populations and finding a mechanism to have all good-willing humanitarian actors work together to build sustainable solutions (transcending the political agenda) could help



transform these contexts and stabilise them "for ever".

Tag with other relevant transformations, keywords, initiatives

Agenda for Humanity

- 3E - Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people 5A - Invest in local capacities



5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

Core Commitments

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Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

The "Save a Life Initiative" (SALI) includes a component of building the capacity of medical NGOs in post-conflict contexts to enable our partners to identify partnerships between NGOs, the public sector and international private and funding partners with sustainability in mind.

Achievements at a glance

The RAF Foundation is investing seed money into the SALI initiative to be tested in Sudan, and progressively expanded in other contexts.

How is your organization assessing progress

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Challenges faced in implementation

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Next step to advance implementation in 2017

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5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

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The "Save-a-Life Initiative" (SALI) looks at healthcare to vulnerable populations in post-conflict contexts as an approach needing sustainability thinking starting with the design phase. In SALI, sustainability relies on building partnerships with new partners not typically thought of in humanitarian contexts. The skillset to identify such partners and attract their financial contributions towards qualitative health services (comparable to for-profit sector healthcare providers) is built through special coaching and training workshops to medical staff NGOs. The RAF Foundation committed the equivalent of USD 9 million to test the SALI pilot in Sudan.

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Additional Reports

Attachment

[انجازات برامج السلوى-برنامج التمكين الزراعي.pdf](#)

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