

# Mission East

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

**From crisis to  
empowerment**



Mission East  
- values in action

# Mission East's approach to relief and development

Mission East is an international relief and development organisation founded in Denmark. It works to help vulnerable populations, supporting communities' capacities to organize and assist themselves, through activities ranging from disaster relief to development assistance.

Here you can get an overview of our main sectors and approaches:

## What we do



Disaster Response



Rural Community Development

## Our main sectors



Emergency relief



Food Security



Disaster Risk Reduction



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Livelihoods



Disability and inclusion

## Our key approaches



Inclusion

Aiming to assist the most vulnerable, we try to ensure that no one is left behind on the basis of gender, disability or other discriminatory factors.

In our development programming we use a rights-based approach and seek attitude change to enable women's empowerment.



Resilience

Working to support durable improvement in lives and livelihoods, we try to link relief, recovery and development. Taking a context-specific approach to analysing and preparing for natural hazards, we work towards Disaster Risk Reduction. In climate-vulnerable locations we will try to integrate Climate Change Adaptation approaches into local development where possible.



Accountability and Partnership

Responding to community needs, we try to be accountable to those we help and those who fund our work.

We collaborate with other local and international partners and take a planned approach to capacity building of civil society.

## ARMENIA

- Vocational education and employment for youth with disabilities.
- Public awareness-raising and advocacy for rights of people with disabilities.
- Support the introduction of a Universal System of Inclusive Education to benefit all children.
- Engaging diaspora to support local community development.
- Medical care, support and information for people with HIV/AIDS.

## AFGHANISTAN

- Emergency response and disaster risk reduction.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene.
- Food security.
- Livelihood security.
- Infrastructure rehabilitation.
- Natural resource management.
- Capacity building of local communities, civil society and government.
- Rural social development.

## TAJIKISTAN

- Organisational capacity building of local partners.
- Improved hygiene through construction of latrines and water systems and hygiene training.
- Construction of bridges.
- Construction of gabion walls and training in inclusive disaster risk reduction to improve resilience to landslides and other natural disasters.
- National level advocacy for inclusive education.

GEORGIA

Armenia

TURKEY

Syria

Iraq

IRAN

UZBEKISTAN

TURKMENISTAN

Tajikistan

Afghanistan

PAKISTAN

## SYRIA

- Support to a local partner's work distributing relief items and food to vulnerable families in Aleppo.

## IRAQ

- Distributing emergency household items, shelter materials, food and cash for displaced families.
- Providing water and latrines and promoting safe hygiene practices.
- Community centres – safe spaces for conflict-affected children and youth to learn, play and get support.
- Rebuilding livelihoods disrupted by the war.
- Capacity building of local partners for humanitarian action.

### NEPAL

- Livelihoods training, rights awareness and literacy classes for women.
- Inclusive community disaster preparedness.
- Advocacy for climate-smart development.
- Improved sanitation via safe and accessible latrines for households and schools.
- Repair of earthquake-damaged water supply systems.
- Post-disaster support to livelihoods through seeds, livestock and training.

### NORTH KOREA

- Improving living conditions of the most vulnerable by providing water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.
- Responding to needs of flood-affected households.

### MYANMAR/BURMA

- Provision of food assistance for students to support education.
- Support to sustainable food cultivation training and demonstration farms.





# Looking beyond the first 25 years

**In 2016, Mission East celebrated 25 years of bringing assistance to the most vulnerable. And the work continues: the organisation has expanded its response to the humanitarian crisis in Iraq, and carried on reaching out to some of the world's most remote places.**

The severe humanitarian situation in Iraq was never far from the headlines in 2016, and Mission East's work in the country increased significantly. In a complex and rapidly changing environment, Mission East provided emergency relief to the displaced, but also initiated programmes to support people trying to rebuild their lives, returning to their often devastated neighbourhoods.

## DISASTERS AND DEVELOPMENT

Elsewhere, Mission East also demonstrated its capacity to respond quickly to emergencies, be they natural disasters such as mudflows in Tajikistan and floods in North Korea, or conflict-related crises such as the mass displacement of people in the wake of renewed fighting in northern Afghanistan. Emergency response to those most in need continues to be an important part of Mission East's activities. At the same time, Mission East maintained its commitment to support long-term community development, for example assisting particularly remote communities in areas of Nepal and Myanmar/Burma which are several days' travel from roads and towns. Partnerships, an emphasis on resilience, and the participation of often marginalized groups also remain essential elements of Mission East's approach, as illustrated by our long-term engagement in disability inclusion in Armenia.

Local partners can reach a level of self-sufficiency that allows them to continue by themselves. Mission

East stopped working in Romania in 2016, but our partner organisation, Solia Sperantei, will continue to support vulnerable groups in that country.

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

In November, Mission East celebrated its silver jubilee. This was a good opportunity to reflect on our history – from the early food distributions in the former Soviet Union to present-day relief efforts in some of the world's major crises – but also to take a glance at the future. In many respects, the world has progressed since 1991, but plenty of challenges remain, not least climate change, overpopulation and unresolved conflicts. Despite our best wishes, organisations like Mission East are still essential to supporting long-term poverty alleviation. We remain determined to continue to realise our 'values in action' in the future.

The jubilee also gave us the opportunity to thank all the people – staff, volunteers, partners and donors – who have made our work possible. A special thanks to those who contributed in 2016. We look forward to continuing to turn your support into life-changing programmes in the year ahead.



**Carsten Wredstrøm**  
Chairman of the Board



**Kim Hartzner,**  
Managing Director



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Jamal and Umran both live as IDP's in the Nazrawa camp in Iraq. They both attend Mission East's Child-Friendly Space where Umran (on the right) impresses his friends with his acrobatic skills. Photo: Peter Eilertsen.



**Marianne le Floch**  
Finance and HR Director

# Working together with compassion

**Mission East could not achieve what it does without its dedicated staff. 268 people around the globe worked for Mission East in 2016.**

When I look back over the years, when I look today at the different countries and at headquarters, I can't help but be proud of Mission East's staff, as well as our partners' staff. They give their time, energy, passion and compassion to achieve together Mission East's vision to support the most vulnerable. Whether in the remote mountains of Nepal and Afghanistan, under the burning sun of Iraq, in the small villages of Armenia and Tajikistan, or in front of a computer in headquarters, we are all part of Mission East's family, committed and willing to go the extra mile. A big thank you to all of you who contribute daily to make our mission possible!

*I have had the incredible opportunity to work with devoted Mission Easters both in a field office, and at headquarters. Though the work of finance manager is often challenging, it is hugely exciting and motivating to see ideas becoming projects, and bringing forth actual changes among our recipient communities and individuals. I am happy to share the love, commitment and enthusiasm of my colleagues and it is also humbling to have the trust and acknowledgement of our donors."*



Nazik Avagyan, HQ Finance Manager

*You feel pain and anger when you witness so much suffering as you do in Iraq. But you also need to stay calm. Given that our team in Iraq was quite small until recently, I have had to work hard to get the most out of our resources. This is something I enjoy. I think it's a challenge, maximizing what you have. I have had to deal with all sorts of situations, from quite small ones to very big ones. Obviously, it helps to have a good team that is well glued together."*



Binay Basyal, Country Director, Iraq

## Location and number of Mission East staff in 2016



## Board

### Carsten Wredstrøm

Project and Quality Management Consultant. Chairman of the Mission East Board of Directors since 2010.

### Ib Alstrup

IT Medicines Inspector at the Danish Medicines Agency. Member of the Mission East Board of Directors since 2015.

### David Hermansen

Recently graduated lawyer, attached to two law firms as legal assistant, including attorney Martin Lind's office in Aarhus. Member of the Mission East Board of Directors since 2016.

### Ib Nørholm

Private investor. Member of the Mission East Board of Directors since 2015. Previously member of the Board, 2003-2004.

### Dietmar Roller

Development and Humanitarian Aid specialist. Member of the Mission East Board of Directors since 2015 and member of the Board for Mission East Deutschland since 2013.

## The management

### Kim Hartzner

Managing Director. Co-founder and responsible for leadership, strategic direction and general management of Mission East.

### Peter Sigetty Bøje

Deputy Managing Director, Copenhagen. Responsible for fund-raising, communications, liaison and administration since February 2013.

### Peter Drummond Smith

Deputy Managing Director and Operations Director, Brussels. Responsible for relief and development programming. Joined Mission East in 1997.

### Marianne Le Floch

Finance and Human Resources Director, Brussels. Joined Mission East in February 2007.

### Richard Peppiette

Support Manager, Brussels. Responsible for IT systems since 2000.

## Mission East is a member of the following networks and alliances:



## Mission East's quality standards

Mission East is signatory to the Code of Conduct for International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief. Mission East has committed to the application of the Core Humanitarian Standards and other standards listed in our Quality Commitment Framework .

# Donors and supporters

Mission East wishes to thank the following groups, organisations and companies for making the work possible to achieve in 2016:

## Foundations

- \* AEC Fonden
- \* Asta og Jul. P. Justesens Fond
- \* Birthe Justesens Fond
- \* Buschardfonden
- \* Bygma Fonden
- \* Dagmar Andreasens Familiefond
- \* Else og Joakim Callmans Fond
- \* Fonden af 24. december 2008
- \* Jubilæumsfonden af 12. august 1973
- \* Missionsfonden af 4/5 1964
- \* Odd Fellow
- \* Paula og Axel Nissens Legat
- \* Solsidan Fondet

## Corporates

- \* Advokatfirmaet Frederik Madsen
- \* AHN Holding ApS
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- \* Bedemand Jimmy Rasmussen
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- \* Raptim Humanitarian Travel
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- \* Udby Kro
- \* Vækstcenter for Arbejde
- \* Wich Holding
- \* Zealand Agencies ApS

## Churches

- \* Aabenraa Sogns Menighedsråd
- \* Aars Frikirke
- \* Betania Kirkecenter
- \* Bistrup Kirkes Arbejdsudvalg
- \* City Kirken
- \* Corallerne
- \* Danmission Sæby Afd.
- \* Glostrup Sogns Menighed
- \* Gospel Church International
- \* Herlufsholm Sogns Julemarked
- \* Holbæk Frikirke
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- \* Kristent Centrum Ålborg
- \* Kvaglund Kirke
- \* Næstved Bykirke
- \* Pedersborg Kirkekasse
- \* Sæby Kirkecafe
- \* Skovlunde Sogns Menighedsråd
- \* Sommercamp Mariager
- \* Starup Kirke
- \* Tønder Frikirke
- \* Tveje Merløse Menighedsråd
- \* Vesterbro Sogn
- \* Ølsted Kirke
- \* Østerlars Kirke

## Danish public funding

- \* CISU – Civil Society in Development
- \* Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- \* DMCCD – Danish Mission Council Development Department

## International funding

- \* A21
- \* Armenia Redwood Foundation
- \* BMZ – German Ministry of Economic Cooperation & Development
- \* Cedar Fund
- \* ECHO – European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
- \* EuropeAid – European Commission International Cooperation and Development
- \* German Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- \* The Global Fund
- \* Läkarmissionen
- \* Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- \* Patrip Foundation
- \* UNICEF (Armenia)
- \* UNOCHA - Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund
- \* US State Department Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration
- \* World Health Organization, Afghanistan
- \* World Relief Deutschland e.v.
- \* World Relief US
- \* ZOA Refugee Care

## Other groups

- \* Danmarks Indsamlingen
- \* Finn Højland og Andreasskolen
- \* Hjælp Nu! fundraiser by DR / TV2
- \* Y's Men Clubs, Denmark
- \* Y's Menette Clubs, Denmark

*"We know from experience that by supporting Mission East, the money doesn't end up in the wrong pockets, but it goes to the people who need it. We support projects with women and children, because educating them is the foundation for enduring change."*

Agnete Ethridge, chairman of Sæby Kirkecafé



## Some of our joint achievements in 2016



Emergency relief

**66,000**

people



Food security

**6,482**

people



Disaster Risk Reduction

**85,559**

people



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**64,432**

people



Livelihoods help

**11,124**

people



Disability and Inclusion work

**5,130**

people

**As some projects cover multiple sectors there may be overlaps of beneficiaries between the sectors, and the total sum of beneficiaries per sector is therefore larger than the total number of direct beneficiaries.**

# Finances 2016

The annual accounts of Mission East for the year 2016 show a result of 485,732 DKK. This is positive news as it allows Mission East to further strengthen its financial base.

Annual turnover increased by 50% compared to 2015. Responding to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, private donations from individual supporters have increased significantly as well as contracts signed with public donors in order to support Mission East's response in this troubled region of the world. While turnover from private sources remains significant at 34%, public funding has increased and diversified in 2016, especially with funds coming from the German and US governments and from the United Nations. The positive variation of accrued grant income and accrued grant expenses is due to the fact that contracts of significant amounts were signed in the fall of 2016, but will be disbursed and implemented in 2017.

## HIGHER FUNDS SPENT IN IRAQ

Project expenses increased in 2016 but with variations in terms of spending by country compared to 2015. Less project funds were spent in Armenia, Myanmar and Nepal compared to 2015 and significantly higher funds were spent in Iraq. In 2015, Mission East, with the support of partner agencies, carried out a major response to the crisis generated by the catastrophic earthquake in Nepal. In 2016, a smaller portion of funds were spent in Nepal, focusing on the consolidation phase after the earthquake and long-term development programmes. A significant share of Mission East resources was spent in Iraq, assisting the conflict-affected population through the provision of emergency relief items, including hygiene kits and shelter materials, and also providing psychosocial support and protection for children and youth. To address ongoing challenges and the growth of Mission East activities, more staff were hired in Mission East headquarters.

It is thanks to the trust and generosity of Mission East's many private and public supporters that together we are able to provide increased relief and development assistance to beneficiaries in our countries of operation.

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The information presented here is a summary of the information contained in the accounts of Mission East. This summary may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of Mission East. For further information, the full accounts should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from Mission East's registered head office.

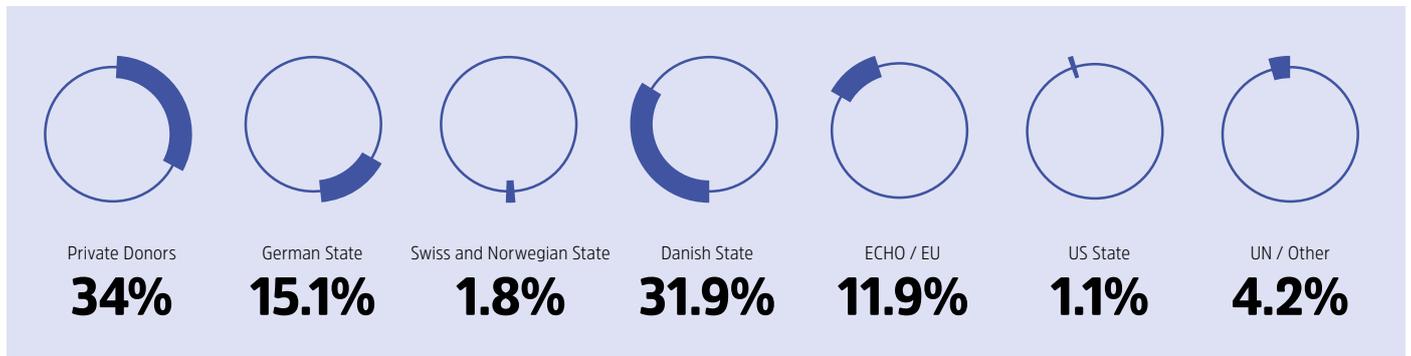
The annual accounts were approved by the auditor, Revisionsfirmaet Christian Danielsen ApS without reservation on April 6th 2017. The accounts were presented to the Annual General Assembly of Mission East and were approved by the Board of Mission East. The accounts will be delivered to the Danish tax authorities.

# Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

## Statement of financial activity

| <b>Profit and Loss Statement</b>         | <b>2016</b>               | <b>2015</b>          |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <b>DKK</b>                | <b>DKK 000</b>       |
| <b>Income</b>                            |                           |                      |
| Private donations                        | 13,944,735                | 12,331               |
| Private grants                           | 18,504,750                | 24,127               |
| Public grant payments                    | 62,980,665                | 37,085               |
| Accrued grant income                     | 12,292,181                | -1,793               |
| <b>Total income</b>                      | <b><u>107,722,330</u></b> | <b><u>71,750</u></b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                       |                           |                      |
| Privately financed projects              | 29,396,976                | 32,670               |
| Public grants expenditure                | 44,668,062                | 37,633               |
| Accrued grant expenses                   | 26,693,623                | -3,773               |
| Head office staff                        | 2,896,522                 | 2,236                |
| Public relations                         | 1,092,583                 | 827                  |
| Administration, travel, premises         | 2,381,261                 | 2,382                |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                 | <b><u>107,129,027</u></b> | <b><u>71,975</u></b> |
| <b>Operating contribution</b>            | <b><u>593,303</u></b>     | <b><u>-225</u></b>   |
| Depreciation and financing costs         | -107,572                  | -222                 |
| <b>Retained income</b>                   | <b><u>485,732</u></b>     | <b><u>-447</u></b>   |
| <b>Funds at 1 January</b>                | <b><u>1,966,290</u></b>   | <b><u>2,413</u></b>  |
| <b>Funds at 31 December</b>              | <b><u>2,452,022</u></b>   | <b><u>1,966</u></b>  |
| <b>Balance sheet at 31 December 2016</b> | <b>2016</b>               | <b>2015</b>          |
| <b>Assets</b>                            | <b>DKK</b>                | <b>DKK 000</b>       |
| Fixed assets                             | 112,201                   | 104                  |
| Liquid funds                             | 19,108,509                | 6,271                |
| Debtors                                  | 67,046,588                | 55,129               |
| <b>Total assets</b>                      | <b><u>86,267,299</u></b>  | <b><u>61,505</u></b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                           |                      |
| Project commitments                      | 80,969,521                | 54,276               |
| Other payables                           | 2,845,756                 | 5,262                |
| Mission East equity                      | 2,452,022                 | 1,966                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                 | <b><u>86,267,299</u></b>  | <b><u>61,505</u></b> |

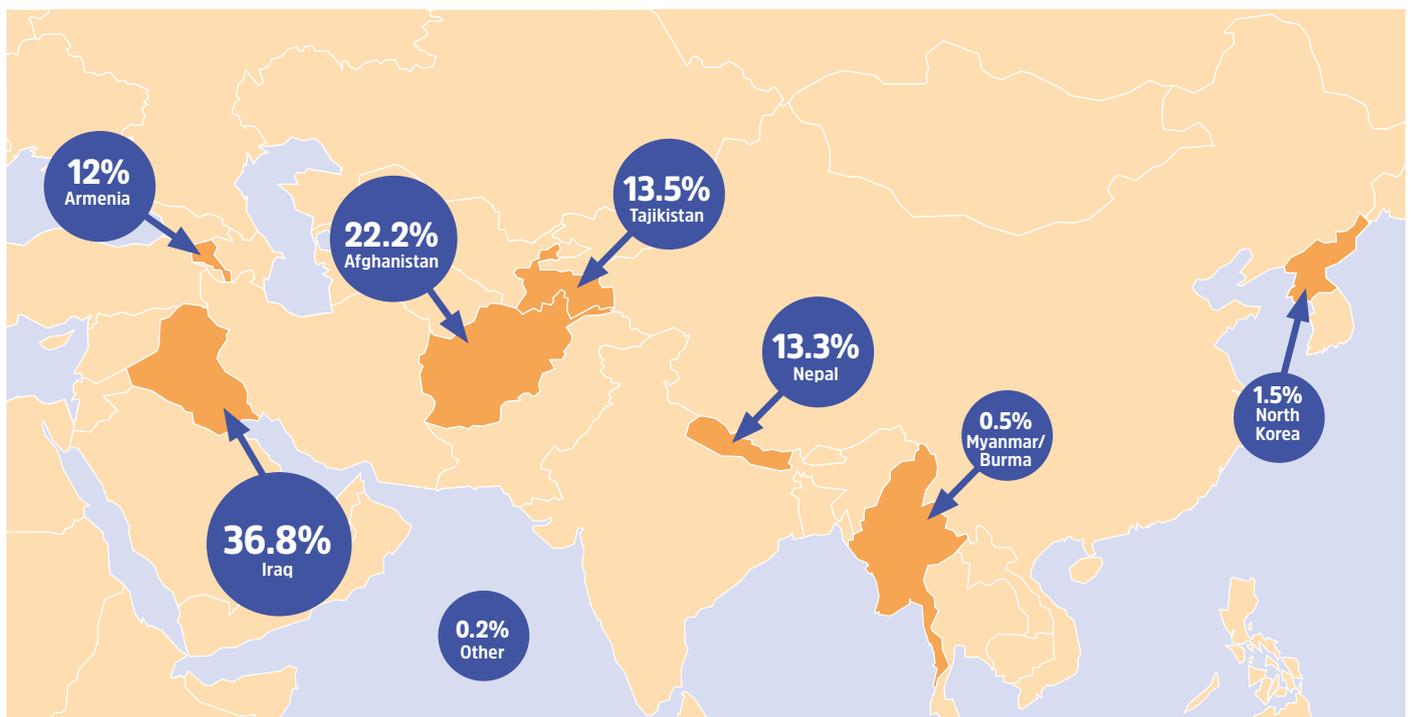
## Where did the money come from?



## What was the money spent on?



## Where did the money go?



By **Joohi Haleem** HQ Programme Manager for Afghanistan



| The introduction of winter greenhouses is one of the ways in which Mission East ensures food security in north-eastern Afghanistan.

## Helping crisis-affected people get back on the road to recovery and resilience

The nine different but integrated sectors of Mission East’s programme in north-eastern Afghanistan allow for multiple factors of vulnerability, both long- and short-term, to be addressed, and for community capacities to be built at various levels through a series of inter-linked interventions, all working to make poor and isolated rural communities more resilient to shocks and crises.



### FACTS

Mission East started working in Afghanistan in 2001.

**Head office:** Kabul

**Provincial offices:**

**Takhar province:** Taloqan and Rustaq

**Baghlan province:** Fring

**Badakhshan province:** Faizabad, Kishim and Ishkashim

**Number of staff:** 126

**Country Director:** Dimitrije Todorovic

**Local partner organisations:** BVWSO and ASLO

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 24 water schemes built and repaired and 1,819 household and 37 community latrines built.
- ✓ About 3,638 male and female household members trained in good hygiene practices, and 880 women in good nutrition and feeding practices.
- ✓ 5 irrigation canals rehabilitated providing irrigation water to 8 communities.
- ✓ 1,751 households (mainly women) provided with trainings and inputs for activities to improve household food and livelihood security and 12 new Self-Help Groups trained.
- ✓ Financial and capacity-building support provided to two local NGO partners and 10 others trained.
- ✓ 16 communities supported to put Natural Resource Management mechanisms and community watershed management plans in place, and to pilot renewable fuel production.
- ✓ 471 farmers trained in land conservation and flood prevention.
- ✓ Emergency relief provided to 800 conflict-affected IDP families in Takhar and 3 IDP camps managed by Mission East.

### THE FUTURE

The rapidly increasing humanitarian needs in north-eastern Afghanistan, caused mainly by the widening conflict, mean that Mission East continues to remain relevant and to be one of the few actors on the ground with the necessary capacity and resources to respond in a timely and effective manner. This is helped by the high levels of trust and acceptance it enjoys with local communities. At the same time, the programme will continue to engage with remote rural communities and to support them to address their needs and vulnerabilities in more resilient and sustainable ways.



**Title: Assessment of typhoid fever and diarrheal diseases risk factors in Badakhshan province for timely response to outbreak**

**Donor** World Health Organization, Afghanistan  
**Duration** 1 August - 30 September 2016  
**Location** Badakhshan (Baharak, Darwaz, Darwaz bala, Eshkashim, Shugnan, Teshkan and Warduj districts)  
**Aim** To gather quantitative and qualitative data at the household-level to better understand the main WASH needs of communities across seven districts with a special emphasis on preventing the risk of typhoid fever outbreak.  
**Outputs** Assessment Report and database  
**ME code** AFG-WHO-001  
**Donor code** N/A

**Reducing vulnerability and building resilience for communities suffering from protracted instability in north-eastern Afghanistan**

**Donor** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Duration** 1 January - 31 December 2016  
**Location** Badakhshan, Takhar and Baghlan provinces  
**Aim** To reduce vulnerability and build resilience in rural communities suffering from protracted social, economic and environmental instability.  
**Outputs** 21 water systems, 1,549 HH latrines & 37 public latrines built, 3,549 kits distributed and 3,098 individuals trained in hygiene; 880 women supported for kitchen gardening, food processing and nutrition and another 590 for greenhouseing; 469 households supported in poultry rearing, bee-keeping and orchard management; 12 new SHGs and 24 producer groups created and trained; 16 villages trained in watershed management and 471 farmers in land and soil management; 5 irrigation canals rehabilitated; 2 LNGOs supported to participate in relief activities with another 10 assessed and trained; community DRR structures formed and trained in 9 high-risk villages.  
**Partners** Afghanistan Social and Legal Organization (ASLO) and Badakhshan Vocational Women Services Organization (BVWSO)  
**ME code** AFG-SHUM-16  
**Donor code** 2016-713

**Building the Resilience of Rural Lives and Livelihoods of Vulnerable Communities in Badakhshan, north-eastern Afghanistan**

**Donor** BMZ  
**Duration** 1 November 2016 - 31 October 2017  
**Location** Badakhshan province (4 districts: Keshim, Argo, Darayem and Shar-e-Buzarg)  
**Aim** To reduce vulnerability and build resilience in rural communities of north-eastern Afghanistan suffering from protracted social, economic and environmental instability.  
**Outputs** 8 Water supply systems, 1,121 household and 16 community latrines built; 4,964 individuals trained in hygiene; 160 women trained in kitchen gardening, food processing and nutrition and 168 in greenhouses; 448 men and women trained in poultry, orchard management and SHG and producer group formation; capacity-building of 8 CDCs and WUCs.  
**ME code:** AFG-BMZ-001  
**Donor code** Project No. 1374

*Both greenhouse building and Self-Help Group formation are one of the best and most effective methods for food security I have experienced ever in my life. In the remote areas people are benefiting from greenhouses in winter. I have followed up on our experience from Baharak District from seven years ago, and those Self-Help Groups are now extended to business groups and enterprises."*



*Ustad Fauzia, Food Security Officer, Badakhshan*

Many communities in northeastern Afghanistan rely on irrigation for farming, so rehabilitation of channels is an important part of Mission East's work in the area.

By Saskia De Smet HQ Programme Manager for Armenia



10-year-old Silva has autism and speaking and learning difficulties. Through training at Mission East's centre, she has become better at interacting with her surroundings.

# Advocacy and support for the most vulnerable and excluded



Since 1992 in Armenia, our early relief interventions have shifted to development and advocacy. By capacitating local partners, Mission East targets disability rights, HIV/AIDS prevention, supporting Syrian refugees and engaging Armenian diaspora to support local community development.

## FACTS

Mission East started working in Armenia in 1992.

**Head office:** Yerevan

**Number of staff:** 16

**Country Director:** Armen Bezhanyan

### Local partner organizations:

Bridge of Hope NGO, Equal Rights Equal Opportunities NGO, Youth Initiatives Center, Arevshat Foundation, UNICEF, Birthright Armenia, Armenian Volunteer Corps, New Generation NGO, AIDS Prevention Union NGO, Aids Prevention and Education Center NGO, Positive People Armenian Network NGO, National Center for Aids Prevention, UNICEF, OXFAM/OxYGen.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Housing for 156 Syrian-Armenian refugee families improved thanks to housing assistance and winterization support.
- ✓ Education for over 600 children with disabilities and special needs in education improved, by capacitating 2,400 teachers/specialists and over 1,700 parents.
- ✓ Employment for 93 youth with disabilities, contributed by training them in 8 vocational training centres with a new inclusive curriculum.
- ✓ Care for over 400 children with disabilities improved in 17 inclusive schools by adapting classrooms to their psycho-social needs.
- ✓ Socio-economic community development in Lori, Shirak, Tavush and Gegharkunik was revitalized thanks to increased diaspora engagement.
- ✓ HIV/AIDS prevention services and harm reduction means to over 7,600 beneficiaries.
- ✓ Care and support to over 1,400 people living with HIV/AIDS.

## THE FUTURE

Mission East Armenia will further build its agenda on promoting disability rights, particularly by supporting introduction of a Universal System of Inclusive Education in Armenia and supporting local partners to engage in effective policy dialogue. Along with implementation of its current programs, Mission East Armenia will seek wider partnerships to expand its rural development operations targeting conflict-affected communities, on the border with Azerbaijan.



## “Living Together, Learning Together: A Child’s Right To Quality Inclusive Education”

**Donor** Civil Society in Development (CISU)  
**Duration** July 2016 - January 2018  
**Location** Tavush Marz, Armenia  
**Aim** The right of children with disabilities and special educational needs (CWD/SEN) to quality inclusive education is secured in Armenia.  
**Outputs** 77 mainstream Tavush schools become inclusive, with staff trained and resource rooms adapted; BoH centres strengthened their psycho-pedagogical service and support capacities to schools, CWD/SEN and families; parents of 77 Parents' Support Groups are trained and empowered to become watchdogs of the rights of CWD/SEN; the model of Universal Inclusive System of Education in Tavush is evaluated and completed with active participation of civil society groups and networks and is promoting country-wide replication.  
**Partners** Bridge of Hope (BoH)  
**ME code** ARM-CISU-008  
**Donor Code** 16-1824-SP-apr

## Strengthening of Diaspora engagement platform Together4Armenia to the benefit of vulnerable children and local development

**Donor** European Union  
**Duration** November 2016 - August 2017  
**Location** Lori, Shirak, Tavush and Gegharkunik region, Armenia  
**Aim** Diaspora effectively transfers knowledge and know-how to child-related reforms and local development in local communities of Lori, Shirak, Tavush and Gegharkunik regions  
**Outputs** Regional diaspora engagement hubs are operational and serve as a link between the local communities and the diaspora; diaspora engagement initiatives are being implemented in practice by transferring skills and knowledge to the community for the well-being of most vulnerable families and children.  
**Partners** Mission East is implementing partner for UNICEF  
**ME code** ARM-UNICEF-002  
**Donor Code** ARM/2014/10

## “The Right to Earn a Living”- Increased economic inclusion of youth with disabilities through enhanced livelihoods opportunities, Tavush, Armenia

**Donor** Civil Society in Development (CISU)  
**Duration** July 2013 - June 2016  
**Location** Specific communities/towns in Tavush Marz, Armenia  
**Aim** To increase economic and social inclusion of youth with disabilities and build strong civil society organisations in Tavush Marz, Armenia.  
**Outputs** 120 youth with disabilities (YWD) have increased awareness on vocational education training (VET) and employment policies/job opportunities; 120 YWD develop vocational competencies in 8 VET centres and increase their livelihood opportunities; 4 Platforms for Civic Synergies facilitate dialogue on VET with state and non-state actors; 6 VET curricula adapted.  
**Partners** Bridge of Hope  
**ME code** ARM-CISU-007  
**Donor Code** 13-1281-SP-apr

## Support to the National Program on the Response to HIV Epidemic in the Republic of Armenia

**Donor** Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)  
**Duration** January 2016 - September 2018  
**Location** Republic of Armenia – country-wide  
**Aim** 1) To accelerate the reduction of HIV spread among most-at-risk populations; 2) To provide care, support and treatment to people living with HIV; 3) To enhance the supportive environment for a sustained multi-sectoral response to HIV  
**Outputs** Voluntary counselling/testing services are provided to over 7,600 most at risk populations (MARPs); Over 1,400 people living with HIV received care and support  
**Partners** New Generation NGO, AIDS Prevention Union NGO, Aids Prevention and Education Center NGO, Positive People Armenian Network NGO, National Center for Aids Prevention  
**ME code** ARM-GF-003  
**Donor Code** ARM-H-MEA

## Mitigating Social Consequences of Labour Migration and Maximising Migrants’ Involvement in Local Development

**Donor** European Union  
**Duration** September 2014 - June 2016  
**Location** Lori, Shirak, Tavush and Gegharkunik region, Armenia  
**Aim** To reduce social vulnerability of labour migrants' families with children through the best use of intellectual and financial resources of migrants and diaspora representatives and their engagement in the development of their communities of origin/return in Lori, Shirak, Tavush and Gegharkunik.  
**Outputs** 4 regional knowledge hubs established with staff skilled to reinforce migrants and diaspora networks; 60 individual arrangements among diaspora and local organisations; a web based platform connecting diaspora to local organisations/ individuals, including soft skills transfer, export promotion, crowd fundraising.  
**Partners** Mission East is implementing partner for UNICEF  
**ME code** ARM-UNICEF-001  
**Donor Code** ARM/2014/10

*“In working with Mission East, I’ve changed my outlook on life, my attitude towards discrimination, inclusion and disability. I believe that any form of disability should not stop people achieving what they want to achieve. I’m sure that our attitude towards people with disabilities can change the world for the better.”*



Anna Avetisyan, Programme Manager in Mission East Armenia

By Alex Ramos-Peña HQ Programme Manager for Myanmar



| Agriculture in Maraland is hard work and everything is done by hand. This woman is pounding rice.

# New approaches for a sustainable future

Mission East is supporting community development in a remote district of Chin State, Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) which faces repeated and severe food shortages and environmental damage. New approaches to crop cultivation, new livelihoods development and an emphasis on education are key to a sustainable future.



## FACTS

Mission East started working in Myanmar in 2013.

In Myanmar, Mission East works through local partners Together for Sustainable Development (TSD) (formerly SDD) and Health and Hope Myanmar (HHM).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Local partner staff and communities trained on sustainable farming methods.
- ✓ Students from the Centre of Maraland Education (COME) received nutritional food through own sustainable garden production.
- ✓ Chicken house, pig sties and fish pond constructed at COME campus to improve diet of students.
- ✓ Mara students were supported for further education.



## THE FUTURE

Plans for the near future in Myanmar for Mission East are to further strengthen the capacity of local partners in Chin State. Responding to priority local needs, Mission East will support and develop with partners a new agricultural approach for more sustainable and environmentally friendly crop production. The medium-term strategy is to extend Mission East's presence and partnerships in the country, focusing on remote and underserved communities.

### Scholarships for Mara Special Students

**Donor** Holstebro Pinsekirke  
**Duration** April 2015 - March 2016  
**Location** Chin State, Myanmar  
**Aim** Provision of partial scholarships for Mara Special Students.  
**Outputs** Two students of the Centre of Maraland Education (COME) of the Mara community received partial scholarships for higher education in India.  
**Partners** Social Development Department of the Mara Evangelical Church (SDD) (now Together for Sustainable Development (TSD))  
**ME code** MYA-COME-005

### Stepping into the future: expansion phase of work in Southern Chin State, Myanmar

**Donor** AEC Fonden  
**Duration** January 2015 - June 2016  
**Location** Matupi Township, Chin State, Myanmar  
**Aim** Support to improve the community's capacity for self-sustainable food security and support to further ME's presence in Southern Chin State.  
**Outputs** Provision of balance nutritional food to 150 children for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic year at the Centre of Maraland Education. Support to 2 demonstration farms, promoting sustainable approaches to food security.  
**Partners** Social Development Department of the Mara Evangelical Church (SDD) (now Together for Sustainable Development (TSD))  
**ME code** MYA-AEC-001

“Capacity building is very important for rural communities like Mara, where things like computers and telephones are very new. Strategic planning, for example: when the need in the community is from A to Z and there is a lot of pressure, we sometimes forget our limitations. And out of concern for the people, we tended to do a quick response, but we didn't know about strategic planning. But with the capacity building we learned about strategic planning from Mission East.”



Mai Ki, head of Mission East's partner organisation, Together for Sustainable Development (TSD)

It takes four days to travel from Myanmar's largest city Yangon to Maraland in the western part of the country. As well as being isolated, the Mara community suffers from a shortage of food for a large part of the year.

By Kendrah Jespersen HQ Programme Manager for Iraq



These three girls have become friends at one of Mission East's centres for young people in Iraq, where they have also learned about their rights and how to use a sewing machine.

# Coping with the effects of conflict

Mission East's Iraq programme provides urgent assistance for those newly-displaced by conflict, on-going support for their basic needs and psychosocial recovery as the conflict extends, and help to rebuild their lives for those who are able to return to their home areas.



## FACTS

Mission East started its current operation in Iraq in 2014, and worked there previously in 2003-2006.

**Offices:** Erbil, Dohuk, Kirkuk, and Sinuni

**Number of staff:** 63

**Country Director:** Binay Basyal

**Local partner organisations:**  
Humanity NGO

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Over 8,000 displaced families coped in winter through support such as heating fuel and tarpaulins or cash to reinforce poor shelters.
- ✓ 1,400 displaced families coped better with extreme summer heat after receiving coolers, cool-boxes and other summer items.
- ✓ Over 4,000 displaced families received hygiene kits to support their health and dignity and benefited from improved hygiene awareness.
- ✓ 5,572 kits of basic survival items were pre-positioned to help families displaced by military operations in and around Mosul.
- ✓ Over 2,500 conflict-affected children and youth participated in regular activities to support their psychosocial well-being and recovery.
- ✓ Water projects provided clean drinking water to over 2,000 displaced or returning families (reaching more as people return to safe areas).
- ✓ 90 displaced families were provided with latrines.
- ✓ 809 newly displaced families were supported with emergency food kits.

## THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, the Iraq programme will continue to respond to the displacement caused by the military operation in Mosul and remain flexible to adapt to assist new populations as the situation evolves. At the same time support will continue for those who have been displaced for longer periods. We hope to be able to shift our attention more and more to support for returnees – whether through rebuilding livelihoods, infrastructure or services – as new areas become safe and communities are able to re-establish themselves.



## Claiming dignity, rebuilding hope: Support for vulnerable, displaced families in Northern Iraq

**Donor** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Duration** April 2015 - January 2016  
**Location** Dohuk, Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To help vulnerable displaced families, and particularly women and children, to meet their immediate needs and rebuild a sense of normalcy as they recover psychologically from the traumas of their displacement.  
**Outputs** Distributions of cash (432 families), essential non-food items, including hygiene kits (1,649 families), and heaters and kerosene for winter (720 families). 810 families among these also received food kits. 902 children and 153 women benefited from psychosocial support via child-friendly spaces and women's psychosocial support centres.  
**Partner** Humanity, CAPNI/Venus NGO  
**ME code** IRQ-SHUM-002  
**Donor codes** 2015-18292

## Winterization and psychosocial support for displaced people in Iraq

**Donor** Hjælp Nu! (Help Now) fundraising by DR / TV2  
**Duration** November 2015 - August 2016  
**Location** Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To help vulnerable displaced families, and particularly children, to meet their immediate needs and rebuild a sense of normalcy as they recover psychologically from the traumas of their displacement.  
**Outputs** Winterization assistance – heaters, kerosene and jerrycans for kerosene provided to 1,964 families; child friendly spaces assisting displaced children with learning, play and psychosocial support.  
**Partner** Humanity  
**ME code** IRQ-DR-01  
**Donor code** N/A

## Standing Strong: Rebuilding livelihoods of displaced populations in Iraq

**Donor** US Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (BPRM), via World Relief US  
**Duration** Sept 2016 - August 2017  
**Location** Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To support emergency livelihoods for IDPs and promote a return to economic self-sufficiency for host community members and returnees  
**Outputs** Cash for work for vulnerable IDP or conflict-affected households; support to re-establishing livelihoods via greenhouses, agri-training, agri-inputs and grants for shop-keepers; rehabilitation of water supply.  
**ME code** IRQ-BPRM-002  
**Donor code** S-PRMCO-16-CA-1197

## Humanitarian assistance to displaced populations in Ninewa, Dohuk and Kirkuk Governorates of Iraq through relief items, shelter support, WASH and psychosocial support

**Donors** German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Relief US, A21 Foundation, CEDAR Fund  
**Duration** Feb 2016 - December 2017  
**Location** Dohuk, Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To support the basic needs and psychosocial recovery and stability of people displaced by the conflict in Iraq, contributing towards the achievement of the Humanitarian Response Plan for Iraq.  
**Outputs** Distribution of 1,400 summer kits, 8,000 tarpaulins, 3,855 hygiene kits; shelter cash grants for 463 families; operation of 2 boreholes; rehabilitation of 2 water systems; installation of 32 latrines; operation of 6 Community Centres with child/youth focused activities; prepositioning of 4,100 emergency relief kits for Mosul response.  
**Partner** Humanity  
**ME code** IRQ-GMFA-003, IRQ-WR-005, IRQ-A21-001, IRQ-PSY-003, IRQ-CED-003  
**Donor code** S05-21-321.50 IRQ 08/16

## Addressing Urgent NFI needs in response to Mosul displacement

**Donors** UNOCHA (Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund)  
**Duration** October 2016 - April 2017  
**Location** Ninewa Governorate  
**Aim** To mitigate the impact of conflict and insecurity by providing protection and humanitarian assistance to affected populations.  
**Outputs** Prepositioning emergency relief items for people affected by the military operation in Mosul, including 2,455 mobile non-food-item kits, 2,100 Full Basic Winterized NFI kits and kerosene for cooking and heating.  
**ME code** IRQ-IHPF-002  
**Donor code** IRQ-16/3884/S/NFIs/INGO/3656

## Meeting basic needs and promoting psychosocial recovery in the Iraq spill-over of the Syria crisis

**Donors** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Duration** January 2016 - January 2017  
**Location** Dohuk, Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To address the critical and ongoing physical and psychosocial needs of vulnerable displaced families affected by the shocks of displacement and the lasting impact of the conflict with Islamic State.  
**Outputs** Distribution of 3,556 hygiene kits, 809 food kits, hygiene promotion activities, rehabilitation of 3 boreholes; operation of 6 Community Centres with child/youth focused activities for learning, play and psychosocial support; Case Management team supporting access to specialised services.  
**Partner** Humanity  
**ME code** IRQ-SHUM-003,  
**Donor code** 2015-52325

## Meeting critical needs in the expanding IDP crisis in northern Iraq

**Donors** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Duration** December 2016 - November 2017  
**Location** Dohuk, Ninewa and Kirkuk Governorates  
**Aim** To address critical and ongoing physical needs and protection concerns of people affected by conflict-induced displacement in northern Iraq.  
**Outputs** Emergency assistance to 1,750 IDP/returnee households including non-food items and shelter support; rehabilitation of damaged drinking water supply; opportunities for learning, recreation and psychosocial support for conflict-affected children.  
**Partner** Humanity  
**ME code** IRQ-SHUM-005  
**Donor code** 2016-48038

*I like working with children. I teach them how to respect each other. They learn about children's rights, and they also get a chance to play here."*



*Abdullah Said works as an educator at Mission East's Child Friendly Space in Nazrawa Camp. He is displaced and lives in the camp himself*

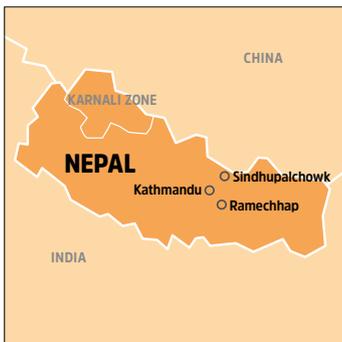
By Alex Ramos-Peña HQ Programme Manager for Nepal



Women walking on a mountain road in Mission East's project area in Karnali. Photo: Asha Budha Magar

# Breaking the isolation – development in remote mountain communities

In Nepal, Mission East is working in the remote Karnali Zone, supporting community development via projects focused on livelihoods, disaster risk reduction, women's rights and inclusion. Furthermore, Mission East has implemented recovery and disaster risk reduction programmes in earthquake-affected areas.



## FACTS

Mission East started working in Nepal in 1997.

**Head office:** Kathmandu

**Number of staff:** 16

**Country Director:** Patrick Sweeting

**Local partner organisations:** KIRDARC, WWS, Samjhauta, ANSAB, ICCO, IAS, NNDSWO, CDS, LDCDF, SAHAS, HEAD, KIWDF

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 1,275 illiterate women in remote mountainous villages participated in literacy training.
- ✓ 18 women's groups with 425 women formed networks for advocating for the rights of women and of people with disabilities.
- ✓ Solar panel irrigation scheme won a DFID sponsored award for innovation in climate change adaptation.
- ✓ System established to track climate change in mid-western Himalayan mountain regions.
- ✓ 1,400 earthquake affected households received livelihood support for food production and animal husbandry.
- ✓ 18 Local Disaster Management Committees established in earthquake affected areas.
- ✓ 153 vulnerability and capacity assessments conducted in earthquake affected areas.



- ✓ Celebrations and awareness raising conducted on the International Day for Persons with Disabilities – 30% of participants were persons with disabilities.
- ✓ 11 earthquake-damaged village water supply systems repaired, providing clean water for 430 households, plus 667 household toilets completed.

## THE FUTURE

In the year ahead, Mission East will continue to support community based disaster preparedness in four earthquake-stricken districts. Mission East will also continue to focus its assistance on the Karnali Zone, which is one of the poorest regions of the country. In this challenging, disaster-prone environment we combine Mission East's experience with the reach of local partner organisations to improve livelihoods, support climate change adaptation and to increase social inclusion and upholding of rights for marginalised groups such as women and people with disabilities.

*There are no barriers when working with Mission East. We are a small team, which promotes shared decision making and transparent information sharing. These values have helped to build strong bonds with the isolated Karnali population, and hence effective program implementation."*

Santosh Sharma, Deputy Country Director, Mission East Nepal



### Climate-smart farming in the Himalaya: an innovative green business model for food security and poverty reduction

**Donor** AEC Fonden  
**Duration** September 2014 - December 2016  
**Location** Bajura district, Nepal  
**Aim:** To pilot test an innovative climate-smart agriculture and green business model in Karnali that will improve farm productivity, food diversification, resilience and access to income for 250 households.  
**Outputs** Development of business case for agricultural production and marketing with active participation of both private investors and producers throughout the entire value chain process; increased farm and labour productivity achieved through the introduction of climate-smart agricultural practices; food and cash crops harvested, processed, and marketed.  
**Partners** ICCO, ANSAB and IAS  
**ME code** NEP-AEC-006

### AFFIRM Karnali – Alliance For Fostering Inclusive and Resilient development of Marginalised communities in Karnali

**Donor** Danish Missionary Council Development Department  
**Duration** November 2014 – March 2017  
**Location** Humla, Mugu and Kalikot, Nepal  
**Aim** To sustain climate risk resilient and gender sensitive community development in Karnali Zone of Nepal.  
**Outputs** Civil Society and NGO alliance on DRR and CCA advocate for climate adaptive and risk sensitive development at local and district levels and influence government for gender-sensitive and inclusive adaptive action. CSOs, District Government institutions have improved capacity to mainstream gender-sensitive DRR and CCA into local development process.  
**Partners** KIRDARC  
**ME code** NEP-DMCDD-004  
**Donor code** DMCDD-14-A-03

### Empowering vulnerable women from Humla and Mugu districts of Midwestern Nepal

**Donor:** Läkarmissionen  
**Duration:** January 2013 - January 2016  
**Location:** Humla and Mugu, Nepal  
**Aim:** To improve the socio-economic position of women in Humla and Mugu.  
**Outputs:** Human Rights and Inclusion based literacy classes completed by 1,052 women, improving capacity/confidence to raise their voices and claim rights; 216 women trained in income generating activities; 44 women's groups organised and connected for women's rights advocacy and to promote their access to natural resources and income generating opportunities.  
**Partners** Women Welfare Service (WWS) and Samjhauta Nepal  
**ME code** NEP-LKM-001  
**Donor code** Project Nr 1530

### Gender Justice for a Brighter Future

**Donors** Läkarmissionen, Lauritzen Foundation, Nettolager Aps  
**Duration** February 2016 – September 2018  
**Location** Humla and Mugu, Nepal  
**Aim** To contribute to poverty reduction by promoting gender justice and improving access of most vulnerable women to livelihoods, health and social security services in Humla and Mugu districts, Nepal.  
**Outputs** 1,650 women receive literacy training; 42 women's groups support vocational and business skills for livelihoods improvement; strengthened attention to women's issues in local development via advocacy and awareness raising.  
**Partners** WWS, Samjhauta, KIWDF  
**ME code** NEP-LKM-003, NEP-JL-002, NEP-NET-001  
**Donor code** Project Nr 1530, 151202-00565

### VOICE: Voicing for Equality and Justice for Women in Karnali

**Donor** Civil Society in Development (CISU)  
**Duration** January 2015 – November 2017  
**Location** Humla and Mugu, Nepal  
**Aim** To empower women and civil society organisations for better inclusion and development in the Karnali Zone, Nepal.  
**Outputs** 4,000 women & adolescent girls and 1,000 male heads of household sensitised on women's rights; 6 local CSOs and 26 women's groups / networks strengthened in their capacity to work on inclusion and gender issues; local government workers receive training in accountability and inclusion.  
**Partners** KIRDARC, WWS  
**ME code** NEP-CISU-005  
**Donor code** 14-1553-SP-sep

### Rooting out poverty: rights and opportunities for women in Nepal

**Donor** Danmarks Indsamling  
**Duration** April 2016 – September 2018  
**Location** Kalikot, Nepal  
**Aim** To empower most vulnerable women in the remote and isolated area of Kalikot in Nepal to fight poverty through education and livelihood improvement.  
**Outputs** 450 women receive literacy and income generation training; women's groups establish savings funds; 200 adolescents and social leaders have improved understanding of gender issues and rights; community dialogues for rights awareness.  
**Partner** KIRDARC  
**ME code** NEP-DR-001  
**Donor code** n/a

### Promoting inclusive Community Based Disaster Preparedness in the Recovery and Reconstruction of earthquake affected areas of Nepal

**Donor** ECHO, World Relief US  
**Duration** May 2016 - October 2017  
**Location** Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Ramechhap, Okhaldunga, Nepal  
**Aim** To strengthen the resilience of communities and institutions in Nepal to the impacts of disaster.  
**Outputs** Inclusive local disaster risk management planning in 18 VDCs; strengthened capacity for disaster response in 4 districts; inclusive and flexible model for local disaster risk management shared to improve disaster preparedness in other parts of the country.  
**Partners** Save the Children, SAHAS, CDS, LDCDF  
**ME code** NEP-ECHO-005, NEP-WR-002  
**Donor code** 2016/00741/RQ/01/02

### Linking Relief to Recovery & Reconstruction for most affected populations – Nepal 2016

**Donor** ZOA  
**Duration** January 2016 - January 2017  
**Location** Ramechhap, Nepal  
**Aim** To contribute to recovery and reconstruction efforts of the most affected populations from the April/May Earthquakes in Sindhupalchowk, Ramechhap and Okhaldunga districts in Nepal.  
**Outputs** 667 household latrines & 4 school latrines; rehabilitation of 11 village water supply systems; 1,200 households received seeds and tools for food cultivation; 4 irrigation systems repaired; 113 households receive livestock for animal husbandry.  
**Partner** CDS  
**ME code** NEP-ZOA-002  
**Donor code** NPL08.11

By Saskia De Smet HQ Programme Manager for North Korea



This lady has created a temporary home for herself in a tent after her home was destroyed by flooding in North Hamgyong in August 2016.

## Provide water and sanitation to the most vulnerable areas

Mission East in North Korea provides assistance to flood affected populations and to other vulnerable populations in remote rural areas who at present have no access to any clean water supply or sanitary facilities, to prevent the spread of waterborne and other diseases.



### FACTS

Mission East started working in North Korea (also known as DPRK) in 2011. Mission East works with the Korean European Cooperation Agency (KECCA) and the local authorities.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 400 vulnerable families gained access to clean drinking water via a new water supply system in the rural Kangwon province.
- ✓ Health conditions for over 350 children in schools improved through access to clean water and hygiene promotion activities.
- ✓ Maintenance of new water supply systems is guaranteed through technical training of over 20 village technicians.



- ✓ 550 flood affected households and child care institutions in the remote North will benefit from new water supply systems.

### THE FUTURE

Building on several years of experience and a good cooperation with local government, Mission East seeks to expand its activities in water, sanitation, hygiene and food security in the remote eastern provinces. In addition, Mission East will keep on being prepared to assist the most vulnerable in any future flood affected region.

## Food Security and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Assessment and Pilot in North Korea

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| <b>Donor</b>    | Danish private funding   |
| <b>Duration</b> | November 2015 - June 2017  |
| <b>Location</b> | Kangwon Province, North Korea.   |
| <b>Aim</b>      | To improve lives of rural communities in North Korea in terms of nutrition and health through an intervention in food security, water, sanitation, hygiene and food security, scalable to a larger future intervention.                      |
| <b>Outputs</b>  | Sun cover and drip irrigation for seedlings to a tree nursery and plastic covers for household kitchen gardens, a gravity fed water system for 400 families, hygiene promotion to mother groups and school children; 16 latrines in schools. |
| <b>Partners</b> | Kangwon Province People's Committees, Ministry of City Management  |
| <b>ME code</b>  | KOR-FLO-001, KOR-FON-001, KOR-YSM-002  |

## Food Security and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Assessment and Pilot in North Korea

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| <b>Donor</b>    | Danish private funding  |
| <b>Duration</b> | November 2016 - June 2017   |
| <b>Location</b> | North Hamgyong Province, North Korea.   |
| <b>Aim</b>      | To assist flood affected populations in North Hamgyong Province, North Korea to new water distribution systems and hygiene facilities.  |
| <b>Outputs</b>  | Provision of water purification tablets to cover urgent needs, repair of damaged drinking water supply to 2 rural communities, schools and health facilities, provision of emergency latrines, repair of damaged community latrines and hand washing facilities, promotion of key hygiene messages. |
| <b>Partners</b> | North Hamgyong Province People's Committees, Ministry of City Management  |
| <b>ME code</b>  | KOR-FLEX-001  |



“One key success of Mission East’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene projects in DPRK is the solid technical partnership with the Ministry of City Management. Collaborating with Mission East staff based in Brussels is also great; their constant support is very much appreciated.”

*Yvan Gravel, International Consultant on Mission East’s work in North Korea and Co-Founder & Executive Manager of LED NGO*



Flood damage in Kangson. This was previously a street of houses. Now it's under 1.5 meters of silt and mud.

By **Maryse Tanis** HQ Programme Manager for Tajikistan



A child enjoying therapy at one of the Mission East supported rehabilitation centres in Tajikistan. This centre is located in Kulyab and is run by the Tajik organisation Zarshedabonu.



## FACTS

Mission East started working in Tajikistan in 1997

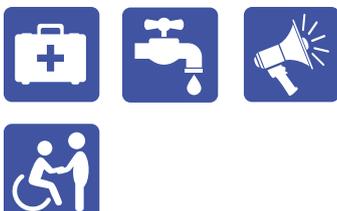
**Head office:** Dushanbe

**Provincial offices:** Penjakent, Kulyab and Khalaikhumb/Dashtak.

**Number of staff:** 23

**Country Director:** Surayo Yuldasheva

**Partner organisations:** INGOs: Handicap International, FOCUS, national NGOs: KACP, Markazi Nur, Nuri Umed, PACP and Zarshedabonu



# Potable water and safety for all, care and therapy for children

Mission East started its operations in Tajikistan in 1997, providing relief after the civil war. Current programming is on water, sanitation and hygiene, disaster risk reduction and inclusion of children with disabilities.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Construction of new water systems delivering potable water to 3,000 people in cross-border Badakhshan.
- ✓ Providing 140 trainings on hygiene practices, reaching out to more than 2,600 people.
- ✓ Construction of 320 household and public latrines.
- ✓ Building of 6 village bridges to allow continued travel throughout the year.
- ✓ Protection of 4 villages against landslides through the construction of gabion walls.
- ✓ Training of 130 representatives of village development boards, water user groups and government authorities, on inclusive disaster response.
- ✓ Organisation of a national workshop promoting our inclusive disaster response methodology country-wide.
- ✓ Continued organisational capacity training for our local partners.
- ✓ National and local level advocacy for inclusive education and inclusive disaster risk management.
- ✓ Distribution of relief kits for 300 household following mud slides and flooding.

## THE FUTURE

For 2017 our ambition is to continue strengthening and expanding our rights-based programmes in rural development, in particular in the areas of WASH, DRR and inclusion. We will also continue to build up the capacity of our Tajik partners in order to support sustainable service provision in-country.

## Hear My Voice – Empowering Tajik Civil Society for Disability Rights Advocacy

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| <b>Donor</b>      | CISU  |
| <b>Duration</b>   | April 2014 - March 2017   |
| <b>Location</b>   | Focus on Khatlon and Sughd provinces  |
| <b>Aim</b>        | To improve the organisational management capacities and strengthen the networking skills of four Tajik civil society organisations, to become lead agencies in rights-based inclusion of people with disabilities into society and to advocate for rights-based service for people with disabilities. |
| <b>Outputs</b>    | The four project partners have improved their capacity for organisational management; they advocate for rights-based service delivery for people with disabilities based on improved technical expertise and a developed strategy for networking and advocacy.  |
| <b>Partners</b>   | The Associations of Committees of Parents to children with disabilities in Kulyab and in Penjakent districts, Nuri Umed and Zarshedabonu  |
| <b>ME code</b>    | TAJ-CIS-005   |
| <b>Donor code</b> | 13-1417SP-dec   |

## Human rights in Tajikistan – opportunities for marginalised girls and women and children with disabilities in Tajikistan

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| <b>Donor</b>      | Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  |
| <b>Duration</b>   | July 2013 - June 2016  |
| <b>Location</b>   | Penjakent district, Sughd province   |
| <b>Aim</b>        | To reduce the marginalisation of girls and women and of CWDs, supporting equal access to social, health-care, educational and legal services, respect in society and economic opportunities, and better application of their rights under Tajik civil law.   |
| <b>Outputs</b>    | CWDs have improved access to social, health and education services and are better represented at policy decision-making levels: their rights are effectively advocated for. Equal development opportunities for girls and women have improved, their rights are better represented at policy decision-making levels, and advocacy on women and girls' civil rights is effective. |
| <b>Partners</b>   | Tajik NGO Nuri Umed  |
| <b>ME code</b>    | TAJ-NOR-005  |
| <b>Donor code</b> | TJK-13/001   |

## Promotion of water, sanitation & hygiene and disaster management in at-risk border communities of Afghanistan and Tajikistan

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| <b>Donor</b>      | PATRIIP Foundation  |
| <b>Duration</b>   | January 2014 - April 2017   |
| <b>Location</b>   | Darvoz district, GBAO province in Tajikistan and Nusai district in the Badakhshan province of Afghanistan   |
| <b>Aim</b>        | To reduce vulnerability to disease and natural hazards and to improve the living conditions of at-risk remote rural communities in the border regions of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, through the provision of clean drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities, the improvement of local hygiene practices and the implementation of community based disaster risk reduction measures. |
| <b>Outputs</b>    | 750 household and 25 public latrines, 28 village water systems, disaster risk reduction measure in place in 52 communities, small scale mitigation work done, cross-border visits have trained 30-40 community representatives as maintainers of the WASH facilities.   |
| <b>Partners</b>   | Mission East Afghanistan  |
| <b>ME code</b>    | TAJ-PAP-003   |
| <b>Donor code</b> | AFG-MIEAST-002  |

## Fostering Disaster-Resilient Communities in Isolated Mountain Environments of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan - Phase IX

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| <b>Donor</b>      | European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)   |
| <b>Duration</b>   | February 2016 - July 17   |
| <b>Location</b>   | Gorno-Badakhshan province   |
| <b>Aim</b>        | To increase the resilience to natural disasters of vulnerable local communities and strengthen the capacities of the mandated national, regional and local institutions dealing with disaster risk management in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, by enabling a safer and inclusive environment.  |
| <b>Outputs</b>    | Enhanced knowledge by critical stakeholders to apply inclusive hazard assessment and preparedness measurements; increased capacity of the stakeholders for design and application of inclusive disaster response mechanisms; and, enhanced capacity to implement, facilitate and advocate for inclusive DRR policies and practices. |
| <b>Partners</b>   | Lead partner for this project is Aga Khan Foundation, while Mission East is implementing partner.   |
| <b>ME code</b>    | TAJ-DIP-009   |
| <b>Donor code</b> | ECHO/EN/BUD/2016/91013  |

## Improved social services and coordinated action for community-based rehabilitation of children with disabilities through centres, parent support groups, Social Assistance at Home Units and primary health care workers

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| <b>Donor</b>      | EuropeAid   |
| <b>Duration</b>   | December 2016 - June 2019   |
| <b>Location</b>   | Gorno-Badakhshan, Khatlon and Sughd provinces   |
| <b>Aim</b>        | To contribute to reducing social exclusion by supporting the rights of people with disabilities, by supporting the development of the social services system for children with disabilities.  |
| <b>Outputs</b>    | Social services are created, expanded and adapted, with support from civil society, for rehabilitation of CWDs in eight locations. Quality standards, methodologies and good practices for social care are developed, allowing for effective, transparent coordination, M&E, and supporting civil society's role in sustainable social service provision. |
| <b>Partners</b>   | Handicap International, and the Tajik NGOs Markazi Nur, Nuri Umed and Zarshedabonu  |
| <b>ME code</b>    | TAJ-EUA-024   |
| <b>Donor code</b> | ACA 2016 375-525  |

*I have worked with Mission East for several years in various fields. I'm very glad to admit that I feel as a part of Mission East and I'm proud of it. I have not only been able to use my knowledge, experience and skills, but I have also learnt a lot."*



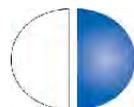
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Mission East is an international relief and development organisation, which works to help vulnerable populations, supporting communities' capacities to organise and assist themselves, through activities ranging from disaster relief to development assistance. Our vision is to empower people and communities in crisis affected countries to lift themselves out of poverty and marginalisation.

## Values in action

Honesty · Integrity · Compassion · Respect for all people · Valuing the individual



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