

Annual Report

Stahili Foundation 2015



**2015:
Reaching
new
heights**



Learn more about
Stahili's impact in
2015



MESSAGE FROM STAHILI

Dear friends,

This year was a challenging year for the rights of children globally. Despite such challenges, the support of Stahili's partners and volunteers, 2015 was a year of impact and growth for us as an organization. We were thrilled to be able to expand our protection and development assistance as well as human rights advocacy, education, and research programmes.

The pages which follow are a snapshot of our year as an organization. We look forward to 2016 with hope and expectation: firmly committed to transparency and the vision that every child deserves protection, education, family, community and opportunity.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to continued impact on the lives of vulnerable children in 2016.

With our deepest gratitude,

Michelle Oliel
Michelle Oliel
Co-Founder

Sauna K. Walker
Laura Walker
Co-Founder

In 2015, Stahili supported 36 students with education and all the tools they need to succeed.

“EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO FULFILL HIS OR HER POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION.”

INSIDE STAHILI

WHAT WE DO

EDUCATION, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Working with families and communities in rural Kenya, Stahili uses education as a tool to end exploitation, empower children, and break the cycle of poverty. Although most children supported by Stahili have endured years of abuse and exploitation in an orphanage, they still have loving relatives or community members. These relatives and community members want to care for their children but they can only do so with our assistance due to poverty.

Stahili empowers children and their guardians by providing:

- Education through post-secondary school including tuition and school requirements
- Access to medical and psycho-social support for students and families
- Food supplement for families
- Skills training for families and other assistance
- Encouragement, and mentorship

As a volunteer-based organization, we are committed to ensuring that donor support goes straight to the kids. In 2015, administrative costs were under 2% of our overall budget.



OUR SUCCESS

FIRST STUDENT IN COLLEGE

We are committed to providing each student our support with post-secondary education. In 2015, Joyce, the eldest girl supported by Stahili, became the first student to begin tertiary-level education. Joyce, who is now in beauty college, dreams to own her own salon one day. With her family and our team by her side providing encouragement, we know the sky is the limit for Joyce!



Above: Co-founder and human rights lawyer Michelle speaking at Ted X event at The Hague University of Applied Sciences

OUR TEAM

EXPERT VOLUNTEERS

Stahili is made up of volunteers dedicated to seeing a world where no child is trafficked, forced to work, or conscripted to armed forces; a world where all children have access to education.

Stahili's volunteers come from diverse backgrounds in human rights, development, education, refugee protection, anti-trafficking, and fundraising. Our volunteers use their expertise alongside our two staff members in rural Kenya, fueling our work on the ground.

Stahili's volunteers also assist in the day to day oversight of our operations. Thanks to their commitment and dedication, Stahili confidently grew leaps and bounds in 2015.

With increasing demands in the communities in which we work, and new opportunities to engage in advocacy projects, we plan to expand our volunteer base in 2016. If you'd like to join our team, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and help give children a life that they deserve through education.

OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 was a great year. Here are some of our key achievements thanks to donors and partners.

1

66,854 CLASSROOM HOURS

In 2015, Stahili provided 36 of students with tuition, board, and all the tools they need to attend school like transportation, books, uniforms, shoes, hygiene products.

2

OUR FIRST STUDENT IN COLLEGE

Post-secondary school is key to ending the cycle of poverty and exploitation affecting the communities in which we work. With our first student in college and two more on the way to university in 2016, this is just the beginning.

3

TWO STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Unfortunately, high school is neither free nor cheap in Kenya. Thanks to you, Stahili advanced two more students to high school in 2015.

4

9 TONNES OF FOOD

The families we support are often unable to provide food for their children. Children who are hungry do not learn well. Stahili carefully assesses the needs of families and the local community and provides food support where needed.

5

MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR 150 PEOPLE

We expanded our medical support to families and the community. We also helped provide; psycho-social support, a surgery, and dental and eye care (including glasses).



6

ENGAGING STUDENTS GLOBALLY

2015 was a big year for student engagement. High school and university students from countries around the world joined Stahili to give children a life that they deserve.

7

HUMAN RIGHTS 365

Advocacy goes hand in hand with development. In 2015, our human rights advocacy section grew by 5 professional volunteer staff. We anticipate continued growth in our advocacy department in 2016. Read more about our human rights work in this report.

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EMPLOYMENT

Through our local initiative, "Project Engage", Stahili connects guardians with local employers. We were proud this year that our support resulted in the gainful employment of one guardian, lessening dependence.



2015

Protection and Development

Two important aspects of Stahili's work are development and protection of children from exploitation. In 2015, Stahili protected 36 children and provided them and their families with holistic support.

Such support included:

- tuition, board, and school requirements
- medical and psychosocial support
- food
- water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
- HIV/AIDS prevention and support



At Stahili, a commitment to sustainability lies at the heart of our programme. Most guardians are unskilled labourers who have difficulty finding consistent work. In 2015, Stahili commenced Programme Empowerment, which aims to empower guardians. This resulted in the gainful employment of a guardian in 2015, thereby fostering sustainability and lessening dependence.



In 2015, Stahili also stepped in with emergency assistance during the lean season in Kenya to ensure that families had enough food to eat. We also extended our medical care to family and community members.



Above: Brothers attend school in rural Kenya

Human Rights 365

Human rights advocacy plays a central role in Stahili's efforts to provide children with access to the life they deserve. In 2015, our 'Human Rights 365' team were fully engaged with advocacy projects both defending children's rights and educating students, practitioners, and supporters alike on children's rights.

In 2015, the Human Rights 365 Team experienced real growth. The addition of new expert volunteers from across the globe brought fresh vision and momentum to our child rights projects. As a first step, we undertook research to ensure that Stahili's programs were in line with international legal guidelines and best practices.

Stahil released a position paper, 'Education, Family, and Community: A Recipe for Sustainable Development', detailing why we believe orphanages should be a last resort and why every effort should be made to provide children with opportunities to

remain with families and communities. We plan to continue with similar research projects during 2016.

Our experts contributed to various research projects in collaboration with universities and other organizations committed to our vision of seeing a world where children can realize their rights and full potential.

In addition, Stahili embarked upon an exciting, innovative, and ambitious project to engage child rights experts and practitioners from across the globe in preparing a textbook on the rights of the child. On the back of extensive preliminary research undertaken in 2015, we look forward to seeing further progress on this project in 2016. We are grateful for the support of the Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children at Michigan State University on this project.

With so much growth for Human Rights 365 in 2015, we anticipate a successful year of advocacy, research and activism in 2016.



'Every child is born with dignity and human rights.'

Gillian Kane

2015 Changemaker Fellow
in Human Rights



Stahili is committed to spreading our message of how education can be a powerful tool for change, enabling equal opportunities for boys and girls and transforming both individual lives and communities. Students have an important role to play in spreading this message.

In 2015, our commitment to human rights education didn't end in the Global South. Stahili engaged students from around the world and partnered with learning institutions and organizations globally. Through Stahili, students were taught valuable lessons of responsible donating and of the rights inherent to them and every child globally.

Partnership

Our partnership with the International School of The Hague continued to flourish, providing tangible education opportunities for students both in Kenya and the Netherlands. Inspired by Stahili's work, students from the British School in The Netherlands and the Lorentz Lyceum in Arnhem organized events and also shared Stahili's message. We are also thankful to School Endz, a team of high school students who donated once loved school supplies from students in Canada.

Leadership

University students also played an important role in Stahili's success. In 2015, Stahili was selected by The Hague University of Applied Sciences to be included as a case study to teach industrial design students how they can use their skills to engage with community organizations. Supporting our outreach and communications, by producing a high quality public presentation on Stahili's work which was showcased at the International Baccalaureate's Global Heads Annual Conference in The Hague. Stahili has been selected for a second year as a partner organization in 2016.

Resources

In addition to our innovative project to produce a textbook on children's rights, 2015 saw Stahili make plans to produce, in collaboration with partner schools such as The International School of The Hague, learning materials on children's rights for primary and high school students globally.



LESS THAN
2%
OF FUNDING
WENT TO
ADMINISTRATIVE
COSTS

IN 2015, STAHILI
INCREASED ITS
FUNDING BY
37.5%

Financial Report

	2015*	2014	2013
Revenue	\$62,642.57	\$39,141.40	\$18,129.39
Income and Fundraising	\$60,989.19	\$37,815.23	\$18,127.68
Inventory Sales	\$1,650.37	\$1,302.00	--
Interest Income	\$3.01	\$24.17	\$1.71
Total Expenditure	\$45,127.35	\$30,548.17	\$7,895.66
Project Activities	\$42,130.56	\$28,061.94	\$7,384.69
Fees, Operating expenses, professional services, and fundraising costs	\$1,740.84	\$1,773.77	\$510.97
Inventory/Cost of goods	\$1,255.95	\$812.46	--
Reserve	€29,460.16		
	\$1,881.72		



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TRANSPARENCY

HUMAN RIGHTS

SUSTAINABILITY

IMPACT



Margaret enjoys playtime at Stahili medical camp.

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