



STAHILI

PROTECTION
DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION
HUMAN RIGHTS

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

FAMILIES
NOT ORPHANAGES
Just imagine...



FROM STAHLI

2016 was a year of growth for Stahlili with many new and exciting opportunities. Our team of volunteers grew significantly, as did our influence in the global movement to raise awareness about the harms of orphanages and the benefits of family-based care in sustainable communities. This year, Stahlili joined the Alternative Care Alliance Kenya to further advocate for de-institutionalisation in Kenya. We developed education programmes to teach young people about ethical volunteering, and we furthered our work in promoting children's rights and sustainable development.

**2016 WAS A
YEAR OF
GROWTH**

We expanded education programmes in Kenya and the Netherlands and initiated a partnership in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our efforts in the field to counter human trafficking increased considerably and our Human Rights 365 team produced 12 country reports on children and armed conflict. Indeed, our team of committed volunteers from around the world, and our staff in Kenya, made real progress in 2016.

As did Joyce, a Stahlili beneficiary since 2012, who survived several years of orphanage trafficking, and has since completed beauty college and started an internship at a local salon.

We have much to be thankful for, not least the many supporters around the world who have donated to help Stahlili continue to grow. Together with friends like you, we have helped 43 children regain their right to family, have kept them free from orphanages and have provided all with education.

This year's annual report highlights our successes and shares the challenges for 2017 as we look ahead to continue our work in protecting children and their rights.

DEVELOPMENT

2016 KEY FACTS AND FIGURES



43

children supported
in **families**
not orphanages



BENEFICIARIES **137**

16.4 TONNES

Emergency food &
hygiene supplies

100%

SCHOOL **RETENTION RATES**

60k

Classroom hours



COMMUNITIES DRIVE OUR WORK

Communities are at the heart of Stahili's work. In 2016, guardians formed the Stahili Community Group. The group works alongside Stahili to strengthen families and communities.

The group also works alongside the local Chief to help warn the community of the harms of human trafficking, including trafficking to orphanages.



ACHIEVING DREAMS

Joyce and her sister were taken to a for-profit orphanage after a child finder approached her family with the false promise of education, food and safe accommodation. After being kept in the orphanage for years and separated from her family, Stahili provided the family with the support they needed to stay together. Nearly five years later, Joyce has completed high school and beauty college. Today she is self-dependent and works at a prestigious salon in a hotel. Speaking of her future she said, "I know that this is only the beginning".



Joyce working at the local salon.



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59,640

CLASSROOM HOURS



2016 AT A GLANCE



WHAT STAHILI IS DOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Stahili is a movement of practitioners, experts, individual supporters, teachers and students from around the world who want to make the world a better place for children. We work in education, child protection and development, and children's rights.

The biggest part of our mission is to help children trafficked to orphanages return to their families and give children brighter futures through education and family.

- Tracing families for children living in orphanages
- Reunifying children with families
- Providing support to vulnerable families
- Providing education support through post-secondary school
- Providing skills training and other education for families
- Working with authorities to see child trafficking to orphanages prosecuted

137

BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED IN FAMILIES

THE PROBLEM WITH ORPHANAGES

Although the number of orphans in the world is steadily decreasing, the number of orphanages and similar residential institutions is on the rise. Between 80% and 90% of children in orphanages have families.

There are no good or bad orphanages. Institutions like orphanages are harmful to children's physical, emotional and psycho-social well-being. Children living in institutions need families.



GETTING TOUGH ON ORPHANAGE TRAFFICKING

ASSISTANT CHIEF ESTHER WANGECHI MUCHEMI TAKES THE PLEDGE WITH STAHILI

In 2016, Stahili joined forces with Assistant County Chief Esther Muchemi to create orphanage-free communities in Kenya.

As part of Stahili's efforts, she has pledged to join us in ending orphanages in Makuyu, Kenya, and to strengthen community-based family care and foster care systems.

Together, we will work to strengthen and empower the community and find sustainable solutions to poverty and child trafficking.

Stahili continued to work with local authorities in a number of counties in Kenya and will step up its efforts in 2017, alongside the Chief.



Photo of Stahili's Executive Director, Michelle Oliei and Chief Muchemi

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE ORPHANAGE-FREE COMMUNITIES

EDUCATION

Education is at the heart of Stahili's work. In 2016, our education programme reached over 400 students in the Netherlands and Kenya.

Our interactive workshops this year included the following topics:

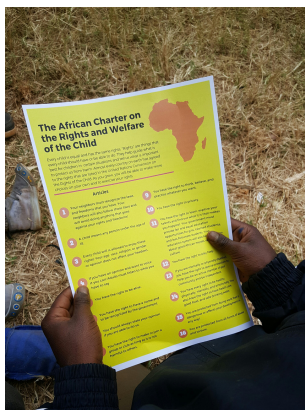
- Children's rights and responsibilities
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Volunteering: giving back in responsible and ethical ways
- The environment: keeping communities green and clean

400
STUDENTS TRAINED
IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Our education outreach continued to grow. We initiated a new project to extend our education programme to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and embarked on a partnership with students from the European Youth Parliament to tackle the problem of child institutionalisation. We also stepped up our work to raise awareness among teachers, students and the education community of the global problem of 'orphanage tourism', and how smart volunteering and service learning can become part of the solution, not part of the problem.

We also laid the groundwork for a network of international teachers to expand curriculum resources on children's rights and development issues, and to contribute to Stahili's goal of making the world a better place for children through education.

CHILD FRIENDLY MATERIALS



INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS



WORKING WITH TEACHERS





HUMAN RIGHTS 365

Stahili advocates for the rights of the child and also collaborates with NGOs and other institutions to address global issues which affect children's rights. The Human Rights 365 Team is made up of experts and students who donate their time to protect the rights of children.

Here are some of the 365 Team's key achievement this year:

- Teaching at Leiden University's Frontiers of Children Rights summer school.
- Participating in expert consultations on a children's policy to guide the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.
- Monitoring and reporting on the situation of children in armed conflict in Syria, Iraq, Mali, Lebanon, Jordan, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Libya, Yemen, Turkey, Somalia and Colombia in collaboration with the Lori E. Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children at Michigan State University College of Law and the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative.
- Preparing an anti-trafficking toolkit for the Stand Up Against Human Trafficking Symposium.
- Contributing to the drafting and coordination of a textbook on children's rights with leading experts in the field (expected in 2017).

HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS

In 2016, we stepped up our advocacy to highlight the issue of trafficking of children to orphanages and set up an investigation team in Kenya.



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YOUTH VOICES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERN

I am Teresia from Kenya. Having lived many years in an orphanage, I am a care leaver.

My experience has given me a powerful voice. I am a survivor of orphanage trafficking. After my parents passed away, I was recruited by a child finder who brought me and my sister to an orphanage. I spent a number of years in the orphanage and was only allowed to visit my aunt once or twice per year.

I am really passionate about Stahili's work. They empowered me and my sister to leave the orphanage and reunited us with our aunt. After leaving the orphanage, I went to live with my aunt.

Today, I am in university pursuing a diploma in Community Development and Social Work.

When not attending classes or studying, I work as the Community Development intern for Stahili and fight to end the exploitation of vulnerable children. Throughout 2016, I had many important responsibilities. I helped trace a number of children who live in orphanages and their families.

Having grown up in an orphanage, I understand the importance of bringing up children under the basic human right to a family life. My ultimate goal is to become a human rights lawyer and fight for all children.

TERESIA WAIRIMU



YOUTH AMBASSADOR IN THE NETHERLANDS

I joined Stahili in 2016 as Stahili's Youth Ambassador and have come to feel part of this amazing family. My mission is to help share the message about the harms of orphanages and orphanage volunteering and to promote sustainability in the communities we seek to help.

At the end of 2016, I wrote my first article for Stahili, sharing my own experiences as a "voluntourist" in Cambodia and what I have learned about making a sustainable difference. My article generated a lot of conversation at my school, especially among students who are planning on attending a school-sponsored volunteering trip in Kenya.

I was pleased that students were eager to see how they could ensure their project was sustainable and helpful to the community. Witnessing this slow but steady culture shift at my own school has led me to realise that the key to ending voluntourist trips is through reaching out to students.

For 2017, I hope to expand the conversation to a more formal setting in Model United Nations conferences with the hope of achieving international attention for the issues. As Stahili's Youth Ambassador, I hope to reach other teenagers through social media. I also hope to connect with students at schools across the world interested in helping Stahili, so that we can make the most impact and see a world where children grow up in families.



REBECCA MAZZU

2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2016

2015

INCOME

	Netherlands	USA	(combined totals)
Gifts and Donations	60,946.93	5,552.00	60,989.19
Inventory Revenue	3,184.26	-	1,650.37
Interest Income	-	0.77	3.01
Donations in Kind	6,198.54	-	-
	€70,329.73	\$5,552.77	\$62,642.57

EXPENDITURE

Project activities	60,519.42	5,133.87	42,130.56
Professional services, hosting, fundraising costs, and fees	923.63	1,705.48	1,740.84
Inventory/Cost of goods	520.98	-	1,255.95
	€61,964.03	\$6,839.35	\$45,127.35

RESERVES

	€31,627.52	\$595.18	€29,460.16 \$1,881.72
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Over
95%
of expenditure
went directly
to **children and families**



CORPORATE INFORMATION

USA

Stahili Foundation Incorporated

EIN: 001144489
501(c)(3) organization

The Netherlands

Stichting Stahili

KvK: 59316497
RSIN: 853419103

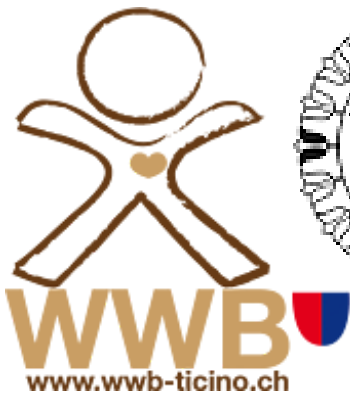
Kenya

Stahili Community Based Organization

Reg No. MAK/MAR/CBO/2530

WORKING TOGETHER

We are grateful to partners and donors as well as organisations we worked with in 2016



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CHILD SOLDIERS INITIATIVE

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