



STAHILI

2017 Annual Report



**Families,
not orphanages.
The time is now.**

Wakati ni sasa

From Stahili, with Love

It was a year of action at Stahili. In 2017, we enhanced our capacity to uplift children and families and joined forces with our friends and partners around the world to advocate for a world where children grow up in families.

We continued to provide support and build sustainable solutions for families and communities in Kenya. At the same time, we strengthened key partnerships with both local and national government in Kenya, witnessing first-hand a shift in Kenyan policy in favour of family- and community-based care.

We remind ourselves every day that 'Stahili' means 'to deserve' in Swahili. We are grateful beyond words to our many friends and supporters around the world who continue to help Stahili grow, and empower children and families to build the futures that they deserve.

This year's annual report highlights our successes and shares the challenges for 2018 as we look ahead to continue our work in protecting children and ensuring that children grow up in families, not orphanages.

Asante Sana



Stahili at a Glance

Stahili Foundation is a registered charity in Kenya, the Netherlands, and the United States. We work in child protection, development, education, and human rights.

In Kenya, Stahili works with government and local communities to change care systems and support family- and community-based alternatives to orphanages. We help children get home from orphanages, and provide holistic support to strengthen families and create opportunities for education and sustainable development.

2017 KENYA KEY FACTS & FIGURES



49 Children reunified
with families



Beneficiaries

300+

49.2 TONNES

Emergency
Food

76K

CLASSROOM
HOURS

100%

SCHOOL
RETENTION
RATE



Sustainable Development

We furthered our mission in 2017 to empower vulnerable families and communities and help children living in residential care institutions, such as orphanages, return to their families and stay together.

END POVERTY. Resilient families lie at the heart of sustainable development and human rights. They are also key to empowering children. Stahili works with parents and caregivers to improve their own skills and facilitates access to resources to achieve more sustainable livelihoods, especially for women who are often the sole or principal heads of households.

ZERO HUNGER. Families need an additional helping hand in times of emergency. Drought in Kenya has meant that families did not harvest as much food as they normally would. The problem has been compounded by an increase in food prices. In 2017, Stahili provided additional food support to drought-affected families.

QUALITY EDUCATION is at the heart of Stahili's work. We have documented the role that the false promise of education plays when a vulnerable family places their child in an institution. We provide access to genuine full-time education for children through to post-secondary school while also helping families stay together.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. Children and families sometimes need a little extra support. Stahili provided support tailored to the needs of individual families. All children and families in our programme were supported in 2017 with access to services in health, counselling, and psycho-social support.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES. Empowering sustainable communities means recognising the abilities of local people to make their own decisions. In 2017, Stahili continued to work with parent and guardian groups to make sure that decisions are made locally for the benefit of the community.





Supporting female- headed households

Stahili helped Hannah reunite with her children from an orphanage in rural Kenya. Thanks to the support of generous donors, Stahili mobilised shelter, food, and education support to Hannah so that she could care for the children. Today, Hannah is working on her small farm and plans to grow avocados and other crops to pay for school fees.

FROM ORPHANAGES TO **FAMILIES** IN KENYA AND AROUND THE WORLD

In 2017 there were hopeful signs that governments are heeding the call for change in the way we care for vulnerable children. Action plans and policies to close orphanages and promote family-based care gathered momentum in different parts of the world.



KENYA

In Kenya, the government announced a moratorium on the registration of new residential care institutions and embarked on a process of care reform which aims to see children leave orphanages. Stahili continues to be part of this process and is looking forward to working with the Kenyan Government in 2018 to establish action plans, identify with certainty the number of children in residential care, understand how and why they are there, and help bring children home.

THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Stahili stepped up its advocacy on the global stage. Working with partners and friends such as Lumos, we contributed evidence to the government inquiry on establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia and made presentations at the European Commission on the need to take action to ensure family-based care for all children.

We also worked with students, teachers, and schools to change how we understand service learning.



Building community- based foster care

All children deserve to grow up in loving and secure families. However, sometimes it is not possible for children from orphanages to return to their parent(s) or kinship families, or there needs to be a period of transition from institution to family.

In 2017, we continued to work with local chiefs and the Department of Children's Services to strengthen foster care structures in Murang'a County. Working together, we have identified and trained local families who are prepared and ready to provide care in a family setting to children without parental care. This year, our foster caregivers provided short-term care for five children, all of whom were ultimately reunited with their families.

Supporting children means supporting families



Helping children means helping families. Grandma, who is said to be the oldest woman in the village, lost her ability to walk. Stahili mobilised support and provided her with a wheelchair. When she got in her wheelchair for the first time she exclaimed with joy "I can walk". The wheelchair has allowed Grandma to age with dignity and has made a big difference to her family's life. Now Grandma is able to go for walks with her grandchildren. She even went to vote!

Portugal
 Poland
 United States
 Kenya
 Ukraine
 Czech Republic
 Armenia
 The Netherlands

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AMBASSADORS

Romania
 Sweden
 Turkey
 Georgia
 Democratic Republic of Congo
 Ireland
 United Kingdom
 Austria

In 2017 our Youth Ambassadors Network grew to more than 30 young people from 16 countries across four continents. Our network of motivated young volunteers advocates for children's rights in schools and communities. Here is what we achieved.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

In 2017, Stahili developed a productive cooperation with National Committees of the European Youth Parliament (EYP). At a landmark session in Norway, 300 EYP delegates passed a resolution by an overwhelming majority to end the institutionalisation of children. Further discussions on topics such as alternative care, voluntourism and deinstitutionalisation of children took place at EYP events in Armenia, Finland, Norway and Turkey. We were pleased to welcome many young advocates from EYP to Stahili as Youth Ambassadors.



AMBASSADORS IN THE FIELD

Ambassadors are on the front line to end orphanage voluntourism. Youth ambassadors gave presentations and workshops and held meetings with teachers and school administrators in several countries to highlight the problem of orphanages, spreading the word about Stahili's work and explaining how we can all play our part in helping institutionalised children become part of families.



AMBASSADORS IN THE NEWS

Stahili Ambassadors are making waves, speaking out on the subject of trafficking. Rebecca and Tamar were invited to discuss why they are working to end trafficking to orphanages as part of CNN's My Freedom Day.



Stahili in the media



There has been heightened media attention to the issue of orphanage trafficking around the globe. In 2017, CNN's Freedom Project to end modern-day slavery featured Teresa's story about leaving an orphanage and being reunited with her family with the support of Stahili. Teresa, who is now in university, told CNN that "the hidden agenda of orphanages becomes revealed when a kid starts maturing up and getting older. They get to learn their rights and they can defend themselves. I'll be speaking out to many other generations and change the world."



EDUCATION & KNOWLEDGE

In 2017, we continued to build exciting partnerships with schools, universities and community groups. We also expanded our work with teachers and students.

RETHINKING SERVICE LEARNING

We engaged with teachers and administrators in international education to develop responsible approaches to service learning and led discussions at the International Baccalaureate Global Conference about child-safe alternatives to voluntourism, working with our partners Friends International.

STAHILI IN THE CLASSROOM

Our volunteers and staff worked alongside teachers to deliver workshops on children's rights and the Sustainable Development Goals, reaching over 400 students in the Netherlands and Kenya. We piloted new projects such as an education programme with geography teachers on the role of sustainable tourism in international development.

We also delivered workshops to students in the Netherlands, Germany, and Israel to raise awareness of the harms of orphanage volunteering.



ANTI-TRAFFICKING EDUCATION

Stahili worked with teachers in Kenya to develop and implement a workshop to train 500 high school students in how to protect themselves from trafficking. CNN visited our community in Kenya as part of My Freedom Day to report on Stahili's work with children and families, drawing particular attention to the problem of child trafficking to orphanages.



Human Rights

In 2017, Stahili worked with NGOs, international organisations, and academic institutions to provide cutting-edge research and advocacy in children's rights. Here are some of the highlights of our work in 2017.

ADVOCACY TO END CHILD TRAFFICKING TO ORPHANAGES



Our human rights team is at the forefront to end child trafficking to orphanages. This year, we spoke before the European Commission and provided a case study of closing an orphanage in Kenya as part of Lumos' submission to the Australian Parliament's inquiry into establishing a Modern Day Slavery Act.

TEXTBOOK ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

In a unique collaboration between an NGO and academia, Stahili partnered with Ton Liefwaard, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at Leiden University, and Ursula Kilkelly, Professor of Law at the School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland, to produce a cutting-edge textbook on the rights of the child. We hope the textbook, published by Springer Publishers later in 2018, will become a standard reference work for students of children's rights law worldwide.



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CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT

With the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative and the Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children at the Michigan State University College of Law, Stahili monitors and reports on the impact of armed conflict on children. We expanded our coverage to 12 countries in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Plans are underway to expand to 17 countries in 2018, and research will also focus on the role that institutionalisation plays for children formerly associated with armed groups.

PARTNERSHIP THROUGH RESEARCH AND LEARNING

In 2017, Stahili coordinated the NGO workshop for Leiden University's Frontiers of Children's Rights Course and delivered practical exercises on child trafficking to orphanages. We also collaborated with the Talsky Center on a joint research programme with students on trafficking.



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Leiden

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | 2017 | | 2016 | | 2015 (combined totals) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Netherlands | USA | Netherlands | USA | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Gifts and Donations | 75,973.01 | 6,847.82 | 60,946.93 | 5,552.00 | 60,989.19 |
| Inventory Revenue | 2,735.83 | - | 3,184.26 | - | 1,650.37 |
| Interest Income | - | 3.90 | - | 0.77 | 3.01 |
| Donations in Kind | 9,540.28 | - | - | 6,198.54 | - |
| | €88,249.12 | \$6,851.72 | €70,329.73 | \$5,552.77 | \$62,642.57 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Project activities | 73,990.49 | - | 60,519.42 | 5,133.87 | 42,130.56 |
| Professional services, hosting, fundraising costs, and fees | 3,281.17 | 103.19 | 923.63 | 1,705.48 | 1,740.84 |
| Inventory/Cost of goods | 500.00 | - | 520.98 | - | 1,255.95 |
| | €77,771.66 | \$103.19 | €61,964.03 | \$6,839.35 | \$45,127.35 |
| RESERVES | €33,128.30 | \$7,833.10 | €31,627.52 | \$595.18 | €29,460.16 \$1,881.72 |

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

OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

Here are some of the friends, partners, and donors we worked with in 2017



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