



Annual Report 2014

Friends of Humanity (FOH) is a Geneva-based non-profit organization, created by Graziella Zanoletti and Russell Brice in May 2007, with the purpose of improving the living conditions of the most disadvantaged people.

Friends of Humanity supports **small scale, culturally adapted projects** that answer real needs of local populations and promote sustainable development in four key areas:



Human rights and dignity



Healthcare



Education and training



Environmental protection

FOH projects are currently underway **in Asia and Africa**. We operate both directly, by supporting initiatives and providing funding, and indirectly, by playing an intermediary role in supporting projects of other humanitarian organizations when they are consistent with the statutes and objectives of FOH.

Moreover, communication and raising public awareness are an integral part of the FOH mission.

1: Education

In 2014, Friends of Humanity focused on education, one of the most important determinants of a population's economic growth and a path out of poverty.



The Alice International School in Sarnath, Bodhgaya and Bodhisatta, India, the Jipe Moyo project in the

Muleba District Kagera Region, Tanzania and the International School project in Ruyigi, Burundi represent three vital projects in educating underprivileged children in poor regions to become active members of their local communities.

2: Women Empowerment

We started supporting a new project in Uganda: the *Uganda's disabled Women Association* (UDWA). The projects' goal is to empower and train these women to start micro-business allowing them to become financially independent and facilitate the access to education for their children.

3: Nutrition

We continued supporting the *Lamp Path project in Ulan Bataar*, Mongolia. This project takes care of the homeless people on site and allows them to have at least a meal per day. Thus insuring them the basic everyday needs.

4: Healthcare

The *Rema Maternity Hospital in Ruyigi*, Burundi has been fully functional since 2010 and has done great good to the local community by drastically reducing the mortality rate.

2014 Achievements:

2014 allowed us to continue our missions in improving the lives of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. Our on going projects have continued operating and the funds distributed helped the local NGOs function efficiently. We also continued working locally as a foundation that brings together companies, donors and social projects to share ideas and experiences.

2014 allowed us to successfully support 5 projects:

1. **Jipe Moyo** in the Muleba District Kagera Region. **Tanzania**
2. **Alice International School** in Sarnath, Bodhgaya and Bodhisatta. **India**
3. **Maison Shalom and Rema hospital** in Ruyigi. **Burundi**
4. **Lamp Path** project in Ulan Baatar. **Mongolia**
5. **Uganda Disabled Women's Association** in Jinja and Wakiso. **Uganda**



The funds to support our initiatives mainly came from private donations, the solidarity eboutique “*Shop and Help*” and some charity fundraising websites such as “*Global Giving*”.

1 – Go to them “Jipe Moyo”. Muleba District Kagera Region, Tanzania.

Go to Them” Jipe Moyo” project consists in an effort ideally and literally “to go” to the marginalized, the forgotten, the voiceless, the poor people. Jipe Moyo began as a school for intermediate English teachings, nursery and primary school, offering boarding and day schooling opportunities to children of region.

The school is now struggling to have secondary education for girls from Form One up to Form Six. In 2014 Friends of Humanity decided to support this project with a special emphasis on the schooling expenses of 23 girls.

2014 FINANCIAL SUPPORT = CHF 5’053.06-



The estimated amount for 2015 is

Boarding school, school uniform and clothes, health insurance and food per year for girls:

Total amount: 22’500.00 USD

2 – Alice International School. (Sarnath, Bodhgaya and Bodhisatta), India

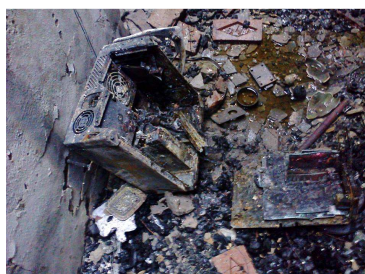
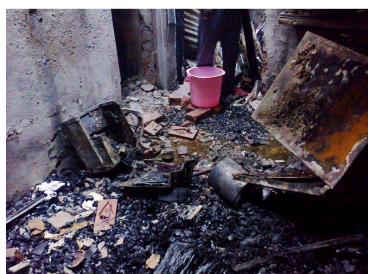
FOH has been supporting the Alice Project since 2009. Today the Alice International school has grown from 60 to well over 1000 pupils, and opened its doors to students in three locations, Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh), Bodhgaya (Bihar), and Bodhisatta (Arunachal Pradesh).

The school in Bodhisatta serves 125 disadvantaged children with poor educational prospects in a community plagued by poverty, illiteracy, and a lack of infrastructure. The addition of a girls’ boarding school in 2010 provides 20 girls from remote villages with education, food, lodging, and health care.



2014 FINANCIAL SUPPORT = CHF 1'307.81

On December the 8th 2014 a fire destroyed part of the school in Sarnath.
Thankfully no children were harmed.



FOH will commit its resources in 2015 to the school's reconstruction with a donation of 50'000 \$.

These funds will be mainly allocated to the renovation of the main building.

Another 30 000 \$ are needed to cover other fees to render the school fully operational again.

The estimated cost in US\$ of the project in 2015 is:

Reconstruction of the main building	50'000.00
Furniture	8'000.00
IT + Equipment	18'000.00
Acquisition of second hand vehicle	4'000.00

Total amount: 80'000.00 US\$

3 - Maison Shalom and the Rema Hospital. Ruyigi, Burundi



Established by Maggy Barankitse in war-torn Burundi, the *Maison Shalom* started as a place of shelter to 25 orphans in 1993, and has since helped over 20,000 children.

FOH has worked with Maggy since 2008 on various humanitarian projects, including the International School project in *Ruyigi* which started in 2009 to fulfill the education initiative of

Maison Shalom. The project aims to provide more children in post-conflict *Ruyigi* with the opportunity to attend school and have a better education.

In 2014 **FOH** supported part of the salaries of the *Rema Maternity Hospital* employees. In fact since the maternity opened in 2010, the loss of human lives has drastically reduced. No mother or child have died in 2014 !

2014 FINANCIAL SUPPORT = CHF 50'867.-

The estimated cost in US\$ of the project in 2015 is:

Acquisition of second hand vehicle	4'000.00
Development of new class rooms	3'500.00
IT tools: Acquisition of 47 computers	24'000.00
Acquisition of schools books and reading books	3'500.00
Administrative and monitoring fees	3'000.00
Aid for the irrigation system	11'000.00

Total amount: 49'000.00 US\$

4 - Lamp of the Path. Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia.

Since 2004, Lamp of the Path has operated a Community Centre in Ulaan Baatar, which provides poor and homeless individuals with hot nutritious meals 5 days a week, as well as free clothing and medical assistance.

In 2014, FOH continued supporting the soup kitchen which has helped to save many lives of old people living in excruciatingly cold conditions and improved the nutritional status of many children entering school.



2014 FINANCIAL SUPPORT = CHF 10'481.32.-

FOH will continue to support the initiative in 2015 together with a new project dedicated to women victims of domestic violence. These women, mostly single mothers, have fled the household for security reasons.

The estimated cost in US\$ of the projects in 2015 are:

Soup Kitchen	12'000.00
Shelter for single mothers victim of violence	13'000.00

Total amount: 25'000.00 US\$

5- Uganda Disabled Women's Association. Jinja and Wakiso, Uganda

This project supports the Uganda Disabled Women's Association to help disabled people and women in Jinja and Wakiso, Uganda.



The project goal is to empower and train these women to start micro-business allowing them to become financially independent and facilitate the access to education for their children.

The project will continue being supported in 2015

The estimated cost in US\$ of the project in 2015 is:

Demonstration Farm	13'000.00
Computers	1'200.00
Office equipments	1'200.00
Training of beneficiaries	3'600.00
Staff training	2'400.00
Office rental	1'600.00

Total amount: 23'000.00 US\$

Shop&Help

The **Shop&Help** e-shop platform is an initiative led by Friends of Humanity. It serves as an ongoing fundraising instrument to finance the projects supported by FOH.

Through **Shop&Help**, donors are able to purchase a variety of products and services with 85% of the purchase price going directly to the donor's project of choice.



Shop&Help allows ethically-conscious consumers to help a good cause with their purchases. It allows vendors to sell excess capacity and resources, while building a socially-responsible image and gaining access to new clients.

2014 TOTAL REVENUE = 17'308.00 CHF

In 2015 FOH main priorities are:

1. the upgrade of the website **Shop&Help**
2. the increase of the offers online
3. the development of the partnerships network
4. the official launch of **Shop&Help** in the fall

We are therefore looking for IT specialists willing to help us upgrade our system (limited budget) and friends who act as ambassadors to suggest supplier's names and spread the message among their relations.

Shop&help is probably the most innovative solidarity tool to collect funds thus to create wealth for the many communities in need, without impacting the flow of the normal commercial activities. Do visit and buy:

www.shopandhelp.org

PRIVATE DONATIONS:

Throughout the years, FOH receives regular donations from friends, customers, relations sensitive to our cause.

Thanks to their kind hearted offerings, we manage to successfully distribute the resources needed per project.

By these means we are also able to efficiently support the people on the ground and to contribute to a more compassionate world

The communities supported by FOH wish to express their immense gratitude to all of FOH donors and look forward to a new generous year 2015.

2014 TOTAL DONATIONS AMOUNT = CHF 76'340.00

DONATIONS:

Your donations will help us supporting our projects. When donating bear in mind the three following points:

1. Your donation is tax deductible in Switzerland
2. We select reliable, long term, local and culturally adapted projects
3. FOH and Graziella are doing a regular follow up to insure that the funds are used efficiently.

To make a donation, here are our details:

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Maggy Barankitse, founder of the *Maison Shalom* with **Graziella Zanoletti** founder of *Friends of Humanity*



Boum (on the left), the student who saved the children in Sarnath from the fire. With all his family and **Valentino Giacomini**, founder of *Alice international School*.

With gratitude and affection

Graziella Zanoletti