



Roots of Peace Annual Report 2013

Mission Statement

Roots of Peace (ROP) is dedicated to ridding the world of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) and transforming the land affected by this legacy of conflict into thriving, productive agricultural land. ERW do not only kill and maim innocent people but also impede communities' ability to recover economically, develop and consolidate peace. ERW removal is the first step in ROP's mission to restore the livelihood of agricultural communities in affected countries. Since 1997, ROP has worked in eight countries: Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Iraq, the Kyrgyz Republic, Vietnam and the West Bank. In 2013, ROP had active programs in Afghanistan, Vietnam and West Bank.

Roots of Peace is incorporated in the State of California as a humanitarian, not for profit corporation under section 501c3. Its main office is located at 990 A Street, Suite 402, San Rafael, California, USA 94901. For more information about Roots of Peace, please visit our website at www.rootsofpeace.org.

Our Demine-Replant-Rebuild Model

The innovative Demine-Replant-Rebuild™ model of ROP offers a comprehensive approach to restoring rural agricultural communities to economic self-sufficiency. ROP focuses its efforts in post-conflict countries where agriculture is a fundamental industry and major source of employment. ROP programs partner with demining organizations to clear landmines and remnants of war from fertile farmlands, and develop agricultural infrastructure and routes to markets so farmers can work their fields, process their crops, and sell their produce safely, thereby allowing them to support their families and educate their children. Further, ROP provides technical assistance to farmers and processors, helping them meet the demands of local, regional, and international markets in order to increase the size and quality of their yields maximize their incomes. This benefits large numbers of smallholder farmers while stimulating service and supply industries such as trading, credit, processing, distribution, and agricultural input suppliers in the respective local and regional economies.





Vietnam

Implementing its Mines to Vines model, Roots of Peace has assisted multiple farmers with the removal of unexploded ordnance (UXO) that render up to 83% of land in the central region hazardous. By partnering with the Mines Advisory Group, high-risk farms were cleared of the remnants of war, allowing farmers to till their soil in peace with technical inputs and training by ROP.

Now focusing on the production of pepper, ROP's Sustainable Horticulture and Agriculture Development Project in Vietnam (SHADE) has facilitated the planting of over 80,000 pepper seedlings. Farmers stand to benefit from a dramatic increase in income that is projected to be over 300 percent. Furthermore SHADE has strengthened the value chain of products produced within the province through increasing communication between farmers, traders, and consumers, as well as increasing the ability of the local governments to assist farmers where necessary.

Following a significant expansion of SHADE that was initiated in 2010, 2012 involved further outreach to new areas and project participants in the central region of the country, namely Quang Tri province, which is the most severely affected by UXO in the country. The ROP project in Binh Phuoc was phased out at the end of 2012 following the successful planting of over 255,000 cacao trees and the successful training of 850 farmers to grow and harvest them.

In 2013, ROP expanded SHADE to include an additional 271 farmers in two districts of Quang Tri – Cam Lo and Vinh Linh – who agreed to participate in the project by contributing a 50% share towards the SHADE subsidy package of agricultural training, membership of a ROP-mobilized 'Club', and technical inputs for the successful growth of pepper. By the end of the year, these farmers had generated an average of 17 million VND (roughly 800 USD) from pepper, which with an average annual income in rural areas standing at 830 USD – was significant.



Israel - West Bank

Mines to Vines in The Holy Land

Today, there are an estimated 1.5 million landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) in The Holy Land. These mines hold the land hostage for future generations.

Roots of Peace has raised the funds through a generous donation by Spiriterra Vineyards to turn MINES TO VINES in The Fields of Bethlehem—Husan Village—a Muslim community located only four (4) miles from where Jesus Christ was born.

In May 2013, Roots of Peace historically brought together both Israeli and Palestinian deminers in Husan, a Muslim village located four miles from The Manger in Bethlehem. Eight children had died in this field, as a result of landmines planted since 1948 by the Jordanian army. The Fields of Bethlehem were successfully demined and the field now awaits replanting. [Photo]

This pathway was made possible by the unanimous legislation brought forth at The Knesset by Roots of Peace on March 14, 2011. High level meetings with both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and President Mahmoud Abbas were organized by Roots of Peace to bring forth a historic agreement to begin the first-ever bilateral landmine removal process in the West Bank.





Afghanistan

2013 saw ROP engaging in two main programs in Afghanistan: AGRED and CHAMP. AGRED is a new program designed to improve the capacity of the Afghan Government to address the needs of its farmers, while the CHAMP program continues to build on its success in working with farmers to help grow and develop high yield crops that will allow them to increase their incomes. The integration of women into the workforce was also a key component of both programs.

Beginning on July 17 2012, the Afghan Agriculture Research and Extension Development (AGRED) was officially launched. After setting up the necessary agreements and MOUs with relevant government and non-governmental agencies, AGRED program activities were up and running by early 2013.

AGRED is a capacity building program designed to increase the capabilities of the Afghan government to assist its agricultural sector. Due to years of conflict, Afghanistan's government and economic institutions lacked the ability to effectively manage the obstacles to economic development. To address this, AGRED collaborates with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and its Directorates (DAILs) to increase their capacity to provide agricultural research and extension services to Afghan farmers and herders; developing increased productivity and income generation of Afghanistan's agricultural sector. With an initial budget of \$500,000 from USAID set aside to fund a series of mini projects that would serve as a preliminary evaluative tool for MAIL's capacity to handle larger grants in the future, ROP oversaw a series of workshops in rural areas that brought together farmers, extension workers and MAIL staff, facilitating their communication and supervising the drafting of over 100 proposals for 'mini projects' aimed at improving agricultural production, infrastructure and linkages to market.

The Commercial Horticulture and Agriculture Marketing Program (CHAMP) began in February 2010 to help farmers shift from relatively low-value annual crops, such as wheat, to high-value perennial crops, such as almonds, grapes, and pomegranates. CHAMP's activities cover 18 provinces in central, eastern, southeastern, and southern Afghanistan with the objective of increasing production and quality of orchard and vineyard crops for more effective domestic marketing and export. CHAMP focuses on traditional Afghan crops that have a proven market share and key value chains such as pomegranates, apples, almonds, grapes, and apricots. The program introduces simple technology, such as trellising, which dramatically increases the quality and quantity of the crop produced. Furthermore, CHAMP takes steps to inform farmers about market quality standards and bring farmers into contact with traders who can transport and deliver their products to various outside markets.

As part of the Trellising Vineyards and New Orchards component, in the spring of 2013 CHAMP planted 54,146 citrus trees, establishing 166.6 hectares of new orchards (lemon and sweet orange), benefiting 805 farmers and adding to the nearly 2.7 million tree saplings and rooted cuttings distributed since the beginning of the program. This effort is the culmination of a collaborative effort by CHAMP, Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives for the North, East, and West (IDEA-NEW) and European Community Perennial Horticultural Development Project (PHDP) to rebuild the citrus sector that was devastated by the conflict and a citrus-killing virus. A survival rate survey by CHAMP M&E showed an 83% survival rate of citrus saplings distributed during the previous year. CHAMP also provided trellising inputs and technical assistance to 920 grape farmers (including 44 women farmers) in seven provinces, resulting in 189 hectares of improved vineyards.

Under the Quality Improvement component, CHAMP formed 872 producers groups throughout the program's area of operation. These groups consist of farmers organized by crop type and geographic area, each group consists of a contact person (lead farmer) and 10 to 15 member farmers (sub-farmers). The lead farmer is responsible for disseminating information on CHAMP trainings throughout the group. The program also provided direct technical assistance training to a total of 13,907 farmers (including 1,248 women) in such topics as integrated pest management, orchard management, irrigation, weeding and disease control, and others. In 2013, CHAMP began Farmer Field Schools to support the exchange of knowledge between farmers and CHAMP support staff. CHAMP arranged programs for 872 lead and 11,310 sub farmers on such topics as improving surface irrigation systems, field preparation and pre-harvest practices. Training of Trainers built the capacity of 67 government extension staff members, 37 university instructors, and 62 lead farmers, enabling them to transfer core horticultural knowledge to farmers.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION¹

As of December 31, 2013

With comparative totals ay December 31, 2012

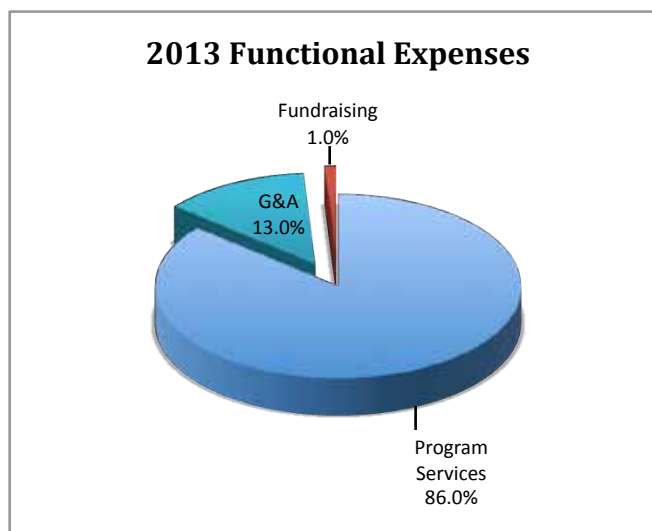
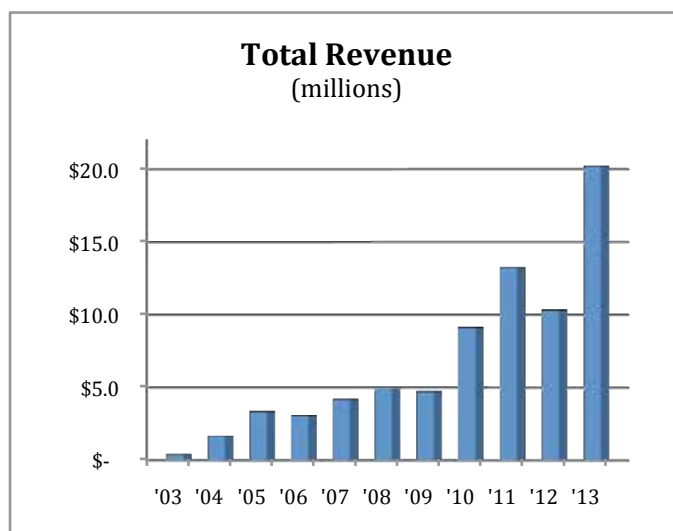
	2013	2012
Assets		
Cash	\$836,417	\$590,577
Accounts Receivable	1,703,399	1,289,746
Notes Receivable	21,866	150,020
Pledges Receivable	257,700	50,000
Prepaid Expenses	72,161	67,947
Inventory	124,160	155,680
Property & Equipment	0	19,500
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Total Assets	<u>\$3,015,703</u>	<u>\$2,323,970</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$882,514	\$371,648
Accrued Liabilities	571,222	252,308
Deferred Revenue	593,453	776,162
Line of Credit	500,000	400,000
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$2,547,700</u>	<u>\$1,800,118</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	210,814	\$473,852
Temporary Restricted	257,700	50,000
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Total Net Assets	<u>\$468,514</u>	<u>\$523,852</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$3,015,703</u>	<u>\$2,323,970</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES¹

For the year ended December 31, 2013

With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2012

	2013	2012
Revenue		
Fees from Gov't Agencies	\$13,534,652	\$9,693,612
Cost Sharing	6,088,781	0
Program Service Fees	0	320,675
Contributions	628,854	269,252
In Kind Contributions	0	62,264
Other Revenue	0	26,468
Currency Exchange (loss)	(1,879)	466
Interest	417	218
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Total Revenue	\$20,250,825	\$10,372,955
Expenses		
Program Services	\$17,457,867	\$10,136,272
Management & General ²	2,638,503	1,873,258
Shared Program Costs	0	170,839
Fundraising	209,793	38,077
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Total Expenses	\$20,306,163	\$9,947,802
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Change in Net Assets	(\$55,338)	\$425,153
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	523,852	98,699
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$468,514	\$523,852



¹ Audit conducted by Job Quesada of Harrington & Associates, LLC.

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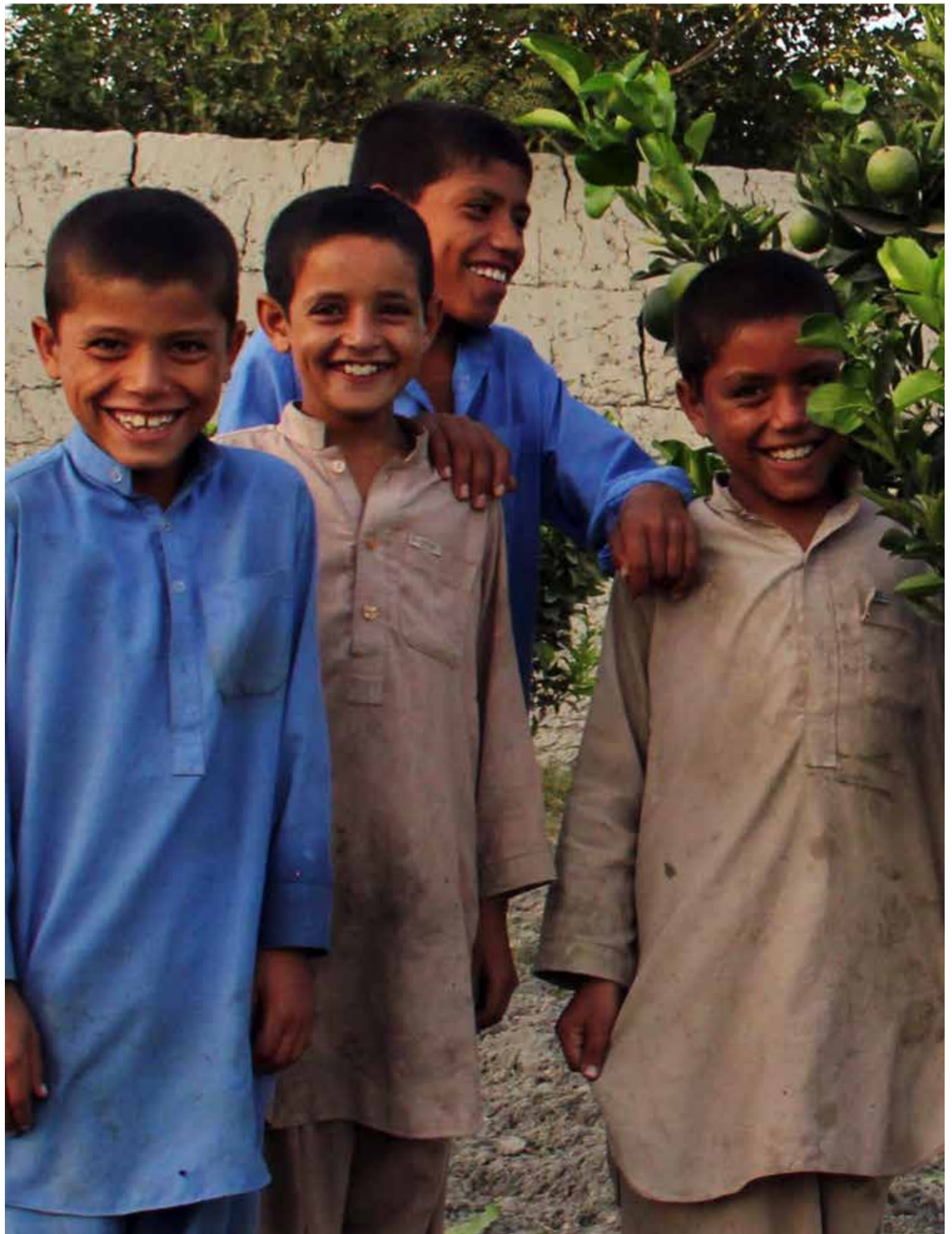
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